

Medical Princess 571

Chapter 571 Distinguished the Bloodline in the Court!

"Your Majesty, the Ministry of Justice hasn't come up with a solution to the assassination in the Yuhui Nunnery for a long time. It's obvious that they are incompetent and useless!" An imperial censor stepped forward and reported.

"Your Majesty, the Ministry of Justice has wasted much manpower and money, but it ended up getting nothing. The assassination of several princes before and the incident in the Yuhui Nunnery this time are proving its incompetence. Your Majesty, please punish the Ministry of Justice!" Another imperial censor came out from Censorate and impeached Ministry of Justice, after making a bow to the emperor, who was sitting high up in the chair.

"Your Majesty, the incident in the Yuhui Nunnery has much to do with the assassination of several princes before, so it's different from what every official thinks. It is even related to the leftover evils of the previous dynasty. We are trying hard to investigate and dare not relax." Qiu Qian, the assistant minister of the Ministry of Justice, stood up and replied to Emperor calmly.

"Since they are the leftover evils of the previous dynasty, you should act faster. If you continue to delay, it will only make people doubt the ability of the Ministry of Justice. Moreover, it will affect the safety of Your Majesty. Since these leftover evils of the previous dynasty have done such a big thing in the Yuhui Nunnery, they may do something to other princes next time!"

Another imperial censor from the Censorate said as he stood up. It was obvious that he wanted to support the previous two censors, but he quietly changed the topic.

Chu Liuchen slightly closed his eyes. Sitting in the wheelchair, he looked very handsome, but he was also very weak. His pale face and pale lips showed that he was not in good condition.

Originally, he did not have to come here to attend the court. What could he do with his body? It was good enough for him to take good care of himself.

In the past, he had never gone to court, and Prince Yue and Prince Zhou had also had no work before. However, all the officials had suggested inviting several princes to come to the court and deal with affairs. Since Prince Yue and Prince Zhou were going to court, he, Prince Chen, who was very eye-catching, naturally had to be assigned.

Whether his health condition was good enough to support was another matter. At least, Emperor treated him equally. People felt that only Prince Xin, the youngest one, could wait to go to court later.

Prince Xin was not only still young, but also not quite steady. Emperor also said that Prince Xin would come to the court to observe politics when he grew older.

Chu Liuchen had never been to the court before, because it was said that he had been sick in bed all the time. Today he suddenly came to the court, which surprised many people. However, when they saw the prince sitting in a wheelchair weakly with his eyes closed and resting, they still pretended not to see him even though his behavior was a little improper.

They had no need to argue with such a sick person who might not live through the night. Besides, this prince was still doted on. If they accidentally caused trouble on him, no one could afford to take the responsibility.

Moreover, all the officials knew that it was most justifiable for this man to come. If he wanted to come to the imperial court but someone stopped him, he might be cursed for thousands of years in history.

Therefore, even the strict official who paid great attention to his reputation would not ask for trouble in terms of Chu Liuchen.

He could do as he wanted. Although only Emperor and Crown Prince could have places to sit in the imperial court, Chu Liuchen's poor health made him in this state.

It was good enough that he could still support his body with his eyes closed. What else could they ask for from Prince Chen?

"Your Majesty, the leftover evils of the previous dynasty are fierce and vicious. We must clear all these people so as to prevent the world from being plunged into misery again." Another official stepped forward and said loudly.

"Yes, Your Majesty, please investigate this matter again. Don't let the enemy extend its power and sweep through several cities like last time. Many people had lost their families and lives. Even my elder brother also..." Duke Xing stood out from the steps. His round and adorable smile was flushed, and his eyes were red. Speaking of this, he choked with sobs and said nothing.

His words aroused lots of sympathies.

Many of the people who had died in that war were closely related to the high officials in the court. The people of the previous dynasty were ruthless when they had caught those closely related to high officials, and only a few could survive.

Hearing this, many other officials immediately shared the same hatred of the enemy and also stood out.

Chu Liuchen raised his eyes, and his long eyelashes fluttered twice. He looked blankly at the angry officials in the main hall, and then looked at Chu Liuyue and Chu Liuzhou, who were standing in front of them. Then he slowly lowered his beautiful eyes, held his head with his hands, and leaned against the chair to rest with his eyes closed.

Of course, that was obviously not the point they should pay attention to this time.

Everyone knew that the leftover evils of the former dynasty needed clearing, but now this could not be realized immediately. A figure of the person from the former dynasty flashed across in the Yuhui Nunnery, but after investigating, they found that the man in black was dead despite the fact that he was from the former dynasty. No matter how hard they investigated, they could not find anything.

As for the biggest secret in the Yuhui Nunnery, it was not about the previous dynasty, but the former emperor's imperial concubines. What they were going to discuss today was not actually about the previous dynasty, but these officials were best at beating around the bush.

They calmly led the topic of this discussion. Actually, he didn't come here on his own accord today. It was his uncle Emperor who asked him to come out from today on and listen to political affairs to practice more if he was well. Maybe he could get better and come to the court like normal people.

The intention of the drunkard lies not on the wine but on other purposes, but he did the same.

If one took the initiative to enter the imperial court with a sick and weak body, others would become suspicious. However, since he was forcefully invited here by Uncle Emperor, he would not be reproached even if there were any improper actions.

All the officials were proposing and the Emperor, who was sitting on the top in the palace, finally spoke, "We should do our best to clean up the affairs of the previous dynasty. We will never let the leftover evils have a chance to take action. The Ministry of Justice, the mayor of the capital, and all the guards of the capital must pay attention to this matter. No one can be careless. If something really happens, I will definitely interrogate them seriously."

"Yes, of course we'll do our best!" The officials at the bottom of the stairs immediately expressed their loyalty together.

"Your Majesty, I think that the former emperor's imperial concubines seem to be in a mess too. If they are still in an indiscretion, there can be a way to bury them with the former emperor as a sacrifice." Another official came out and reported, "I think that the matter of the Yuhui Nunnery is related to the previous dynasty to some degree, but the former emperor's imperial concubines in the Yuhui Nunnery are also very restless. If something bad is spread, it will destroy the innocence of the royal family!"

His words immediately attracted several imperial censors to nod repeatedly.

"Your Majesty, I second that the former emperor's imperial concubines who live in the Yuhui Nunnery are the root cause of the trouble. What's more, I don't believe the son of the former emperor who has been suddenly exposed!"

"I can't believe it either!"

"It's really hard to convince!" Someone secretly glanced at Chu Liuchen whose eyes were slightly closed, and lowered his voice, because Chu Liuchen was also the son of the former emperor. Although the one in this matter was not him, people always inexplicably wanted to look at him.

In fact, the reason why they wanted to look at Chu Liuchen was that they saw that Emperor had turned to look at him. Many people had come to this conclusion in their hearts that Emperor was paying attention to Prince Chen, and this matter was also related to Prince Chen.

"Your Majesty, I don't think it's appropriate to do so. Because of Your Majesty's kindness, the former emperor's imperial concubines have not been asked to be buried as a sacrifice. There was such sacrifice in the previous dynasty, but the previous dynasty was violent and had lost the people's support. Your Majesty, you can't do the same." Another official objected.

"Your Majesty, your kindness can't be used by others. The Yuhui Nunnery is in such a mess. It's impossible that these previous emperors' imperial concubines have nothing to do with this at all. If the child was really born in the Yuhui Nunnery before, how can it have nothing to do with them? Others

don't know, but how can they not know that there is another child in the Yuhui Nunnery? I think they deceived Your Majesty together!"

Another official stepped out. But as soon as he finished speaking, he was refuted by another official. The atmosphere of the discussion in the court was very hot, but the members of the royal family were very calm.

Prince Yue and Prince Zhou stood on the top of the stairs without saying a word. The emperor seemed to be listening to the officials, but he looked at his nephew from time to time. His nephew Prince Chen, who had been sick and weak since childhood, was forced to come to court today. It seemed that he had nothing to do with it and only needed to take a good rest. He closed his eyes, which made it even harder for others to see his emotions.

When it came to the previous emperor's sons, how could he be so at ease?

Chu Liuchen was very at ease, as if he knew everything. But everyone knew that he didn't know anything. This matter had been secretly carried out before, but no one had thought that the matter of a rich playboy would cause such a big event.

Who could think that it would involve the former emperor and his posthumous child! In fact, the posthumous child was younger than Chu Liuchen. It was said that the imperial concubine had been pregnant not long after entering the palace, but she had not said this because the former emperor had been ill at that time. Later, the former emperor had died of illness. Afraid of trouble, she had been locked in the Yuhui Nunnery with the former emperor's imperial concubines and had secretly given birth to a son there!

This child had left the Yuhui Nunnery by chance!

The former emperor had another son, which should have a great impact on Prince Chen!

Prime Minister Zhang, who had been listening to the quarrel, suddenly stood up, bowed to Emperor and said loudly, "Your Majesty, whether he is the descendant of the former emperor or not can be discussed later, I think. Let's not talk about the matter in the Yuhui Nunnery first. The person himself is still suspicious!"

His words made the people who had still been arguing just now stop for a moment.

"I second that!" The Prime Minister Wen also stood out calmly.

They were the two Prime Ministers of the imperial court, representing two different sides, and it was rare for them to unite. So their words immediately suppressed all the disputes just now and the imperial court quieted down.

Chu Liuchen opened his eyes slightly and glanced at the imperial court coldly. Then he closed his eyes again, as if he was not very interested.

"Your Majesty, if you want to distinguish the true from the false, you can directly ask that person to come here in front of all the officials!" Prime Minister Zhang suggested.

"Your Majesty, I also think it's better to clarify his identity directly. If he is not, then he should be killed, because the royal blood cannot be confused. If he is, he can be enfeoffed and awarded so as to prevent

the former emperor's descendant from being lost!" The Prime Minister Wen slowly expressed his agreement.

Since the two Prime Ministers expressed the same ideas, a large number of officials immediately seconded the proposal.

"Come on, send that man in!" The Emperor waved his hands to both sides, and the officials immediately stopped discussing and looked at the gate of the palace. Many people had seen someone being escorted at the side door when they came in...

Chapter 572 Would You Hate Me If You Were Him

The guards with golden armor went down and soon pulled a person here. After pressing him to kneel on the ground, the guards retreated.

"Greetings to you, my honorable uncle!" At the foot of the stairs was a young man in an ordinary navy-blue robe. After kneeling down, he bowed and kowtowed to the emperor, and then he said these words in a clear voice.

Some people knew about this matter, and some people didn't know. When they heard the man call the emperor uncle, some people who did not know the truth looked in astonishment at Chu Liuchen in a wheelchair. Chu Liuchen was the one who called the previous emperor uncle, but was raised as the little prince of the emperor. Moreover, he was the eldest legitimate son of the previous emperor. Then who was the person in front of them?

Just now, some of them had been mentioning the Yuhui Nunnery and vaguely said that there was a son of the previous emperor. Wasn't he the person?

When he raised his head, his handsome face was as good as Chu Liuyue's and Chu Liuzhou's. But it was far less outstanding than Chu Liuchen's. There seemed to be some similarities between them, but they were not obvious. It couldn't be seen if one looked at them carefully.

"Are you Chu Qing?" The Emperor's eyes also fell on Chu Qing's face. His eyes were cold and there was no ripple in them.

"Yes, I am!" Chu Qing said respectfully, but his behavior was graceful, which made people have to praise him.

"Tell me about your experience!" the Emperor said.

"I was born in the Yuhui Nunnery since I was young. At that time, my mother had already entered the Yuhui Nunnery. She was afraid that something would happen to me, so she did not dare to tell others about the truth. After that, she hid in the yard of the Yuhui Nunnery and brought me up as a girl. Previously, something happened in the Yuhui Nunnery. My mother was afraid that something would happen to me. So she asked me to sneak down the mountain. Originally, I just wanted to hide my identity and did not expect that I would be involved in the robbery of other's daughter!"

Chu Qing spoke with confidence.

The senior officials of the Ministry of Justice all knew about this matter. It was this man who saved the brother of the girl whose family members had been killed. Then, this matter was exposed.

“Which one is your mother?” The Civil Prime Minister asked with a cold look. Chu Qing didn’t say her title directly before. All they knew was that she was an imperial concubine, and they didn’t know who she was exactly.

“The late Emperor’s Imperial Noble Consort Yu!” Chu Qing said loudly.

His words shocked all the ministers. At that time, the late Emperor doted on the Imperial Noble Consort Yu very much. It was said that the Imperial Noble Consort Yu was a branch of an aristocratic family in the former dynasty. The Yu family had a close relationship with the former dynasty’s royal family. Fortunately, the Imperial Noble Consort Yu only had a distant relationship with the Yu family, so she had a position of nobility after entering the palace.

She was also the one who had the highest position of the former emperor’s imperial concubine locked up in the Yuhui Nunnery.

It was said that when the Imperial Noble Consort Yu was with the late Emperor, she was almost on par with the Empress. She was very powerful in the harem and had a bad relationship with the former Empress. This should be one of the important reasons why she did not dare to say anything about her pregnancy when the late Emperor was ill!

It didn’t take long for her to get a high position in the palace and have children in the Yuhui Nunnery secretly when she was pregnant. It sounded that the Imperial Noble Consort Yu was a somebody!

“Mother was pregnant at that time, but when Father passed away, she fainted from crying. Later, she was sent to the Yuhui Nunnery and kept it a secret. If something had not happened to the Yuhui Nunnery this time, Mother would not have sent me down the mountain in a hurry. I did not know much about the world, so I got into trouble when I went down the mountain. Therefore, the truth was revealed!”

Chu Qing explained the cause and effect clearly. Sitting on one side, Chu Liuchen raised his eyes and looked at Chu Qing coldly with a pair of beautiful eyes. He looked calm and only rubbed his forehead with his hands, as if he had a slight headache.

Hearing this, many officials nodded slowly and felt that this matter was credible. The Imperial Noble Consort Yu from the previous dynasty was also a powerful person. Moreover, this person was still in the Yuhui Nunnery, so it was very easy to find out whether it was true.

The Emperor should also believe him. Otherwise, he would not have brought him to the court and let him explain his background in front of all the officials. If he had not believed him, he would have just punished him in secret.

Although he was not the eldest legitimate son of the previous emperor, he was also a noble concubine’s son. If that was the case, could it be possible that this concubine’s son also had the possibility of taking over the throne?

At present, the emperor doted on Prince Chen very much and his love to him even surpassed his own sons. If the person in front of him was also the son of previous emperor, did it mean that Prince Chen would be out of favor? And the Empress Dowager also loved Prince Chen very much because of the previous emperor. It seemed that there would be nothing to do with this Prince Chen!

A sick and weak grandson who would die at some time in the future was always not as favorable as a healthy grandson!

In terms of the previous emperor, the Empress Dowager should also like the one in front of her, not the one half lying in a wheelchair.

Some clever people in the imperial court immediately thought that the person in front of them might be favored and could rise to the sky in one step.

"Your Majesty, since he is the eldest son of the late emperor, he should be rewarded!" As expected, Prime Minister Zhang was the first to speak bluntly.

Although Prime Minister Wen didn't say anything, he nodded in agreement. The blood of the former emperor couldn't be lost among the common people.

Then, all the officials agreed.

Although the Emperor did not say anything, he nodded to the eunuch who was beside him. The eunuch took two steps forward and took out an imperial edict, which had been prepared for a long time. He started to read it.

All the officials knelt down to listen to the imperial edict.

The imperial edict was very simple. It meant that Chu Qing was indeed a royal son and the son of the former emperor. He had been raised in the Yuhui Nunnery for many years. All the imperial concubines in the Yuhui Nunnery could testify for him, so he was given the title of Commandery Prince Qing.

As soon as the edict came out, although Chu Qing was stunned for a moment, he immediately thanked for the favor of emperor.

"As for the matters of the Yuhui Nunnery, the Ministry of Justice has to hurry up. If there are remnants of the previous dynasty, we will never let them go. As for the imperial concubines of the previous dynasty, I still need to discuss it with the officials. I am tired today, so you may leave!" The emperor stood up and said slowly. Then he left the main hall with a group of eunuchs and palace maids.

The ministers also left in groups. Prince Xin and Prince Zhou were the last to leave. They looked at Chu Qing, who was still kneeling on the ground, with disdain. With a sneer on their lips, they turned around and left. A county prince could not attract their attention. They thought that their father would give him the title of prince, but now it seemed that he was just an idle county prince.

After almost everyone left, Xiao Xuanzi pushed Chu Liuchen's wheelchair and they were about to leave.

"You are... my second brother?" At this time, Chu Qing had already stood up. When he saw Chu Liuchen in the wheelchair, he was surprised and excited. He hurried over and said.

Chu Liuchen raised his eyes and looked at him. There was a trace of coldness and cruelty in his cold eyes. They could not be the eyes of a weak person at all. His eyes were extremely cold and aggressive.

Chu Qing couldn't help but take a few steps back. The words that came to his mouth were forced back by such a cold look, and the warm smile on his face became stiff.

Xiao Xuanzi glanced at him coldly and slowly pushed Chu Liuchen away, even ignoring him.

Seeing that Chu Liuchen left, Chuqing's face became gloomy, and the look on his face also became cold. He clenched his fists hard. "He is just a patient. Who does he think he is! When I get the favor of the Empress Dowager and the Emperor in the future, who will pay attention to this patient? But it is not the right time now."

Chu Qing calmed down and hurried out, trying to catch up with Xiao Xuanzi. However, he found that Xiao Xuanzi, who had just come out of the hall, was asked to go somewhere by a eunuch. It seemed that the eunuch should be a servant of the emperor.

Why did the Emperor ask a eunuch to come here at this time? Was it for his sake?

Standing in front of the Main Hall, Chu Qing felt a little uneasy...

Chu Liuchen was indeed called away by the emperor. He did not go to the emperor's imperial study, but only met the emperor in a side hall where the emperor stayed.

There was no one else in the side hall, only a close-fitting chief eunuch standing there. When Chu Liuchen's wheelchair came in, he waved his hand to ask Xiao Xuanzi to leave, and then he took the initiative to push the wheelchair for Chu Liuchen.

Xiao Xuanzi answered the order and left. He stood outside the hall and waited. The chief eunuch pushed Chu Liuchen's wheelchair into the hall.

The side hall was not big and could not be compared with the emperor's imperial study. Because it was not big, it seemed to be a little casual, just like the flower hall in the general mansion. It looked very leisure.

The emperor sat in the middle of the chair. When he saw Chu Liuchen coming in, his cold face softened a little. He asked the chief eunuch to put Chu Liuchen in front of him and said with a gentle look, "You don't have to care about that person just now. He was just a left one. Your Imperial Grandmother and I care about you the most. We will never let Chu Qing affect you!"

"Don't worry, uncle. I'm fine. I just don't like the sudden appearance of another person, and he is hiding in a place like the Yuhui Nunnery!" Chu Liuchen said gently. Although it was obvious that he did it with difficulty, he was still trying hard to show that he didn't care.

The Emperor sighed softly, stood up, and patted him on the shoulder gently. "In the hearts of your Imperial Grandmother and me, you are the only son of my royal brother. No matter what happens to others, it has nothing to do with you. You don't have to care about it. If you want to talk to him, just talk to him. If you don't want to talk to him, just ignore him!"

His words were extremely intimate, as if he was an elder. Moreover, he was an elder who doted on his juniors very much. Even his voice was softened a little.

"Thank you, my uncle." Holding the wheelchair, Chu Liuchen stood up and bowed deeply to the emperor. Although he looked calm, he couldn't hide the excitement in his eyes. It seemed that he was touched, which made the emperor very satisfied.

“Well, sit down and have a good rest. Don’t get up. Although you are a little better, you can’t stand such torture. If you feel better, you could come to the court. Since you could help me do something, you can’t be lazy!” The emperor smiled and held Chu Liuchen’s hand to let him sit down.

“I will listen to uncle’s arrangement!” Chu Liuchen said softly. He looked gentle and elegant. Although he was sick and weak, he had a natural elegance.

Seeing this, the emperor felt more and more pity in his heart. He waved his hand, and the chief eunuch pushed Chu Liuchen’s wheelchair out. At the gate of the hall, Xiao Xuanzi took it and then pushed Chu Liuchen to leave away.

When the chief eunuch, De Rong, returned to the hall, he saw that the Emperor was still looking at Prince Chen’s back as he left. He looked gloomy so De Rong hurriedly bowed his head and stood aside.

“Do you think whether he will hate me?” The Emperor’s voice was very soft, as if he was talking to himself, but De Rong knew that he was talking to him.

He answered carefully, “Your Majesty, you worry too much. Your highness is filial. If he knew... He wouldn’t hate you. Even in the current situation, he does not hate you. Just seeing that he has been close to you for so many years, you will know. Your highness just doesn’t like... Queen!”

Chapter 573 Offer the Steamed Rice out of Gratitude?

“The emperor recognized a new nephew, who is the posthumous child of the late emperor?” Shao Wanru asked indifferently in little surprise. She had been wondering when the posthumous child’s identity would be revealed. Now it happened earlier than it did in the last life in a different way!

At this moment, she happened to stand on a cliff at the back and could faintly see the courtyards within the high wall. Some ladies occasionally came into her view. They were all dressed in black clothes and kept their hair. They should be the imperial concubines of the late emperor.

The side door of the high wall was opened. There came plenty of people today. Some of them were the officials of the Ministry of Justice, and some were dressed in eunuch’s uniforms. Besides, there was a young man dressed in gorgeous clothes, who seemed to be the reason why those people came today.

In the last life, the incident happened in the Yuhui Nunnery later than it did in this life, and she had seen the newly recognized Commandery Prince Qing from a distance in the palace later. He had the same name and title in the last life, but his identity seemed to be revealed when he bumped into an official’s carriage by accident instead of when he got involved in the case of a profligate child kidnapping a girl.

It seemed to have something to do with Great Elder Princess. Shao Wanru did not know the details, but only heard from the candidates in the Beauty Contest she had attended in the last life that the emperor was going to pick a consort for Commandery Prince Qing among the candidates, so there came the rumors about Commandery Prince Qing.

It was said that although Commandery Prince Qing was the posthumous child of an imperial concubine of the late emperor, he did not seem to be regarded highly by the emperor. The emperor recognized him just because there were too many rumors which made him sound like the descendant of the royal family. However, Commandery Prince Qing was not favored after being recognized.

No matter he happened to get involved in someone else's case or he bumped into someone else's carriage, in fact, it only showed that Commandery Prince Qing was obsessed with ambition. Shao Wanru was now sure that Commandery Prince Qing should have something to do with Mo Qiuyi and could even be the poor guy coming from the same place as Mo Qiuyi.

If it were not for her grandma's refusal, would her grandma have helped them go down the mountain out of sympathy? After that, as Commandery Prince Qing showed up in front of the Emperor, her grandma would get involved in it.

The Emperor and the Empress Dowager didn't like Commandery Prince Qing. If her grandma rashly intervened in it, the Emperor and the Empress Dowager would inevitably be displeased with her grandma. As a princess of high status with no real power, if Great Elder Princess was out of favor with the Emperor and the Empress Dowager, she would definitely have a hard time.

With a trace of deep coldness across her watery eyes, she thought that Commandery Prince Qing and Mo Qiuyi obviously intended to take her grandma as a stepping stone.

The one she saw walk to Mo Qiuyi's room from within the high wall that night should be Commandery Prince Qing. Thinking of Mo Qiuyi's departure, she sneered. As she expected, Commandery Prince Qing, who grew up in the Yuhui Nunnery, was not an ordinary person, but he had probably been wrong about one thing.

He thought that with a similar family background, he, who was healthier than Chu Liuchen, could snatch the favor of the emperor and the Empress Dowager from Chu Liuchen. But in fact, in the last life, Commandery Prince Qing was not favored at all and had no impact on Chu Liuchen at all.

She had sent the painting to the right person. Chu Liuchen had brought her to see the sneaky Commandery Prince Qing before, so he had probably known about Commandery Prince Qing.

"Yes, he was born in the Yuhui Nunnery. It is said that he came here today for his mother with the intention of taking his mother away from here! It is said that his mother is the late emperor's Imperial Noble Consort Yu, who is now entitled as Princess Dowager Yu by the emperor and allowed to move to live with her son in Commandery Prince Qing's Mansion," Yujie said.

So many people came to the Yuhui Nunnery in a big way today. Everyone in the Yuhui Nunnery knew about it, so Yujie found out the cause as soon as she inquired.

It had been some time since those people entered the Yuhui Nunnery. Now Shao Wanru saw many of them come out followed by the man in splendid clothes supporting a lady. Shao Wanru couldn't see the lady's face clearly because the lady kept her head down, but she could vaguely see the lady's tottering steps. The lady seemed to be older than she was supposed to be!

"The late Emperor's Imperial Noble Consort Yu seems to be old!" Yujie, who also saw the lady, said in astonishment.

Yujie, who had good eyesight, not only saw that Imperial Noble Consort Yu seemed to walk in tottering steps with help, but also noticed that her hair was not as dark as that of the maids beside her and seemed to be a little grey.

"She should be in her thirties!" Shao Wanru said after calculation.

"No, she should be more than forty years old!" There suddenly came Shao Yanru's over soft voice. As soon as she turned around, she saw Shao Yanru standing on the path leading to the top of the mountain. It seemed that Shao Yanru also came here to watch the fun.

"Big Sister!" Shao Wanru said lightly.

"Fifth Sister, do you also come here to have a look at the newly recognized Commandery Prince Qing?" Shao Yanru came up to Shao Wanru, also looked down and said with a smile, "It is said that Imperial Noble Consort Yu was not young when she entered the imperial palace because her marriage was delayed by the war. Nevertheless, she was so ravishing that the late emperor fell in love with her at first sight and took her into the imperial palace. However, she was unlucky. Not long after she entered the imperial palace, the late emperor passed away."

"Isn't it said that she was almost in favor with the late emperor as much as the late empress?" Shao Wanru said in astonishment, because she really didn't know about it.

"Yes, she had been in much favor since she entered the imperial palace, but it lasted less than two months!" Shao Yanru said with a smile.

Shao Wanru frowned slightly with a trace of deepness across her watery eyes. It was different from what she thought. Imperial Noble Consort Yu, who was said to be in much favor, had only been favored for one or two months. Not long after entering the imperial palace, she, who was unlucky, was sent to the Yuhui Nunnery.

She sounded really pitiful.

"Big Sister, have you discovered that Commandery Prince Qing has lived here?" Shao Wanru watched the crowd gradually going out and asked curiously.

"If it's so easy to discover it, his identity wouldn't have been a secret until now. Fifth Sister, you have also lived on the mountain for a period of time. Have you discovered anything?"

Shao Yanru asked with a faint smile.

"No!" Shao Wanru said with certainty.

Both of them burst into laughter and then turned their heads at the same time. Shao Yanru reached out to point down and said with a sigh, "It's really surprising that the late emperor has a posthumous child, who is so healthy. I feel sorry for Prince Chen!"

Her words were so meaningful that they were quite thought-provoking although they were vague.

However, Shao Wanru acted as if she didn't notice her words. Looking at the crowd that had gone far away and the closed door of the high wall, she turned around and said, "Big Sister, there's nothing to watch. Do you want to go back with me?"

"You can go back first. I want to stay for another while!" Shao Yanru shook her head and said with a smile.

"Well, I'll go first!" Shao Wanru said and then walked to the winding mountain path.

"Fifth Sister, take care!" Shao Yanru looked at her with a smile and said politely.

The two of them walked past each other. One of them went down the mountain, while the other continued going up the mountain. Shao Wanru looked back halfway, only to see the First Miss continue climbing up in high spirits. In the past, the two of them came here to stay for a while and enjoy the scenery from time to time, but neither of them would continue climbing up.

On the one hand, it was because the scenery on a higher place was not much better than that in this place. On the other hand, the path up the mountain was much steeper than the path down the mountain.

"Miss, what is the First Miss up to?" Yujie, who was also confused, asked. The First Miss had always been delicate and fragile, as if she would be worn out after taking a walk. She was quite different today.

"It's none of our business. Let's go down the mountain!" Shao Wanru said with an indifferent smile. There were not a few secrets in the Yuhui Nunnery. It was shocking enough that a son of the late emperor was raised here as a girl. She wouldn't be shocking if she heard something like a secret meeting between a lady and a man.

She didn't want to be killed in such a place because of what she saw.

She did not forget that Shao Yanru had intended to arouse her suspicion by saying something obviously meaningful. Now Shao Yanru continued climbing up, which didn't seem like the sort of thing she would do. Anyway it was mysterious and tempting.

She, who cherished her life very much, would not lose her life because of excessive curiosity!

"Shall I tell Qing'er to guard the entrance to the mountain?" Yujie felt that there was something fishy about it, so she asked worriedly.

"No!" Shao Wanru shook her head and refused decisively, "Even if someone comes here, Qing'er could do nothing about it and could even be exposed. What we should do is go back and wait quietly without doing anything!"

After returning to the yard, Shao Wanru went back to the silence room and began to burn incense and copy the scriptures. She had done that for a whole day, during which she heard some voices from the yard and even Shao Yanru ask about her, but Shao Yanru was refused by Yujie. Everyone in the yard knew that Shao Wanru could not be interrupted once she began to chant or copy the Buddhist scriptures.

Shao Wanru didn't stop until dinner time. She put down the writing brush in her hand, looked at the few scrolls of scriptures in front of her, rubbed her sore hand, walked up to the door and instructed Yujie to fetch some water for cleaning her hands.

Hearing Shao Wanru's order, Yujie, who had been waiting outside the door, hurriedly brought in warm water. Shao Wanru cleaned her hands.

Qu Le held the hamper brought from the kitchen, took out a few simple dishes and a steaming basket of steamed rice wrapped in a lotus leaf, and said with a smile, "Miss, there is steamed rice wrapped in a lotus leaf in the kitchen today, so I brought some for you. I heard that it was granted by Commandery

Prince Qing today in order to express his gratitude for the Yuhui Nunnery's accommodation. Besides, he's going to have a religious rite conducted in the Yuhui Nunnery!"

The steamed rice wrapped in a lotus leaf was quite fragrant and emitted a strong scent of lotus leaves as soon as it was taken out. It was the early autumn, and the lotus leaves in many places were still vigorous. The rice was extremely tasty after being steamed. She could tell that it must be delicious and had a good appetite before eating it.

"Commandery Prince Qing did express his gratitude in a big way!" Shao Wanru said with a smile. She sat down after washing her hands, and picked up a small bowl of steamed rice Qu Le prepared for her. She found it fragrant after smelling it, and found it delicious after tasting it. Coupled with some palatable pickles, it made her have a good appetite.

"Miss, I went to fetch the steamed rice wrapped in a lotus leaf with Shuqi. But when I left, Shuqi didn't leave and was asking the chef from Commandery Prince Qing's Mansion about the recipe of the steamed rice wrapped in a lotus leaf. It seems that the First Miss likes it very much!" As Qu Le took away the remains of the steamed rice, she said.

One should not eat too much this kind of sticky food. A small bowl of it was enough, or it might cause indigestion.

"Is the chef of Commandery Prince Qing's Mansion still in the Yuhui Nunnery?" Shao Wanru stopped moving her chopsticks and asked.

"Yes, the steamed rice wrapped in a lotus leaf was made on the spot. It is said that it could only be fresh and delicious in this way!" Qu Le nodded and said, "Commandery Prince Qing said that the chef is going to offer the steamed rice to everyone in the Yuhui Nunnery for half a year in order to pay back the kindness of the Yuhui Nunnery for accommodating him during so many years!"

Chapter 574 A Mess

The kindness for accommodating him? He took his mother away in a big way, and then Yujie could inquire about it at the gate of the Yuhui Nunnery even before the officials of the Ministry of Justice left. It was obvious that everyone knew it clearly. The royal family had always been cautious in their domestic affairs. Since it was so easy to inquire about it, he obviously didn't intend to keep it a secret and didn't even care about whether others knew it or not.

Regarding paying back the kindness of the Yuhui Nunnery for accommodation, he did that in order to maintain his good reputation for half a year. From now on, everyone coming to the Yuhui Nunnery would know what Commandery Prince Qing had done to express his gratitude.

It was followed by a religious rite. Commandery Prince Qing naturally was unqualified to hold a religious rite for the late emperor, so the religious rite was impossible to be held for the late emperor. It was most likely to be held for a relative or parent of Imperial Noble Consort Yu, and he did that to show his filial piety.

In any case, it not only was a good deed, but also showed his gratitude and filial piety. Commandery Prince Qing, who had planned all these, was obviously not an ordinary person.

This kind of thing originally had nothing to do with Shao Wanru. As a weak lady in the backyard, she couldn't deal with this kind of matter. Nevertheless, because it might be influential to Chu Liuchen, she inevitably noticed it and instructed Qing'er to go down the mountain and tell Chu Liuchen what she had seen and heard today.

It was not because she doubted Chu Liuchen's capability. If he wanted to find out these, it was certainly not difficult. But now the officials of the Ministry of Justice left gradually, and it was not convenient for him to come up the mountain, so it would be less convenient for him to investigate into it.

Shao Wanru would never forget that when she was about to come to the Yuhui Nunnery, Chu Liuchen had entrusted some tasks to her, but she hadn't accomplished them yet. So she thought that she owed him. Since she knew something, she naturally reported it to Chu Liuchen immediately.

The imperial concubines of the late emperor within the high wall could not make any trouble now. After the investigations of the Ministry of Justice, even if there was anything fishy, it must have been found out.

Qing'er left soon and came back soon. She only brought back Chu Liuchen's reply, "His Highness said that he got it and you don't need to interfere in the affairs of the imperial concubines of the late emperor anymore!"

Her words made Shao Wanru let out a sigh of relief. The area within the high wall had been guarded in an increasingly strict way. If she showed any interest in the area within the high wall, it would inevitably arouse others' suspicion. When she passed by the side door occasionally and saw the nuns, who didn't move a step from there, she knew that the area was no longer guarded slackly as before and she should walk over without looking sideways.

Qing'er brought another piece of news from down the mountain. Shao Wanru thought it both expected and unexpected.

Now Qi Rongzhi took the blame for recommending Xiushui Taoist Priest from the Baiyun Taoist Temple. It was said that the First Miss Qi knelt down and apologized tearfully to Old Madam in front of an official, who came to Duke Xing's Mansion to inquire about the matter. She said that she was misled by the words of the Young Madam of Duke Yong and thought the Taoist priest a good person, so she recommended him to Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

If it were for her recommendation, Old Madam wouldn't have agreed without hesitation when a nun in the Yuhui Nunnery recommended the Taoist priest.

It was said that Old Madam was very kind. She pulled Qi Rongzhi up and said that it was reasonable for her, who had just moved to the capital city, to be deceived. She told Qi Rongzhi that she should no longer believe others' nonsense and tell the elders in the mansion about it so as not to make trouble.

Madam of Duke Xing repeatedly asked the official from the Ministry of Justice to forgive her for believing hearsay and prepared lavish gifts for him.

As the official from the Ministry of Justice left, what Qi Rongzhi had done was spread. Everyone said that the Miss Qi from Jiangzhou was extremely undignified without the decency of a Miss from an

aristocratic family at all. She was such a gossip against a lady's virtue and passed on some nonsense like a garrulous servant and thus to make such big trouble.

She let down Madam of Duke Xing, who recognized her as an adopted daughter, and her painstaking efforts in nurturing her in the past two years...

The gossip about her was extremely unpleasant. They suggested that Qi Rongzhi was ill-behaved and ill-bred by nature. Despite Madam of Duke Xing's painstaking efforts in nurturing her, she was still undignified. Aristocratic families attached most importance to a lady's decency. With such a reputation, it would be difficult for Qi Rongzhi to have a good marriage!

"Miss, Duke Xing's Mansion shifted all the blame on the First Miss Qi and the First Miss Qin. They are so cunning."

Hearing Qing'er's words, Yujie curled her lip and said sarcastically.

She had been against Qi Rongzhi and Qin Yuru, so she did not have a good impression of them. Although they seemed to be wronged now, Yujie thought that she would not sympathize with them and they asked for it.

In order to get close to Madam of Duke Xing, the First Miss Qi had set up Shao Wanru several times, and she had always been lofty since she became the adopted daughter of Duke Xing's Mansion. The First Miss Qin went even farther than the First Miss Qi. She colluded with Madam Di to set up Shao Wanru. If it weren't for Shao Wanru's intelligence, Shao Wanru would have fallen into their trap and been killed long before.

"I'm afraid that Madam of Duke Xing has underestimated Duke Yong's Mansion!" Shao Wanru said with a light smile.

Although Duke Yong's Mansion was not as powerful and noble as Duke Xing's Mansion and it seemed to have attached itself to Duke Xing's Mansion in the last life, it was an aristocratic family anyway. Besides, what Huangrui had done made her feel that Duke Yong's Mansion was not as simple as it seemed to be.

The case of the Baiyun Taoist Temple had no influence on Duke Yong's Mansion at all in the last life. If Duke Xing's Mansion intended to make Duke Yong's Mansion take all the blame, it would probably be just the opposite of what they wished.

However, she didn't know who the two mansions respectively worked for. If they worked for the same master, it would be such a coincidence!

As she expected, a few days later, there came another piece of news from outside. It was said that the Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion, who claimed to be wronged, hanged herself in anger. Fortunately, a smart maid saved her. The members of Duke Yong's Mansion, who were also unbearably indignant, requested to confront Qi Rongzhi in front of the investigator from the Ministry of Justice with the intention of finding out when and where their Young Madam met Qi Rongzhi and told her about Xiushui Taoist Priest.

Regarding the connection between them and Xiushui Taoist Priest from the Baiyun Taoist Temple, Duke Yong's Mansion admitted it frankly in front of everyone. They claimed that they had actually been deceived by the Taoist priest as well and recommended him to other families sincerely. Regarding

whether other families had invited the evil Taoist priest to their mansions or not, it had nothing to do with them!

The reason why they trusted the Taoist priest so much was that the late Duke Yong had also been deceived. Now that the late Duke Yong had passed away, it was impossible for them to ruin a dead person's reputation by making him take the blame!

What Xiushui Taoist Priest had done was exposed after the late Duke Yong was deceived. Later, Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion didn't trust Xiushui Taoist Priest, so she seldom invited Xiushui Taoist Priest to Duke Yong's Mansion, even less than some aristocratic families did. Now what the evil Taoist priest had done was exposed. It had nothing to do with Duke Yong's Mansion!

The officials of the Ministry of Justice checked it out and found that Xiushui Taoist Priest rarely went to Duke Yong's Mansion. Except for the first time he was invited to go there by the late Duke Yong, he barely went there. He had never been there since Qin Yuru married into Duke Yong's Mansion. Because of what Qin Yuru had done before, it could be considered that she married into Duke Yong's Mansion with a terrible reputation. Thus, she almost never met anyone after getting married, let alone to meet Qi Rongzhi and lure Qi Rongzhi to mention Xiushui Taoist Priest.

Duke Yong's Mansion was very tough. They requested a confrontation between Qi Rongzhi and Qin Yuru. However, Duke Xing's Mansion was unwilling to do so. They said that although Qi Rongzhi was not a biological daughter of Duke Xing's Mansion, she was an unmarried Miss in Duke Xing's Mansion, so they couldn't allow her reputation to be tarnished further. They requested to leave it unsettled, stop the investigation and end it with Qi Rongzhi's mishearing.

Now no one could offer a proper explanation. Qi Rongzhi claimed that she heard of Xiushui Taoist Priest from the Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion. Meanwhile, Qin Yuru's hanging herself made others think that she was really wronged. Nevertheless, if she didn't mention Xiushui Taoist Priest, how did Qi Rongzhi know him? How long had she been in the capital city? She hadn't been in contact with this Xiushui Taoist Priest. Could it be possible that she heard of him from someone in Duke Xing's Mansion?

In this way, the question went back to the beginning.

Anyway, it became a mess. Many among the members of Duke Yong's Mansion and Duke Xing's Mansion were suspicious, and each of them insisted his/her opinion with certainty.

The officials of the Ministry of Justice visited both of the two mansions, but couldn't find out the truth. They had intended to take the First Miss Qi back for interrogation. However, the First Miss Qi also committed suicide. After she was saved by someone in Duke Xing's Mansion, Duke Xing's Mansion no longer allowed the officials of the Ministry of Justice to interrogate her and requested to leave it unsettled. If the Ministry of Justice kept investigating into the matter, it would also do no good to Duke Yong's Mansion.

It was said that after Madam of Duke Xing made a special visit to Duke Yong's Mansion, Duke Yong's Mansion stopped requesting the Ministry of Justice to take Qi Rongzhi back.

The rumor outside was still unpleasant, but this time it was mainly about Madam of Duke Xing and Old Madam of Duke Xing. People all thought that if someone made Miss Qi lie about it, it must be one of them.

Now that Duke Yong's Mansion stopped requesting a result, everyone could only consider it a mess.

The First Miss Qi, who was connected with the shameless First Miss Qin, was obviously also a girl of bad character.

After getting the news, Shao Wanru had another half bowl of rice cheerfully.

In the last life, Duke Xing's Mansion and Duke Yong's Mansion were closely attached to each other and became two great mountains suppressing her. Now after the conflict between them, although she didn't know what deal they made in private, they would inevitably bear grudges against each other and couldn't be on intimate terms with each other as they did in the last life.

Besides, she was glad to see Qi Rongzhi and Qin Yuru turned against each other.

With these rumors about what she had done, it would be very difficult for Qi Rongzhi to seek a good marriage. At that time, Qi Rongzhi thought highly of Duke Xing's Mansion and tried every way to make Madam of Duke Xing adopt her. She did that for a good marriage, didn't she?

Now even with Duke Xing's Mansion as her backing, it was difficult for her to be accepted by an aristocratic family.

The reason why Qin Yuru, who also had a bad reputation, could get married was that she married into her maternal grandma's family!

Now based on Qi Rongzhi's temperament, Shao Wanru could tell that she probably bore a deep grudge against the entire Duke Xing's Mansion!

That was good. The biggest difference between Qi Rongzhi and Qin Yuru was that Qi Rongzhi was a vicious person with a brother, who was also a vicious person of no scruples.

After Duke Xing's Mansion made Qi Rongzhi take the blame, she wondered how the cooperation between Qi Tianyu and Shao Yanru went on. If they hadn't reached an agreement before, why would Qi Tianyu have covered Shao Yanru's retreat in that situation?

Qi Tianyu was a poisonous scorpion, while Shao Yanru was a beauty snake. Shao Wanru wondered if the poisonous scorpion would swallow the beauty snake or be swallowed by her...

Chapter 575 The Maids Sent by Qi Tianyu

"He asks me to explain it? This is absurd!" Shao Yanru threw the letter in her hand hard and said with an angry look.

"First Miss... How dare he ask you to explain it! Who does he think he is?" Shuqi cautiously picked up the letter on the ground and said angrily.

The letter was sent to the mountain in the name of Miss Qi, but it was actually sent by Miss Qi's brother. As Shao Yanru's trusted maid, Shuqi certainly knew who wrote this letter.

"Tell him to look out for himself. If he doesn't want to work for me, just drop it!" Shao Yanru said with a sneer, sat down heavily on the chair and became increasingly angry as she thought about it. Who did he

think Qi Rongzhi was? What made him think that Qi Rongzhi could compare with her? How dare he ask her to explain for Qi Rongzhi without thinking who Qi Rongzhi was and whether Qi Rongzhi deserved it!

"Miss, shall I pass on exactly what you said?" Shuqi looked at the blank letter paper on the desk and asked uneasily.

"Yes, tell the maid delivering the letter exactly what I said," Shao Yanru said in rage.

"First Miss, it's not a good idea. If the maid realizes something and passes on some rumors, it will cause trouble. Miss, with such a noble reputation, how can you get involved in this kind of thing!"

Shuqi advised her.

Shao Yanru looked a little better, stood up, walked up to the desk, picked up a writing brush and wrote a letter. After finishing it, she read it carefully and said coldly, "Tell the maid that I will think about it. If possible, I hope that I won't do harm to her!"

In fact, the maid didn't work for Qi Rongzhi, but worked for Qi Tianyu.

"Yes, First Miss. I got it. I will suggest that you will not do harm to the First Miss Qi and will protect her if possible. But now you are on the mountain and held back by the Fifth Miss. You can't do anything about it even if you want to, and can only pass on a message to Madam and ask her to deal with it," Shuqi said smartly.

Since the letter was written in the name of Miss Qi, she regarded it as Miss Qi who wrote the letter. In fact, the Miss Qi in Duke Xing's Mansion was a coward with no courage to disobey Shao Yanru's order. It was impossible for her to write a letter to ask for help.

Seeing that her maid knew well about her, Shao Yanru nodded and became at ease.

Before she became the empress, Qi Tianyu was a great help to her. At this time, she did not want to displease Qi Tianyu.

Shao Yanru was angry about her grandma's decision to choose Qi Rongzhi as the scapegoat. She thought that her grandma was a dotard. Her grandma could choose any one among the descendants of the third branch. After she became the empress in the future, the entire Duke Xing's Mansion could be extremely distinguished. There was no need to care about the descendants of the third branch.

Moreover, it was more convincing to make the descendants of Duke Yong's Mansion take the blame than to make Qi Rongzhi take the blame. Now they couldn't get Duke Yong's Mansion involved in it, but got into trouble instead. Both her mother and her grandma were too old to be ruthless enough.

Shuqi walked up to the desk. Seeing that the letter paper had dried up, she folded it, took out a blank envelope and put it in the envelope, and said after hesitating for a moment, "Miss, shall I send back the two old maids sent here by Young Master Qi?"

"Let them stay for the time being, since Qi Tianyu didn't ask them back. Anyway, they are just two ordinary old maids who came to offer incense!" Shao Yanru shook her head and said. Although they weren't put to use before, it didn't mean that they wouldn't be put to use later.

Shao Wanru was a trouble after all. That would be great if she could get rid of Shao Wanru on the mountain.

“Yes, I will arrange it later!” Shuqi said with a frown. The two old maids had come to her before and said that they were going to go down the mountain if there was nothing else. She didn’t know whether it was because they got Young Master Qi’s order or because they couldn’t bear to stay any longer.

It would be great if the Fifth Miss was lured to climb up the mountain last time. The two old maids hid there at that time, intending to rush down and knock the Fifth Miss down the mountain after the Fifth Miss came up. Regarding the maid following the Fifth Miss, she was confident that they could get rid of the maid.

Unexpectedly, the First Miss failed to lure the Fifth Miss to go up the mountain, which ruined the First Miss’s plan.

After what had happened to the First Miss Qi, Shuqi was afraid that Young Master Qi and her master would bear grudges against each other. So when she met the maid sent by Qi Tianyu, she specially expressed her concern and said that her master actually wanted to help Miss Qi. However, the rumor had been spread, so it was useless to deny it. But the First Miss would write a letter back right away and ask Madam to take care of the First Miss Qi.

The reason why the First Miss couldn’t leave was that the Fifth Miss not only copied scriptures for her parents, but also kept the First Miss here to do it together. If the first Miss refused to do it, the Fifth Miss would claim that the First Miss was unfilial.

She implicitly told the maid about these. Hearing her words, the maid delivering the letter nodded repeatedly and thought that the Fifth Miss Shao was really not a nice person and the First Miss Shao treated Miss Qi sincerely and kindly. She decided to tell the Eldest Young Master about the First Miss Shao’s kindness.

After tricking the maid sent by Qi Tianyu to leave, Shuqi went to the two old maids sent by Qi Tianyu. She specially gave them two pouches and asked them to stay for another period of time. If her master couldn’t think of a way to deal with the Fifth Miss later, she would let them go. She said that her master had always been bullied by the vicious Fifth Miss. As the First Miss’s personal maid, she couldn’t stand it anymore, so she asked them for help.

The two old maids took the pouches and pinched them. Finding that there was much money in the pouches, they immediately beamed with joy and said that the Eldest Young Master only allowed them to stay on the mountain for another half a month at most. If they stayed longer, the Eldest Young Master would have issues with it.

After expressing her profound gratitude, Shuqi hurried back to report to Shao Yanru.

Shao Yanru was very satisfied with it. She had considered every detail. Even if anything went wrong, it wouldn’t have any influence on her. No matter in front of others or behind others, she was the incomparably noble, dignified and pretty First Miss of Duke Xing’s Mansion.

Hearing that Shao Wanru had stopped chanting scriptures and seeing two maids come in and out, she knew that Shao Wanru was not meditating at the moment, so she packed up a few copies of Buddhist

scriptures and came to the silence room with Shuqi. She had plenty of ways to deal with Shao Wanru and was confident that Shao Wanru would definitely fall into the trap!

Except for some things that everyone knew, she knew some other things about Commandery Prince Qing's visit, such as the news that he was going to stay on the mountain for a couple of days...

At the door of the silence room, Qu Le, who happened to come out, bowed sideways to Shao Yanru after seeing her.

"Is your master having a rest?" Shao Yanru stood at the door and asked with a smile. When she looked up, she saw Shao Wanru sitting on the mat and reading a volume of Buddhist scriptures. Hearing her voice, Shao Wanru raised her head and looked at her leisurely with a slight smile. It seemed that she was not surprised at Shao Wanru's visit.

"Big Sister, have you finished copying the Buddhist scriptures?" Shao Wanru asked.

Shao Yanru walked over, sat down on the mat, and said with a smile after gently pinching her right hand, "I need to have a rest. After copying for so many days, I find that my hand goes sore easily. I wonder if it's because I haven't spent so much time writing before!"

Shuqi put several volumes of Buddhist scriptures copied by Shao Yanru on the desk between the two of them and said with a smile, "Fifth Miss, these are copied by my master these days. Her hand is so sore that she couldn't eat by herself!"

"Thank you, Big Sister!" Shao Wanru stood up, bowed to her respectfully and said with a serious look.

"You are very kind to say so!" Shao Yanru said with a gentle smile and reached out to let her sit down again, "Fifth Sister, can you show me the Buddhist scriptures copied by you?"

Shao Wanru nodded. Yujie took out a few scrolls of scriptures from behind the screen. At the sight of this, Shao Yanru knew that Shao Wanru didn't lie and really spent her time copying the scriptures whenever she could. Shao Yanru involuntarily frowned and thought, "Could it be possible that it's Shao Wanru's real desire to stay here for copying and chanting the scriptures?"

She looked at the volume of scriptures Shao Wanru had been reading just now, only to find that it had been closed when she didn't notice it. With a trace of astonishment crossing her eyes, she involuntarily took another glance at it. This time she found something strange. The cover of the book seemed to be too big for the pages inside.

"Fifth Sister, what are you reading? Can you let me have a look?" Shao Yanru, who didn't read the volume of scriptures in her hand, but reached out to take the one beside Shao Wanru's hand instead, said with a casual smile, as if she happened to feel like having a look at it.

Shao Wanru reached out to take the book, and then turned her head, handed it to Yujie and said, "Big Sister, I'm very sorry that I've been reading it and I'm going to copying it after finishing reading it. Can I give it to you after I finish copying it?"

"Of course no problem. You can give it to me after finishing copying it. Since you read it so carefully, it should be a good book. I'll copy it too!"

Shao Yanru said indifferently and withdrew her hand, as if she had just asked the question casually. However, she sneered in her heart. She was sure that the book was a script. It was improper that Shao Wanru read scripts during the period of time when she was supposed to observe mourning for her parents on the mountain. People would think that she just pretended to be filial and was quite hypocritical.

Shao Wanru would finish reading her scripts one day. Shao Yanru decided to send someone to keep an eye on her and see when her maids would go down the mountain to get new scripts. It would be great if they could be caught on the spot!

Needless to say, there must be a lot of scripts in this room.

"Of course it's good!" Shao Wanru nodded and said with a smile.

"Fifth Sister, how is your hand? Does the ointment work?" Shao Yanru said, as she stretched out her hand, which was as smooth as it hadn't been scalded before. It could be seen that the ointment was really effective.

The wound on Shao Wanru's hand was still bound up with a handkerchief. She subconsciously reached out to touch it and said with a frown, "My wound has not healed yet!"

"How come? Could it be possible that the ointment from the imperial palace mainly works on scalds?" Shao Yanru, who was also surprised, said and reached out in an attempt to unbind the handkerchief on Shao Wanru's hand and check her wound.

However, Shao Wanru stopped her with the other hand and said with a forced smile, "It should heal soon. Don't worry, Big Sister. I'm not seriously injured, and it just heals much slower than the scald on your hand."

"Since it gets better, you don't have to be anxious. Just wait for the ointment to work. Maybe it doesn't work as well as it does on scalds!" Shao Yanru comforted her in a soft voice.

"Maybe!" Shao Wanru said, looked a little hesitant and seemed to be doubting the effect of the ointment. But when she saw Shao Yanru's white and tender hand, she became less puzzled.

After they chatted for another while, Shao Yanru left. When she walked to the door, she suddenly turned back and said as if she just remembered it, "Fifth Sister, there is a maple forest in the Yuhui Nunnery. It's a good time to enjoy the scenery now. Shall we go to enjoy the scenery tomorrow?"

Chapter 576 Enjoy the Scenery of the Maple Forest

"Maple forest?" Shao Wanru fluttered her long eyelashes and asked, not thinking of it at the moment.

"In fact, it's not called maple forest. It's just a place, where numerous maple trees are planted. In the autumn, it looks extremely beautiful with the red leaves as red as fire. It's not open to the public at first, so people outside don't know it. Although you've lived on the mountain for a period of time, you don't know it."

Shao Yanru introduced it with a smile.

"So why is it... open now?" Shao Wanru asked. She was really not very clear about the affairs of the Yuhui Nunnery. On one hand, she came up the mountain to avoid being set up by Duke Xing's Mansion. On the other hand, she sincerely intended to observe mourning for her parents. Thus, she seldom inquired about the irrelevant affairs outside.

"In fact, the maple forest is located at the back of the mountain and near the high wall, so the Yuhui Nunnery didn't dispatch guards there and just blocked the area. Now they have dispatched guards there, so the maple forest has been separated from the area!"

Shao Yanru said with a gentle smile, "I've seen it from a distance on the mountain and thought it wonderful. Besides, I inquired about it from the nuns of the Yuhui Nunnery, and they also thought it wonderful. So I wanted to go there with you to have a look. It may be more beautiful if we take a close look!"

"Okay, let's go and have a look together tomorrow!" Shao Wanru nodded and agreed, seeming to be a little curious.

Shao Yanru left with Shuqi with a smile. After getting out of the room, she gave an order to Shuqi, "Prepare a set of black clothes for me!"

"Miss, you've been dressed in plain clothes!" Shuqi looked at Shao Yanru's light blue dress and asked in confusion.

Shao Yanru didn't answer her, but only waved at her. After looking around and finding no one in the corridor, she lowered her voice and said, "Tell the two old maids to go with us tomorrow..."

Perhaps because Shao Yanru was very looking forward to going to the maple forest, she came over after breakfast early the next morning.

"Big Sister, why are you..." Shao Wanru, who was still having her breakfast, put down the bowl in her hand, looked Shao Yanru up and down in astonishment and asked. Shao Yanru had always been dressed in plain clothes in the nunnery, but she had never been dressed in the same black clothes as Shao Wanru. Today she dressed almost exactly like Shao Wanru.

She was dressed in simple black clothes with a simple bamboo hairpin on her head. Although she was slightly taller than Shao Wanru, it was impossible to tell the difference between them if they didn't stand together.

"Fifth Sister, you've been dressed in black clothes all this time for observing mourning for Eldest Uncle and Eldest Aunt, so I'm dressed in the same clothes to show my sincerity!" Shao Yanru pulled the black clothes on her and said with a smile, "Fifth Sister, can we go now?"

What she said was really meaningful. Shao Wanru couldn't change her clothes now even if she wanted to. After all, this was a symbol of her filial piety to her parents. How could she change it?

It seemed that Shao Yanru's way of dealing with her was related to the clothes. Thinking of the news Qing'er inquired yesterday, she said indifferently with a trace of deepness across her eyes and a calm look, "Please wait for a while, Big Sister. I'll go with you after binding up my hair!"

"Okay, I'll wait for you, Fifth Sister!" Shao Yanru agreed nicely, sat down at the mat and watched Yujie bind up Shao Wanru's hair.

This was a small silence room for meditation, so it was simply equipped without a dressing table. Yujie just took out a box, which contained a set of dressing articles and a few pieces of small and simple jewelry.

There were a few hairpins inside, all of which looked simple. Among them, there was a bamboo hairpin similar to the one on Shao Yanru's head, and Shao Wanru wore it most of the time. Besides, there were a few jade hairpins. Yujie presented the hairpins to Shao Wanru, and Shao Wanru took a jade hairpin casually and handed it to Yujie. Knowing that Shao Wanru meant to wear this one, Yujie nodded, put down the box, took out a comb and carefully combed Shao Wanru's long hair.

"Fifth Sister, why don't you wear the bamboo hairpin you wear most of the time? I intended to wear a hairpin similar to yours." Shao Yanru picked up the tea served by Qu Le and asked with interest. She glanced at the jade hairpin and found it extremely ordinary. She had prepared several such ordinary hairpins when she came up the mountain.

Of course, she could not wear gorgeous jewelry in the nunnery, so this kind of hairpins, which looked a little different but were simple, was very necessary.

"Okay, I'll wear the same bamboo hairpin as Big Sister!" Shao Wanru smiled at Shao Yanru casually and gave an order to Yujie.

"Fifth Miss, I have reported to you yesterday that there is a gap on the bamboo hairpin. You could only wear it after I polish it. Otherwise, it will hurt you!" Yujie said with a smile.

"Oh, yes, I forgot it. I'll wear another one!" Shao Wanru said and reached out to pat her white and delicate forehead, seeming to have just remembered it.

"Since it's broken, of course, you can't wear it now. If this kind of bamboo hairpin hasn't been polished, it'll hurt your head and hair!" Shao Yanru said with concern.

After that, she took out a book from under the desk and flipped through it casually. It was a volume of scriptures, but Shao Yanru was sure that it was not the one she had seen yesterday. The cover of this book was neither too big nor too small and fit the pages, so it should be the original cover of this book. The book she saw yesterday was actually a script with the cover of a volume of scriptures.

Shao Wanru was so smart that she deliberately placed a volume of real scriptures here for fear that Shao Yanru would come over to check it.

However, it showed that she felt guilty.

Shao Wanru had her hair bound up in the simplest style. After finishing binding up her hair neatly, Yujie fixed her bun with the jade hairpin she picked, and then looked at the few pieces of simple jewelry in the box and said, "Miss, you seldom go out to enjoy the scenery. Would you like to wear earrings during this visit? This pair of pearl earrings look beautiful!"

As she spoke, she took out a pair of pearl earrings from the jewelry box and presented them close to Shao Wanru's ear.

"Yujie, the Fifth Miss is dressed in black clothes!" Shuqi, who stood beside her, involuntarily reminded her.

"So what? The earrings are just a pair of ordinary white earrings, which are beautiful and not conspicuous. My master has stayed on the mountain for almost three years, during which she has never worn earrings. Since she is going to enjoy the scenery, she could wear them!"

Yujie shook the earrings in her hand in confusion and handed them to Shao Wanru.

The earrings were indeed of the simplest style with three pearls hanging under a long chain of each of them. The pearls were bright, but neither too big nor too small, coupled with the long chains, making the earrings look simple and elegant, beautiful and eye appealing.

"Fifth Sister, where did you get this pair of earrings? They are so beautiful!" Shao Yanru couldn't help reaching out and said.

Since she had reached out, Yujie had to put the earrings in her hand and watched her take the pair of pearl earrings.

"I don't know. They are probably given by my maternal grandma!" Shao Wanru shook her head and said.

"Miss is right. The earrings were indeed given by Great Elder Princess when she came up the mountain last time. She said that it has been almost three years since Miss began to observe mourning for the Heir and Infanta, and Miss could wear some simple and plain jewelry now. So the earrings were given by her at that time," Qu Le said with a smile on the side.

Shao Yanru shook the earrings in her hand and said implicitly with admiration in her eyes, "They are so beautiful. They look simple, but are actually luxurious. It's appropriate to wear them even at a banquet held in the capital city. If you stand among a group of Misses from aristocratic families, the earrings can make you stand out at first glance! Great Elder Princess really loves you dearly!"

"Yujie, drop the earrings." Shao Wanru shook her head at Yujie and said, "I've been observing mourning for my parents. It's inappropriate for me to wear such eye-catching and luxurious earrings!"

"Well, uh... you could wear this pair!" Yujie said with a grievance and reached out to take out another pair of earrings from the box. Compared with the earrings she presented before, they were really inconspicuous.

They were also a pair of pearl earrings, but each of them only had a pearl and a stud. If Shao Wanru lowered her head a little more, no one would notice that she had worn earrings.

"Fifth Sister, are they too simple? You might wear this pair of earrings. Since they are a gift from Great Elder Princess, you shouldn't waste them!" Shao Yanru put the long pearl earrings into Shao Wanru's hand and persuaded her to wear them with a smile.

"No, thank you, Big Sister. I'm still observing mourning for my parents, so I should be simply dressed! If I'm not going to enjoy the scenery with you today, I wouldn't wear any earrings!" Shao Wanru casually threw the earrings into the box in Yujie's hand and refused with a faint smile.

Seeing that Shao Wanru insisted on doing this, Yujie had no choice but to help Shao Wanru wear the pair of earrings, which were extremely simple and inconspicuous.

After dressing up, Shao Wanru looked in the mirror again and found the earrings really inconspicuous. If people didn't take a closer look, they wouldn't notice that she wore a pair of pearl earrings.

Shao Wanru was very satisfied with it. Of course, Shao Yanru was also very satisfied with it.

No one noticed that Shao Wanru held a hairpin in her hand when taking the earrings and put it in her sleeve. She didn't know what would happen during this visit, so she had better bring an extra sharp hairpin with her!

After Shao Wanru finished packing up her stuff, the two of them went out of the courtyard together with Yujie, leaving Qu Le and Qing'er behind. Before they left, they specially put on the same veils. If they didn't stand together to be compared carefully, no one could tell the difference between them.

When they reached the door, Shao Yanru suddenly stopped and apologized to Shao Wanru, "Fifth Sister, please wait for a moment. I left something behind. I'll be back soon after fetching it!"

"Big Sister, do as you please!" Shao Wanru said and nodded, and then stepped out of the courtyard with a smile, followed closely by Yujie. She and Yujie waited outside the courtyard.

Shao Yanru hurried back and then came back soon with Shuqi. After that, she held Shao Wanru's hand and walked forward.

It was still early, so they didn't meet anyone along the way. But when they arrived at the maple forest, Shao Wanru found plenty of people, who also came here early.

Besides some ladies, there were not a few men. It was located deep in the Yuhui Nunnery, where few men could enter. Shao Wanru looked around and wondered if there was any difference of the maple forest.

"Big Sister, why are there so many men in this place?" Shao Wanru stopped and asked in astonishment.

Chapter 577 Identify the Prettier One!

It was the early autumn, and the maple forest was scenic. Commandery Prince Qing, Chu Qing, stood under a maple tree with his hands clasped behind his back and looked at the mountains in the depths of the maple forest.

The mountain against the red leaves filled his sight. Hearing the leaves rustling, he was enjoying the scenery leisurely. Compared with the blooming flowers in spring, the scenery in front of him now was more peaceful and relaxing. The aggressive scenery in spring made him feel cheerful at first glance, but the red sea of maple leaves made him feel more peaceful.

Chu Qing had been standing under the tree for a long time. Looking toward the back of the mountain from here, he had a wider vision and a more active mind than looking from a small mountain within the high wall.

A young and handsome aristocratic child stood quietly under the maple trees. The fallen maple leaves, which were as red as fire, fell on his shoulders from time to time, making others consider that he and this maple forest looked like the beautiful scenery in a painting.

Plenty of young ladies couldn't help stopping and sneaking a peek at this handsome young man when they passed by. Not long after they walked away lightly with a red face, they returned. Even the twists and turns on the steepest mountain path were no more than those in their mind.

"Your Highness, there come two Misses dressed in black clothes with a veil!" A guard appeared behind him and reported.

"Two?" Chu Qing, who had been indifferent, asked with his face changing a little.

"Yes, there are two of them. They are both dressed in black clothes and entered the forest one after the other." The guard nodded and said. Although the two Misses were not far away from each other, they didn't go the same way. One of them entered the maple forest through the left entrance, while the other entered the maple forest through the right entrance.

"What about their hair accessories?" Chu Qing asked with an indifferent look, as if he had expected such a surprise. After being raised in the nunnery for so many years, he had grown into a composed person. No matter how shocked he was, he could still maintain a calm and peaceful look.

"Both of them wear a simple jade hairpin. I can't tell any difference between them!" The guard, who had observed carefully, said with certainty after hearing Chu Qing's question and thinking for a moment.

"Do they wear a veil or a curtain hat?" Chu Qing remained a natural look and asked, reaching out to catch a maple leaf falling from the sky and twirling it in his hand.

"Both of them wear a veil," the guard said.

"Which one looks prettier?" Chu Qing asked casually.

"Uh... I think it should be the one in front... Although they both wear a veil, the one in front seems... to have prettier eyes..." the guard said, seeming to be unable to describe it.

In fact, both of them had pretty eyes, and it could be seen that both of them were ravishing ladies. Nevertheless, the one in front had a pair of charming eyes, which were amazing at first glance but others would find them gentle and pure when looking at them carefully. They were fluid, natural and attractive like gurgling water.

The lady behind also had extremely pretty eyes and was obviously a beauty. However, beauties could be classified into various grades and ranks. Without the spirit, which could almost be considered contradictory, the lady behind was inferior to the one in front. The eyes of the lady in front enabled her to attract most of the attention if she showed up with the lady behind.

"Let's go and meet the lady behind!" Chu Qing, who made a decision after pondering, said with a smile.

Everyone knew that the most beautiful lady in the capital city was the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion, so the relatively less beautiful lady should be the Fifth Miss. At the thought that the Fifth Miss sent him a note in private, he showed a hint of interest across his eyes.

If it weren't for Rui'an Great Elder Princess behind the Fifth Miss, he wouldn't have come to meet her. He had heard that the Fifth Miss was an ill-behaved girl, who was a wilful bully.

But she had Rui'an Great Elder Princess as her backing, so Chu Qing couldn't ignore her.

He would like to see why the Fifth Miss asked him to come to the maple forest. Her “observing mourning for three years” seemed to be merely a cover.

During the period of time the Fifth Miss stayed in the Yuhui Nunnery, he had never come into contact with her, but there was someone else around him who had come into contact with her. After hearing of what the Fifth Miss Shao had done, Chu Qing didn’t have any good impression of her. Moreover, she intended to have a private meeting with a man now.

Shao Wanru and Shao Yanru did enter the forest one after the other and have made an appointment to enter the forest through different entrances. It was Shao Yanru’s suggestion.

The two of them went out together at the beginning. But not long after they set out, Shao Yanru suggested that they should enter the maple forest through different entrances and see how long it would take for them to meet each other, because she heard that there were plenty of paths in the maple forest.

Later Shao Yanru said that she had sprained her ankle, and told Shao Wanru to go first and that she would go there slowly with Shuqi. At the thought that they were going to take different routes into the forest, at the sight that Shao Yanru had difficulty in catching up with her and couldn’t keep up with her even if she slowed down, Shao Wanru entered the forest through a distant entrance without waiting for Shao Yanru and left the near entrance to Shao Yanru as Shao Yanru asked.

“Miss, the maple forest is really large with beautiful scenery. When I was in Jiangzhou, I also saw a maple forest in the Jingxin Monastery, but it was much smaller than this one. How big is the Yuhui Nunnery actually? Such a forest seems to have covered a large area,” Yujie said in surprise as she walked.

They saw plenty of people at the entrance. However, as they got inside the maple forest, they saw only a few people probably because of the broadness of the forest. Along the way, they only saw a few ladies in front in a distance, but none of the ladies walked past them. It could be seen that there were many paths in the forest.

Shao Wanru stood still, stretched out her white and tender hand, looked at a red leaf falling on her palm and said, “If we head for the entrance, through which Shao Yanru walks, we won’t take a long walk, right?”

They had just come in through the entrance and were less than a hundred meters away from the entrance. So they should not be too far away from the entrance, through which Shao Yanru walked. If they crossed the forest directly, they could take a shorter walk.

“Miss, let me take you there!” Yujie nodded and said. She, who grew up on a mountain, was quite capable of telling directions in a dense forest and not afraid of losing her way. After looking around for a while and identifying the direction, she took Shao Wanru to cross the forest.

She led Shao Wanru to a slightly slanted path instead of a path completely parallel with the entrance, through which they had just walked. In this way, they could catch up with Shao Yanru without making Shao Yanru think that they were standing in the parallel place and waiting for her.

Shao Yanru must be going inside.

The maple forest was very dense. If Yujie didn't make a sound in a few steps, Shao Wanru could almost be unable to see her. Without Yujie leading the way, Shao Wanru thought that she would definitely lose her way.

The two of them just walked quietly without talking. Occasionally, they could hear other people's voices, but they avoided those people silently.

"Miss, the First Miss is sitting there and having a rest!" Yujie, who was walking in front, suddenly stopped and said in a low voice.

It was a conspicuous path, beside which there was a pavilion. Shao Yanru was sitting in the pavilion for a rest with Shuqi. Standing in a distance, they could only see Shao Yanru and Shuqi, but could not hear their conversation. It seemed that Shao Yanru was not in a hurry to hit the road.

"Miss, is the First Miss really injured or not?" Yujie asked in confusion, "Shouldn't she go back if she's injured? It's unreasonable to stay here."

From this point of view, Yujie thought that it was unreasonable for the First Miss to claim that she had sprained her ankle.

"Let's wait and see!" Shao Wanru said with a smile. She put down the leaf in her hand, picked up a redder leaf from the ground, held it in her hand and crouched down. There happened to be a small stream beside her. The mottled sunlight shone through the shade of trees and made the stream look glittering. With maple leaves at the bottom of the water, the stream looked ruddy and characteristic.

There was a big stone on the side of the stream. Shao Wanru crouched down beside the stone and put the maple leaf in her hand into the water. The water was cold, clear and made her feel comfortable.

The red leaf first floated, and then was soaked in water and fell on her palm. She found it slippery and her tender palm looked red in the sunlight shining through the red leaf and the water.

Yujie also crouched down beside her. The stone was helpful. It not only hid them, but also enabled them to have a clear view when they popped out their heads. It was a good place to watch Shao Yanru and Shuqi.

Seeing Shao Wanru playing with water with her hands, Yujie involuntarily put her hands into the cool stream, but she still kept an eye on the pavilion and focused on the First Miss Shao's movements.

Shao Yanru sat in the pavilion, not seeming to be leaving. Shuqi even took out a pot of tea and a cup from the bag she carried with her. She was well-prepared. After pouring a cup for Shao Yanru, she handed the cup to Shao Yanru.

Shao Yanru took the cup and took a sip unhurriedly.

"Miss, someone is coming over there!" Yujie, who suddenly found a tall and straight figure appear in her sight, immediately reminded Shao Wanru.

Shao Wanru put down the water in her hand and looked back in astonishment. She, who also saw the man, blinked her watery eyes and turned around to look at the man.

Was the man who Shao Yanru was waiting for? Since Shao Yanru had invited a man to meet here, why did Shao Yanru bring her here? Did Shao Yanru want her to cover for her? It was unreasonable for Shao Yanru to do so. Otherwise, was the man really a passer-by, whose showing up was not arranged by Shao Yanru?

But the man had just shown up, and they couldn't see him clearly. Shao Wanru pinched the red leaf in her hand calmly, slightly tilted her head and focused on Shao Yanru.

There must be something going on, and the one behind it must be Shao Yanru. She just wondered what Shao Yanru was up to!

The man had his back to them, so they couldn't see his face. Nevertheless, he bowed to Shao Yanru out of the pavilion and didn't get inside immediately, seeming to have good manners.

Shao Yanru suddenly stood up and seemed to be shocked. Obviously, she did not expect that this man would come to meet her. Although Shao Wanru could not see her face, her reaction suggested that something went wrong!

Was it really not arranged by Shao Yanru? Otherwise, with no one around at the moment, how could Shao Yanru be so calm?

Was it an accident? She really didn't believe it...

Chapter 578 One Mentioned His Identity Implicitly, While the Other One Was Artificial

Chu Qing walked into the pavilion slowly, followed by a young male servant. Seeing Shao Yanru sitting there, he asked softly, "Miss, can I ask for a cup of tea?"

He asked in an extremely polite tone. As a gentle and handsome child, who met an elegant and pretty lady by chance, he behaved properly with a good look.

However, Shao Yanru frowned. She recognized Chu Qing! But he should show up in front of Shao Wanru instead of showing up in front of her at the moment. Could it be that he had not found Shao Wanru yet?

"Shuqi, do we have another cup?" Shao Yanru looked at Chu Qing calmly and asked, wondering what was going on!

Shuqi got it, took out another cup from her bag, poured a cup of tea and handed it to Chu Qing respectfully. Chu Qing took it with a smile. After taking two sips, he looked at Shao Yanru with a smile and said, "Miss, I'm wondering which mansion you come from. I'm sorry to disturb you today. I'll send you a tea set to thank you for offering me a cup of tea today!"

He meant to express his gratitude after drinking the tea offered by Shao Yanru.

Shao Yanru stood up, bowed sideways and said, "It's very kind of you to say so. It's just a cup of tea and not worth mentioning."

"It's just a cup of tea for you, but it means more than a cup of tea for me. Miss, you should give me a chance to express my gratitude!"

Chu Qing said with an increasingly gentle smile, holding the tea cup and politely standing far away from Shao Yanru out of the pavilion instead of sitting opposite to her. He looked so polite and well-behaved that people could tell at first glance that he was a scrupulously honest gentleman and child endowed with both beauty and talent cultivated by an aristocratic family.

Compared with those profligate and foppish children, whose attention was easily attracted by a lady, he was much better.

But even so, he showed some amiability in his tone. After looking up at Shao Yanru, he lowered his head with a slight blush, which endowed his words a different meaning!

But it was not annoying!

No Miss from an aristocratic family would consider this extremely implicit but polite behavior annoying. He behaved so properly that he didn't even enter the pavilion for fear of ruining the reputation of the Miss in the pavilion.

"He's quite artificial!" Yujie could not help whispering. She could not hear their conversation, but thought that both of them were artificial.

Needless to say, the First Miss was artificial enough. She seemed to be benevolent and kind, dignified and decent and cautious at any time, but in fact, she was black-hearted and vicious. As long as she got a chance, she would try every way to set up Shao Wanru. Now Yujie had seen it clearly that the First Miss was probably even more black-hearted and vicious than the First Miss Qin.

Nevertheless, the First Miss looked much kinder with a good reputation, which made the First Miss Qin no match for her!

Hearing Yujie's words, Shao Wanru smiled slightly without saying anything. She raised her long eyelashes and looked at the pair of pleasant couple through the gap between the trees.

It was a pity that both of them were scheming, which ruined the romantic scene at the moment. She could not figure out what was going on till now!

The man should be Commandery Prince Qing. Although she was far away from him yesterday, she had seen him faintly. She did not recognize him immediately, but after thinking for a while, she was told by the sense of familiarity that the man in front of her was the newly entitled Commandery Prince Qing, who was not a kind person!

Shao Yanru intended to hook up with Commandery Prince Qing? Leaving promising Prince Zhou and Prince Yue alone and turning to Commandery Prince Qing, who was powerless and seemed to be unpromising? It really didn't seem like what Shao Yanru would do.

That was to say, they met by chance!

However, if they met by chance, it was unreasonable for Shao Yanru to be specially dressed. Shao Wanru glanced at Shao Yanru's black clothes, which were similar to hers, and the white jade hairpin on Shao Yanru's head. It looked a little similar to the white jade hairpin on her head. She squinted slightly and thought that it seemed to be interesting!

"Miss, when did the First Miss change her hairpin?" Yujie also noticed Shao Yanru's hairpin at this time and asked in surprise.

"She probably changed it when going back with Shuqi!" Shao Wanru twitched the corners of her mouth and said with a sarcastic smile.

When they set out, Shao Yanru said that she had sprained her ankle and suggested that they should enter the forest separately. Shao Wanru didn't notice that Shao Yanru had changed her hairpin at the moment!

"The First Miss is dressed like you today, and even wear a hairpin similar to yours. Could it be possible that she asked the child to meet here in your name?" Yujie pounded on the stream and said in rage.

Two little fishes, which were swimming cheerfully in the stream, were frightened and escaped in a panic.

Shao Wanru felt her heart skipped a beat. If Shao Yanru was pretending to be her and exchanging amorous glances with Commandery Prince Qing, she should go out now and ruin Shao Yanru's plan!

However, she inexplicably felt that it was not so simple. Shao Yanru was not a simple person. How could Shao Yanru allow her plan to be exposed so easily?

"Let's wait and see!" Shao Wanru smiled slightly and said unhurriedly. She was not anxious and preferred to see how it would end instead of coming forward and being a part of it.

"My master is a Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion and doesn't need a tea set. Young Master, you don't have to do that!" In the pavilion, on hearing Chu Qing's words, Shuqi raised her neck and said arrogantly.

Duke Xing's Mansion represented power in the capital city.

"It turns out that you are a Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. I've been indiscreet to say that. If I have a chance next time, I will definitely send you my gratitude from my prince's mansion, Miss Shao!" Chu Qing said, put the teacup in the hands of the servant behind him and bowed deeply to Shao Yanru. Shao Yanru hurriedly got up to avoid it and then bowed sideways to return the salute!

"Prince's mansion, you are..." Shuqi asked in astonishment with her eyes wide open, seeming to be too shocked to talk at the moment!

It was normal for her, who was a maid, to make a fuss when being startled. But she immediately collected herself, restrained her panic and bowed deeply to Chu Qing like Shao Yanru. As a personal maid of a Miss from an aristocratic family, she reacted naturally and properly.

The Miss was adorable, and her maid was polite and smart.

"Miss Shao, I'll leave you to the beautiful scenery now. Since I've used this cup, I'm not going to give it back to you because it's improper to do so. I'll give you a new tea set later!" Chu Qing said gently with a bright smile on his face. After that, he waved his full sleeves, turned around, and strode away.

Seeing him leave, Shao Yanru blinked her eyes. She had not figured out why Chu Qing showed up in front of her instead of showing up in front of Shao Wanru until now. Looking around and not finding Shao Wanru, she became increasingly confused.

But she didn't show it on her face, but suddenly asked, "Your Highness, can I ask that have you seen a girl, who looks like me and dresses like me?"

She inquired about the other girl instead of inquiring about the identity of the prince. If he knew that she was inquiring about her Fifth Sister, he would definitely consider her a good sister, who was concerned about her sister under any circumstances.

"Oh, I wonder who you are looking for, Miss Shao?" Chu Qing turned around and asked with a smile.

"She is my sister. I wonder if you have seen her when you came here." Shao Yanru asked softly with a frown. Her pretty eyes, coupled with her frown, made her look lovingly pathetic. Although her face was covered with a veil, it didn't decrease her tenderness.

It was difficult for a man to resist her charm, especially for a man, who had expressed his affection implicitly and properly a moment ago!

"I haven't seen her. Did she get lost? Can I help you look for her?" Chu Qing said and showed some concern, which was proper enough to arouse affection.

Shao Wanru watched them from a distance and couldn't help sighing. They were really a match for each other and seemed to have expressed affection when communicating with each other. Although they were far away from each other and seemed to behave properly with two servants around, they inexplicably showed some affection for each other.

"Thank you, Your Highness. If you see her, please tell her to come here. I'll wait for her here!" Shao Yanru bowed sideways again and said.

"Okay!" Chu Qing agreed readily. After glancing at Shao Yanru again, he turned to leave with his servant without revealing his identity at the end.

Although there were a few princes in the capital city and all of them were the descendants of the royal family, there was difference between princes. In view of his age, no one would guess that he was Prince Cheng. Of course, no one would guess that he was the sickly Prince Chen. Sometimes it was better to mention "his prince's mansion" than to tell his name directly.

Both Prince Yue and Prince Zhou were of higher status than him!

One of them mentioned his identity implicitly, while the other one was artificial. They were very well matched. Seeing that Commandery Prince Qing was crossing over, Shao Wanru pulled Yujie to hide in the shadow of the stone. He seemed to be coming towards her. Could it be possible that he got some hint from Shao Yanru and came to look for her?

Although Shao Wanru didn't think that he would be tricked by Shao Yanru easily, Shao Wanru did not want to meet him at this time so that he couldn't make use of the favorable current situation. Fortunately, there was a big stone here, which hid her and Yujie.

Seeing Chu Qing walk past the big stone beside them in a hurry, Shao Wanru and Yujie poked their heads out and looked at the pavilion in the distance. Shuqi was cleaning the stone table. It seemed that they were going to go inside.

Shao Yanru came out of the pavilion neatly, showing no difficulty in walking as she did with the help of Shuqi before. As she expected, Shao Yanru just did that in front of her in order to take a different route to enter the forest!

It seemed that there were quite a lot of scenery along the way today!

Shao Wanru and Yujie didn't turn around, go back to the previous path and continue walking forward until Chu Qing vanished in their sight. If Shao Wanru didn't guess wrong, Commandery Prince Qing was walking ahead of them now...

Chapter 579 Two Fighting Old Maids

There were tall trees and curved paths. Maple leaves were as beautiful as flowers, slowly falling from the trees.

The scenery in front of her was extremely beautiful. Even though Shao Wanru was full of thoughts, she had to admire that this maple forest was not inferior to the garden where thousands of beautiful flowers were in full bloom in spring and that it was even more amazing in some aspects.

They walked slowly on the curved path. In this quiet forest, they suddenly heard the noise of people coming from behind them. Then two old maids appeared in their sight. One was running and the other was chasing. The one behind seemed to be holding something in her hand and was going to throw it to the old maid in front of her.

The old maid in front was very flexible. She made turns from time to time and did not run in a straight line. Even if the old maid behind threw out something, it was impossible to hit her.

Yujie pulled Shao Wanru to the side of the road. The path was not broad, so it was easy for them to bump into Shao Wanru when running in this way.

Looking at the two old maids running over, Shao Wanru took Yujie's hand to step back a few steps and directly stepped out of the path to make way for them. She looked coldly at the two old maids who were approaching them.

Yujie stood in front of Shao Wanru and stared at the two old maids warily.

The old maid running in front finally ran to the front of Shao Wanru and Yujie. She looked back while running, as if she didn't notice that there was someone in front of her. She didn't notice that she had run out of the path in a few steps and rushed straight to Yujie.

Yujie was knocked to stagger a few steps and almost fell down. She had originally stood in front of Shao Wanru, but now she fell aside, giving way to Shao Wanru behind her.

The old maid behind saw that the old maid in front threw herself at Yujie and took her aside. She was overjoyed and threw the thing in her hand out while scolding the woman behind Yujie.

Shao Wanru had already known that something terrible would happen when Yujie stumbled out. She kicked on the trunk beside her, covered her head with her hands, and fell aside heavily to the ground. A sharp pricking under her body made her couldn't help but groan, and then she heard some sounds.

Something hot hit her leg. Fortunately, it was already autumn, so her dress was not as thin as it was in summer.

Seeing Shao Wanru fall to the ground, Yujie kicked the old maid standing in front of her to the ground like crazy, and then she slapped the old maid who was still holding her hands on the ground. She shouted anxiously, "Miss, Miss!"

She turned around and helped Shao Wanru to stand up. She reached out and patted some of the debris on Shao Wanru's body. As soon as she patted, she screamed in pain.

"What's this?" Shao Wanru stood still with her hands on the trunk, and her cold eyes fell on the two messy old maids.

There was something black on the lower hem of her clothes as well as on the ground where she was standing before. Yujie's hand had been burned when she was just patting the things on her clothes. It could be seen that these things were hot, and the old maid had thrown them to her face just now.

The light veil on her face couldn't protect her at all. With so many tiny pieces, no matter how many of them hit her face, the places where they hit would inevitably be injured.

"Miss, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I... I want to hit this b*tch. I don't mean to smash you... It... It is the sand added to stir-fry melon seeds at the bottom... I'm afraid... afraid that... I'm afraid that the melon seeds will be over stir-fried..." The old maid struggled to get up, but she found that she couldn't get up for the moment. The place where she was kicked by Yujie was painful. She wanted to run away as soon as she got up, because there was no one here. But now she found that she couldn't run away at all.

"Miss, it was this old b*tch who did it. It had nothing to do with me. I... I just ran away because she had such a strong killing desire. I... I didn't expect that this old b*tch dared to do such a thing. I... I..." The other old maid shook her hands and explained in a hurry, as she also wanted to get up and run.

She was slapped to the ground by Yujie. Her face was full of pain, but there was no problem with her legs. She rolled her eyes around and wanted to run away immediately.

She had made up her mind that there were only a Miss and a servant girl here. Even though this servant girl looked powerful, she did not dare to leave her master behind and chase after her.

However, as soon as she stood up, she sadly found that her clothes were stepped on by a foot. Looking up at Yujie's mad eyes, she was so scared that her heart couldn't help trembling.

Needless to say, the Misses from influential families were all delicate and weak, and they were no worse than Misses from small families. How could this servant girl be so powerful? Her kick and slap were not only quick but also powerful so that they couldn't run away even if they wanted to. The old maid pulled hard at the hem of her clothes, but she couldn't pull at all.

This servant girl, who seemed to be a little girl, was actually stronger than such a rough old maid, and stepped on her clothes steadily.

"Break her foot. See how she can run away!" Shao Wanru said coldly, with a trace of gloom in her eyes.

"Yes, Miss!" Yujie raised her foot and kicked hard on the leg of the old maid who was tugging at the lower hem of her clothes.

“Ah!” A miserable scream came from far away, and the other old maid was so scared that her face was as pale as snow, just like that of the old maid who had been kicked.

Shouldn't she ask them clearly at this time? Why did this Miss ask the servant girl to kick her without saying a word?

“Tell me, what's going on?” Shao Wanru glanced at the two old maids' faces and said coldly!

“Miss, please forgive me. Miss, I beg for your mercy. We didn't do it on purpose. I... I borrowed a pot from the nunnery to stir fry melon seeds, but this b*tch came to make trouble and ruined my whole pot of melon seeds. I was so angry that I ran out and held a handful of sand within a handkerchief. Miss, I really didn't mean to do so. Please forgive me, Miss!”

The old maid who had thrown out the hot sand was the first to come to her sense. She moved slightly and knelt and kowtowed to Shao Wanru, with her face full of tears. It was unknown whether she was scared or painful.

“Miss, please forgive me. I... I just couldn't stand the fact that this b*tch deliberately hurt my grandson before, so I disturbed her on purpose. She chased me, and I... I ran away. I didn't expect to meet this Miss. Neither did I expect that she would grab hot sand for stir-frying melon seeds and throw it to someone. Miss, I'm really wronged. I don't know anything!”

The other old maid also came to her sense at this time. She covered her injured leg, struggled to kneel down, and kowtowed to Shao Wanru too.

“Please forgive me, Miss!”

“Miss, please forgive me!” The two old maids cried and begged for mercy in a pitiful look. They were half kneeling and half lying on the ground. It was obvious that their condition was not good.

The shrill and miserable scream in this quiet forest just now startled many people who were enjoying the scenery. People in the distance didn't know the direction, but those nearby could tell that it was from this direction. Someone quickened his pace and walked in this direction.

“Miss?” Shuqi also heard it. They were in the horizontal direction of Shao Wanru, not far away from her. Such a sharp scream was very clear.

Shao Yanru listened carefully with a proud look on her face. Did Shao Wanru fall into her trap? Otherwise, how could she make such a tragic cry of pain!

“Let's go and have a look!” She turned in another direction with Shuqi and walked across the maple forest horizontally.

No matter how much she had been injured, it would be fine as long as she had been injured. Even if she was not the most seriously injured, wouldn't there be some ointment for scalds? She had used it before, and Shao Wanru had seen that there was no scar on her hand after recovering. She would let Shao Wanru use it when she went back.

Her face made people angry, so it would be better to ruin it!

“Send them to the officials! Ask someone to find out whether someone wants to hurt me and set up this trap! I heard that the people of the Ministry of Justice are still here. Send them directly to the Ministry of Justice later!” Shao Wanru said coldly and Yujie came back to support her.

The Ministry of Justice was different from ordinary yamens. People always felt that it was difficult to leave that place after entering. If something happened on the people in the capital city, they would go to the lord mayor instead of the Ministry of Justice to report the case. At least, the lord mayor’s office was not as strict as the Ministry of Justice.

Seeing Shao Wanru’s cold and angry eyes, the two old maids were really panicked. They could have escaped, but now they had failed and would be sent to the Ministry of Justice. It seemed that this Miss was not going to give up. The two old maids looked at each other and saw real fear in each other’s eyes for the first time.

Both of them were rough old maids from the countryside and had been hired to come here. They had seen Shuqi before coming here. Shuqi said that Shao Wanru had always bullied her eldest sister and was disrespectful to her. Moreover, she had robbed her eldest sister’s courtyard in an arrogant way. She had asked two old maids to deal with Shao Wanru, and of course, she had also given them a lot of silver taels in private.

When they had been on the mountain, they had not taken action. At that time, they had originally wanted to rush down suddenly when Shao Wanru had been climbing up. They could push Shao Wanru and the servant girl down the mountain through the narrow path, and they would only need to report that Shao Wanru and her servant girl carelessly fell down the mountain. This time, they used the hot sand used for stir-fried melon seeds to ruin Shao Wanru’s face.

The two old maids were both uneducated and rough. They had not thought it would be a big deal. Anyway, they could run away after the incident, and there was no one else in the forest, so nobody would know who they were.

Unexpectedly, Yujie was so powerful that she directly knocked them down on the ground. Then Shao Wanru gave a fierce order to let the Ministry of Justice charge them with intentional injury. If they were really sent to the Ministry of Justice, it would be difficult for them to come out again. They panicked and knelt down together to beg Shao Wanru as they kowtowed.

“Miss, we really didn’t mean to do it!”

“Miss, we won’t dare to do it again! Miss, please forgive us!”

Shao Wanru looked at the two old maids coldly. She saw that their foreheads were red and broken because of kowtowing, but her heart was not softened and she didn’t say anything.

This place was not far from Shao Yanru, so she should be here soon!

Shao Yanru tried to frame her up over and over again today. Now she only needed to wait and see what she wanted to do next!

“Miss, don’t take it too serious. Since it’s a misunderstanding and they are in such a condition, forgive them and let them go!” A gentle voice came over, which made Shao Wanru and Yujie look up together!

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Under the veil, there was a slight sneer on the corner of Shao Wanru's mouth. This Prince Qing had appeared!

This should also have been expected by Shao Yanru!

Sure enough, compared with Qin Yuru, Shao Yanru was the most insidious and venomous snake. Unfortunately, Shao Yanru still didn't know her own character. She took it for granted!

Not only did Chu Qing appear on the path, but there were also others. There were not many people, only five or six of them. It seemed that some brothers and sisters from a certain family had come together to enjoy the scenery. Chu Qing walked in front of a group of people. Their voices were not low, which went far away in the quiet forest, so it was easy to hear what they were talking about.

"Miss, it's very kind of you!" Chu Qing came over and smiled at Shao Wanru. He bowed politely and looked at Shao Wanru's beautiful eyes, which were exposed outside the veil.

Even though her eyes were filled with anger and coldness, they were still shockingly beautiful. Just one glance was enough to make one's heart flutter. However, no matter how beautiful she was, she was just a beauty to Chu Qing.

Although it was hard to find an extremely beautiful woman in this world, it was not impossible to find one. And it was not so difficult to find one!

If he could have power in the world, he could get all kinds of beauties. So what if Shao Yanru was the most beautiful woman in the capital city? In his eyes, beauties were nothing. What's more, Shao Yanru was the kind of charming one. Although she could make men fall in love with her, he admired elegant and generous beauties more.

Chu Qing felt that although Fifth Miss Shao's eyes were less charming than First Miss Shao's, they were clearer. She was the type he liked.

Even if all the men in the world thought that this woman in front of him was beautiful, he would not.

"What's the matter, childe?" Yujie took two steps forward and looked at Chu Qing coldly with alert.

"Since the thing about the two old maids was an accident and Miss didn't get hurt, let's forget about it. It seems that they have gotten their retribution. Their legs must have been injured!" Chu Qing said in a gentle and elegant way. Seeing the two old maids kneeling unnaturally and dragging their legs, he thought that the two old maids fell and hurt.

His words were extremely gentle and he seemed to be trying to calm things down. The people behind him who had come to watch the scene nodded their heads and agreed with him.

In the current situation, it seemed that the two old maids were in a bad situation. Not only were they in a bad state, but they also looked pitiful. Compared with Shao Wanru, who was not hurt at all, the situation of these two old maids was really sympathetic.

Shao Wanru pulled Yujie, who still wanted to defend herself, and looked up at Chu Qing and said in a cold voice, "Does this childe mean that if I am hurt by them on my face, it could be seen as something?"

In her last life, she had never dealt with this Prince Qing, so she did not know what kind of person he was. But at this moment, she clearly realized that the ambition of this Prince Qing had been taken advantage of by Shao Yanru.

Chu Qing, who had just become Prince Qing and had just returned to his ancestral roots, urgently needed a good reputation now. Now that there was such a good opportunity, he certainly would not let it go.

It seemed that he was determined to care about this matter!

Shao Wanru's words were extremely sharp, and Chu Qing's handsome face showed some embarrassment. However, looking at the miserable appearance of the two old maids, he couldn't bear to say, "Since these two old maids are now like this, Miss should let them go. This is a quiet place of Buddhism, and Buddhism is most concerned about charity. It seems that you are also a kind person, so you won't be too aggressive!"

"Even if people of the quiet Buddhist sect kill people, should they be forgiven? Put down their killing knives and become a Buddha immediately. Who cares if he killed tens of millions of people before? Then why did the Ministry of Justice come to the Yuhui Nunnery before? Since killing people in front of the Buddhist sect is not a big deal and killers should be forgiven, why does the Ministry of Justice have to come?" Shao Wanru's eyes became colder and colder. She directly combined with the Ministry of Justice coming to the Yuhui Nunnery to investigate that case!

And these things were also vaguely related to Chu Qing.

"This... It's different. Miss has not been hurt!" Chu Qing was annoyed, but he couldn't show it on his face. He smiled slightly and looked calmer.

Shao Wanru looked at Chu Qing with a faint smile and asked, "If one day you were assassinated, but you were not stabbed to death, would you forgive them and let the assassins go back?"

If she asked someone else this question, they would not think much of it. Which assassin would come to assassinate an ordinary person for no reason? But Chu Qing was not. Since he was ambitious, his next path was destined to be unusual. Or it could be said that since he came out of the Yuhui Nunnery and came to the crowd, he was destined not to be an ordinary person.

He would definitely be assassinated. If he said that he would not pursue this matter now, and such a thing really happened in the future, it would be troublesome for him if his opponent dealt with him with what he said today.

Just as Shao Yanru was sure that Chu Qing would help these old maids when he saw what he believed was injustice. Shao Wanru was also sure that Chu Qing didn't dare to say yes.

Sure enough, Chu Qing coughed in a low voice. When he was about to bypass this to explain from another perspective, he heard Shao Wanru say this again.

"Childe, do you also think that this kind of thing can't be forgiven? When you encounter something, of course, it is different from what others encounter. Please don't put what you don't like on others. Please don't use these two standards on yourself and others," Shao Wanru said coldly and impolitely.

Chu Qing's face turned red with embarrassment and anger. He didn't expect that the First Miss Shao in front of him was so sharp-tongued. He couldn't help snorting in his heart. It was said that her reputation was excellent. Just from what she said, he knew that she was not a good person. Sure enough, rumors couldn't be trusted.

"Let's go back and find the people from the Ministry of Justice to bring them back!" Shao Wanru turned to Yujie and said. It seemed that she was going to leave. The two old maids were injured. Even if they wanted to escape, they could not escape in a short time. Moreover, in the maple forest, they must return later because there was no way down the mountain.

The way up the mountain and down the mountain was the same one. The only one was the one in front of the Yuhui Nunnery. Otherwise, Mo Qiuyi would not have begged Great Elder Princess to take her "man from the same hometown" down the mountain.

"What... What's going on?" Shao Yanru, who had been hiding behind the tree for a long time, couldn't hide anymore. Of course, the two old maids couldn't drag her, but it was not good for her if Shuqi was involved.

She was not yet in a situation where she had to change her servant girl.

Seeing Shao Yanru behind the tree, Chu Qing inexplicably breathed a sigh of relief. He couldn't help showing a smile on his face. He bowed deeply to Shao Yanru, who was walking over gracefully, and said, "Miss Shao!"

The other few onlookers looked at Shao Yanru, who was walking over, and then looked at Shao Wanru, who was almost dressed the same. They were all silent. No matter how they looked at them, they seemed to have something to do with each other.

They dressed almost exactly the same. If the white jade hairpin of the lady in front had not fallen to the ground, they would have looked exactly the same. Some people looked at the ground and found that the white jade hairpin on the ground had been broken into two pieces. However, neither the master nor the servant girl seemed not to have found. The master had even stepped on the jade hairpin.

In the current situation, naturally, no one would go to remind Shao Wanru of such a small matter!

The jade hairpin was broken. Fortunately, her hair was tied in a tight bun, so her beautiful hair did not fall.

Shao Yanru smiled at Chu Qing and bowed on one side. Compared with Shao Wanru, who stood there with some arrogance, Shao Yanru's words and deeds were gentle and dignified, which made people like her very much.

"Sister, what's wrong?" After bowing, Shao Yanru turned to the two old maids kneeling on the ground, frowned. She looked at Shao Wanru, and asked softly.

"First Miss, these two old maids deliberately wanted to ruin our Miss's appearance and hit her with stir-fried sand. If our Miss and I didn't dodge fast, our faces had been ruined. However, these two old maids deliberately said that there was a dispute between them. They quarreled with each other and accidentally hit our Miss. Look at their positions. How could they hit our Miss's face? They did it on purpose!"

Yujie shouted righteously and reached out to point at the place where the two old maids were kneeling. The two old maids were kneeling in a row now. It did not seem that they were quarreling and could hit Shao Wanru by accident.

The onlookers were also confused and felt that these words were really reasonable. Could it be that the two old maids really had some ulterior motives? Looking at Shao Wanru's beautiful watery eyes, although she wore a veil, they were all attracted. Was someone jealous of her face and did it on purpose?

If this was true, it must be an acquaintance. In this place, Shao Yanru seemed to be the only one Shao Wanru knew!

Shao Yanru was sensitive and noticed that everyone's eyes were on her. She couldn't help but feel hatred in her heart. She didn't expect that Shao Wanru's servant girl was so eloquent that her words made everyone pay attention to her. However, she didn't point it out. She couldn't defend herself even if she wanted to!

"Fifth Sister, since there is such a thing, you can send them to Capital Officials. This kind of thing is dealt with by Capital Officials. There will be murder cases for the Ministry of Justice to deal with," Shao Yanru said softly. Her words sounded quite fair.

The two old maids looked at each other and secretly breathed a sigh of relief. They looked at Shao Yanru gratefully and thought that this First Miss was really kind. Previously, Shuqi repeatedly said that if something really happened to them, she would definitely ask her Miss to save them.

"The people of the Ministry of Justice are right in front of us. Why do you invite the people from Capital Officials? Is it the most convenient for you to come back after you go to the foot of the mountain to invite people?" Shao Wanru asked in confusion.

"It doesn't matter. I'll send someone down the mountain. It's not troublesome!" Shao Yanru said softly, as if Shao Wanru had just said that because she was afraid of trouble, she went directly to the Ministry of Justice, which was not reasonable.

After all, this kind of thing was not a big deal. No one was killed or hurt. It was just out of suspicion.

"Big Sister, I'm not afraid of trouble. I just think it's better to ask the Ministry of Justice to investigate this kind of thing. If something happens to us on the mountain, the Ministry of Justice will have to investigate it even if we don't investigate it. If Big Sister feels that this matter cannot be solved, you can ask the people of the Ministry of Justice to inquire about it first. See if it should be reported to them or to the Capital Officials. It's up to the Minister of Justice of the Ministry. Is that okay?"

Shao Wanru said calmly. With Qiu Yu around, everything related to Shao Yanru was a big deal. This matter had to be left in the Ministry of Justice. Of course, with Qiu Yu around, this matter would be solved easily.

Shao Yanru couldn't keep a distance from Qiu Yu anymore!