

Medical Princess 581

Chapter 581 Partners in Doing Evil Seem to Be a Good Couple!

Her words were extremely reasonable. Although she sounded a little aggressive, at least it seemed to be fair and reasonable to ask the Ministry of Justice to make a judgment.

Those who were watching the fun also thought it a good idea. Seeing that Shao Wanru had only brought a maid, who obviously couldn't be sent for the officials of the Ministry of Justice, someone enthusiastically sent his/her old maid for the officials of the Ministry of Justice.

Hearing that Shao Wanru was going to ask the officials of the Ministry of Justice to make a judgment, the two old maids couldn't help looking at Shuqi pleadingly with their face turning pale in fear. Seeing that the two old maids kept looking at her, Shuqi, who also panicked, hurriedly gave them a hard look and then nodded quietly.

She did that to give them a hint that they didn't need to be scared and she would help them out!

Seeing Shuqi nod and knowing that they didn't need to worry about it, the two old maids felt relieved and that their legs went weak, and collapsed on the ground.

"Are you the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion?" Chu Qing asked after glancing at Shao Yanru and Shao Wanru thoughtfully. He, who had realized something from their conversation, looked at Shao Yanru with burning eyes. It turned out that he had made a mistake. The Miss in front of him was the First Miss Shao, who deserved to be a famous beauty in the capital city.

She was as beautiful as he had heard!

"Yes, and you are?" Shao Yanru bowed sideways and said gently. She asked about his name for the first time, as if she had never met him in private before.

"I'm Chu Qing!" Chu Qing said softly.

"You are Commandery Prince Qing. I'm sorry for having not recognized you!" Shao Yanru bowed deeply again and said.

"Is this the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion?" After receiving Shao Yanru's salute, Chu Qing turned to Shao Wanru and asked with a smile, "I'm sorry for having made some indiscreet remarks and argued with you, Fifth Miss!"

Shao Wanru also bowed sideways, but she behaved so perfunctorily that anyone could tell that she was still angry with Chu Qing for what he had said just now.

"Prince Qing, it's very kind of you to say so!" Shao Wanru said lightly. Her charming fluid eyes were filled with indifference, which added some unpredictable spirit to her eyes. Even her fresh charm became aloof and cold, but others involuntarily took a few more glances at her.

She was beautiful and charming, but also aloof!

At this moment, those who were watching the fun came to realize that the First Miss Shao turned out to be the first beauty in the capital city, while the other Miss was the Fifth Miss Shao, who was said to be

so filial that she volunteered to come up the mountain to observe mourning for her parents as soon as she returned to Duke Xing's Mansion. But why did they begin to wonder if the First Miss Shao was really the first beauty?

Although both of the two Misses only showed their eyes, the Fifth Miss was obviously better-looking.

Everyone glanced at the two of them, and then they were lost in thought.

"Fifth Miss, have you got hurt?" Chu Qing asked, looking indifferently at Shao Wanru, who had been standing with Yujie's help and never let go of her hand since she got up.

"Fifth Sister, have you really got hurt? Are you okay?" Shao Yanru seemed to have noticed the unusual situation and hurriedly asked, while walking to the other side of Shao Wanru in an attempt to help her.

However, Shao Wanru gently pushed her and said, "Big Sister, I'm fine. I've just sprained my ankle slightly!"

"Can you walk?" Shao Yanru asked with concern, as if she was really a good elder sister, who was sincerely concerned about her younger sister.

"Nothing serious. It's no big deal. Big Sister, you sprained your ankle before, but you've recovered now, right?" Shao Wanru said with a smile, with her gaze falling on Shao Yanru's foot. Shao Yanru had said that she had sprained her ankle before.

"It... It's nothing serious. I've recovered now!" Reminded by Shao Wanru, Shao Yanru, who had almost forgotten it, hurriedly covered it up and gently moved her foot to show that she was fine.

"That's great! First Miss, I saw you limp just now, but now you've recovered!" Yujie praised with a look of envy.

The spectators focused on the First Miss Shao. On the one hand, it was because she was known as the first beauty. On the other hand, it was because of Yujie's words. Since the First Miss Shao seemed to have sprained her ankle seriously, how was it possible that she had recovered in such a short time?

When Shao Yanru came out a moment ago, they saw it clearly that she didn't seem to have sprained her ankle at all!

Shao Yanru bore a grudge, but couldn't show it on her face. She faked a kind smile, looked at a long chair not far away and said, "Fifth Sister, how about I help you go there for a rest?"

"No, thank you, Big Sister. Let's wait here. After the officials of the Ministry of Justice come and take them away, I'll go back. In this situation, I can't move even if I want to!" Shao Wanru said with a wry smile, suggesting that she was seriously injured.

"Misses, go for a rest. I'll instruct my manservant watch over them. If you've really sprained your ankle, it's not good to keep standing here!" Chu Qing advised gently.

A few more spectators joined him in persuading her to have a rest.

Feeling it inappropriate to reject their kindness, Shao Wanru walked slowly to the bench on one side with Yujie's help. Although she walked elegantly, she was still a little stiff and unnatural. It was obvious that she was really injured.

The bench was not far away. Shuqi had gone over there and cleaned the bench with a handkerchief, and then cooperated with Yujie to help Shao Wanru sit down.

Shao Yanru followed them closely. After Shao Wanru sat down, she crouched down as if intending to see Shao Wanru's wound. But Shao Wanru stopped her and said, "Big Sister, stop. There are many people around us!"

"It's my fault. I'm too concerned about your injury!" As Shao Yanru said, she got up and stood beside Shao Wanru with concern and tenderness in her eyes.

Seeing the tenderness in her eyes, Chu Qing thought that the First Miss Shao did deserve to be known as the first beauty, and had an idea after blinking his eyes.

No matter whether it was Shao Wanru who wrote the note to ask him to meet here, he could leave it aside for the time being and mention it when it was necessary.

Both of the two Misses of Duke Xing's Mansion were good. The First Miss had the support of Duke Xing's Mansion, while the Fifth Miss had the support of Rui'an Great Elder Princess. He needed their support. If he could manage to make them speak for him or have a good relationship with them, it would be of great help to his cause.

After making up his mind, he left his manservant to watch over the two old maids on one side and then walked up to Shao Yanru and Shao Wanru with the intention of leaving a good impression on them.

Seeing Chu Qing come over, Shao Wanru leaned her head on Yujie, who was standing beside her, and closed her eyes as if feeling such great pain that she didn't feel like talking. In the current situation, it was normal even if she was too weak to talk. On such a cool day, her white and tender forehead had been covered with sweat after she took only a few steps. It could be seen that she was really in great pain.

Seeing Shao Wanru lean her head on Yujie's shoulder and close her eyes, Chu Qing looked towards Shao Yanru and said, "First Miss, I've brought an imperial physician with me. Shall I instruct him to see the Fifth Miss?"

"I don't dare to trouble you. My Fifth Sister and I have the ointment granted by the imperial palace. It's nothing serious!" Shao Yanru refused in a soft voice, secretly complaining that Commandery Prince Qing was so unobservant. She didn't need the help from his imperial physician, because she couldn't make Shao Wanru use her ointment if his imperial physician came.

"Well, if your sister needs anything, just tell me. I'll stay in the Yuhui Nunnery for the next few days!" Knowing that it was useless to insist on it, Chu Qing could only express his desire to help them.

"Thank you, Commandery Prince Qing. I heard that you've handled your affairs. Why do you still stay in the Yuhui Nunnery?" Shao Yanru didn't want him to talk about Shao Wanru's injury, so she changed the topic in a soft voice and asked curiously.

"My mother hasn't recovered and has to rest for another few days before we go down the mountain," Chu Qing said vaguely with a smile, reluctant to talk about this, "First Miss, why are you also on the mountain? I heard that only the Fifth Miss Shao was on the mountain before!"

Shao Yanru felt like talking about this, which could highlight her reputation, "At the thought that it was too lonely of my Fifth Sister to observe mourning for her parents alone on the mountain, I told my grandma that I would like to stay with her and observe mourning for my Eldest Aunt and Eldest Uncle."

"First Miss, you are so nice!" Chu Qing praised.

"I really don't deserve this. This is what I should do!" Shao Yanru said shyly, "Your Highness, you deserve to be described as a nice person. We got involved in such big trouble, and I have to trouble you to come forward and tell the Ministry of Justice what has happened later!"

Shao Yanru got Chu Qing involved in this with composure, because she really didn't want to have too deep a connection with Qiu Yu. Qiu Yu also came from an aristocratic family, so their social circles overlapped with each other. Shao Yanru didn't want to hear any rumors about the close relationship between Qiu Yu and her. As a Miss, who was going to be the empress, she couldn't bear such rumors.

If she could make Chu Qing come forward and explain the incident, it would be better!

"Of course I would like to help you. It's no big deal!" Chu Qing, who happened to want to find an opportunity to get close to them, certainly would not refuse. He nodded and said with a smile.

Both of them had their own purposes and Chu Qing wanted to get close to them, so they got immersed in their delightful conversation as they talked and burst into soft laughter from time to time. They had totally ignored Shao Wanru, who was leaning in Yujie's arms.

One of them was a handsome man, while the other was a Miss, whose eyes were enough to show her beauty. So they made a picture quite pleasing to the eye when standing together. Shao Wanru, Yujie and Shao Yanru's maid Shuqi, of course, became the background of the picture. No one would notice several of them, who didn't move at all as if they didn't exist.

Although the spectators did not come over because they were afraid of their status, they were all looking at the two of them and could easily tell that the two of them, who met each other for the first time, had feelings for each other. The two of them talked and laughed, seeming to have forgotten the injured Fifth Miss.

The Fifth Miss was really pitiful. It was obvious that the First Miss did not care about her, otherwise she couldn't laugh at this moment.

The maple leaves fell on the two of them, making the picture more aesthetic. The ravishing Miss and the handsome and gentle child seemed to make a good couple. One of them raised his head slightly, while the other lowered her head slightly and showed a charming smile from time to time. It was such a picture pleasing to the eye.

However, at the sight of this, Qiu Yu only felt a strong sense of jealousy and even felt sharp pain in his eyes. He walked past the manservant, who was explaining the incident to him, walked up to the two of them in a few steps, cupped one hand in the other before his chest and said to Chu Qing, "Greetings, Commandery Prince Qing."

Chapter 582 Three People Go to Enjoy the Scenery Together!

"Greetings..." Before Chu Qing returned a salute, Qiu Yu turned to Shao Yanru and said. Seeing Shao Yanru's eyes under her veil, he froze for a moment and wondered if he had mistaken Shao Yanru for Shao Wanru. So he took a deep breath and said hesitantly, "Greetings, First Miss Shao!"

Shao Yanru didn't expect that Qiu Yu would mistake her with a veil for Shao Wanru. She smiled at once, bowed sideways and said, "Greetings, Your Excellency!"

Hearing Qiu Yu's voice, Shao Wanru slowly opened her eyes, looked into Qiu Yu's extremely surprised eyes and whispered, "Your Excellency, please forgive me for being unable to salute you because I've sprained my ankle!"

"It, it doesn't matter!" Qiu Yu stammered, looking at Shao Wanru and then at Shao Yanru and feeling at a loss. Did he really mistake Shao Yanru for Shao Wanru?

Looking at Shao Yanru and then at Shao Wanru, he finally fixed his eyes on Shao Yanru. He first heard of the First Miss Shao's reputation and fell in love with her later. How could he pass his affection to someone else because he mistook the First Miss Shao for someone else? The First Miss Shao was his beloved girl.

Of course, he found Commandery Prince Qing in front of him quite unpleasant to the eye and annoying, because Commandery Prince Qing seemed to be trying to please the First Miss Shao as well.

Hearing that Shao Yanru got involved in trouble, Qiu Yu left his work aside and hurried over with his subordinates. Now his subordinates had found out the cause of the incident and came to report to him.

After Qiu Yu's two subordinates finished reporting, Shao Wanru said, "Your Excellency, is this case in the charge of the Ministry of Justice?"

In front of his beloved girl, of course, Qiu Yu wouldn't say that such a trivial case was not in the charge of the Ministry of Justice. He straightened his back, looked at Shao Yanru and said seriously, "Of course, it's in the charge of the Ministry of Justice. First Miss, Fifth Miss, rest assured. I will definitely interrogate the two old maids and find out the one behind them. I won't let you feel aggrieved!"

Yujie curled her lip secretly and could think of nothing making the First Miss feel aggrieved. But now that the two old maids were going to be detained by the Ministry of Justice, the First Miss seemed to go to feel aggrieved!

"Thank you, Your Excellency!" Shao Wanru said gently.

"Thank you, Your Excellency!" Shao Yanru bowed with a smile and said.

Qiu Yu waved his hand at his two subordinates as a sign for them to take the two old maids back and put the case on record. He planned to investigate it after going back, because he didn't want to go back in such a hurry. He had tried every way to get close to Shao Yanru. However, Shao Yanru rarely came out like Shao Wanru. He certainly would not let go of such a rare chance now.

"First Miss, do you come out to enjoy the scenery? I happen to be free now. I would like to have a walk with you and Commandery Prince Qing," Qiu Yu said with a smile. Despite his reluctance, he had to

invite Chu Qing at the same time. Otherwise, the First Miss Shao, who had always been steeped in propriety, definitely would not go to enjoy the scenery with him.

Of course, Chu Qing was very delighted to be invited by Qiu Yu. Now he had no trusted follower in the imperial court and knew that it was not easy for him to recruit followers slowly after he entered the imperial court. Nevertheless, no matter how difficult it was, he would not give up. Qiu Yu worked in the Ministry of Justice and came from quite a powerful family. It was a bonus that he could start with Qiu Yu.

He immediately agreed with a smile. Of course, he could tell that Qiu Yu seemed to have feelings for Shao Yanru, so he didn't have to be Qiu Yu's rival in love. He was really not eager to win the beauty's heart!

"No, since my Fifth Sister has sprained her ankle, I... I can't leave now!" Shao Yanru said with concern, looking at Shao Wanru again.

She had a small talk with Chu Qing with the intention of maintaining a good relationship with him. It was really hard to tell who could inherit the throne in the future. With a good relationship with Chu Qing, even if the result was unexpected, she could still make use of the good relationship between them. But now she was unwilling to go to enjoy the scenery with Qiu Yu and Chu Qing.

Although it was not a private date with a man, she considered neither of them as her ideal mate. So she did not want to hear any rumor about the relationship between her and any of them.

"Big Sister, go ahead. I feel much better after sitting for a while. I am not in a hurry to go back now, so I can sit here and wait for you!" Just as Shao Yanru was about to refuse, Shao Wanru raised her eyes and said.

"Since the Fifth Miss has sprained her ankle, we should let her sit here for another while. First Miss, you can enjoy the scenery and tell the Fifth Miss about it after coming back! It's such a rare chance. If you refuse to join Commandery Prince Qing and me, we'll feel sad! I'll go back to work on the case later. It's uneasy for me to enjoy the scenery!" Qiu Yu said with a smile. Since Shao Wanru helped him out by saying that, he immediately pretended to be joking and invited Shao Yanru again implicitly.

"Uh..." Shao Yanru said hesitantly. Although she didn't think highly of Qiu Yu, she might need his help later. In addition, she wanted to maintain a good relationship with Chu Qing. If she refused again now, they would be embarrassed. Moreover, Shao Wanru said that she was fine and wanted to sit here for another while instead of going back.

Although it was reasonable for her to insist on staying here with Shao Wanru, it would embarrass Qiu Yu and Chu Qing.

"First Miss, let's go!" Chu Qing helped Qiu Yu by saying so, while taking a step back with a smile and saluting with joined hands.

Since he said so, Shao Yanru couldn't refuse even if she wanted to. She said a few more words to comfort Shao Wanru and asked about Shao Wanru's injury with concern, and then reluctantly left. At first, she turned her head after taking a few steps.

She looked like such a good elder sister!

Seeing that they had left, the spectators also went away, leaving Shao Wanru sitting there alone. They couldn't keep looking at Shao Wanru impolitely, so they followed Shao Yanru, Chu Qing and Qiu Yu to walk into the forest along the path to enjoy the scenery!

"Miss, are you okay?" After everyone left, Yujie asked anxiously and crouched down to take off Shao Wanru's shoe.

When she saw Shao Wanru's sprained ankle, her face immediately changed, because Shao Wanru's ankle had been swollen.

"Call Qing'er over!" After her ankle touched by Yujie, Shao Wanru felt such great pain that the sweat on her forehead immediately dripped down.

"Where, where is she..." Yujie stammered with her face turning pale.

"Qing'er, come out!" Shao Wanru said in a low voice after gasping.

Yujie looked around blankly and immediately saw Qing'er come out quickly from behind a tree. She was overjoyed and said with tears in her eyes, "Qing'er, come and have a look at Miss's ankle!"

Of course, she knew that Qing'er was a capable maid Prince Chen sent to protect Shao Wanru rather than an inferior maid.

In fact, Qing'er had followed Shao Wanru all the way here, but Shao Wanru didn't instruct her to show up until everyone left.

Qing'er walked up to Shao Wanru, knelt down, put Shao Wanru's sprained ankle on her knee, and said after having a look at Shao Wanru's swollen ankle, "Miss, please hold on for a while!"

"Okay!" Shao Wanru said, gnashed her teeth, held Yujie's hand tightly and looked straight into the distance.

Feeling a sharp pain in her ankle, she could not help groaning although she had been prepared for it. Her clothes were soaked in sweat. Fortunately, she no longer felt the pain, which seemed to be too sharp to be touched, after that.

"Miss, I'm done. Let me apply some ointment to your wound now. You'll recover after resting for a few days! It takes a few days for the swelling to subside!" As Qing'er said, she drew a bottle of ointment from her bosom and cautiously applied it to Shao Wanru's ankle. The coolness immediately diluted the burning pain.

The ointment Qing'er brought was granted by Chu Liuchen, so it was extremely effective.

After treating Shao Wanru's wound, Qing'er intended to tear apart her underskirt, but was stopped by Shao Wanru. Looking at Yujie, who was standing beside her, Shao Wanru pointed at her and said, "Tear apart Yujie's underskirt!"

She only brought Yujie with her when she went out, so the cloth used to dress her wound could only be torn from Yujie's clothes. She didn't want to expose Qing'er's real identity too early.

Qing'er and Yujie both understood. Yujie lifted her outer garment. Qing'er grabbed the edge of her inner garment and got a piece of cloth after tearing it hard. After that, she wrapped Shao Wanru's ankle in it and then put down Shao Wanru's foot.

"Go to ask Huiding Nun, Mingqiu Nun's disciple, to come here and have a look at my wound. It would be better if you could ask another nun to come here!" Shao Wanru gave an order. She stretched her foot and found that it was nothing serious although she still felt weakness and dull pain in her ankle.

Although others didn't know the relationship between Mingqiu Nun and her, the fact that both of them came from Jiangzhou was enough to provoke some speculations.

Qing'er nodded and disappeared from their sight in a flash...

After sitting for another while, Shao Wanru felt that there was nothing serious with her ankle, so she stood up with the help of Yujie and walked into the forest slowly. Since there was such beautiful scenery, she might as well enjoy it. In this way, she could not only enjoy the beautiful scenery, but also make Shao Yanru suspect that she pretended to have sprained her ankle. Why not?

What Shao Yanru had done today seemed to be a set of interlocking stratagems. When Shao Yanru first met Chu Qing, it seemed that Chu Qing had mistaken Shao Yanru for someone else. Could it be possible that Chu Qing actually wanted to meet her? But she obviously had no connection with Chu Qing.

These confused her. Regarding the two old maids, Qing'er had discovered that Shuqi contacted with them in secret. They stayed on the mountain as ordinary pilgrims from down the mountain. They looked like real villagers rather than servants from a mansion, because from their deeds, she could tell at a glance that they had never been trained in rules.

It was impossible for Shao Yanru to get in touch with this kind of person, so who found them for her? It was impossible for someone as cautious as Shao Yanru to directly instruct her servants to find them, because she could be exposed easily in this way. Shao Yanru always thought about the bad result before doing anything. It was the most difficult to deal with such a person.

She lifted the corners of her mouth silently and thought that she should mess up Shao Yanru's plan step by step. If she maintained the status quo, she would not be able to make Shao Yanru take the blame even if she saw through Shao Yanru's scheme.

The reason why Shao Yanru dressed exactly like her today was that Shao Yanru was afraid that she would change her clothes rather than that Shao Yanru intended to set her up?

If that was the case, did it mean that it was not a coincidence for them to meet Chu Qing here today? Thinking of Chu Qing, who behaved gently and politely, she wondered if Shao Yanru intended to bring Chu Qing to her.

As she thought about it, she found it increasingly suspicious.

"Yujie, my hairpin was broken just now. Go and look for it." She stopped and suddenly said.

"Yes, I'll go and look for it right away!" Yujie said. After looking at Shao Wanru's hair and finding that the hairpin was gone, she immediately turned back to the place, where the accident occurred, found the

broken hairpin on the ground and walked back with a bitter face. The hairpin looked simple, but it was valuable.

“Miss...”

“It doesn’t matter. Put it away. I’ve brought another one!” Shao Wanru drew a hairpin from her sleeve and handed it to Yujie as a sign for Yujie to insert it in her bun.

Yujie took the hairpin and was stunned!

Chapter 583 Fall into the Trap and Deliberately Provoke Suspicion!

“Miss, it’s a little inappropriate... to wear this hairpin, isn’t it?” Yujie said. As Shao Wanru’s personal maid, she naturally knew well about Shao Wanru’s accessories. This hairpin was not a gift from someone else, but made by Shao Wanru with the black bamboo in the Huaguang Temple.

The black bamboo from the Huaguang Temple, which was difficult to get, was given by Prince Chen,

After getting the black bamboo, Shao Wanru carved a sharp hairpin. But later, the hairpin was taken away by Prince Chen. When it showed up again, there was an orchid carved at the end of it, which looked slightly crude before. The purple orchid, which was of the original color of the black bamboo, adorned the hairpin and made it look impressive.

Shao Wanru had always placed the hairpin in a secret compartment at a corner of her jewelry box. When Yujie took her jewelry box out, Shao Yanru did not notice the secret compartment because it, which only contained a hairpin, was inconspicuous.

“Put it on!” Shao Wanru insisted.

“Yes!” Seeing that her master insisted, Yujie had to agree. She cautiously inserted the hairpin in Shao Wanru’s bun and thus to fix it. After Shao Wanru was knocked over a moment ago, although she still had a bun, it was a little loose. If Yujie didn’t fix it with the hairpin now, it would be loose later. It was improper for a Miss to show up in front of others with her hair hanging loose.

There was a light purple hairpin in Shao Wanru’s dark bun, with an orchid at the slightly raising end of it. Taking a closer look, you would find that it was a fancy and beautiful orchid, which made her plain black clothes look lively, because the hairpin was the only thing of a bright color on her.

Nevertheless, the natural purple looked elegant at the same time. Although it was a little bit conspicuous in contrast to Shao Wanru’s black clothes, it seemed to be in harmony with them.

“Let’s go!” Shao Wanru said, looked at the path in front and walked forward slowly.

Yujie followed her closely.

This time, Shao Wanru focused on admiring the scenery. It was not convenient for her to walk with her swollen ankle, so she walked with Yujie’s help, while admiring the scenery. From time to time, she stopped to pick up a few particularly beautiful red leaves and instructed Yujie to put them away.

Most of the maple leaves falling from the trees were fragmentary and unevenly colored and very few of them were in good shape and brightly colored. Shao Wanru stopped from time to time and only collected a dozen or so of leaves.

"Fifth Sister, have you recovered?" When Shao Wanru crouched down again to pick up the red leaves on the ground and look at them carefully, she suddenly heard Shao Yanru's gentle and surprised voice.

Shao Wanru looked up and saw Shao Yanru, Qiu Yu and Chu Qing come back together. She didn't get up, but just waved the red leaves in her hand.

"Big sister, I'm collecting good-looking maple leaves."

"Fifth Sister, what do you collect them for?" Shao Yanru came over and asked in surprise.

"I like them, so I collect them and intend to put them in books after taking them back!" Shao Wanru said and lowered her head again to compare the two maple leaves in her hands. Both of them looked in good shape.

"Fifth Sister, get up quickly. Have you recovered? Don't you feel pain when crouching down like this?" Shao Yanru said with concern and was about to come over to pull Shao Wanru up.

"First Miss, please don't pull my master. Her foot hurts, so she can't get up at once!" Yujie stood up, stopped Shao Yanru from pulling Shao Wanru and said.

She happened to stretch out her hand in front of Shao Yanru's hand.

"Well, help her up. How can she crouch down like this? She couldn't walk with her foot injury and was in such great pain that her forehead was covered with sweat after taking only a few steps just now!" Shao Yanru said with increasing concern, but didn't reach out again and just advised on one side.

Shao Wanru, who had been in such great pain that her forehead was covered with sweat after taking only a few steps, had probably walked a long way. Chu Qing looked at Shao Wanru, only to find that she looked at ease with no sweat on her white and tender forehead. With a trace of doubt in his eyes, he thought, "Could it be possible that the Fifth Miss Shao feigned her injury?"

Qiu Yu also looked at Shao Wanru's face. He couldn't see her face under the veil, but her eyes above the veil didn't show that she was in great pain. Did she feign her injury?

Shao Wanru stood up with Yujie's help. Probably because she had been crouching down for a long while, she staggered slightly. Fortunately, Yujie, who was well prepared, exerted herself to grab her and didn't let go of her until she stood firm.

"I'm better now. Thank you for your concern, Big Sister!" Shao Wanru said softly, looking at the three of them, who came together and seemed to be harmonious, "Big Sister, have you walked around the forest? How is the scenery in front? If I didn't sprain my ankle, now I could join you in walking forward and enjoying the scenery in front!"

As she said, there was a hint of disappointment in her eyes.

Shao Yanru glanced at Shuqi. Shuqi immediately stepped forward, approached Shao Wanru intimately and said with a smile, "Fifth Miss, you can also walk around. Try to move your foot. Look, you've walked such a long way. If you have a try, you may be able to walk around!"

She seemed to be encouraging Shao Wanru, but if you thought about it carefully, you would find that she was suggesting that Shao Wanru feigned her injury.

It was true that she couldn't even take a step after spraining her ankle, but everyone saw the look of anguish on her face and her forehead was covered with sweat because of the pain. But now she seemed to have recovered and have no difficulty in crouching down and standing up. Had she really sprained her ankle or not?

Chu Qing looked around and estimated that the Fifth Miss Shao had walked a long way. It seemed that the Fifth Miss Shao had come over soon after they left. At the thought of this, he showed a thoughtful look.

Qiu Yu was not as reserved as Chu Qing. After looking Shao Wanru up and down a few times, he couldn't help asking at the moment, "Fifth Miss Shao, are you not really injured?"

His words were extremely offensive, because he suggested that Shao Wanru had feigned her injury and was a Miss from an aristocratic family, who behaved in an affected way in front of men. It could be considered obnoxious manners and could even arouse others' suspicion about her purpose and character.

Shao Yanru didn't actually think of this possibility. After all, she had seen Shao Wanru couldn't even talk with her forehead covered with sweat because of the pain after spraining her ankle. How could Shao Wanru feign it?

But now, she thought that Shao Wanru was really good at pretending, and she had obviously been deceived by Shao Wanru. She didn't expect that she would be deceived one day. She sneered in her heart and thought that since this was the case, it was a good opportunity. She decided to tear the mask off Shao Wanru's face and show Qiu Yu and Chu Qing how artificial Shao Wanru was.

She was the most distinguished, elegant and dignified Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. Of course, she needed someone else as a foil. Since Shao Wanru came to serve as a foil for her, how could she reject it?

She had intended to take Shao Wanru as a stepping stone. Since Shao Wanru asked for it, Shao Wanru could only blame herself for being too stupid and playing tricks rather than blame her.

"Your Excellency, what do you mean? Of course my master has sprained her ankle. Could it be possible that she feigned it before?" Yujie said to Qiu Yu rudely with a cold face.

"Your Excellency, my Fifth Sister has always been honest. How could she do this? You've crossed the line!"

With her face darkening, Shao Yanru said after Yujie finished speaking.

Qiu Yu's face turned red, and then turned purple. Rebuked by his beloved girl in front of Commandery Prince Qing because of someone else's affairs, he felt extremely ashamed.

On their way, he could tell that Commandery Prince Qing seemed to have shown a faint affection for the First Miss Shao, which reminded him what he had seen when he first came here.

The couple of a handsome man and a pretty girl was quite pleasing to the eye, but he didn't like it!

Now he was rebuked by Shao Yanru in front of Chu Qing. Despite her soft tone, he still felt extremely ashamed. He couldn't bear to lose face in front of Chu Qing.

"Fifth Miss, I'm going to investigate into the case about what happened before. Whether you are injured or not has an influence on how to handle the case. Fifth Miss Shao, you had better let us check if you are injured or not!" Qiu Yu coughed hard and said coldly as if doing official business according to official principles.

He said in an extremely harsh tone and looked at Shao Wanru coldly, as if her refusal would make him think that she attempted to set up the two maids.

Shao Yanru was very satisfied with Qiu Yu's decision. On their way, she could certainly feel the awkward atmosphere between Qiu Yu and Chu Qing. Seeing that Qiu Yu was provoked by her as she expected, she felt complacent!

"Your Excellency, my Fifth Sister is an unmarried Miss. How can you check her wound in public?" Shao Yanru retorted and stood in front of Shao Wanru, as if intending to protect Shao Wanru from being bullied.

"First Miss, rest assured. Commandery Prince Qing and I will go away and leave it checked by you. I believe that you are an honest Miss and will never smear the reputation of Duke Xing's Mansion!" Qiu Yu looked at Shao Yanru and said seriously. Of course, he would not let Shao Yanru think that he was lecherous, so he looked at Chu Qing after saying that.

Chu Qing naturally nodded.

"Fifth Sister..." Shao Yanru looked at Shao Wanru with an embarrassed look and said.

Shao Wanru almost wanted to cry for Qiu Yu's stupidity. He had unconsciously fallen into Shao Yanru's trap and still considered Shao Yanru a good Miss. Needless to say, she was the one, who would smear the reputation of Duke Xing's Mansion.

She lifted the corners of her mouth silently, looked up at Shao Yanru and said, "Big Sister, do you want me to take off my shoe and check my wound to prove that you are a good Miss, while I am the one, who will smear the reputation of Duke Xing's Mansion?"

Since all of them at present harbored evil designs against her, she didn't have to show any mercy.

"First Miss, you believe what Lord Qiu said, while don't believe any word of my master. Do you consider Lord Qiu or my master credible? Could it be possible that you consider my master such an incredible person?"

Yujie stood in front of Shao Wanru with an angry face, glared at Shao Yanru, who was affected, and said. Her words were so offensive that Shao Yanru almost failed to maintain her smile and almost couldn't refrain from reaching out to slap Yujie. How dare Yujie say that as a maid? Who gave Yujie the courage to say that in front of her?

"How dare you say that as a maid!" Shuqi scolded her loudly, took two steps forward and reached out in an attempt to slap Yujie!

She was Shao Yanru's principal maid and had always been respected by the servants in Duke Xing's Mansion!

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Yujie moved quickly and warded Shuqi's hands off quickly, and also pushed her so hard. This made Shuqi almost lose her balance and take a few steps back to stand still.

After she stood still, she was so angry that her face turned blue. When she was about to step forward and argue with Yujie, Shao Yanru waved her hand to stop her, so she stood behind Shao Yanru angrily, glaring at Yujie!

"Fifth Sister, you have to teach your servant girl well. Since we are a family, there are some things that can be said and some things that cannot. If she loses her life because of saying something that cannot be said, it is not a big deal. But if she gets her master into trouble, it will be a big deal!" Shao Yanru's face was slightly tensed, and her eyes became cold.

Shao Wanru bowed sideways to her and said with little sincerity, "Big Sister, you are right. I will discipline her when I go back, so that she won't speak bluntly again and offend someone next time!"

Her words sounded soft, but there was a ruthless character hidden in them. Shao Yanru really wanted to give Shao Wanru a dirty look, but it was inappropriate for her to do so in front of Chu Qing and Qiu Yu. She had always liked to show a dignified and gentle look in front of people.

"Fifth Miss, obviously she is talking nonsense and gossiping about the master. If she is in the mansion, she will be killed directly!" Shuqi was unwilling to let Yujie leave easily, so she reached out her hand to point at Yujie and said loudly.

"You are just a servant girl. How dare you scold my servant girl like this!" Shao Wanru looked up at Shao Yanru in a panic. Although she still wore a smile on her face, it was a little cold, "So this is Big Sister's rule and the one in our mansion?"

Yujie's words were indeed a little too much, almost exposing Shao Yanru's true features. So, as a servant girl, Yujie naturally needed to be punished. Shao Wanru also said that she would discipline Yujie well, which, to a certain extent, saved Shao Yanru some face. But now Shao Yanru's servant girl was also presumptuous, and she dared to threaten Shao Wanru directly with her words.

Shao Wanru hinted that Shao Yanru seemingly said something about rules on the surface, but in fact, these rules were set for others. Actually, the people around her were those who were extremely unruly.

If these words were said in private by the two of them, Shao Yanru didn't care about them. However, there were another two outsiders here at the moment. She was so angry that her face and neck bulged, but she had always been able to control it. She clenched her fists and then slowly relaxed.

"Shuqi, apologize to Fifth Miss now!"

"First Miss, I..." Shuqi was not convinced. It was obviously Yujie who was trying to stir up trouble.

"Hurry up!" Shao Yanru's face turned cold.

Shuqi didn't dare to disobey her and knelt down to Shao Wanru. She gritted her teeth and said, "Fifth Miss, sorry I crossed the line just now. Please forgive me, Fifth Miss!"

"Get up!" Shao Wanru said lightly.

Shuqi got up angrily and stood behind Shao Yanru, waiting for Yujie's apology. After she apologized, Yujie would apologize to her master!

"Big Sister, what happened just now was that my servant girl spoke too bluntly. Although she said it in a wrong way, the meaning is right. Big Sister refused to listen to my words, but you heard clearly that Lord Qiu asked you to take off my shoes. As a scholar says, a senior official can't be tortured. Although I'm not a senior official in the past, I'm the daughter of a noble aristocratic family. Big Sister asked me to take off my shoes for a tiny thing. I don't know what your intention is."

Shao Wanru looked at Shao Yanru with a smile on her face, but the glimmer of a smile could not be seen in her eyes. Her beautiful eyes were like water, slowly sweeping over the people present.

Even though Qiu Yu fell in love with Shao Yanru, his heart couldn't help but miss a beat when Shao Wanru glanced at him with her beautiful watery eyes. Then when he heard Shao Wanru's words clearly, he also felt guilty.

Just now, it was because he wanted to help Shao Yanru that he suggested taking off Shao Wanru's shoes to check.

After hearing Shao Wanru's words, Shao Yanru knew that she was indeed too anxious just now, so Shao Wanru took the initiative. This matter was originally not a big deal, just related to two rough old maids from the countryside. It was wrong to doubt Shao Wanru's words for the sake of the two rough old maids, not to mention to ask Shao Wanru to take off her shoes to prove her innocence.

Shao Yanru took a deep breath and bowed deeply to Shao Wanru. Shao Wanru turned aside to avoid with polite. In other people's eyes, Shao Yanru was, after all, an elder sister with an excellent reputation.

Shao Yanru apologized to Shao Wanru very sincerely, "Fifth Sister, I thought it in a wrong way. Just now, I was in a mess because of my anxious concern. I thought that I couldn't let Lord Qiu wrong you, but I didn't take other things into consideration. Please forgive me, Fifth Sister!"

Chu Qing looked at Shao Wanru calmly and then looked at Shao Yanru. Shao Yanru looked really graceful. Compared with her fifth sister, she was very considerate when dealing with things, which was what a legal wife should be. If he could marry her, it would be a good thing.

As for Fifth Miss Shao, she was somewhat sharp and merciless, and it was not easy to get along with her. If he married her, he might not be able to have any other concubines in the future. However, he was not powerful enough now. It was not good for him to only have one wife, and he needed to choose more to contact the officials in the court.

Compared with Shao Wanru, Shao Yanru was obviously better!

Moreover, Shao Yanru was the most beautiful woman in the capital city. For this title, it was the most beneficial choice to marry her. Although her eyes were not as beautiful as that of the Fifth Miss Shao,

her whole appearance should be better than that of the Fifth Miss. Otherwise, how could he not have heard of the Fifth Miss? People all said that this First Miss Shao was both talented and beautiful.

Thinking of this, he immediately made up his mind and changed the topic with a smile, "Since it's a misunderstanding, just speak out to clear it. Both First Miss and Fifth Miss are not narrow-minded people, so let it go. Mr. Qiu, in your opinion, how should we deal with this matter?"

Chu Qing tried to break the awkward situation with a smile and shifted the topic back to Qiu Yu.

Shao Yanru gave Chu Qing a gentle smile as if she was very grateful. Chu Qing gave her a gentle and elegant smile back.

The secret interaction between these two made Qiu Yu's face darken. Shao Yanru's servant girl and Shao Wanru's servant girl almost quarreled with each other because of his words. He felt very guilty about this at first, but now his guilt turned into anger. He also knew that he couldn't force Shao Wanru at this time, because he originally had no right to ask her to take off her shoes to check.

"Since Fifth Miss is unwilling to do so, then forget about it. If this case is really small, it may be sent to the lord mayor," Qiu Yu said in a low mood.

He felt that he had been humiliated by Shao Wanru and lost face in front of the beauty he liked, but Chu Qing won the favor in front of Shao Yanru.

After saying that, he saluted Shao Yanru and said, "First Miss Shao, I'll go to deal with this matter first."

"Sorry to trouble you, Mr. Qiu. If there is something else, please tell me!" Shao Yanru said softly.

"Okay, I will tell First Miss Shao if anything happens!" Seeing that Shao Yanru's attention was paid to him again, Qiu Yu's face looked better. He thought that maybe he could take advantage of this matter to meet First Miss Shao a few more times. Immediately, he felt that it was better to keep this matter in his hands.

"Thank you, Mr. Qiu!" Shao Wanru also bowed sideways and narrowed her watery eyes slightly. Her eyes fell on Qiu Yu's face, and she saw all the changes on Qiu Yu's face. Then she looked at Shao Yanru who was not in a hurry, her eyes became darker and deeper. It seemed that Shao Yanru had made up her mind.

Qiu Yu turned around and strode away after saying goodbye to Chu Qing.

"First Miss Shao, Fifth Miss Shao, shall we go back together or enjoy more scenery?" Chu Qing asked. Although he said this to the two sisters, his gentle eyes fell on Shao Yanru. Obviously, what he really wanted to ask was Shao Yanru's idea.

"How about you, Fifth Sister?" Shao Yanru thought for a moment and looked as if she was halt between two opinions.

"Big Sister and Commandery Prince Qing, you can walk around to enjoy more. I want to stay here and pick some beautiful maple leaves!" Shao Wanru shook her head and refused.

"How can I rest assured to leave Fifth Sister here alone!" Shao Yanru said softly. She frowned and looked at Shao Wanru with concern.

“Big Sister, I’m okay. You left me just now, but I was fine. How can I get worse now? My leg is much better now!” Shao Wanru gently lifted her leg and said with a smile, “If you don’t believe me, why don’t I really take off my shoes to show you?”

When Shao Wanru had been seriously injured just now, Shao Yanru had left with others, so it was a little unreasonable for her to use this as an excuse at this time.

Shao Wanru sneered in her heart and she knew Shao Yanru’s thoughts very well. On the one hand, Shao Yanru had a dubious relationship with Chu Qing. On the other hand, she was unwilling to be too close to Chu Qing. After all, Chu Qing had few possibilities to get that position. In this case, it was impossible for Shao Yanru to waste more energy on Chu Qing.

Moreover, Qiu Yu had been with them before. If someone asked about it in the future, this matter could be explained clearly. But now, there were only the two of them.

Since she had not used this excuse before, Shao Wanru would not allow her to use it now. Shao Wanru glanced at Chu Qing who was standing aside and said with a smile, “Commandery Prince Qing, please take Big Sister to walk around. I will be around here and not walk far away.”

“First Miss, the scenery here is really good. Let’s take a walk. First Miss, if you feel tired, we can come back later!” This was just what Chu Qing wanted, so he smiled and said.

Hearing their words, Shao Yanru was full of unwillingness, but she couldn’t really refuse them. She could only show some concern on her face and said, “Fifth Sister, you can’t go far away. I’ll come back after walking for a while. Just wait for me!”

“Okay!” Shao Wanru smiled and then looked at Chu Qing leading Shao Yanru to a deep path. This was a small sideway, and it seemed to be much narrower than the previous broad road.

Just now, since Qiu Yu had been around, they had walked on main roads. Now, was she going to make the atmosphere between the two of them better? The corners of her lips lifted slightly. If Shao Yanru was so easy to coax, she would not have had the reputation of having both beauty and talent.

As expected, after taking a few steps, the two of them turned back with their servants and servant girls, and then walked back on the main road. They returned to walk on the road they had taken before. Obviously, Shao Yanru did not want to be too close to Chu Qing, so as not to provoke Chu Liuyue’s jealousy!

When their figures disappeared from her sight, Shao Wanru continued what she had done before. She really wanted to pick some beautiful and complete maple leaves. If she remembered correctly, there would be a big matter that needed these maple leaves...

Chapter 585 Truth Becomes Fiction When the Fiction’s True!

Shao Wanru was tired after picking for a short time. Her feet were not well and she couldn’t squat for a long time. Yujie helped her to a pavilion to rest against the fence. She went around the pavilion to pick up maple leaves for Shao Wanru.

The maple forest was very big. They walked all the way forward and almost couldn’t meet anyone. But when they stopped, they saw crowds of people coming in. The Yuhui Nunnery was very popular, and it

was the start for this maple forest open to people. In addition, this was the best time to enjoy the autumn scenery.

Most of them were women, and some came here with their sisters and elders. Seeing that Shao Wanru was the only one in the pavilion, no man came in rudely, but when they passed by, they all looked at the pavilion secretly. Even if the woman in the pavilion was leaning by side with a veil, she was very attractive.

Two nuns rushed in.

One was Huiding Nun, who followed Mingqiu Nun, and the other was Huikong, a disciple of a supervisor around the master of the Yuhui Nunnery. Unexpectedly, Huiding Nun brought her here, which was a surprise.

As the disciple of the master of Yuhui Nunnery, Huikong was a smart and capable person, and she was also very sharp-eyed. Because she knew that Mingqiu Nun was treating the disease for Prince Chen, Huikong got very close to Mingqiu Nun's people. In the past, she was also very kind to Mingqiu Nun's people. This time, she should be at Mingqiu Nun's place!

"Fifth Miss, have you hurt your feet?" When Huiding Nun saw Shao Wanru in the pavilion, she took a few steps forward quickly and bowed to her.

Yujie, who was picking up maple leaves, saw them and hurried back to stand behind Shao Wanru.

"Our Miss sprained her feet. I've treated them for her and bandaged them, but I don't know whether I did the right thing or not!" Yujie said.

"Fifth Miss, can I have a look at your feet?" Huiding Nun asked.

Shao Wanru looked around uneasily. Although this pavilion was on the side of the road, if someone passed by, they would definitely see the people in the pavilion.

"Fifth Miss, your feet got hurt. If we don't look at them earlier, I'm afraid something serious will happen. Senior Sister Huiding studied medicine with Mingqiu Nun. After she has seen it, you can rest assured. It's easy to get into big trouble if you do not want to be treated by doctors. Although someone may come here, your servant girl and I would cover for you. No one will see them."

Huikong Nun was a clever person. When she saw Shao Wanru's expression, she knew what Shao Wanru was worried about, so she quickly smiled and said.

Since she said so, Shao Wanru would not refuse. She nodded at once. Huikong Nun and Yujie blocked in front of her feet. Huiding Nun squatted down half. She lifted Shao Wanru's feet, took off her shoes, and untied the circle of white cloth wrapped around them.

In order to ease Shao Wanru's nervousness, Huiding Nun asked as she untied the bandage, "Fifth Miss, where did you get the bandage? It doesn't look like a specialized bandage!"

At a glance, one could tell that the white cloth was torn off from somewhere, which was very improper.

"It's from my clothes. I was going to wrap for Miss just now. There was no cloth, so I pulled my clothes." Yujie reached out and slightly lifted her skirt, which made people see that there was indeed a missing part of her skirt.

Huiding Nun and Huikong Nun just glanced at them casually. They asked in order to eliminate Shao Wanru's nervousness, so no one took it seriously.

The long cloth was untied. Seeing her swollen feet, even Huikong Nun felt very painful. Originally, she thought that this kind of delicate Miss just twisted a little bit, but nothing big happened. She didn't expect that she twisted so hard that her ankle was swollen like a steamed bun.

Huiding Nun reached out and gently pinched Shao Wanru's feet. While pinching her feet, she asked her if she was in pain. Sometimes, she even increased her strength.

Shao Wanru's forehead was covered with a layer of cold sweat while she was pinched.

"Fifth Miss, your servant girl is good. She has put your bones right. But you have to rest more in the future. I'm afraid that you will have to lie in bed for a period of time. Otherwise, your muscles and bones may really be hurt!" Huiding Nun comforted Shao Wanru in a soft voice. Shao Wanru's feet were already covered with ointment. When she used her fingers to press the ointment, some left on her fingers.

Huiding Nun sniffed it and then nodded again. "This ointment is very good. It's from the palace, isn't it?"

"It's from the palace! First Miss gave it to our Miss before!" Yujie explained.

With the status of Duke Xing's Mansion, there was naturally this kind of ointment from the palace.

"Very good. Then I won't give Fifth Miss any other ointment. You can just use it. You need to use it twice a day, in the morning and in the evening. Then you should lie in bed and rest. You can't walk anymore. At least..." After thinking for a while, Huiding Nun added some more days, "At least a few days of rest is needed before you can fully recover."

"Yes, Fifth Miss, you should have a good rest." Huikong Nun also nodded repeatedly. The injury was really serious. Although her bones were not hurt, with the delicate body of a Miss from an aristocratic family, Huikong Nun felt that if she did not have a good rest for a while, she would not be able to recover. If it were her to say, she might say that Fifth Miss would have to rest for a few months.

"Thank you!" Shao Wanru thanked them.

Huiding Nun helped her wrap up the bandage again, bound it, and put on her shoes. Fortunately, most of the swollen parts were on her ankles. Although her ankle was a little swollen, it didn't prevent her from putting on her shoes. However, when Huiding Nun put on her shoes, she did not put them on well.

Huiding Nun stood up, took the handkerchief from Yujie, and said to her, "Fifth Miss, you'd better not put all your shoes on. This will squeeze the injured place. Just go this way first. If it's not convenient, you can just walk slowly!"

"Thank you very much. I know." Shao Wanru stood up with the help of Yujie and walked a few steps. It was indeed not comfortable for her to not wear shoes well, but it was okay in general.

"Miss, let's go back now. Are you still waiting for First Miss to come back here in your current state?" Yujie suggested.

Shao Wanru hesitated for a moment and looked at the road to the inside. Shao Yanru had not come out at this time.

"Fifth Miss is waiting for First Miss Shao?" Huikong Nun asked and also looked at the road. She also heard that the two Misses of Duke Xing's Mansion had gone to the Maple Leaf Forest today, but why were they not at the same place?

"Big sister and Prince Qing have gone in to enjoy the scenery for a while. Why haven't they come back yet?" Shao Wanru nodded and said helplessly.

"Fifth Miss, you can go back first. I'll stay here for you. When I see First Miss, I'll tell her that you've gone back to rest!" Huikong volunteered.

It was said that this First Miss Shao was both talented and beautiful. She did not know what kind of rich and powerful family she would marry in the future. Huikong felt that if she could make a good impression on this First Miss Shao before she got married, there would be more benefits for her in the future.

The future of this First Miss Shao could be limitless.

"Then... thank you!" Although Shao Wanru hesitated, she still nodded after moving her feet.

"It doesn't matter. Anyway, I have nothing to do now. I'll just wait for First Miss to come and send a message!" Huikong Nun said with a smile.

Since it was settled, Shao Wanru held Yujie's hand and followed Huiding Nun slowly to the maple forest.

Huikong Nun continued to stay here.

Sitting alone in the pavilion and waiting, she was not in a hurry. The scenery here was good. In the past, even if she was the disciple of the master of Yuhui Nunnery, she could not come in to enjoy the scenery. It was rare for her to enjoy the scenery, so she was in a good mood.

Shao Yanru and Chu Qing appeared after she had waited for more than an hour. When she saw Huikong Nun in the pavilion, Shao Yanru was stunned.

Huikong Nun also saw Shao Yanru and Prince Qing. She came up to them with a smile.

First, she bowed to Prince Qing. Then, she bowed deeply to Shao Yanru and said, "First Miss, Fifth Miss's feet have been seriously injured. She has gone back to rest. She asked me to wait here. When you and Prince Qing come back after enjoying the scenery, I should tell you so that you won't be worried about her!"

Huikong's words were extremely gentle and polite, but Shao Yanru's face changed greatly when she heard it. She stepped aside two steps and distanced herself from Chu Qing.

"Fifth Sister just said that she would wait here for me. Then she said that her feet were uncomfortable and she didn't want to walk. So she asked Prince Qing and me to have a rest. How could she feel so

painful in such a short time?” Shao Yanru frowned and said. Shao Wanru’s repeated things made her feel that Shao Wanru was pretending.

She also knew this Huikong in front of her. She was very smart and ranked among the top in the Yuhui Nunnery. But it was because she was too smart that she couldn’t keep her mouth shut. Now she saw that she and Chu Qing enjoyed the scenery together. Even if there were servant girls and servants around her, these words were not pleasant to hear, not to mention the meaning that she didn’t care about her injured sister.

Shao Yanru frowned. She didn’t like this kind of feeling very much. It seemed that there were several invisible strings pulling her, which made her unhappy and wronged. Why was it like this?

“Well... I don’t know. First Miss, I’ve delivered what Fifth Miss told me. First Miss and Prince Qing, please enjoy yourselves. I’ll take my leave!” Huikong said with a smile. She looked at the two people and said meaningfully.

Although she was a nun, she had seen a lot of things. In the past, she had seen couples in the Yuhui Nunnery. There were also many people who came to the nunnery to meet some nuns. If she saw them, she would naturally pretend that she could not see them or understand them. It was convenient for both others and her.

Shao Yanru’s face gloomed. “Huikong Nun, I’m worried about Fifth Sister. I’ll go back with you!”

Her heart was full of displeasure, but she couldn’t explain too much to a nun. Huikong Nun didn’t say anything about her, but she just had an unspeakable feeling, which made her angry and annoyed.

Shao Wanru did it on purpose. She was sure about that!

Sometimes it was Qiu Yu. Sometimes it was Chu Qing. From time to time, the injury on her feet would get worse. The reason why she did this was that she wanted to spread something that was not in line with her reputation. She would find an opportunity to expose her.

“Prince Qing, I won’t accompany you. My Fifth Sister’s feet are still injured...” After saying to Huikong Nun, Shao Yanru said to Chu Qing with a little guilt.

“Since Fifth Miss’s feet are hurt so seriously, First Miss, you could just do as you want!” Chu Qing knew that they could not be anxious at this time. He smiled slightly and said very politely. However, there was a trace of contemplation in his eyes!

Shao Wanru’s feet were injured? In fact, after such a long time, he didn’t believe it! But he didn’t know what this Fifth Miss Shao meant.

Chapter 586 Come to Put on a Show on Purpose

When Shao Yanru returned to the courtyard, she went to Shao Yanru’s silence room. After following Qu Le into the room, she found that Shao Wanru was lying on the couch.

Shao Wanru stretched her legs, which were covered by her long hem, so Shao Yanru could not see her feet.

"Fifth Sister, let me have a look at your foot!" Shao Yanru said with concern, took two steps forward, and walked up to the bed in an attempt to lift Shao Wanru's hem.

Yujie, who was guarding in front of the bed, stepped forward hurriedly, stood in front of the couch, and said, "First Miss, I've applied ointment to my master's foot, so you can't have a look at it now!"

"Yujie, I'm afraid that you didn't do a good job! Let me have a look, or I can't rest assured!" Shao Yanru said softly.

"Don't worry, First Miss. I've done that for others before. There won't be any problem!" Yujie stood still in front of Shao Wanru and said.

Shao Wanru coughed in a low voice and gave an order, "Qu Le, ask the First Miss to sit down."

"First Miss, please sit down!" Qu Le moved a chair over, put it in front of the couch, and said.

Shao Yanru took two steps back, sat down with composure, and looked at Shao Wanru's face. Shao Wanru looked fine with a flitting blush on her delicate face and naturally red lips, which looked extremely attractive. Shao Yanru could tell from her face that even if she had sprained her ankle, she couldn't have been seriously injured.

"Fifth Sister, have you acquainted with Commandery Prince Qing before?" Since Shao Wanru didn't want to show her foot, Shao Yanru didn't insist it and asked softly.

"Big Sister, why do you say that? I have never met Commandery Prince Qing before!" Shao Wanru said with certainty.

"On our way to enjoy the scenery, Commandery Prince Qing kept asking about you, and that's the reason why I came back late. I intended to find out his purpose, but he didn't give away any detail. I'm wondering why he..." Shao Yanru said with a frown, looking sedate and a little worried at the same time.

It was obvious that she was worried about Shao Wanru.

"Big Sister, rest assured. I have nothing to do with Commandery Prince Qing. I met him for the first time today. I'm wondering what about me he asked."

Shao Wanru said seriously.

"That's good if you have nothing to do with him!" Shao Yanru nodded and said. Although she was still worried, she looked much more relieved. "He asked about your hobbies, what you like and don't like, what you usually do in the courtyard and when you will go down the mountain."

Shao Wanru raised her eyebrows and said coldly, "What does Commandery Prince Qing want to do? Doesn't he know that between the sexes there should be a prudent reserve? What's more, we didn't know each other before. How can he ask those questions?"

Shao Yanru nodded and agreed, "It's indeed improper for him to ask those questions. Nevertheless, he mentioned them implicitly instead of asking them directly. It was inappropriate for me to overreact, so I just advised him implicitly. I hope he could behave himself and stop talking nonsense!"

“Fortunately, he’s well-behaved. After I advised him implicitly, he said that he lost his sense of propriety at the moment because of being overcome by his feelings and he wouldn’t do it again!”

At this point, Shao Yanru breathed a sigh of relief and said, “Commandery Prince Qing has probably realized that he couldn’t ruin a girl’s reputation despite being overcome by his feelings, so he probably won’t inquire about you again!”

Shao Wanru sneered in her heart. Every single word of Shao Yanru showed that Shao Yanru seemed to be thinking for her, but Shao Yanru had been suggesting that Chu Qing had feelings for her.

Chu Qing was very handsome. Although he couldn’t compare with Chu Liuchen, who was as exceedingly handsome as a child coming out of a painting, nor was he like Wen Xichi, a gentle young man exuding some ethereal aura, he was a Commandery Prince with a rare remarkable look. If a girl won his heart, she must be delighted even if she didn’t really want to marry him.

At a certain time, this kind of delight could even become burning passion.

Shao Wanru had never experienced such burning passion in the last life and this life, but it didn’t prevent her from sorting out a series of things that had happened. She figured out what had baffled her before at the moment.

Chu Qing’s showing up today was not occasional and could have been a plot against her long before. Shao Yanru might even have invited him to meet in the name of her. Otherwise, Chu Qing would have not shown up here for enjoying the scenery at this time.

He had just been recognized as a member of the royal family, so he naturally had a lot of things to do and wouldn’t have the time and mood to enjoy the scenery leisurely at this time.

If Shao Yanru had invited him to meet in the name of her, Shao Yanru would naturally mention what she was going to wear today in order to make the appointment look real. The reason why Shao Yanru dressed like she was to make her unable to change her clothes rather than to confuse herself and her.

Shao Yanru intended to make up an ambiguous story about her and Chu Qing. Why did Shao Yanru do that?

If Shao Yanru said that to a girl in her teens, it was very easy to tempt the girl into affection for him.

A young and handsome man fell in love with a girl. However, he behaved properly, and could only hide aside and watch her in order to protect her reputation. How could a girl not be moved by such deep affection?

Based on Shao Wanru’s simple experience in this life, she was really just an ignorant girl. Although she was fourteen years old now, she had spent these years in the Yuhui Nunnery and was still young before coming here. So she should be ignorant of the passion between a man and a lady.

Of course, she would not realize the affection in Chu Qing’s eyes when he looked at Shao Yanru just now.

Unfortunately, Shao Yanru was wrong about Shao Wanru and didn’t expect that she would reincarnate in this life. Shao Yanru thought that Shao Wanru was ignorant with such simple life experience and even

if Shao Wanru was cunning, Shao Wanru would be convinced by her after she repeated those words a few more times.

"Big Sister, Commandery Prince Qing has nothing to do with me. Please don't mention him again!" Shao Wanru said with some displeasure.

"Okay, I won't. I said that because I was afraid that it will arouse suspicion if you have more contact with Commandery Prince Qing in the future. Since you got it, I will be discreet in word. I hope that Commandery Prince Qing could restrain himself. Otherwise, he may cause big trouble!" Shao Yanru nodded and said with a worried look, "After all, he's the nephew newly recognized by the emperor, who has always doted on his two nephews!"

"Big Sister, you mean..." Shao Wanru understood and said in a panic.

"I'm afraid that he will ask to marry you directly. I heard that he's old enough to get married. If..." Shao Yanru said with a frown and looked anxious. She then reached out to rub her forehead and continued saying without looking at Shao Wanru's face, "The Empress Dowager has always doted on the male offsprings of the late emperor. You can tell it from her attitude towards Prince Chen. Now if Commandery Prince Qing really goes to ask to..."

At this point, Shao Yanru couldn't go on. She looked at Shao Wanru with a gloomy look, as if unable to come up with a good idea.

The Empress Dowager and the emperor doted on Chu Liuchen, but it did not mean that they would take the same attitude towards Chu Qing. If Chu Qing had really won their favor, now he didn't have to do all these to leave a good impression on others.

Of course, Shao Wanru would not say that. She pretended to be a little flustered, held an edge of the quilt, sat up, and said, "Big Sister, what should I do now?"

"I... I don't know either!" Shao Yanru said with a bitter face and looked at Shao Wanru after hesitating for a moment, "Why don't we ask grandma to report it to the Empress Dowager and say that you can't get engaged because you've been observing mourning for your parents?"

Shao Yanru's suggestion sounded very reasonable, but Shao Wanru found it ridiculous after thinking about it carefully. Apart from the fact that Shao Wanru was going to finish observing mourning for her parents in only a few months, she couldn't explain how she knew that Chu Qing would ask to marry her. Since she had been meditating in the Yuhui Nunnery, how would she know Chu Qing was going to do that? Could it be possible that she had dated him long before and just pretended to be unwilling to marry him now?

Moreover, it was inappropriate to ask Old Madam to come forward to settle the problem, because Shao Wanru had never felt any kindness from Old Madam.

So the solution sounded feasible, but in fact, Shao Wanru thought that it definitely wouldn't work.

Shao Wanru shook her head and said, "I had better not bother grandma. She's still sick... Besides, Commandery Prince Qing didn't say it directly. We can't explain how we know it!"

"But if he really asks to marry you, it will be too late! What's more, it will have an influence on your reputation as a Miss observing mourning for parents. If he really wants to... he should mention it after you go down the mountain!" Shao Yanru said, looking worried about Shao Wanru.

"Big Sister, do you think whether I should meet him and make it clear?" Shao Wanru lowered her head and said after thinking for a while.

"Of course, this is the best solution. It will be fine after you make it clear." Shao Yanru nodded repeatedly and said. But after that, she seemed to have realized that she agreed too soon, and said with an embarrassed look, "If others see... the meeting between you, I'm afraid it will have a negative impact on your reputation!"

"Let's make it a secret meeting. Miss, you can meet Commandery Prince Qing in secret and make it clear!" Yujie said anxiously.

Seeing that this maid, who devoted herself to protecting Shao Wanru, finally fell into the trap, Shao Yanru showed a slight smile.

"It would be great if you can meet him without being discovered by others, but we are in the nunnery. Some officials of the Ministry of Justice are still here. Even at night, it's still..." Shao Yanru raised another question with a worried look, "Fifth Sister, you'd better not go to meet him. It is always wise to play safe. If something goes wrong, you won't be able to clear your name even if you jump into the Yellow River!"

"Miss, let me go on behalf of you. You can write a letter to make it clear, and I'll deliver it for you." Yujie said anxiously.

"Uh..." Shao Wanru said hesitantly.

"This idea is not bad. At least your master won't take any risk. You are indeed a good maid. If you are discovered, you can claim that you are a maid and meet him by chance!" Shao Yanru nodded repeatedly, said with emotion, and gave Yujie a suggestion.

"Miss, please let me go. I'll take less risk than you anyway!" Yujie looked at Shao Wanru and said sincerely. She then knelt down in front of Shao Wanru's crouch and said with her hands on the crouch, "Miss, please let me go. If Commandery Prince Qing really asks to marry you, your reputation will be ruined!"

"Well... okay!" Shao Wanru looked at Yujie and then at Shao Yanru, bit her lip, and made up her mind.

"Since you've decided to write a letter, you can't make it too detailed. You should make it vague, lest you give away something!" Shao Yanru thought for a while and reminded Shao Wanru.

She seemed to have thought about everything for Shao Wanru! But in fact, she had set up a trap. A vague letter could be understood in different ways.

Shao Wanru glanced at Shao Yanru's face with her eyes slowly becoming cold. Shao Yanru was so scheming and intended to coax her to send the evidence to Chu Qing!

Chapter 587 Think She Has Succeed in Her Scheme and Bribe Qing'er

A letter, which was truly written by her, could be unbearably destructive at an appropriate time.

Even her maternal grandma would be implicated because the man involved in it was Chu Qing, the eldest son of the late Emperor. Both the Emperor and the Empress Dowager had to take his reputation into account on the surface.

Moreover, the letter was vague and could be interpreted in different ways.

"Just forget it!" Shao Wanru said, suddenly reached out to rub her head took a deep breath, closed her eyes, and leaned back.

"Miss..." Yujie said in puzzlement. She didn't know why her master suddenly dropped the idea and stopped talking about it!

"Fifth Sister, since you want to have a rest, I'm going back now. If you need any help, just send someone to tell me. Anyway, we are related and you are also a Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. We can't allow the reputation of our Duke Xing's Mansion to be tarnished!"

Shao Yanru stood up and made her farewells with a smile. She didn't get angry because of Shao Wanru's changing her mind but acted in favorable manners with a gentle look.

"Thank you, Big Sister!" Shao Wanru said weakly without opening her eyes and just nodded.

Shao Yanru turned around and left with Shuqi. They went back to the main room from the corridor.

After returning to the main room and sitting in the chair in front of the desk, Shao Yanru showed a sneer.

After serving tea, Shuqi said in confusion, "First Miss, is the Fifth Miss really not going to send a letter to Commandery Prince Qing? Isn't she afraid that Commandery Prince Qing will really ask to marry her in front of the emperor and ruin her reputation so that she will come to no good end?"

"She will do it!" Shao Yanru said with certainty, looking at the courtyard outside the window. In the courtyard, Qing'er was sweeping the floor with a big broom and moved some obtrusive objects from time to time. There was a small vat. Shao Yanru usually did not pay attention to it, so she did not know if it had been in the courtyard before.

"But the Fifth Miss said 'forget it' just now, didn't she?" Shuqi asked, becoming increasingly puzzled.

"She's afraid that I would know and ruin her plan, so she faked a calm look!" Shao Yanru said with a sneer. She did not believe that Shao Wanru would not be afraid.

A really stupid girl would definitely think it not bad. If Chu Qing went to ask to marry her and the emperor agreed, she would be the legal wife of Commandery Prince Qing. In addition, Chu Qing was a brilliant man. So it could be considered a good marriage!

However, a smart girl would be cautious enough to realize that it was inappropriate for Shao Wanru to get engaged at this time. If she won a man's heart during the period when she had been observing mourning for her parents, she must be considered a slutty girl easy in her morals. If Chu Qing asked to marry her, not only would she be unable to be the legal wife of Commandery Prince Qing, but she might only be a concubine of his.

Although she had Great Elder Princess as her backing, Great Elder Princess couldn't help her if the emperor was displeased with her. She could be a concubine with a title at most and could never be the legal wife.

After living with Shao Wanru for a period of time, Shao Yanru knew that Shao Wanru was definitely not stupid. In this case, she must be aware of the consequences and would never let Chu Qing ask to marry her in front of the emperor.

Besides, Shao Yanru had suggested that Chu Qing had a deep affection for her and would rather hide aside and watch her than ruin her reputation. If she made this request, Chu Qing would definitely agree.

In this way, Shao Wanru could certainly solve the problem without taking much risk. Shao Yanru did not believe that she would not fall into the trap. The reason why Shao Wanru suggested that she would drop the idea must be her wariness of Shao Yanru, and Shao Yanru left at the moment with the intention of giving Shao Wanru some time to make arrangements.

Shao Wanru was so cautious that she wouldn't go there in person. Besides, she claimed to have sprained her ankle!

Of course, Shao Yanru was not sure that Shao Wanru would go there in person. But if Shao Wanru did, she would not let go of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to catch Shao Wanru with Chu Qing.

If she really caught Shao Wanru with Chu Qing, she could not only be able to control Shao Wanru but also be able to threaten Commandery Prince Qing with it. How could she let go of such an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone?

Chu Liuyue would definitely be pleased with her plan.

She stood up, picked up the writing brush, dipped it in the inkstone, and began to write a letter.

After finishing writing, she put the paper into the envelope after drying it off, handed the envelope to Shuqi, and said, "Go down the mountain now to give the letter to Moyan and tell her to give it to Prince Yue. After that, ask my father to send the imperial physician specializing in treating external injuries to the Yuhui Nunnery to treat my Fifth Sister's injury."

Shao Yanru usually didn't send her letter down the mountain to someone directly. She sent it to Moyan, her personal maid in the mansion, and then told Moyan to deliver it. In this way, she could prevent the letter from being found out and confuse others.

The imperial physician usually didn't visit patients outside, but her father should be able to talk him into coming here. Moreover, Shao Wanru was known as Rui'an Great Elder Princess's granddaughter. It was said that the emperor thought highly of the imperial physician surnamed Qu.

"Send the imperial physician? You mean the one proficient in treating external injuries?"

"Yes!" Shao Yanru nodded and said. She didn't believe that she couldn't find out the truth about Shao Wanru's injury.

"Yes, First Miss, but don't I... need to... give it to Prince Zhou?" Shuqi took the letter, hesitated for a moment, and asked.

It was not her boldness that made her ask that. Sometimes Shao Yanru sent two letters.

“You don’t need to this time. Just tell Prince Yue to send someone to watch over Chu Qing in secret!” Shao Yanru shook her head and said with a complacent sneer. At this time, it was unnecessary to send too many people to carry out the task. Unlike the situation that dark night, the more people fishing in troubled waters, the better, because the disturbance made it more difficult to find out who actually did it.

Of course, none of these had anything to do with her, who just a weak Miss was staying in her boudoir all the time!

“Miss, shall I send another maid from our mansion to serve you? As soon as I leave, there will be no other maid to serve you!”

Shuqi looked at Qing’er, who was outside the window and said indignantly, “Look, the Fifth Miss claims to come up the mountain for meditation, but she has brought so many maids. There is even an inferior maid in the yard. But you have only brought me, which makes it inconvenient for you to go out!”

Especially when she went down the mountain, Shao Yanru had no other maid. Shuqi really felt indignant for her master. Obviously, her master was the most distinguished Miss in Duke Xing’s Mansion. The eldest legitimate daughter of an aristocratic family was usually cultivated in a different way. Even if there were other legitimate daughters, they couldn’t compare with the eldest legitimate daughter in all aspects.

Moreover, the Fifth Miss came from outside.

“It’s unnecessary. I’m fine with that. It’s inconvenient to have other maids!” Shao Yanru shook her head and said. She didn’t need too many maids to serve her. Shao Wanru had lived on the mountain for a long time, so it was normal for her to have more maids. But she had been lived here for only a few days, so it was not good for her to make a big scene.

“Well, but who can bring you lunch later?” Shuqi was still worried and said.

“When you go out later, tell Qing’er to bring me lunch at noon. When it’s time for dinner, you will probably be back!” Shao Yanru said, blinked her eyes, and looked at Qing’er, the maid in the courtyard. She seemed to be so strong that she could push the vat aside and continued sweeping the floor.

It had been inconvenient last time because Shao Wanru’s maids were all absent, but now they were all here. Even if they left later, since Shuqi had told the little maid about it, Shao Yanru would not starve even if the little maid brought her lunch later.

The little maid worked for Shao Wanru and usually did some menial jobs in the courtyard. She cleaned the courtyard most of the time and seldom got into Shao Wanru’s silence room. It was obvious that she wasn’t considered important.

It was much better to use Shao Wanru’s maid than to use her own maid!

“When you talk to her later, give her a big pouch and tell her that I give it to her because of seeing her consistent efforts in cleaning the courtyard, and then tell her to bring me lunch!” Shao Yanru gave an order.

"Yes, Miss, I'll tell her about it now and then go down the mountain!" Seeing her master's face, Shuqi knew that her master must have an idea, so she replied and left immediately.

After getting out of the room and seeing Qing'er, who was in the yard, Shuqi walked over with a big smile.

"Qing'er, what are you doing?" Shuqi walked up to Qing'er and asked in astonishment when seeing that she was still pushing the vat.

Shuqi thought that she had never seen the vat before.

"There are some water lilies planted in the vat. I'm trying to place it in a good place, where the Fifth Miss can admire them!" Qing'er said without even turning her head and continued pushing the vat.

Although the vat was not very big, it was filled with water, on which there were a few water lilies in bloom. A vat of water lilies in autumn was quite eye-catching. Shuqi found it delightful to have her eyes filled with the strong green.

"Where do the water lilies come from? They are still in bloom!" Shuqi was really astonished and asked.

There was a place planted with water lilies in the Yuhui Nunnery, but at this time, they had withered away. So it was impossible to see such thin but really blooming water lilies.

"They come from Pushan Nun's place. It's said that no one knows when Pushan Nun will come back, but she has planted a vat of beautiful water lilies. The Fifth Miss saw them when visiting Pushan Nun last time and liked them very much. Hearing that Pushan Nun was absent and no one took care of the water lilies, she asked the abbess to allow her to move them here and take care of them!"

Qing'er finally pushed the vat to a place in front of the silence room. After looking it up and down and feeling satisfied with its location, she wiped the sweat off her forehead and looked back at Shuqi with a bright smile.

"Sister Shuqi, are you going out?"

"Yes, I'm going down the mountain to fetch some clothes for my master, because the clothes we brought before are not plain and she doesn't like them. I won't be able to come back at noon. Qing'er, could you please go to the kitchen and fetch my master's lunch later?" Shuqi said with her attention going back to Qing'er while handing her a pouch in secret.

Qing'er had received some pouches from Shuqi sometimes, so she took it very naturally at the moment. After touching it and finding that it seemed to have contained not a few money, she said with an increasingly bright smile, "Sister Shuqi, you can go back now. Rest assured, I'll fetch both lunch and dinner for the First Miss. You can go down the mountain!"

"Thank you very much, Qing'er!"

"Don't mention it. I am just a maid, and it makes no difference whether I serve the First Miss or the Fifth Miss. Both the First Miss and the Fifth Miss are my masters. You don't have to thank me!" Qing'er said with a big smile. Despite her low voice, Shao Yanru, who had been watching them, heard it clearly and involuntarily showed a smile.

It was a good choice to make use of Qing'er, an inferior maid who worked for Shao Wanru but couldn't attract Shao Wanru's attention. It was worthwhile for her to often instruct Shuqi to reward Qing'er for helping her in various affairs.

It seemed that Qing'er was not completely stupid, and she needed such help at the moment...

Chapter 588 Try to Get Close to Qing'er without Being Noticed

Qing'er became active after receiving the pouch. Even before Shao Wanru's maid brought her lunch back, she had brought Shao Yanru's lunch back and it seemed to be a big meal. Seeing her come in with a hamper, which was bigger than usual, Shao Yanru showed a gentle smile.

She didn't care about how many dishes Qing'er brought for her, but only cared about having Qing'er's favor. Making Shao Wanru's maid work for her in secret was beneficial to her, she might be able to make great use of Qing'er at a critical moment!

"First Miss, I've brought your lunch. Sister Shuqi asked me to do it before she left!" Qing'er placed the huge hamper in front of Shao Yanru, wiped her sweat, and said.

"Thank you." Shao Yanru said with a smile, put down the writing brush in her hand, and then looked at the huge hamper and asked, "Why are there so many dishes today?"

"I don't know what you like, so I specially brought you a few more dishes!" Qing'er reported with a smile while taking out the dishes from the hamper neatly and placing them on the table one by one.

"The number of dishes for each one is limited, isn't it? Why can you take more dishes?" Shao Yanru said in surprise. The long-staying guests in the Yuhui Nunnery like Shao Yanru had ordered their dishes long before, so there couldn't be extra dishes.

"First Miss, I found out your dishes after an inquiry. After that, I saw some other dishes on one side, so I took a few more dishes at random!" Qing'er said with a flattering smile.

She meant that she didn't care about whether others had fewer dishes and only wanted to choose a few dishes that Shao Yanru liked!

Shao Yanru couldn't help laughing and said, "You can't do that next time. If you take more dishes, others must have fewer dishes. It's unfair for them!"

"Yes, First Miss. I got it." Qing'er said. Seeing Shao Yanru put down the writing brush, she smartly fetched the basin and filled it with water, and then held it in front of Shao Yanru for her to clean her hands.

After Shao Yanru washed her hands, Qing'er handed her a handkerchief and then poured the water.

"Qing'er, have you served my Fifth Sister in the room?" Shao Yanru asked with a smile when she saw Qing'er serve her with smooth movements.

"I saw Sister Yujie and Sister Qu Le serve the Fifth Miss in this way. As an inferior maid, I can't enter the room at will and can only watch them in the yard!" Qing'er lowered her head and said with a little envy,

As an inferior maid, she was definitely envious of the personal principal maids, which meant both a higher monthly salary and being respected. A principal maid always enjoyed more respect than an inferior maid. Even many personal principal maids had their little maids to serve them except in front of their masters.

"Qing'er, do you also want to be a principal maid serving in the room?" Shao Yanru sat down and asked with a smile.

Seeing a teapot and some cups on the table, Qing'er lost no time in reaching out and pouring a cup of tea for Shao Yanru neatly, and then nodded hard and said shyly, "Yes!"

"Work hard, and you will probably be promoted to my Fifth Sister's personal maid!" Shao Yanru couldn't help laughing and said.

Qing'er opened her eyes wide, looked at Shao Yanru, and said in surprise, "First Miss, do you think I can be promoted to the Fifth Miss's principal maid?"

"Why not? Qing'er, you are such a smart maid that you learn how to serve a master after watching other maids do that in the yard. My Fifth Sister will definitely promote you to her personal maid if she notices that!" Shao Yanru picked up the teacup, took a sip, and said with a gentle smile.

"Really? That would be great!" Qing'er said with a pleasantly surprised look, but she immediately lowered her head and said with disappointment, "The Fifth Miss will not promote me to her principal maid!"

"Why?" Shao Yanru asked in a soft voice with interest.

"There are so many capable maids around the Fifth Miss, and I'm just an inferior maid, who can only do some menial jobs and is of little use." Qing'er said in an aggrieved tone, "Besides, I can't show up in front of the Fifth Miss!"

"Why can't you show up in front of my Fifth Sister? Sometimes she allows you to serve her, doesn't she?" Shao Yanru asked in confusion with an increasingly gentle smile.

Probably Shao Yanru's gentle smile gave Qing'er the courage to say, "Sister Yujie and Sister Qu Le will not allow me to approach the Fifth Miss. Even if the Fifth Miss occasionally instructed me to go over, they stopped me intentionally or unintentionally. The Fifth Miss trusted Sister Yujie and Sister Qu Le the most, so she won't see me!"

Qing'er lowered her head even more and looked aggrieved as she said.

"Well, if my Fifth Sister clearly says that she doesn't need you anymore, you can be my maid. I like you a lot, so I can make you a principal maid of mine!" Shao Yanru said softly with a smile.

"Really?" Qing'er asked, suddenly raised her head and looked at Shao Yanru in surprise.

"Of course it's true. Would I lie to you?" Shao Yanru looked her up and down with a smile, nodded, and said.

"Thank you, First Miss. Thank you, First Miss. I will devote myself to work for you! I'm quite diligent!" Qing'er said in excitement with a sparkle in her eyes.

Of course, Shao Yanru clearly knew what Qing'er meant. She smiled slightly at once, stopped talking, picked up her chopsticks, and began to have lunch slowly.

She had always kept silent when having a meal and going to sleep. After she finished her lunch quietly, Qing'er began to clean up the bowls and chopsticks.

"You are a maid sent to serve my Fifth Sister by Great Elder Princess. During this period of time when you stay on the mountain, you should take serving my Fifth Sister as a priority. After you leave the Yuhui Nunnery and return to Duke Xing's Mansion, I'll ask my Fifth Sister for you. When the time comes, you can directly come to my courtyard and work as my principal maid!" Shao Yanru wiped her lips with a handkerchief and gave an order.

"First Miss, rest assured. I understand!" Qing'er, who was excited at the moment, became increasingly excited about hearing Shao Yanru's words.

The Fifth Miss was going to stay on the mountain for a few months at most. After she went down the mountain and returned to Duke Xing's Mansion with her master, she would be a member of Duke Xing's Mansion. When the time came, as long as the First Miss asked for her, she could be promoted to a principal maid from an inferior maid at once, which was obviously an excellent thing.

Any inferior maid would have the same reaction as Qing'er on hearing such news.

The principal maids of a Miss from an aristocratic family should be selected carefully. It was an excellent thing for her to win Miss's favor as an inferior maid.

Shao Yanru was quite satisfied with Qing'er's reaction. This was what she expected.

"I'll stay on the mountain for the time being!" Shao Yanru paused and then continued saying, "But I'll probably leave. But in any case, I'll remember what I've promised you. Rest assured and continue working for my Fifth Sister. You can help me occasionally when I need help and you're available."

"First Miss, rest assured. Tell me what I can do for you, and I'll do it at any risk!" Qing'er said. She almost wanted to pat her chest to ensure that she could definitely do anything for Shao Yanru.

"That's good. It's no big deal, but just a small errand. There are some water lilies in the vat. How about pushing the vat closer to my room so that I can see the water lilies as soon as I open the window!" Shao Yanru rolled her eyes slightly, stood up, pointed at the outside, and said slowly.

It was an extremely trivial errand, which was used to test Qing'er. In fact, Shao Yanru did care about admiring the water lilies but just intended to test Qing'er's loyalty to her.

Although Shao Yanru thought that since she had said that, any smart maid should know how to choose a master between her and Shao Wanru. Nevertheless, she had always been cautious, so of course, she still had a little doubt.

Thus, she tried to test Qing'er's loyalty to her with the vat of water lilies.

"Okay, First Miss, wait a minute. I'll push the vat to your window right away so that you can admire them when you get tired." Qing'er rolled up her sleeves and said, "Sister Yujie said that the Fifth Miss wanted to draw the water lilies, but I think it's more important to enable you to admire them when you get tired!"

As Qing'er said, she was in no mood to clean up the leftovers on the table, turned around in a hurry, and was about to leave without any hesitation.

"Wait a minute!" Shao Yanru stopped her with a smile.

"First Miss, what's wrong?" Qing'er stopped and asked in puzzlement.

"Since my Fifth Sister wants to draw a painting of them, you certainly should move the vat after she finishes painting. If you rashly push the vat over, my Fifth Sister will be unable to draw." Shao Yanru said with a gentle smile. Of course, she did not care about the vat of water lilies. She was very satisfied with Qing'er's attitude, but she would not really ask Qing'er to the vat, which had attracted Shao Wanru's attention!

It was not easy to hide something from Shao Wanru, so she had to be cautious when dealing with Shao Wanru!

"First Miss, you are so nice!" Qing'er said.

"My Fifth Sister is still young, so I should take care of her. Clean up the leftovers, see if there's anything you like, and eat what you like!" Shao Yanru said with a smile and pointed to the dishes on the table.

"Thank you, First Miss!" Qing'er said, looking cheerful. She seemed to have a heartfelt admiration for Shao Yanru and began to clean up the dishes neatly.

Shao Yanru went into the inner room for a rest, leaving Qing'er alone to clean up the dishes. When Qing'er was done, she said to the inner room, "First Miss, I'm going to the kitchen now. Do you need me to fetch anything else?"

"Nothing else. You can go now!" Shao Yanru's extremely gentle voice came from inside.

"Yes, First Miss!" Since Shao Yanru didn't give another order, Qing'er came out of the main room with the hamper. When she arrived in the corridor, she saw Yujie. They exchanged glances quietly and then separated.

After entering the inner room, Yujie opened the hamper in her hand, took out a few simple dishes, put them on the table, and then looked at Shao Wanru, who was standing in front of the window and admiring the water lilies, and said, "Miss, it's time for lunch!"

"The water lilies look in good shape!" Shao Wanru said. She happened to be able to see the water lilies, which stood gracefully erect with some in the bud, through her window. Suddenly, she recalled that she had intended to plant a vat of water lilies. When she was in Jiangzhou, she was unable to do that because she only had an empty fish tank. After she moved to the capital, Chu Liuchen gave her a fish tank, but she still didn't plant water lilies in it.

After she came up the mountain, it was even more inconvenient for her to plant water lilies. She did not expect that there would be such a vat of water lilies, which were in good shape. It was a rare chance indeed.

"They are sent here by Prince Chen in the name of Pushan Nun so that you can admire them!" Yujie saw the water lilies after turning around and replied with a smile.

"Qing'er has gone there?" Shao Wanru raised the corners of her mouth slightly, unconsciously said with a pleasant smile, and turned around to leave the window. Yujie hurriedly helped her sit down at the table.

Chapter 589 Keep the Door Unlocked, I'm Also Going Out for a Walk!

"Qing'er has gone over there. She seems to be very satisfied with Qing'er. I saw Qing'er come out with her face wreathed in smiles just now." Yujie reported in a low voice. She had received a hint from Qing'er when they exchanged glances just now.

"She's short of hands at the moment, so it's good for her to draw a maid of mine over to her side. Besides, Qing'er was sent by my maternal grandma to serve me. In any case, Qing'er is my trusted maid. She could definitely get twice the result with half the effort if she sends someone I trust to check on me!" Shao Wanru said while curving her mouth into a beautiful arc to show an elegant and indifferent smile.

"What does the First Miss intend to do?" Yujie asked nervously.

"She won't send my maid on a mission before knowing her better. Of course, she will do that at a critical moment! Just wait and see!" Shao Wanru said inadvertently.

"Well, tonight..." Yujie asked hesitantly.

"Let's wait and see tonight!" Shao Wanru said casually with a smile and a trace of gloom across her eyes. Shao Yanru was waiting for her good show of meeting Chu Qing in secret or sending a letter to Chu Qing, while she was waiting for Shao Yanru to go out tonight.

Based on his deep affection for Shao Yanru, how could Qiu Yu let go of such an opportunity? Shao Yanru was waiting for her show, while she was waiting for Shao Yanru's show...

"First Miss, an official surnamed Qiu from the Ministry of Justice came to ask you to go over there for an inquiry about what happened today!" Qing'er wiped her sweat off, came in, and reported to Shao Yanru.

"Qiu Yu?" Shao Yanru asked with a frown.

"Yes, it seems to be him. The Ministry of Justice sent him to ask you to go over there for an inquiry!" Qing'er nodded and said.

Shao Yanru frowned in displeasure. She did have something to tell Qiu Yu, but it was better to say it in private. Why did Qiu Yu come to take her over there in such a big way? It actually had nothing to do with her. He should turn to Shao Wanru!

Why did he directly turn to her? What did he mean by asking her to go over there for an inquiry? She did have something to tell him, but she couldn't say it in front of others. In particular, Qiu Yu turned to her at such an improper time. Why did he turn to her instead of turning to Shao Wanru?

"Did he turn to my Fifth Sister?" Despite her displeasure, Shao Yanru said, while maintaining a gentle smile.

"Yes, but the Fifth Miss instructed Sister Qu Le to say that it's no big deal and tell Lord Qiu to handle it by himself," Qing'er replied.

Of course, it was no big deal. It was just an accident, where no one had been injured. At present, it was Qiu Yu who was nervous. It seemed that Qiu Yu intended to please her by handling the case strictly, but it was not what she wanted to see.

"Go and tell them that since my Fifth Sister doesn't think it a big deal, just let it go!" Shao Yanru thought for a moment and said.

"Yes, I'll go to tell them right away!" Qing'er said, turned around, and ran out. When she opened the door, she saw two people at the door. One of them was an ordinary official of the Ministry of Justice, and the one standing behind him was Qiu Yu.

When Qiu Yu saw Qing'er come out, his eyes lit up. He winked at the man he brought here. The man hurried forward and asked with a smile, "What did the First Miss say?"

"First Miss said that it's no big deal and told Lord Qiu to handle it by himself!" Qing'er said to the man outside behind the half-closed door.

"Doesn't the First Miss have anything else to say?" Qiu Yu continued to ask and waved at his subordinate, reluctant to leave. His subordinate stepped back and gave him the place at the door.

"Uh... I'm afraid it's inconvenient for the First Miss to meet you..." Qing'er hesitated for a moment, looked up and down at Qiu Yu, and did not dare to refuse him directly.

Was the First Miss afraid that their meeting would be noticed with too many people around?

Qiu Yu was overjoyed and hurriedly said, "Go and report to the First Miss that it's fine if it's inconvenient for her to come over now. Please ask if she could come over at night and tell me about the two old maids. The Fifth Miss has sprained her ankle, so it's inconvenient for her to go out. If the First Miss leaves it to me, I don't know how to handle it!"

He meant that now there were only two Misses from Duke Xing's Mansion on the mountain. Since her younger sister had an accident, Shao Yanru should certainly take full charge of the case. Moreover, the Fifth Miss had told him to handle it by himself.

He accepted the trivial case because of Shao Yanru. Now that he hadn't achieved his goal, he was naturally unwilling to leave. If he missed such a chance to get close to his beloved girl, he would probably have no other chance in the future.

The transfer order from the Ministry of Justice had arrived. In a few days, he was going to leave the Yuhui Nunnery with the rest of the officials of the Ministry of Justice. After that, it would be uneasy for him to meet the First Miss Shao again. So he had to meet the First Miss Shao today in any case, and it would be best if he could figure out how she felt for him.

If she had the same feelings for him, he would send someone to her mansion to ask to marry her after he returned!

"Uh... the First Miss rejected it just now..." Qing'er said with an embarrassed look.

"She rejected it a moment ago. Now please go to make it clear to her. What happened between the First Miss and the Fifth Miss could be minor or significant!" Qiu Yu said coldly with a straight face.

He, who worked in the Ministry of Justice, looked stern and fierce when keeping a straight face. Qing'er was terribly scared by him so that she ran into the courtyard without saying anything.

How bold could an inferior maid be? He could make her do as he wished by scaring her!

"He insisted on meeting me?" Shao Yanru asked with a gloomy face and managed to suppress her anger after taking a light breath. She had intended to instruct Shuqi to go over there stealthily at night after Shuqi came back. Now it seemed that Qiu Yu would not leave until he met her.

His subordinate was at the door now, and he probably would not leave without a definite answer from her. If it was seen by others, it would tarnish her reputation.

No, she decided that she couldn't let the official from the Ministry of Justice wait at the door.

She got up and stood still after walking around the room twice. When she glanced at Qing'er and was about to talk, she suddenly stopped. She hadn't fully trusted the little maid yet. Of course, apart from whether she trusted Qing'er or not, she was afraid that her smart Fifth Sister would know it and do something against her.

So she couldn't instruct Qing'er to pass on a message directly.

She turned around, walked up to the window, picked up a writing brush, and wrote something. After drying the paper off, she folded it into a small note, handed it to Qing'er, and said, "Give this note to the official from the Ministry of Justice and tell him to pass it to Lord Qiu."

The case officers of the Ministry of Justice had a set of rules, so the official would never peek at a note. Moreover, since Qiu Yu had brought him here, he should be trusted by Qiu Yu.

Meanwhile, Shao Yanru was not worried about Qing'er's betrayal. It was just a note, which Qing'er couldn't see, unlike a message, which Qing'er could definitely hear.

At the very least, even if Qing'er saw the note, she wouldn't be able to read it. Could an inferior maid be able to read?

While Qing'er was walking out of the room, she quickly unfolded the note in her hand, looked at the words on it, and then folded it in her palm with composure. After that, she went to the door of the courtyard.

Shao Yanru stood by the window and saw Qing'er walk to the door of the courtyard submissively. The half-closed door of the courtyard prevented her from seeing what was going on outside, but she could vaguely hear Qing'er talk to a man. Soon she saw Qing'er come in, close the door and come over in a hurry to report to her.

Only then did she sit down in the chair. It was impossible for Qing'er to see the content of the note along the way.

"Miss, I've passed the note, and the man has gone!" Qing'er came in and reported.

"I see. You can leave now!" Shao Yanru waved her hand at Qing'er and said calmly.

"Yes!" Qing'er said respectfully and left. When she reached the door, she slightly raised the corners of her mouth and turned to leave.

Shuqi came back at about dinner time. After entering the room, she saw Qing'er come in cheerfully with a hamper before she reported to Shao Yanru. She couldn't help looking at Qing'er in surprise. It was still early for dinner. Qing'er behaved in quite a flattering manner.

Seeing Shuqi here, Qing'er acted properly. After handing the hamper to Shuqi, she retreated to the courtyard and continued working as an inferior maid without fighting for anything. Nevertheless, as a third-class inferior maid now, she could not fight for anything even if she wanted to.

Shao Yanru was very satisfied with Qing'er's being sensible.

After Qing'er left, Shao Yanru asked, "How is it going?"

"Rest assured, Miss. Everything went well!" Shuqi came over with the hamper and said as she took out the dishes.

"Go with me to meet Qiu Yu tonight!" Shao Yanru said and nodded, feeling a little relieved. She had felt uneasy recently. Although she had done this before, she was still a little worried.

"Miss, it's better not to meet Lord Qiu. He seems to..." Shuqi peeked at Shao Yanru. Seeing that Shao Yanru was not angry, she said in a low voice, "I think he seems to have some feelings for you!"

"I must get rid of the two old maids. It seems that Qiu Yu is unwilling to get rid of them without my word!" Shao Yanru said in distress. Of course, she did not want to have any connection with Qiu Yu. However, if she did not get rid of the two old maids, they were very likely to be used by Shao Wanru.

Even if it was not very likely, she was still worried. She had to deal with it as soon as possible, so as not to cause more trouble.

She had thought that she just had to send Shuqi to talk with him, but judging from Qiu Yu's attitude, she had no choice but to show up in person.

She had written down where and when to meet on the note. After meeting Qiu Yu at night, she intended to make it clear to him that it would be inconvenient for her to meet him in the future.

As the night became dark slowly, Shao Yanru came out of the main room slowly with Shuqi. Unexpectedly, they met Qing'er. Seeing Qing'er's flattering and joyful smile, Shao Yanru stopped and asked, "Has my Fifth Sister gone to sleep?"

"First Miss, the Fifth Miss has gone out for a walk and hasn't come back yet!" Qing'er reported with a smile.

Shao Yanru showed a trace of complacency. As she expected, Shao Wanru failed to remain indifferent and probably had gone to meet Chu Qing. The person sent by Prince Yue probably had been watching over her long before. As long as the person saw her meeting Chu Qing in secret, the person would inevitably catch them tripping.

Her foot injury? Damn it!

"Leave the door unlocked. I'm also going out for a walk!" Shao Yanru said with a smile. Since she was going over there to have a look, she should be able to come back earlier than Shao Wanru. When Shao Wanru was caught meeting Chu Qing in secret, she must have returned to the yard!

Chapter 590 The Maid's Good-for-nothing Relatives

It was a Buddha hall, the closest to her courtyard, where Shao Yanru asked Qiu Yu to meet. There were two lights hanging at the door of the medium-sized Buddha hall. In the dark night, the two lights looked inconspicuous.

When Yujie helped Shao Wanru to walk past here, Shao Wanru couldn't continue walking. She reached out to press her foot and looked at the Buddha Hall with some hesitation.

"Miss, let's go inside for a rest. It's inconvenient for you to continue walking with your foot injury!" Yujie reached out to support Shao Wanru and said. Although Shao Wanru, who leaned most of her body on Yujie, staggered slightly, no one would discover them in the dark if the one didn't notice them.

Moreover, there was no one else around.

"It's so dark inside, and we didn't bring a light!" Shao Wanru looked at the half-closed door and said.

"Miss, it's okay to sit inside since we just want to have a rest without doing anything else. If you are afraid, I can tell you a few stories. After you refresh yourself, we will leave!" Yujie supported Shao Wanru and advised.

Moving her foot in a pigeon-toed pose, Shao Wanru could only say after thinking for a while, "Well, let's sit for a while!"

"Yes, let's sit for a while. Rest assured, Miss!" Yujie said and helped Shao Wanru into the dark hall. They disappeared in the dark.

A man in black flashed past. Glancing at the hall, he sneaked into the hall nimbly through the door without making any sound.

How could they, two girls spending most of their time in the inner courtyard, notice him? As the man in black thought, he leaned over the cross beam of the hall and looked down. However, he did not notice that another dark figure as light as smoke followed him into the hall and hid on another cross beam.

It was very dark in the hall. Shao Wanru didn't feel like continuing going forward after taking a few steps with Yujie's help.

Yujie helplessly helped Shao Wanru to sit down on a stool, which they found behind the gauze curtain. She could hear Shao Wanru's heavy breathing in the darkness.

Yujie didn't know it was caused by fear or the pain in Shao Wanru's foot.

There were layers of gauze curtains hanging in the front of the hall, but there was still space in the corner of the hall. After helping Shao Wanru sit down, Yujie sat casually on an edge of the gauze curtain she pulled over.

She grew up in a temple, so she felt at ease here.

After sitting down, she said with a smile, "Miss, what kind of story do you like?"

"Whatever delightful!" With her breathing becoming steady at the moment, Shao Wanru said softly after thinking for a while.

"Well, let me see. Oh, I got one. Would you like the story of a top scholar and his wife?" Yujie asked with a smile in a voice, which was particularly crisp in the darkness.

"Okay. Tell me!" Shao Wanru said in a voice, which sounded soft and light in the hall.

"Well, I'll begin now. Listen carefully..." Yujie also said in a low voice. With only the two of them in the hall, it was quiet with no echo, which made the atmosphere more terrifying in the dark.

Yujie talked slowly in a low voice. Probably because she had to recall something, she stopped and thought for a long while from time to time. During this period, neither of them talked. Fortunately, Shao Wanru listened very carefully and didn't interrupt Yujie even when Yujie stopped talking.

In fact, the story was boring and seemed to be made up of bits and pieces. What was more, Yujie couldn't make it up at once, so she had to think about it carefully. It was just a story, which could only deceive some ignorant Misses.

Both of the two men in black on the cross beam didn't take it seriously.

Suddenly, there came some footsteps from outside the hall, which immediately broke the silence here. The person walked hurriedly and was obviously coming here. The maid stopped talking immediately. The two of them seemed to be a little flustered. The maid stood up and came up to her master.

With no light in the night at the moment, it was reasonable for the two girls to panic.

The door of the hall had not been closed since they came in. At the moment, as it was pushed further, a man strode in and walked straight ahead.

Walking to the Buddha statue in the midst of the hall, he took out a combustible paper roll to enable him to see what was in front and light up a small Buddha lamp.

A place in front of the Buddha statue was lit up at once.

The man in black looked at the man below cautiously. At this moment, the man below had his back to him, so it was hard to tell who the man below was for the time being.

The man below did not look back and just looked at the Buddha statue in front of him quietly with his hands clasped behind his back without moving.

The man below didn't come to meet the Fifth Miss Shao? The man in black looked at Shao Wanru and Yujie, who hid behind the gauze curtain in the corner. A beam of dim light enables him to vaguely see Shao Wanru and Yujie holding each other nervously. Shao Wanru didn't act like a Miss coming to meet a man in secret. The man in black was confused!

Wasn't it said that either the Fifth Miss Shao or her maid was going to do something improper today? But now that the man had shown up, why didn't she come forward to meet him? Could it be possible that she was still waiting for something?

Or could it be possible that his master got it wrong?

The man in black lay motionless on the cross beam, glancing at the back of the man in front of the Buddha statue and Shao Wanru and Yujie hiding in the corner, lost in deep thought. At this moment, he should certainly watch over them without moving.

There came some other sounds from the door. The footsteps were lighter than before but seemed to come from more people. There came two people. The man in black immediately told the difference.

Outside the door, Shuqi showed up first. Looking at Qiu Yu, who was in the hall and looking back in surprise, she breathed a sigh of relief and stepped aside. After that, Shao Yanru walked in slowly.

The man in black on the cross beam frowned tightly. It was completely different from what he expected.

It seemed that it was a secret meeting between the First Miss Shao and Qiu Yu instead of a secret meeting between the Fifth Miss Shao and Commandery Prince Qing. The man in black knew the man below because his master had some secret report about the man.

The man was the lineal youngest son of the assistant minister of the Ministry of Justice, as well as Duke Liyang. As a remarkable child from an aristocratic family in the capital city, he was of good character and had a good family background. Although he now worked in the Ministry of Justice, he got his job with his real capability rather than because of his father's influence, and it was said that he was assigned by the emperor.

Because he came from a decent family and was capable, the master of the man in black noticed him.

"First Miss!" Seeing Shao Yanru come in slowly, Qiu Yu said, took two steps forward excitedly and bowed to her first.

Shao Yanru stopped, also bowed to Qiu Yu, and said, "Your Excellency!"

Qiu Yu coughed in a low voice, got out of the way, stretched his hand forward, and said, "First Miss, this way please!"

It seemed to be brighter inside.

Shao Yanru hesitated for a moment, but she still walked inside. Compared with the dim environment outside, she preferred to go inside. At least she could see how Qiu Yu looked and behaved clearly.

When they arrived at the altar, Shao Yanru turned around and went straight to the point, "Your Excellency, the two old maids are supposed to have nothing to do with me, but..."

Speaking of this, she glanced at Shuqi, who came in behind her.

Shuqi took two steps forward, knelt down in front of Qiu Yu, kowtowed heavily, and then raised her head and said, "Your Excellency, what happened to the Fifth Miss has nothing to do with the First Miss, but it has something to do with me. Please spare them for the sake of the First Miss and the Fifth Miss!"

"What does it have to do with you?" Qiu Yu froze for a while and then said with his face darkening. He, who worked in the Ministry of Justice, reacted fiercely to cases.

Shao Yanru didn't say a word and just looked up at him. Qiu Yu immediately realized that he had been too cold. He hurriedly took a deep breath to relax and asked gently, "What is going on? Could it be that you ask the two old maids to hurt the Fifth Miss?"

"Your Excellency, I wouldn't dare. I wouldn't dare to do such a thing even if I got tremendous courage!" Shuqi shook her hands and defended herself anxiously.

"Well, what's the matter?" Qiu Yu asked with a frown. He came here today with the intention of meeting Shao Yanru in private and finding out how she felt for him. It was really not a good thing to interrogate the maid of his beloved girl at the moment. But since Shuqi had confessed, he had to ask her.

"Your Excellency, I didn't know the two old maids before. However, after I came back, my grandma turned to me and said that they were both related to me by blood. One of them was my eldest aunt's younger sister, and the other was my second aunt's sister-in-law. They did that because of the grudges between them and didn't mean to hurt the Fifth Miss. My grandma asked me to beg my master to let it go, so my master brought me here to explain it out of kindness!"

Shuqi wiped her eyes with a handkerchief and said in a choked voice with red eyes, "My two relatives really acted recklessly. Both of them are from the countryside and ignorant of rules, so they have always scolded and beat each other at will. They've suffered the consequences of their own deeds, but they were unlikely to hurt the Fifth Miss."

Qiu Yu had investigated the case. Although he smelled something fishy, he didn't think it a big deal. After all, no one was injured except for Shao Wanru, who claimed to have sprained her ankle. However, Qiu Yu considered that she just feigned it.

If she had sprained her ankle, why did she walk such a long way instead of going back?

At the thought of this, he looked up at Shao Yanru. However, Shao Yanru made a deep bow to him and said, "Your Excellency, I hope that you could find out the truth and let the two old maids go down the mountain soon. Although Shuqi is my maid, I've always treated her as my sister. If she is really scolded by her grandma, I will feel sad. Besides, my Fifth Sister has left the case to you, right?"

On hearing her words, Qiu Yu fell silent for a while. It was indeed not a big deal, and Shao Wanru, as the victim, did not urge him to handle it. It was not difficult to let the two old maids go. Seeing his beloved girl beg for a maid of hers, Qiu Yu felt increasingly tender and protective toward her.

She was such a kind and beautiful girl that he couldn't help falling in love with her!

"Uh... I'll handle it right away. Since it's just a misunderstanding, I won't handle it severely. You can rest assured, First Miss Shao!" Qiu Yu said and reached out in an attempt to help Shao Yanru stand up straight.

Shao Yanru had stood up straight alertly.

Qiu Yu coughed in a low voice, and his face turned slightly red. It was just an excuse, which he used to ask her out. What he was going to say next was the most important thing!