

Medical Princess 611

Chapter 611 One of Them Says and Shows Her True Features, While the Other One Hears Outside!

Shao Yanru's face turned cold, and Shuqi took two steps forward to stand in front of her, glared at Qu Le and Yujie, and rebuked, "What are you talking about? Apologize to the First Miss now. Don't you know how much the First Miss cares for the Fifth Miss? The First Miss specially went up the mountain to accompany the Fifth Miss for fear that the Fifth Miss would feel lonely. What's more, why did you come down the mountain?"

Qu Le and Yujie exchanged glances and hesitated.

Yujie said, "It's said that Old Madam Qin is sick and wants to meet our master. If she refuses to do that, she will be considered ungrateful!"

"Yeah, the affairs of the Qin's Mansion have nothing to do with the First Miss. She has no idea of what has happened in the Qin's Mansion. If there's anyone knowing it, the one must be a member of the Qin's Mansion. Think about whom your master has offended in the Qin's Mansion before so that the one set up such a trap for your master. Moreover, the one must be familiar with the Fifth Miss's character and the affairs of the Qin's Mansion!"

Shuqi reminded them.

Qu Le hesitated for a long while and asked, "The First Miss Qin?"

"Who else could it be other than her? She's the one satisfying the requirements!" Shuqi said angrily, "The First Miss has always cared for the Fifth Miss and been kind to her. How could she set up such a deadly trap for the Fifth Miss?"

Her words sounded reasonable. Shao Wanru, who was lying still on the bed, sneered in her heart. It was Shuqi who said those words, and whatever Shuqi said and whoever Shuqi suggested was behind the plot had nothing to do with Shao Yanru, who remained the gentle and kind First Miss Shao. Even if someone considered Shuqi crossed the line, she was just a maid.

No one would do anything to a maid intending to protect her master!

Shao Yanru had a good maid indeed, but it would not be so easy for her to get out of the predicament today.

Sheer force destroys all strategies. Although Shao Yanru was sharp-witted and scheming enough to handle all kinds of situations, she wouldn't be able to deal with Qin Yuru, who was furious and rash.

She couldn't get Shao Yanru involved in what had happened before with only a few words of Qing'er, who went "crazy" at that time, because few people would believe the words of a crazy maid. Nevertheless, she deliberately spread more rumors about Shao Yanru. As expected, Shao Yanru couldn't stand watching anymore!

Despite her closed eyes, she could hear clearly that Qin Yuru had been led to the outer room...

"Is it really the First Miss Qin? But... it has been so many years, and the First Miss Qin is now the Young Madam of Duke Yong and has nothing to do with our master. Why did she do this to our master?" Qu Le said and looked at Yujie in confusion as if intending to seek support.

Yujie was also at a loss. She looked at Qu Le and then at Shuqi, and finally looked at Shao Yanru and asked in a trembling voice, "First Miss, does it really have nothing to do with you?"

"Of course, it has nothing to do with me. My Fifth Sister and I are as close as biological sisters. I know my Fifth Sister has suffered a lot of hardships in the Qin's Mansion. If Qin Yuru is really the one behind it, I can promise my Fifth Sister that I will not spare her despite her identity as the Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion!"

Shao Yanru said firmly with a calm look and impressive bearing, which made her look reassuring. Although she was not taking an oath, they could feel her sincerity.

"First Miss, but... but the First Miss Qin is now Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion. I'm afraid you might be unable to deal with her!" Qu Le, who seemed to be convinced by her words, stammered and said uneasily.

Seeing that the two maids had been convinced by her words, Shao Yanru felt complacent, while comforting the two maids with a gentle smile, "Rest assured. Although she's Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion, I won't allow her to bully the Miss of our Duke Xing's Mansion. Moreover, if my Fifth Sister got killed, even Duke Yong's Mansion couldn't afford to bear the blame, not to mention her!"

"Exactly. Duke Yong's Mansion is just a declining family. What makes them think so highly of themselves?" Shuqi curled her lip and said with disdain.

In the outer room, Qin Yuru clenched her fists, gnashed her teeth, and forced herself to continue listening. The old maid leading them here had left, leaving her and her maid Mei Xue in the outer room.

Mei Xue was so frightened that her face turned pale, while she was so angry that her face turned livid.

What her grandma said was true. Shao Yanru had evil intentions. When Shao Wanru was still in the Qin's Mansion, Shao Yanru had met her in private. Shao Yanru seemed to be very nice to her, but actually suggested that she should deal with Shao Wanru and she could get what she wanted after doing that.

Of course, it was Shao Yanru's maid rather than Shao Yanru who said those words. Meanwhile, Shao Yanru just listened quietly with a smile beside them, as if all of these things had nothing to do with her!

As she expected, it was this vicious lady who stirred up trouble behind the scenes!

If Shao Yanru hadn't provoked Qi Rongzhi to meet her, she wouldn't have trapped Shao Wanru at this time. Her grandma had told her that if something really happened to Shao Wanru, she would be in great trouble. Moreover, the whole of Duke Yong's Mansion would be implicated. This was an important reason why Qin Yuru came repeatedly in an attempt to check on Shao Wanru's health status.

Even if it was an accident, Great Elder Princess would not let go of Duke Yong's Mansion.

Qin Yuru had looked forward to a bright future in Duke Yong's Mansion before marrying into Duke Yong's Mansion. However, she found that she now lived a life worse than she did in the Qin's Mansion before.

She employed all available means to marry into Duke Yong's Mansion, only to find that she lived an increasingly terrible life. Apart from little spending money, she could say nothing about Di Yan's taking one and another concubine due to her terrible reputation. All of these made her harbor profound hatred.

Instead of taking her side, her mother-in-law kept defending Di Yan by saying that they allowed her to marry into their mansion for the sake of Old Madam of their mansion. Besides, her mother-in-law told her to behave well as Young Madam, otherwise, she might even lose the title of Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion.

During the past two years, Qin Yuru had lived an extremely depressing life. Although she turned to her grandma, who had always doted on her, to complain about what Di Yan had done, her grandma only asked her to make concessions. Only then did she realize that the one her grandma cared for the most was Di Yan rather than her and her grandma felt deeply guilty about making Di Yan marry her.

Her grandma agreed with Di Yan to take concubines every time he mentioned it in order to make it up to Di Yan.

Hearing Qi Rongzhi's words, she, who had lived a miserable life in Duke Yong's Mansion, was convinced that even if something happened to Shao Wanru, it would be considered an accident and she wouldn't get involved in it. Now after being reminded by her grandma, she realized that if the blame was shifted onto her, Duke Yong's Mansion would definitely not defend her and she would probably live a more miserable life.

She couldn't get involved in it!

Absolutely not! She clenched her sleeves with her fingers in a jerky way and continued listening to the conversation inside, thinking that she must find out Shao Yanru's fault and shift the blame onto Shao Yanru. It Shao Yanru who instigated her to do this. Why could Shao Yanru pretend to be a kind elder sister in the room while she was going to be stepped into the mud?

It was the first time that Qin Yuru had realized that she and Shao Wanru were no longer a couple of sisters of the same status as before. At that time, even if anything happened to Shao Wanru, she could cover it up. But her previous schemes wouldn't work now. Shao Wanru was the granddaughter of Great Elder Princess, while she was too humble to compare with Shao Wanru.

If anything happened to Shao Wanru, she would probably have to pay for it with her life!

She was not reconciled to the result and unwilling to give in!

"First Miss, are you really willing to avenge my master?" Yujie said tearfully and looked at Shao Yanru with strong emotions.

"Of course, I am willing to do that. No matter how Young Madam of Duke Yong defends herself, I will definitely make her pay for it!" Shao Yanru said.

There were only her, Shuqi, and Shao Wanru's two maids in the room, so she naturally blurted it out. Nevertheless, these words wouldn't go out, or even if they went out, she could deny that. How could the two maids convince others that she had said that?

At this moment, she had to gain the trust of the two maids so that she could feel Shao Wanru's pulse and confirm Shao Wanru's health status.

Shao Yanru had read a lot of books about various aspects, so she knew some basic knowledge of feeling the pulse. Although she might not necessarily be able to find out the cause of the illness, she could tell whether Shao Wanru was seriously injured.

"First Miss..." Qu Le seemed to want to say something, but Shuqi interrupted her impatiently, "Why do you keep asking? My master is worried about Fifth Miss. Rest assured, the First Miss will definitely make Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion, who trapped the First Miss, to pay for it."

"Really?" Yujie asked, pleasantly surprised. She looked at Shao Yanru without looking at Shuqi, as if begging Shao Yanru to promise her again.

"Of course. I will seek justice and make Duke Yong's Mansion pay for it even if I have to use all power and connections of Duke Xing's Mansion! Rest assured!" Shao Yanru had to promise again. Seeing the two maids look unconvinced, she said firmly.

"Thank you, First Miss!" The two maids said, looked at each other, and bowed deeply to Shao Yanru with strong emotions.

"You don't need to thank me. Your master is my Fifth Sister as well as the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. How can a humble Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion compare with her?" Shao Yanru rarely said such mean words, especially in front of others. But now in order to get the trust of the two maids, she just blurted it out.

Shuqi had always been good at cooperating with Shao Yanru. When Shao Yanru expressed ten or twenty percent of her real thought, Shuqi would say fifty or sixty percent. Now since Shao Yanru had expressed fifty or sixty percent of her real thought, Shuqi could say it all.

On hearing Shao Yanru's words, Shuqi immediately nodded and added, "The Young Madam of Duke Xing is shameless. How could she do that? Not only did she seduce Prince Cheng, but she also dared to come to our mansion to claim her identity as the Fifth Miss after being refused by Prince Cheng. She just has never realized what a b*tch she is! Now she dared to trap the Fifth Miss. She is so despicable and vicious. After returning to our mansion, my master will definitely ask our Old Madam to send someone to the Ministry of Justice. We will seize this despicable and vicious lady, send her to the Ministry of Justice and ask them to lead her through the streets for a shame parade and behead her!"

As soon as she finished speaking, the door of the inner room was kicked open...

Chapter 612 A Fight between Two Shrews, Who Wins?

"Shao Yanru, you are so... You instigated me to set up the trap and now spoke ill of me and push all the blame to me. You b*tch, I will beat you to death!" Qin Yuru showed up at the door and said with a fierce and angry look. After seeing Shao Yanru and her maid in the inner room clearly, she directly pounced on Shao Yanru.

Qu Le and Yujie took two steps back and leaned against the bed to protect Shao Wanru, knocking down the lifted gauze curtain beside them in a moment of nervousness.

The gauze curtain fell and covered Shao Wanru's upper body, enabling her to open her eyes and watch the farce outside through the gauze curtain.

She managed to allure the two of them here in order to offer them an opportunity to put on this farce!

Seeing Qin Yuru rush over with a malicious look in her eyes, Shao Yanru realized that there was a situation and took a step back nervously. She, who had always been generous and decent in front of others and seldom confronted others directly, had never seen someone as reckless as Qin Yuru.

Shuqi reacted quickly and rushed forward to stop Qin Yuru. However, Qin Yuru, who harbored deep hatred, pushed her away and pounced on Shao Yanru behind her.

Shuqi struggled to get up and protect Shao Yanru, but Mei Xue, who was behind Qin Yuru, pulled her, slapped her fiercely, and knocked her out at once.

Compared with Shuqi, Mei Xue had always been tough. She had often helped Qin Yuru do evil when in Jiangzhou, but just seemed to be weak after moving to the capital city and living a miserable life. However, just now she heard it from outside that the First Miss Shao in front of her shifted all the blame onto her master.

If her master had to take the blame, she would get killed. At this moment, she had deep hatred like Qin Yuru and was in no mood to think about too much. Besides, before they entered the room, her master told her to beat Shao Yanru's maid severely, so she certainly would not restrain herself at the moment.

Shuqi felt dizzy after being slapped and shook her head. Suddenly she heard her master's scream and looked back in a hurry, only to see that Qin Yuru gave her master a few slaps, grabbed her master's hair, and pulled her master's head down hard. She got anxious and intended to stand up to help Shao Yanru.

Unfortunately, Mei Xue did not intend to let her go and grabbed her hair and beat her. Shuqi reacted and started to fight with Mei Xue. The two maids got entangled with each other at the moment.

After being slapped several times, Shao Yanru had no time to care about her manners. She struggled desperately while screaming at the top of her voice.

Qu Le and Yujie seemed to be scared out of their wits. After watching them fight for a while, Qu Le rushed out and shouted, "Help! Help!"

They had made such big noises that the few imperial physicians, who were waiting on one side, had been alarmed.

These imperial physicians, who were all invited here by Rui'an Great Elder Princess from the imperial palace, had been baffled by Shao Wanru's unconscious state and pondering how to wake up the Fifth Miss Shao. But now hearing the heartrending and sharp female screams coming from the main room, they were all stunned.

Then they reacted and rushed over with their medicine chests. Seeing Qu Le come out to call for help, they immediately rushed in.

Before they got out of the imperial palace to treat the Fifth Miss Shao, the Empress Dowager specially told them that they must cure the Fifth Miss Shao, otherwise, they would be punished.

They didn't know what was going on in the main room, but didn't dare to pause and rushed straight in the room for fear that the Fifth Miss Shao would be in danger. However, after getting in the room and seeing what was going on, the imperial physicians were all stunned.

Two maids were fighting with each other, while two Misses were also fighting with each other. At this moment, all of them had been beaten so terribly that no one could tell how many slaps and scratches each of them had suffered.

The only one who could prevent them was the Fifth Miss Shao, who was lying on the bed. However, she was still in a coma and couldn't prevent them even if she wanted to.

"Shao Yanru, you b*tch, it was you who made Qi Rongzhi deliver a message that you got a way to deal with Shao Wanru and I just needed to coax Shao Wanru to come down the mountain. I thought that you really cared about us and wanted to restore the relationship between me and my sister with the excuse of my grandma's illness. However, it turns out that you are the most despicable person!"

Seeing some people come, Qin Yuru grabbed Shao Yanru's hair more tightly with one hand, while slapping Shao Yanru hard with the other hand.

Of course, it was Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion who taught her to say that, but Old Madam hadn't expected that she would meet Shao Yanru and just told her to give this explanation to Great Elder Princess and Shao Wanru. Unexpectedly, she didn't meet Great Elder Princess and even found that Shao Wanru was still in a coma. At the sight of the imperial physicians, she immediately said those words.

The imperial physicians were from the imperial palace, so as long as she said it, Shao Yanru could not deny it.

"You... you are talking nonsense... I... know nothing about it..." Shao Yanru said. She, who was shrewd, had always hidden her viciousness in her heart and had never been beaten like this before.

Unexpectedly, as a Miss from an aristocratic family, Qin Yuru recklessly came up to beat her. Although she felt a sharp pain, she knew that she couldn't admit it at this moment.

"Nonsense? Shao Yanru, the reason why you want to prevent sister Wanru from returning to your Duke Xing's Mansion is that your second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion intends to occupy the title of Duke Xing, which is supposed to be inherited by sister Wanru's younger brother. If you managed to get rid of sister Wanru this time, sister Wanru's younger brother will be your next target. Your second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion is so good at scheming!"

Qin Yuru gnashed her teeth and said in rage. What she had heard outside just now made her want to beat Shao Yanru to death. She was in a difficult situation, but the b*tch Shao Yanru came up with a way to push her into such a trap. How could she spare Shao Yanru. She fought with Shao Yanru with her strength, while saying what Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion had told her.

Shao Wanru, who was lying on the bed, leaned over slightly and looked sideways at Qin Yuru. She had not seen Qin Yuru for more than two years. Now Qin Yuru seemed to have made some progress. Under the instruction of Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion, Qin Yuru knew that now it was a good time to mention the incident in front of the imperial physicians and managed to make Shao Yanru unable to speak clearly.

Shao Yanru was no match for Qin Yuru in a fight.

“You... you let go of me. You are talking nonsense...” Dragged by Qin Yuru, Shao Yanru felt dizzy and didn’t hear Qin Yuru’s words completely. Nevertheless, knowing that Qin Yuru wouldn’t speak well of her, she rebuked loudly and pulled Qin Yuru’s hand.

“Stop!” A harsh shout came from outside. Rui’an Great Elder Princess, who got the news, showed up at the door with several Mesdames. When she saw what was going on inside, she trembled with anger and instructed some old maids to pull them apart.

A few old maids came up to pull the two of them, who were wrestling with each other, apart with great strength. Both of them were in a mess with disheveled hair. No one knew who the several locks of hair on the ground belonged to, and their faces were in an even worse situation. Both of them had a bloody nose and a swollen face with scratches, which were not very deep but made them look undignified.

They looked more like two shrews on the street rather than two Misses from aristocratic families.

As two Misses were separated, the two maids were naturally separated with a bloody nose and a swollen face as well.

“Your Highness, I didn’t trap sister Wanru. Please uphold justice for me. Shao Yanru asked Qi Rongzhi to deliver a message that she could restore the relationship between me and sister Wanru and I just needed to make sister Wanru come down the mountain with the excuse of my grandma’s illness. When I was young and immature, I didn’t get along well with sister Wanru. Now I really want to be friendly with sister Wanru, but... I was used by Shao Yanru!”

Qin Yuru threw herself in front of Great Elder Princess and cried out loud with no time to care about the scratches on her face.

These words were told by Old Madam of Duke Yong’s Mansion before, and she had intended to complain about it with tears directly when meeting Great Elder Princess. Unexpectedly she didn’t meet Great Elder Princess until now.

Although Qin Yuru had disappeared in the circle of noble ladies in the capital city for such a long time, what she had done was so shocking that although it had been more than two years, people still inquired about her from time to time and knew that she lived a terrible life in Duke Yong’s Mansion.

Her words conformed to the fact that she lived a terrible life. In this case, she should restore her relationship with Qin Wanru indeed. After all, Shao Wanru now was not an ordinary noble young lady.

Her words sounded very reasonable! She must be suggested by someone!

“Your Highness, she’s obviously talking nonsense. Even if Qi Rongzhi had an agreement with her, it has nothing to do with me. I didn’t say anything to her. How could she frame me? Hearing that my Fifth Sister had an accident, I got anxious and came to see her. I didn’t expect to run into this crazy lady. Your Highness, please uphold justice for me!”

Shao Yanru collected herself, restrained her emotions, walked up to Great Elder Princess, knelt down, and defended herself, “What do the affairs of the Qin’s Mansion have to do with me? I’m wondering if Young Madam of Duke Yong is possessed so that she said that!”

"I'm possessed? First Miss Shao, your second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion has always coveted the title of the heir of Duke Xing, right? In this case, you won't leave the eldest branch alone, not to mention sister Wanru. You took advantage of my eager desire to restore my relationship with sister Wanru to coax her to come down the mountain and set up a trap for her. Your... your motive is execrable!"

Qin Yuru pointed at Shao Yanru and scolded her, and even reached out in an attempt to slap Shao Yanru when getting indignant. Fortunately, the servant beside Great Elder Princess stopped her.

Great Elder Princess looked at one of them and at the other with a cold face, seeming to be unable to make a judgment at once. Finally, she waved her hand and said wearily, "Both of you may go back now. The officers of the Ministry of Justice will investigate it and find out the one behind it. Besides, don't come here again. The two of you even fought in front of Zhuozhuo's bed before she wakes up. Neither of you cares about her!"

"I..." Qin Yuru still wanted to say something but was helped up by an old maid and dragged out.

Shao Yanru was also pulled up by an old maid of Great Elder Princess's Mansion. Each of them was led out by an old maid, leaving a few Mesdames following Great Elder Princess here. They shook their heads secretly. They had considered the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion a fair lady, but now they thought that she was probably a scheming lady.

Since Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion lived a terrible life in Duke Yong's Mansion, it was reasonable that she wanted to be friendly with Shao Wanru, who had been her younger sister before, and thus to seek support from Shao Wanru. Duke Xing's Mansion seemed to intend to pass the title to the second branch. If it was true, the First Miss Shao might be after something.

Or not only First Miss Shao, but also Duke Xing's Mansion was after something!

However, they could only know the truth after the Ministry of Justice finished the investigation!

"It's... it's noisy!" A low voice suddenly came from the bed, breaking the strange silence in the room...

Chapter 613 The Incident Becomes Significant...

Qin Yuru and Shao Yanru were led to the parking lot at the same time. The two old maids leading the way stepped aside after bowing to them. When Shao Yanru was about to get in the carriage with the help of Shuqi, Qin Yuru suddenly rushed from behind and grabbed Shao Yanru's clothes.

Shao Yanru was knocked off balance and fell to the ground. Shuqi failed to pull her in time and fell heavily on the ground together.

"Shao Yanru, the first beauty in the capital city? Look at you. Do you really think that you are the first noble lady in the capital city?" Qin Yuru raised her head and said with a sneer, "You, who set me up again and again, are so vicious. I would like to see if there's anyone who will still consider you a talented and pretty lady after I tear off your mask. Bah!"

After that, she turned around and got in her carriage. The coachman waved his whip and the carriage left.

Struggling to help Shao Yanru up, Shuqi got so angry that she glared at Qin Yuru's carriage with her face turning livid.

"Let's go!" Shao Yanru held Shuqi's hand and said harshly.

She got in the carriage with Shuqi's help.

Seeing the two carriages leave one after the other, the two old maids leading the way went back to report.

"They are the Changxing Grass that can drive horses crazy?" In the imperial study, the Emperor stared at several stalks of grass on his desk with a gloomy and cold face and said. The grassroots obviously had been smashed. Although they had been cleaned, there was a little mud on them. Meanwhile, on the other side, there was a box containing a few stalks of grass.

They were well-preserved and not damaged at all. It was obvious that they had been kept properly!

Despite the different conditions of the grass on the desk and the grass in the box, it could still be seen that they were of the same kind.

"Your Majesty, they are indeed the same kind of grass, Changxing Grass. I've found out that this kind of grass comes from the Xu State which is located at the junction in the south with mephitis all year round. It's difficult for non-local people to penetrate deeply into the country. This kind of Changxing Grass grows in the area with dense mephitis, which makes it even difficult for local people to collect them."

Li Shuiqing, the minister of Ministry of Justice, reported all the information he had found to the Emperor.

After falling silent for a moment, the Emperor stared at the few stalks of crushed grass with a frown. He had thought it just a matter within the inner courtyard. Unexpectedly, it had something to do with the imperial government.

Of course, he knew that an accident occurred at the foot of the Yuhui Nunnery. When he went to the Empress Dowager's palace, the Empress Dowager had mentioned it to him because it was related to the granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess. The Empress Dowager suggested that she had chosen the girl as Chu Liuchen's wife.

It would be announced at an appropriate time!

Now that the girl had an accident and Chu Liuchen might get involved in it, the Empress Dowager told the Emperor about it.

At that time, he didn't pay much attention to it, because no matter it was an accident or a trap, it had nothing to do with him. Since the Ministry of Justice had intervened in it, he would leave it to them and told them to give Chu Liuchen a satisfactory result.

However, the Emperor did not expect to discover a few stalks of Changxing Grass. He had never heard of this kind of grass before. But after hearing what the minister of the Ministry of Justice said, he realized that there was this kind of Changxing Grass in his treasury.

In this case, it was not a simple matter! It was said Great Elder Princess had also found a few of them. Nevertheless, she didn't recognize them, so she had not found out that it was this kind of grass that made the horse rush down the cliff wildly. Otherwise, she would cause trouble by making the incident significant at the imperial court.

She might even make it known to the entire country.

“Think of a way to get the few stalks of grass in Rui’an Great Elder Princess’s hands.” The Emperor said with a frown. These stalks of grass couldn’t be in Great Elder Princess’s hands, otherwise, they would cause trouble.

“I got it. Before I entered the imperial palace, I’ve sent someone from the Ministry of Justice to meet Rui’an Great Elder Princess and get the grass found at the scene.” Minister Li said. He had thought about this before he came here and knew that he couldn’t let Rui’an Great Elder Princess know it and make it significant.

The Emperor nodded approvingly and looked towards the few Changxing Grass in the box again. They were stored in the warehouse, but there were a few more of them when they were registered and put in storage. That was to say, someone had secretly taken away some of the Changxing Grass.

These Changxing Grass were sent to the capital with the tributes from the Xu State and then put in storage. No one paid attention to these grasses, and they had been in the warehouse for many years, during which numerous people had access to them. Some of those people had been transferred, while some stayed in the warehouse. Although people couldn’t enter the warehouse easily, it was difficult to find out who had taken the grass away.

“Your Majesty, I’ve made a list which shows those who are most likely to get access to the Changxin Grass and those who know their existence. please take a look!” Minister Li said, drew a list from his sleeve, and presented it to the Emperor.

Derong came down and took it, and then presented it to the Emperor. The Emperor checked the names on it carefully one by one with a frown. In fact, he couldn’t tell who was most likely to take the grass away.

The names on it didn’t belong to the first-class or second-class ministers but belonged to their subordinates. But in fact, it was easy to understand. Even if they really wanted to take the grass away, they would not do it by themselves and the best way was to instruct someone else to do it.

In this way, even if it was exposed, they wouldn’t get involved in it.

They, who were smart enough to be the first-class or second-class officials, would never put themselves in such a dangerous situation easily.

“Check on them one by one. Avoid alarming others as much as possible!” After reading the list, the Emperor put it down and said harshly. How could he not get furious at the fact that someone secretly took away a tribute from another country under his nose without being discovered in so many years?

“Yes, Your Majesty!” Minister Li said with a nod, but then asked hesitantly, “How should we handle the accident?”

“Keep the Changxing Grass a secret...” Speaking of this, the Emperor paused and hesitated. If the Changxing Grass was kept a secret, what happened could just be an accident. Thinking of Chu Liuchen’s character, the Emperor felt a headache.

He reached out to rub his forehead. If he really gave such an order, he couldn't give Chu Liuchen a proper explanation. He could tell from the Empress Dowager's words that Chu Liuchen had some affection for Rui'an Great Elder Princess's granddaughter, and it was the first time in so many years that he had ever seen Chu Liuchen cared about a girl so much.

If Chu Liuchen was not satisfied with the explanation, he wouldn't accept it.

"Your Majesty, I heard that it has also given rise to much discussion outside." Derong lowered his voice to remind the Emperor. As the Emperor's trusted person, he certainly knew what the Emperor was thinking. Seeing the Emperor's worried look, he deliberately mentioned the rumors outside, some of which were heard from the imperial physicians returning to the imperial palace.

"What did they say?" The Emperor asked.

"Minister Li, please report it!" Derong looked at the minister of the Ministry of Justice with a smile, stretched his hand at him, and said. He just intended to remind the Emperor and would certainly leave the official report to Li Shuiqing, the minister of Ministry of Justice.

As a eunuch, he should aware of his duty. This was the main reason why Derong could be promoted to his current position from a eunuch holding writing brushes.

If a eunuch wasn't aware of his identity and meddled in the affairs of the imperial court, even if the officials did not dare to criticize him, the Emperor would not tolerate him.

"Your Majesty, there are two rumors now. One is related to Duke Yong's Mansion. Before the Fifth Miss Shao returned to Duke Xing's Mansion, the eldest daughter of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion, the current Young Madam of Duke Yong, was her Big Sister. At that time Young Madam of Duke Yong and Madam Di, the wife of Ningyuan Army General, set up the Fifth Miss Shao several times. They even use a dirty trick to drug the Fifth Miss Shao and attempted to sell her to a brothel!"

"They have always borne grudges against each other. Besides, this time it was the Qin's Mansion that said Old Madam Qin was seriously sick and coaxed the Fifth Miss Shao to come down the mountain. So some people say that it was Young Madam of Duke Yong who set up the Fifth Miss Shao! Meanwhile, there is another rumor that it was the second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion who did it. It is said that the second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion is afraid that the daughter and son of the eldest branch will prevent them from inheriting the title, so they set up a trap for the Fifth Miss Shao this time. The old maid sent by the Qin's Mansion has obviously contacted someone from Duke Xing's Mansion!"

Minister Li reported all the information he got to the Emperor.

Both of the two mansions had grudges against the Fifth Miss Shao. On the surface, the old maid sent to lure the Fifth Miss Shao to come down the mountain was from the Qin's Mansion but after the interrogation, it was discovered that she had contacted someone from Duke Xing's Mansion. However, she couldn't tell who was the one she contacted and only said that she had contacted an old maid and a maid with no special characteristic.

There were numerous servants in Duke Xing's Mansion. Apart from the servants in the mansion, there were plenty of servants in other villas and farms. Besides, there were some servants who had been

freed and were no longer servants. If the old maid didn't name any special characteristics, the Ministry of Justice could find nothing.

"Your Majesty, the imperial physicians said that they saw a farce before returning to the Imperial Palace. In Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion, Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion beat the First Miss Shao and said that the First Miss Shao asked the adopted daughter of her mansion to coax her to ask the Fifth Miss Shao to come down the mountain!"

Derong interrupted with a smile. These words could be considered gossip. None of the imperial physicians, Rui'an Great Elder Princess, Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion, and the First Miss of Duke Xing was a member of the imperial court. He didn't cross the line by mentioning it.

"Did they have a fight in Great Elder Princess's Mansion?" The Emperor said with displeasure.

"Yes, I heard that it was a big fight. They probably couldn't show up in public these days, and even woke up the unconscious Fifth Miss Shao. They must have made big noises!" Derong said with a smile.

It was really disgraceful for two Misses from aristocratic families to have such a big fight. Not only did the Emperor disdained them, but even Minister Li of Ministry of Justice thought them rude. It was said that the First Miss Shao was both talented and beautiful. Now it seemed that she just had an undeserved reputation and was quite scheming.

Minister Li, who had worked in the Ministry of Justice for a long time, had handled plenty of appalling cases and seen numerous vicious people. If what Young Madam of Duke Yong said was true, the First Miss Shao was not only scheming but also very vicious.

"Start with the two of them and keep your hands off the Changxing Grass!" The Emperor made a decision and gave an order.

"If any of them is found out to be the one behind the accident..." The minister of Ministry of Justice asked uneasily. He meant that not only the two Misses but also their families and power behind them would get involved in it.

Chapter 614 All the Matters Were Connected

"Whoever did it will be asked to apologize to Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion after finding out the truth!" The emperor said with a gloomy face.

"What if ... she accidentally slipped when she went down the mountain?" The minister of the Ministry of Justice was not sure about the emperor's intention, so he asked again.

"The one who wanted to lure her down the mountain at that time was not in good faith originally. It had rained a few days ago, so the road on the mountain was slippery. Besides, that happened at night, so it was easy to have an accident but hard to find out the truth." The emperor said coldly.

"Yes, Your Majesty. I will arrange it right away!" Minister Li had already understood what the Emperor meant. He could only secretly investigate the matter of the Changxing Grass without telling anyone. There were many things related to it, and it might even cause a stir in the imperial court. Therefore, he could not tell anyone about it, and could only look into the case in other aspects.

According to the emperor's intention, of course, it was not an accident. Someone must come out to take responsibility. Be it the Princess of Duke Yong's Mansion or the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion, there must be someone who was ill-disposed and had deliberately led Fifth Miss Shao down the mountain at that time in order to cause an accident to Fifth Miss Shao.

Such a motive is execrable!

Since this plot had not succeeded in the end, and Fifth Miss Shao had already woken up in a relatively well condition, that person would have no need to pay with her life.

But a girl from an aristocratic family would really ruin her whole life if she indeed had such a terrible reputation of once killing people.

When he came out of the imperial study, Minister Li frowned so tightly that his brows could almost kill a fly!

He had to investigate the case but not in an obvious way. Even so, the undercover investigation still needed to give some results. Unluckily, it also related to Duke Xing's Mansion and Duke Yong's Mansion, which were both noble families. As an old saying goes, a centipede does not topple over even dead. Although Duke Yong's Mansion had declined and couldn't be compared with Duke Xing's Mansion, it was still an aristocratic family with some foundations.

Minister Li thought about it as he walked out. However, when he turned a corner, he almost bumped into someone. When he saw the handsome and sickly face in front of him, he hurriedly took two steps back and supported himself with a tree to prevent himself from falling.

The man in front of him was not the one who could be bumped into casually. Even if Minister Li didn't bump into him, something might happen to him, not to mention that Minister Li bumped forward with such great strength.

"Minister Li, why are you in such a hurry?" Chu Liuchen said gently. His eyes were as clear and elegant as water. His black hair was tied up with a white jade crown, which made him look more vigorous and handsome.

"Your Highness Prince Chen, I just came back from Emperor's study!" Minister Li secretly wiped his sweat and said. He considered himself lucky that he was smart enough to withdraw his foot quickly.

"Is it because of the matter in Yuhui Nunnery?" The smile on Chu Liuchen's face disappeared, and he asked directly.

"This... Actually, it is this case!" Minister Li hesitated for a moment and said. Since this matter had to be investigated, he was not afraid of being questioned on the surface.

"Did someone want to secretly hurt my cousin?" Chu Liuchen raised his eyebrows and asked.

"Cousin?" Minister Li did not remember who the cousin that Chu Liuchen was talking about was and looked at Chu Liuchen in surprise.

Perhaps noticing Minister Li's doubt, Chu Liuchen deliberately explained, "She is the granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, and also the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. She is my cousin and was familiar with me in the past. Has she been secretly hurt?"

"Is he referring to Fifth Miss Shao?" Minister Li thought that they should not have any contact with each other. As soon as Fifth Miss Shao had returned to her ancestral family, she had been sent to the mountain for quiet practice in the Yuhui Nunnery, and this prince had been lying in bed in the hospital.

Of course, this was just what he thought in his heart. He would not be so tactless as to inquire about it so clearly.

"I am still investigating this matter..."

"Minister Li, please take care of my cousin. When I went to Jiangzhou that day, I was grateful for her hospitality. Later, at the gate of the palace, I almost lost my life because the horse went mad. Although she has just returned to her ancestral family, it can be said that we have a good relationship." Chu Liuchen sighed with emotion, and then added gently, "If there is any conclusion, I hope that Minister Li can inform me."

"Sure, sure!" Minister Li nodded repeatedly.

Chu Liuchen coughed in a low voice and said with a sick face, "I'm going to visit Imperial Grandmother, so I cannot chat with Minister Li anymore!"

"Prince, please!" Minister Li hurriedly stepped aside and bowed to Chu Liuchen. Then he watched Chu Liuchen leave slowly.

Looking at Chu Liuchen's back and thinking about it for a while, Minister Li's face suddenly changed. He turned back and hurried to the emperor's study.

When he arrived at the imperial study, he asked the little eunuch at the door to enter and report. After a while, the chief eunuch, Dekang, came out and laughed when he saw Minister Li, "Minister Li, why do you come back? Do you find something important? Please come in. Emperor is waiting for you inside!"

Of course, Minister Li didn't really need to answer Derong's question. It was just a joke. If it was like in the past, Minister Li would definitely joke with Derong, because the emperor's trusted eunuch couldn't be offended. It would be a great blessing if someone could get along well with him.

But now, Minister Li was not in the mood at all. He cupped his hands and bowed to Derong as a salutation. Then, he picked up the hem of his robe and hurried in.

De Rong followed him into the imperial study. Although the smile on his face didn't change, there was a trace of darkness in his eyes.

When he entered the room, he saw Minister Li kneeling in front of the Emperor again. He carefully stood beside the Emperor and poured a cup of tea for him. Then, he stepped aside and stood respectfully with lower hands and shoulders.

"Why do you come back after leaving, Minister Li?" The Emperor put down the brush pen with red ink in his hand and asked in surprise.

Minister Li had just left for a short period of time. He should not have gone far, but why did he come back? Did he have a new clue about the case just now? Of course, from the emperor's perspective, the so-called new clue meant that this matter was not just a fight between women.

“Emperor... do you still remember what happened to Prince Chen at the gate of the palace that day?” Minister Li’s face was pale and his back was sweating.

This was no longer a simple matter of the Changxing grass!

“At the gate of the palace, the matter that Prince Chen almost lost his life?” The emperor squinted and asked after thinking for a while.

“Yes, the matter at that time, caused by a horse in Prince Zhou’s Mansion. First, it bumped into a Miss, and then the Miss was rescued by Prince Chen, but finally, Prince Chen got hurt and he almost...” Minister Li gritted his teeth and reported to the emperor all the things that he had thought of before in the sequence.

By the time he finished his words, the clothes on his back were drenched in sweat!

The fight between the princes had always been something that could not be involved. However, he must say it since he had thought of it, otherwise, it would be his fault again.

“Do you mean that the horse might go mad because of the Changxing grass?” The Emperor immediately understood what he meant, and his face grew darker with rage.

“I think... it was very likely... but it might not be done by Prince Zhou’s subordinates... Maybe someone wanted to deal with Prince Chen by Prince Zhou’s hands...” Sweat dripping from his face, Minister Li dared not to continue his words in the end.

“Depraved son!” The Emperor slammed his hand heavily on the desk. Derong lowered his head even more and did not dare to move.

The other eunuchs were even more like quails, who lowered their heads almost to the ground. No one wanted to listen more about such kind of thing, because they would lose their lives if they knew too much!

The fight involving the Emperor was never a secret that others could casually listen to.

“Em... Emperor...”

“Go to investigate that coachman and all the people around him that had contacted him or had the possibility to do so. Also, check whether the people on your list had been in touched with him!” The Emperor said angrily.

“Yes, I’ll check it right away!” Minister Li kowtowed to the Emperor, stood up in a hurry, and stepped back. When he reached the threshold, he turned around and went out.

He stood outside the door for a while. After calming down, he shook his head bitterly. As the minister of the Ministry of Justice, he had coped with many cases, but such a case was the last one he wanted to handle because he might accidentally cause big trouble. However, as the Emperor’s subordinate, he should be loyal. He would do whatever the Emperor ordered him to do.

After thinking about this, Minister Li turned around and strode out. This time, he had no intention of stopping and hurried to the gate of the palace, as if there were some fierce floods and savage beasts chasing him.

Shao Wanru was lying on the couch. Her hair had just been washed, and now casually laid on her shoulder. Yujie had dried it up for her just now, and now it was still a little wet, so she didn't want to tie it up immediately. There were no outsiders here, so she just leaned against the bed and listened to the words from the old maid of Duke Xing's Mansion who stood outside the screen.

The screen was placed in front of her bed, which just blocked her.

The old maid sent by Duke Xing's Mansion was eloquent. She first said how Old Madam missed her for a while and how Madam of Duke Xing felt sorry for her. Then she also mentioned that although First Miss had met the unreasonable Princess of Duke Yong's Mansion, she still cared about her condition of the injury. First Miss was afraid that there was something wrong with her injury, so she specially sent the old maid to ask about it.

After saying these, she finally came to the purpose of her visit, "Fifth Miss, if you are getting well, Old Madam wants you to return to the mansion to recuperate and has invited several famous doctors waiting for you in the mansion. We can't let you have any sequelae!"

After the old maid finished her words, she carefully listened to the sound inside and wondered how seriously Fifth Miss had been injured. She actually came to fish for information, but she could not see anything because of the screen. She could only judge the condition of Fifth Miss according to a little sound!

"Is there... a place for me to live in the mansion?" The voice inside was very weak, and it seemed that she could not finish a sentence within one breath, which meant that she was really not in good condition.

"Fifth Miss, don't worry. The courtyard has already been well prepared with everything inside. You can move in immediately when you go back!"

The old maid strained her ears to listen to Shao Wanru's words. After hearing it clearly, she answered with a smile.

Indeed, the courtyard had been ready. Since First Miss came back, Madam had asked all the people in the mansion to help and it only took one night for them to finish the decoration in the courtyard. Of course, there were no extremely fancy things in it, because Madam completely had no intention to put any good things in her courtyard!

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It seemed that this courtyard had really been prepared!

Basically, she could live here. If some small details were not dealt with, it could be said that all the things were in a hurry. Shao Wanru had to wait for a period of time before she went down the mountain. At this time, it was reasonable that the courtyard was not tidied up properly.

"I'm afraid I can't move for the time being!" Shao Wanru said weakly. Her voice was so weak that people needed to guess what she was saying, especially when there was a screen between them.

"Madam Dowager said that it didn't matter. She asked servants to carry Fifth Miss out. The carriage is ready. It's covered with fine cotton, and there is a soft blanket inside. The wheels are also wrapped with

thick cotton. Fifth Miss, you won't feel uncomfortable when you lie in the carriage, let alone hurt your body."

The old maid heard Shao Wanru's words and answered quickly.

"What do you mean by moving out? Can't I live here? Zhuozhuo is still in poor health. Go back and report to your Old Madam. I could not move out at this time." A cold snort came from the door. Rui'an Great Elder Princess, dressed in splendid clothes, came in with several servant girls and old maids.

She looked sharply at the old maid of Duke Xing's Mansion, and the old maid couldn't help shivering and kneeling down to greet her. Needless to say, this person in front of her was Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

"Are you from Duke Xing's Mansion?" Great Elder Princess asked with a cold voice.

"I was sent by Old Madam to pick up... pick up our Fifth Miss back!" Although the old maid was afraid, she forced herself to finish her words.

"Zhuozhuo has been injured like this, and you also want to pick her up! Don't you care about Zhuozhuo's health at all?" Rui'an Great Elder Princess sneered and looked down at the old maid. "Go back and report to your Old Madam. I will keep Zhuozhuo!"

"Yes, I'll go back and report your words to our Old Madam!" The old maid did not dare to argue. She kowtowed to Rui'an Great Elder Princess again, got up, and walked out without looking back.

Old Madam's intention was to ask her to bring Fifth Miss back and she would reward her heavily. But now Rui'an Great Elder Princess was not under her control. Not to mention her, even Old Madam was weak in front of Great Elder Princess. She did not dare to offend Great Elder Princess.

It was not a big deal that she didn't get a reward. If she lost her life because of this, that's a big deal.

The old maid of Duke Xing's Mansion hurried back. Rui'an Great Elder Princess turned on the screen and looked at Shao Wanru, who was lying on the couch. Although she seemed to be indolent, she was in good spirits. Rui'an Great Elder Princess smiled and reached out her hand to touch Shao Wanru's forehead. "You! Why did you put this person in? How dare an old maid come to persuade you? Is there no one in Duke Xing's Mansion?"

Duke Xing's Mansion really took themselves as something. After such a big thing happened, they only asked a younger and a servant to come and have a look. Old Madam and Madam of Duke Xing didn't come at all. It could be seen that they treated her granddaughter so poorly. Thinking of this, Rui'an Great Elder Princess thought of her poor daughter.

Since they treated their granddaughter like this, who even had a blood relationship with them, they must treat her daughter even worse. She should not have allowed her daughter to marry into such a mansion.

"Grandma, they can't come even if they want to!" Seeing the tears in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's eyes, she knew that she was thinking of something sad again. She sat up straight, reached out to hold Rui'an Great Elder Princess's hand, and pulled her to sit down affectionately.

She sat up on her knees on the couch and poured a cup of tea on the table beside her. She held it in front of Rui'an Great Elder Princess and said sweetly, "Grandma, don't be sad. It's not easy for Duke Xing's Mansion to get rid of the crime this time!"

Seeing Shao Wanru's well-behaved and considerate look, Great Elder Princess felt sour and bitter in her heart. Her daughter used to be so obedient and sensible. Even if she only had one daughter, she could rely on her daughter. But in the end, her daughter, who was brought up in the palm of her hands, died soon after she gave birth to her little grandson. Even her granddaughter was lost in other places. She was almost replaced by others.

Of course, it was also the work of the old woman of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Zhuzhuo, if you need anything, just tell me. I won't let them take advantage of you. Unless I don't want it, they can't take anything away!" Suppressing the pain in her heart, Rui'an Great Elder Princess said in a sharp voice. Her arrogant face had a bit of coldness and fierceness.

Her daughter couldn't die in vain. Since her grandson's surname was Shao, everything about his father belonged to her grandson.

Her granddaughter whose hands were in her hands was very tender. Although her little face was delicate and beautiful, after all, she was still a child. However, Rui'an Great Elder Princess did not look down upon her granddaughter. Since she recognized this granddaughter, she was very surprised by this little girl.

But after the surprise, there was a joy. Qinghua was too gentle, and she didn't act decisively. She didn't dare to make malicious guesses about others, but in the end, she ended up like this. She couldn't even protect her own children.

Her granddaughter was good like this. She was much smarter than her daughter at such a young age. Thinking of the meaning behind this, Rui'an Great Elder Princess felt sad again. If it were not for the fact that there was no one to protect her and she had been treated poorly, how could she have such a cautious and considerate character?

She reached out and brought Shao Wanru to her. She touched her black and silky hair and said, "No matter what you want, I will definitely help you!"

Her words were not loud and sounded vague, but Shao Wanru understood them all!

Tears welled up in her eyes, but she held back her tears. She reached out to pull Rui'an Great Elder Princess's hand, raised her watery eyes, and pretended to be relaxed, and said, "Grandma, shall we take Hao'er back this time?"

"Okay, okay, of course, it's good!" Rui'an Great Elder Princess nodded repeatedly. Her red eyes made her less imposing and kinder than usual.

She was originally a tough old lady. After the death of her husband, she only had one daughter, and she and her daughter depended on each other for survival. But later on, her daughter got married, and then a series of things happened. Later, her daughter died, and her only grandson was not close to her. He even avoided her and was unwilling to come to live with her, no matter how hard she tried to persuade him. This old lady suffered a blow, and her heart was about to break!

Fortunately, she now not only had an obedient grandson, but also a considerate granddaughter.

“The position of the heir of the duke originally belonged to your father. Later, something happened to your father and it fell on the second branch. In fact, your brother was born at that time, and he could also have the position. Now your brother has grown up. Why didn’t he get it back!” Rui’an Great Elder Princess turned her head slightly and wiped away the tear in the corner of her eyes. When she turned back again, she was still the tough and arrogant Great Elder Princess.

Shao Wanru took Great Elder Princess’s hand and asked with a comforting smile, “Did grandma hand in the memorial before?”

“Yes, I did. And I did it more than once. I want to let everyone know that the title of heir of Duke Xing’s Mansion belongs to your brother. It definitely doesn’t belong to the second branch of Duke Xing’s Mansion.” Great Elder Princess said angrily.

In order to prevent the second branch of Duke Xing’s Mansion from taking over the position of the heir of a duke, Rui’an Great Elder Princess had handed in memorials for more than one time. Moreover, she told the Empress Dowager and the emperor about what had happened at that time. If it weren’t for the Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion, her daughter and son-in-law wouldn’t have left and had an accident.

Speaking of this, it was all Duke Xing’s Mansion’s fault. She had already lost a daughter and a son-in-law. It was impossible for her to watch her grandson end up in a bad situation now. Moreover, it was also said that before the death of the old Duke Xing, he had also handed in a memorial to give his grandson the title of Heir of Duke Xing.

But the emperor said that he didn’t get it at all!

Later, the current Duke Xing was promoted and became the new Duke Xing. After he inherited the title, the first thing he did was to promote his son to the position of Heir of Duke Xing. It was also because of the resistance of Rui’an Great Elder Princess that this matter was delayed again and again until now.

“Grandma, let’s see how they will deal with this matter next!” Shao Wanru shook Great Elder Princess’s hands to comfort her and said with a smile.

A trace of darkness flashed across her bright watery eyes. It was not easy to deal with Qin Yuru. Since this matter had started, it would not be easy to deal with it. There were many meanings in Chu Liuchen’s words before. Although Shao Wanru did not understand them very well, she also knew that what she had to do at this time was to keep a low profile.

A wounded woman, who had lived in the Yuhui Nunnery for so many years, should naturally be weak and peaceful. She must not do anything. Qing’er had been scared “crazy” before, and now she was in treatment. Of course, she should not appear in front of others.

Chu Liuchen asked her to live in Great Elder Princess’s Mansion for a few days. He asked her not to intervene in the affairs outside for the time being and not to inquire more, especially about Duke Xing’s Mansion. As for Qin’s Mansion, she could contact it.

The Ministry of Justice had already taken action, and there were many people in the dark who would intervene in this matter. Shao Wanru would naturally not do anything at this time. This matter had been intervened by Chu Liuchen, and it was likely to be a big deal!

“Great Elder Princess, Old Madam of Qin’s Mansion has come to see Miss!” A servant girl reported loudly outside the door.

Shao Wanru’s eyes lit up and she looked at Rui’an Great Elder Princess eagerly.

“Well, let them in, but you should be careful. You haven’t recovered yet!” Rui’an Great Elder Princess warned meaningfully.

It was not that she did not believe in Old Madam Qin, but the people Old Madam Qin brought might not be all trustworthy. Qin’s Mansion had sent people to see Shao Wanru before, but they were all blocked by Rui’an Great Elder Princess. At present, it was not the best time to see Old Madam Qin. But when she saw her granddaughter’s watery eyes full of desire, Rui’an Great Elder Princess had no choice but to remind her.

“Don’t worry, grandma. I know!” Shao Wanru nodded repeatedly. She really wanted to see Old Madam Qin. Since Qin Yuru talked about Old Madam Qin’s illness, it must be true. Seeing that she could come in person, it should not be so serious. Shao Wanru was relieved.

“You!” Rui’an Great Elder Princess patted her head helplessly and stood up. If she was here, this Old Grandma of Qin’s Mansion would definitely feel uncomfortable and had to salute her. She was old and not in good health. There were some things that could be avoided...

Seeing this situation, she knew she must have come here for something. Otherwise, she would not have taken such a trip in person when she was in poor health!

Chapter 616 Does Qin Yuru Intend to Restore the Relationship?

Old Madam Qin came in with the help of Nanny Duan. The last time they met was in the Yuhui Nunnery. Old Madam Qin and Shui Ruolan went to the Yuhui Nunnery to offer incense and took the opportunity to stay there with Shao Wanru for a few days. Now a few months had passed, and Old Madam Qin seemed to be much older.

Besides, she seemed to be haggard!

Shao Wanru moved her fingers and wanted to sit up, but was pressed hard down by Yujie. She lay down weakly again and leaned against the thick cushion behind her.

“Grandma!” Shao Wanru said while instructing Qu Le to help Old Madam Qin go over.

The old maids and maids following Old Madam Qin here were stopped outside the door. Yujie had put a thick cushion on a big nanmu chair.

Old Madam Qin sat down in the chair and looked very concerned. After looking Shao Wanru up and down and finding that Shao Wanru was fine despite her weakness, she breathed a sigh of relief.

“Your Aunt Shui was supposed to come with me. But her son Brother Xuan is too naughty, so she couldn’t make it!” Old Madam explained.

"Grandma, are you okay? I heard that you are seriously sick. Have you seen a doctor? If it doesn't work, I can ask Mingqiu Nun to see you. She knows about your condition best!" Shao Wanru whispered with concern.

"I got sick before indeed, but it's just a cold and nothing serious. I just didn't expect that the vile kid would send someone up the mountain to inform you!" Old Madam Qin said with her eyes turning red because of anger. How could she not know that Qin Yuru had made such a big trouble, which even attracted the Ministry of Justice's attention?

Besides, in the past few days, Qin Huaiyong came to visit her frequently. How could she not understand what he meant?

Old Madam didn't know the secrets behind it and didn't even expect that Qin Yuru intended to kill Shao Wanru. She really thought that what had happened to Shao Wanru was just an accident, which was caused by the slippery mountain path and blurred vision in the dark. Now the intervention of the Ministry of Justice made it too significant to cover up.

"Grandma, it's good to know that you are fine!" Shao Wanru asked another question, "How is Aunt Shui?"

"She is fine, too. We are all fine and hope that you are fine. You almost got hurt, but you are still so concerned about Ruolan and me..." Old Madam said with a soft sigh and stared at Shao Wanru's pretty face. Both her face and lips were much lighter than before.

They were almost pale. It could be seen that she had suffered a lot. Thinking of the hardships the poor kid had been through, Old Madam felt extremely distressed.

The kid was so unfortunate. Even after reclaiming her identity, she was not favored by Duke Xing's Mansion and forced to go to the Yuhui Nunnery to observe mourning for her deceased parents.

If Duke Xing's Mansion really cared about her, they would not let such a little girl stay in the Yuhui Nunnery and live in seclusion for more than two years and not allow her to return until she stayed on the mountain for three years.

The intention of Duke Xing's Mansion was really obvious and disgusting!

"Grandma, are you here for Qin Yuru?" Looking at Old Madam's expression, Shao Wanru didn't embarrass her and asked softly.

"Yes, for the vile kid!" Old Madam said angrily. Since Shao Wanru had started the topic, it became much easier for her to say the following words, "The vile kid didn't live well in Duke Yong's Mansion, and Duke Yong's Mansion tried to forbid her from meeting others as much as possible and even barely had connections with our mansion. I didn't expect such an incident..."

Speaking of this, Old Madam paused and really felt too ashamed to continue talking. She was very clear about the relationship between Qin Yuru and Shao Wanru when they were in the Qin's Mansion. Madam Di and Qin Yuru could not tolerate Shao Wanru, attempted to set her up again and again, and even intended to take her place in Duke Xing's Mansion, which was really disgusting.

However, she had to think about the fate of the Qin's Mansion. No matter what Qin Yuru had done, she was a descendant of the Qin's Mansion anyway. Besides, Qin Xuan, Ruolan's son, was also a descendant of the Qin's Mansion. If the blame was shifted onto Qin Yuru, not only would Qin Yuru's future be ruined, but the Qin's Mansion would also be implicated. Thinking of her lovely grandson, Old Madam felt distressed.

Why did such a lovely kid have such a vicious sister? Besides these, Qin Huaiyong had visited her several times and repeatedly said that the incident would also have an impact on his official career.

Thinking of these, Old Madam felt the words stuck in her throat and couldn't say anything else. It became quiet in the room at the moment. Glancing at Shao Wanru's face uneasily, Nanny Duan found that there was no trace of anger on her face and breathed a sigh of relief. Like Old Madam, she also considered the Qin's Mansion guilty for the incident.

"Grandma, do you not want Qin Yuru to take all the blame?" Looking at Old Madam and Nanny Duan, Shao Wanru understood what they meant and immediately got it straight in a soft voice.

"Zhuozhuo, I know I make it difficult for you. It's up to you. If you think she deserves it, you don't have to be soft-hearted. Your Aunt Shui and I live well. It doesn't matter even if Yong'er loses the official position or his official career suffers some ill effects!" Old Madam said helplessly but sincerely, and she really thought so.

She didn't want wealth or power or even a title of Honorary Lady. With Brother Xuan as the successor of the Qin's Mansion, she was very satisfied.

"Grandma, don't worry. I'm okay with it. The incident was indeed caused by Qin Yuru. But if she can prove that the incident really has something to do with Duke Xing's Mansion, what she did can be considered just as an accident. The day when she came to my place, she said that she intended to reconcile with me by asking me to come down the mountain with the excuse of your sickness and having more associations with me after that."

Shao Wanru said with a trace of sneer in her knowing eyes. How could she not know what Qin Yuru said was just an excuse? But she coincidentally needed the excuse.

Duke Xing's Mansion was powerful and prosperous enough to cover up many things, making it impossible for her to reveal their dark secrets. Since Shao Yanru had got involved in this incident this time, she could not let Shao Yanru get away from it so easily.

"Did Yu'er intend to reconcile with you?" Old Madam asked in disbelief and looked at Shao Wanru in astonishment, not quite convinced that these words were said by Shao Wanru.

"Qin Yuru said so. It should be Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion who told her to say so. Grandma, you don't have to care about whether it is true or not. If she can insist that the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion is the one behind the incident, at least what she did can be considered unintentional. I'll ask my maternal grandma to tell the Ministry of Justice that Qin Yuru should not take all the blame."

Shao Wanru answered slowly as her eyelashes fluttered slightly.

Now the Ministry of Justice was investigating into the case mainly by checking on Qin Yuru and Shao Yanru. The fight between them in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion was somehow spread, so that

numerous people were talking about it now and the Ministry of Justice sent some officers to Duke Xing's Mansion to inquire about it.

Both of the two mansions were aristocratic families, and both Qin Yuru and Shao Yanru were noble ladies who couldn't be summoned to the court easily, so the Ministry of Justice could only send some officers to their mansions to inquire about the incident.

However, Qin Yuru had always been infamous, while Shao Yanru had enjoyed a great reputation in the capital city. Although people didn't know whose fault it was, the fight between them had done some damage to Shao Yanru's reputation. Plenty of people began to doubt whether Shao Yanru just enjoyed an undeserved reputation!

Hearing Shao Wanru's words, Old Madam was stunned at first and then understood. She reached out to hold Shao Wanru's hand and said with shame and distress in her eyes, "Zhuozhuo, I'm so sorry about this!"

She knew that Shao Wanru meant to spare Qin Yuru. Thinking of the dangerous situation Shao Wanru had been in, Old Madam wished that Qin Yuru could be locked up like her mother.

The vile kid just didn't stop making trouble even after what she had done in the Qin's Mansion, and now did evil things again. After the case was over, even if Duke Yong's Mansion didn't do anything to Qin Yuru, Old Madam decided to go to Duke Yong's Mansion and talk about it with Countess Yong. It would be better if Qin Yuru didn't show up again in case Qin Yuru made any trouble again!

"Grandma!" Knowing that Old Madam had understood what she meant, Shao Wanru comforted her, "If nothing happens recently, you should not go out too often. You are still sick and should stay at home for a rest. I'll go to visit you after I recover!"

"Okay, I know. I won't drag you down!" Old Madam said with a nod and sore eyes. She had doted on the little granddaughter the most since her granddaughter was a child, but now she had to ask her granddaughter for such a great favor. How could she not feel distressed!

Putting down Shao Wanru's hand, Old Madam stood up with the help of Nanny Duan and said, "I'm going back. It's indeed inconvenient for me to go out at this time. The officers of the Ministry of Justice specially went to Duke Yong's Mansion before, and I heard that they also went to Duke Xing's Mansion. Although it's not a public trial, it's basically certain that the incident has something to do with the two mansions or at least one of them!"

Old Madam was smart and figured out a key point at the moment. It was inappropriate for her to stay longer now. She hadn't recovered and needed to recuperate after returning. It wouldn't do any good if she stayed in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion for too long.

They were on the cusp of the incident, and it was really not a good time to talk too much now.

Shao Wanru also knew this, so she instructed Yujie and Qu Le to walk Old Madam out of the room on her behalf and take some medicinal materials to the carriage outside. After the carriage left, the two maids came back to report.

"Miss, will it work?" Yujie, who knew Shao Wanru's plan, couldn't help asking after she came back. She moved to the capital city with the Qin's Mansion and followed Shao Wanru to Duke Xing's Mansion.

Compared with the Qin's Mansion, Duke Xing's Mansion was much more powerful and prosperous. How could Qin Yuru shift the blame onto Shao Yanru?

"Qi Rongzhi is the key!" Shao Wanru smiled slightly and said confidently. She had been expecting her grandma or Aunt Shui's visit, and Old Madam Qin came at the right time.

Although Qin Yuru had married into another mansion, if the incident she got involved in became significant, Qin Huaiyong would definitely not be able to sit still and would definitely ask Shui Ruolan or Old Madam Qin to come forward for it. Meanwhile, she happened to be expecting their visit. It was beneficial for both the Qin's Mansion and her. As long as she reminded them, the Qin's Mansion would understand.

Regarding whether they could get Duke Xing's Mansion involved in it, it depended on the capability of Qin Huaiyong and Duke Yong's Mansion. Actually, neither Qin Huaiyong nor Duke Yong's Mansion could be underestimated.

Qin Huaiyong got a promotion that skipped a few ranks, and Duke Yong's Mansion could send out maids, who were exactly like from a good family. These were enough to prove that they were not simple!

Duke Xing's Mansion wouldn't be able to clear their name this time...

Chapter 617 A Piece of Delicate Jade and A Piece of Rubble

Shao Yanru wouldn't be able to clear her name indeed!

She had a big fight with Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion. Everyone in the capital knew how notorious Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion was. Even it had been two or three years, everyone still looked down upon her every time they mentioned her deeds. No mansion would mention Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion when they sent an invitation card to Duke Yong's Mansion.

That was the reason why Young Madam of Duke Yong had been confined to her courtyard since she married into Duke Yong's Mansion. Even if some close relatives of Duke Yong's Mansion held some events, the Young Madam had always been absent with the excuse of getting sick. In fact, everyone knew that Countess Yong forbade her to go out because of feeling ashamed for her.

It was indeed a scandal that Shao Yanru had a big fight with such a lady and even had her hair pulled and her face scratched.

Although Shao Yanru had always enjoyed a great reputation, her reputation was tarnished because of this incident.

It was not a good thing for Shao Yanru to confront such a notorious Young Madam in any way. Moreover, what the Young Madam said was reasonable. It was said that she instructed the old maid to deliver the message in this way in front of plenty of people without dodging anyone.

They could be considered witnesses to prove that Young Madam of Duke Yong really had no malicious intent and just intended to get an opportunity to restore her relationship with Shao Wanru, who used to be her younger sister.

Regarding why the old maid did something going back on Young Madam of Duke Yong's original intention, the Ministry of Justice made the old maid tell the truth. She said that someone from Duke Xing's Mansion came to ask her to do that, give her a lot of money and promise that she could go far away after that.

However, there was another question about it. The old maid said so, but there were no such witnesses in Duke Xing's Mansion. The officers of the Ministry of Justice brought her to search the witnesses but failed to find the old maid and the maid who told her to do that before.

There was another lady involved in this incident. Qi Rongzhi, the daughter of the magistrate of Jiangzhou, claimed that she knew nothing about it at the beginning, but later it was found out that she had met Qin Yuru before in a private room of a restaurant. Nevertheless, no one knew what they had talked about.

With the testimony from the shop-boy, when the Ministry of Justice came to Qi Rongzhi again, she finally told the truth that it was the First Miss Shao who asked her to deliver a message to Qin Yuru rather than to plot a conspiracy with Qin Yuru, and the Ministry of Justice asked her to repeat the First Miss Shao's words.

The words seemed to be vague and didn't mean to instigate Qin Yuru to deal with Shao Wanru, but you could find that it might have conveyed such information after reading them carefully.

The Ministry of Justice reported what they had found to the Emperor. The Emperor got so furious that he summoned Duke Xing, Duke Yong, and Qin Huaiyong, scolded them severely, and even threw several memorials to the three of them.

These were all the memorials for impeaching them. Some impeached Duke Xing for indulging his daughter to commit evils. Some impeached Ningyuan Army General for indulging his daughter to be vicious. Some even complained that Duke Yong, who failed to manage his back yard, was obviously incapable of managing state affairs.

The writing brush in a scholar's hand had always been a sharp blade. The officials severely criticized all three of them. Although each of them had his explanation, no one could stay out of it. No one got killed in the incident and Shao Wanru survived luckily, but the Emperor decided that he couldn't just spare them.

The Emperor decided to stop payment of their salary for three years and severely scolded them. After that, Qin Huaiyong and Duke Yong were allowed to leave first, leaving only Duke Xing to be warned.

Duke Xing, who was fat, knelt on the ground with several memorials scattered around him. Hearing that the Emperor asked him to stay, he became increasingly flustered, stole a glance at the Emperor, whose face darkened, and had a bad intuition.

It became quiet in the imperial study. After a long while, he heard the Emperor threw a memorial in front of him with a snort and said coldly, "Take a look!"

Duke Xing cautiously picked up the memorial and read ten lines at one glance. When he finished reading it, he said in a trembling voice with his forehead covered with sweat, "Your... Your Majesty, I..."

"What do you think of the idea?" The Emperor suddenly interrupted him.

Duke Xing didn't hear what the Emperor at the moment and looked up at the Emperor in astonishment.

"I said what do you think of the idea? At least it can show others that you are indeed fair and impartial and certainly would not send your eldest daughter to set up the Fifth Miss Shao!"

The Emperor repeated impatiently.

"But... but..." Duke Xing said. Despite his bad intuition, when he saw the memorial in front of him, he still felt as if he were at the center of raging waves and his hands kept trembling.

"Only in this way can you prove your innocence. Otherwise, others will say that you set up the daughter left by the eldest branch for the title of nobility. The daughter left by the eldest branch is quite pitiful. She was forced to go to the Yuhui Nunnery for meditation soon after reclaiming her identity. Don't tell me that she volunteered to go there. On that day accidents occurred in your mansion one after the other. Not only did someone walk around that night, but someone also attempted to burn her courtyard. If it weren't for the alert maid, she would have been dead for years!"

The Emperor said coldly while staring at Duke Xing gloomily.

"Your Majesty!" Duke Xing said and looked at the Emperor pleadingly. Unfortunately, the Emperor, who was sitting on the throne, stared at him with completely cold eyes.

"If you can allow yourself to remain involved in it and your eldest daughter to be as notorious as Young Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion, just keep arguing! I'll just take it as a farce, and the Empress Dowager will probably have the final say!"

The Emperor said in an increasingly calm voice. He picked up the teacup, took a sip of tea, fixed his eyes back on Duke Xing, who was kneeling on the ground, waved his hand and told the chief eunuch Derong, who was beside him, "Just tell him to leave!"

Derong came over, looked at Duke Xing, who looked pale and said, "Duke, you'd better leave with me. His Majesty is tired now and needs a rest. You can handle it after thinking it through. Before that, if the Ministry of Justice sends some officers to your mansion, please cooperate with them as much as you can!"

After that, he reached out to help Duke Xing up.

"Your Majesty," Duke Xing shivered, suddenly withdrew his hand, looked towards the Emperor, who was sitting in his throne with his eyes slightly closed and said, "Your Majesty, rest assured. I will definitely... definitely write a memorial based on this after returning!"

Duke Xing felt as if his heart were bleeding. Since his eldest brother left, he had always thought that the entire Duke Xing's Mansion belonged to him. He had never expected that he would be forced to do this.

How could the notorious lady with a completely ruined reputation compare with his daughter? His daughter was a piece of delicate jade, while Young Madam of Duke Yong was a piece of rubble. How could he risk a piece of delicate jade against a piece of rubble?

Moreover, he had attached even more importance to his daughter, who carried the hope of the entire Duke Xing's Mansion, than to his son. So he could never allow his daughter's future to be ruined.

What was more, it might not only ruin his daughter's future but also arouse the Emperor's suspicion.

"Great. You can leave now!" The Emperor waved his hand coldly and said with a frown, "You'd better end the mess as soon as possible. I have to deal with this kind of mess for you every day. Rui'an Great Elder Princess troubled me and so do you. Can you possibly end all of these? If the Empress Dowager hadn't asked me to deal with your issue, I wouldn't have been willing to handle the case!"

"Yes, Your Majesty, it's our fault!" Duke Xing lowered his head and said respectfully.

"You've done wrong indeed. Both of you and Great Elder Princess have done wrong. Just get out of here!" The Emperor said, getting increasingly impatient.

Duke Xing didn't dare to hesitate anymore. After bowing to the Emperor again, he stood up, retreated to the door, turned around, and left...

The next day the memorial presented by Duke Xing shocked the entire imperial court because Duke Xing proposed to determine the Third Young Master of Duke Xing's Mansion, who was the son of the former Heir of Duke Xing, rather than the First Young Master of Duke Xing's Mansion as the heir of Duke Xing.

After Duke Xing finished reading the memorial on the spot, everyone in the imperial court fell silent. It was so unexpected. Many of them knew that Duke Xing had presented a memorial before, but he intended to determine his son as the heir!

What was going on?

Some sensitive officials had thought of the rumors. The incident was said to have something to do with the title of nobility. Duke Xing's daughter got involved in what had happened to Rui'an Great Elder Princess's granddaughter, the daughter left by Duke Xing's eldest brother. Although the members of the Ministry of Justice weren't allowed to disclose any information, the officials present, who were not ordinary people, could find out something anyway if they wanted to.

The Emperor, who was sitting on his throne above the officials, just waved his hand. Derong came down in measured steps, took the memorial presented by Duke Xing, went up the stairs bending over, and presented the memorial to the Emperor.

"We'll talk about it later!" The Emperor said lightly.

Duke Xing secretly wiped off his cold sweat and stepped back to the front of the stairs after bowing respectfully to the Emperor.

It was not so easy to determine the heir, and it required more than a memorial. Now the memorial had been kept for later discussion, and the result depended on his next memorial.

After all, he now was the undisputed Duke Xing, and his son was good. It would be controversial for him to give away the title of the heir of Duke Xing to his nephew.

Although he comforted himself in this way, he kept feeling uneasy. So he didn't pay attention to the discussion in the imperial court later.

When he finally went through the court meeting, he hurried out with less smile than usual and went straight to Duke Xing's Mansion after getting out of the palace gate.

In the carriage, with no smile on his darkening face, Duke Xing reached out to draw a note from the hidden compartment of the carriage and read it slowly. He didn't expect that he would get involved in such a small incident, but it was just a small loss in this round...

The Ministry of Justice settled the case quickly. On one hand, no one got killed in the accident. On the other hand, they acted on instructions from Rui'an Great Elder Princess. Although there were still some doubts about the incident, Great Elder Princess thought that it might be related to some trivial matters among the ladies. Despite the grudges among them, it was just a minor case. So the Ministry of Justice investigated it in a big way, but finally handled it as a minor case!

The incident had given rise to much discussion and even the rumor that Duke Xing's Mansion intended to kill Shao Wanru for the title of nobility. However, Duke Xing said that it was just a rumor and specially presented a memorial against the rumor.

At this time, a piece of news came out of Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion.

Chapter 618 Visit with Her Injured Face, After Something Big!

Because the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion was seriously injured and a series of incidents had occurred in the Yuhui Nunnery recently, she was going to spend the last period of her meditation in the Huaguang Temple.

As the royal temple, the Huaguang Temple was the largest temple in the capital with scenery and a Buddhist atmosphere far better than those of the Yuhui Nunnery.

As a member of the royal family, Shao Wanru naturally had the right to meditate in the Huaguang Temple for a few months, unlike ordinary pilgrims who could only stay in the Huaguang Temple for a few days.

Generally speaking, ordinary pilgrims were only allowed to live in the Huaguang Temple for less than a month, but there was no limit to a member of the royal family.

Shao Wanru went to the Yuhui Nunnery partly because Mingqiu Nun was there. Living close to Mingqiu Nun made it convenient for her to visit Mingqiu Nun. On the other hand, she thought it more convenient for her to meditate in a nunnery, where all members were female, for three years.

However, she now didn't need to worry about Mingqiu Nun, since Mingqiu Nun had got used to life in the capital city and could live well in the Yuhui Nunnery without her company. There were only a few months left before she finished her three-year meditation.

Rui'an Great Elder Princess went to Duke Xing's Mansion to talk it over with the family members of Duke Xing's Mansion in order to persuade them to let Shao Wanru finish her three-year meditation before the Spring Festival.

At that time, Shao Wanru went to the Yuhui Nunnery a few days after the Spring Festival, and now it made no difference for her to finish her three-year meditation a few days before this Spring Festival. Rui'an Great Elder Princess meant that she went up the mountain for meditation at an early age, and now she, who had turned fourteen years old, should be allowed to celebrate this Spring Festival.

A 14-year-old girl was old enough to seek a good husband.

Shao Wanru didn't know how Rui'an Great Elder Princess convinced Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion to agree with it. But in this situation, it was indeed the best time to make a request.

It was rare that Rui'an Great Elder Princess looked refreshed after coming back from Duke Xing's Mansion. After visiting Shao Wanru in a good mood, she went to prepare the stuff Shao Wanru needed during her visit to the Huaguang Temple. This time Shao Wanru didn't have to leave as hastily as last time, because it was reasonable for her to stay longer for a rest after she was frightened in the accident, as long as she didn't attend any banquet.

Duke Xing's Mansion was now at the forefront of the discussion. Not only had Duke Xing been punished, but he also disgraced the entire Duke Xing's Mansion. Meanwhile, the First Miss Shao, who had always enjoyed showing up as a delicate, unworldly, gentle and dignified lady, hardly stepped out of her courtyard recently.

It was said that she was seriously injured in the fight with Qin Yuru on that day, and it would take some time for her to recover completely.

However, all of these were heard from others. One day, a carriage slowly came to Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion, and an old maid came down and reported. Rui'an Great Elder Princess happened to have entered the imperial palace to listen to the monks' chanting the Buddhist scriptures with the Empress Dowager, so the servant reported it to Shao Wanru.

"The First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion?" Hearing the maid's report, Yujie froze for a while and asked, thinking that she had misheard.

"Yes, it's the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion. She came specially to see Fifth Miss." The maid confirmed her words.

"Miss, what does the First Miss come here for? Isn't she injured? Has her face completely recovered so that she can show up in front of others?" Yujie said in surprise. On that day, she saw with her own eyes how awful Shao Yanru's face looked after she was slapped by Qin Yuru violently. Could Shao Yanru's face recover in such a few days?

"Let her in!" Shao Wanru frowned slightly and said after thinking for a while. The maid reporting Shao Yanru's visit answered and left.

"Miss, what does she come here for? She comes when Great Elder Princess is not here. What a coincidence! If Great Elder Princess is here, she probably would not meet her!" Qu Le said in rage.

On that day, the First Miss had lost all her dignity. Now she had the cheek to come here.

Qu Le also knew that it was unreasonable for Shao Wanru to refuse to meet her. After all, in order to prove their innocence, Duke Xing's Mansion had presented a memorial to suggest Master Hao as the heir of Duke Xing, which made them look impartial. It would be rude for Shao Wanru to refuse to meet her. Rui'an Great Elder Princess's refusal could be considered reasonable.

However, Shao Wanru couldn't refuse to meet her as her cousin.

"Of course, she comes here after learning that my grandma is not here!" Shao Wanru said leisurely.

"Miss, you mean that she has sent someone to keep an eye on Great Elder Princess's Mansion, and came here as soon as Great Elder Princess left?" Qing Yue opened her eyes wide and said after thinking for a moment, gasping in shock, "The First Miss Shao does have formidable connections!"

Sending someone to keep an eye on the whereabouts of Great Elder Princess every day and knowing where exactly Great Elder Princess had gone was obviously out of the hands of an ordinary unmarried lady. There were plenty of people around Great Elder Princess. If there was really a suspicious person watching over Great Elder Princess, those around Great Elder Princess would definitely discover it.

It could be seen that the one sent to watch over Great Elder Princess was not an ordinary person.

If there was really such a person working for the First Miss Shao, it would not be a good thing. So Qing Yue was extremely worried.

"She doesn't have that formidable connection. The person isn't sent by her." Shao Wanru shook her head and said. She had some conjectures in her heart but didn't expect it to be within Shao Yanru's capability. An unmarried lady was unable to send out such a person. Only a smart secret guard could watch over Great Elder Princess without being discovered.

Regarding whom this secret guard worked for, Shao Wanru couldn't figure it out at the moment.

He could work for Chu Liuyue or Chu Liuzhou or even Duke Xing, but it was definitely impossible that he worked for Shao Yanru.

In the last life, she had been so muddle-headed that she was set up by Shao Yanru and got killed even before figuring out her origin. When she was cut in half, she finally figured out that she was an obstacle on Shao Yanru's way rather than Shao Yanru's target.

After Shao Yanru got rid of her, Duke Xing's Mansion could rest assured and didn't have to worry that her identity would be exposed. But the most important thing was to push Chu Liuyue back to the position of the crown prince. However, Chu Liuchen was too formidable, so she guessed that Chu Liuyue ended in misery.

Now Shao Yanru came in a hurry with her face injured. She didn't think that Shao Yanru did it just for the "sisterhood" between them! Others might not know what actually the so-called sisterhood was, but the two of them knew clearly that they obviously hated each other and had better not meet each other.

If she didn't guess wrong, Shao Yanru must be up to something else!

It was exactly what she wanted. The death of her parents was the greatest regret in her life. She had been thinking that there must be something fishy about it. How could there be a series of accidents? It seemed that everything had been covered up since her father left. There could be someone covering up the whereabouts of her parents in secret.

How could someone as powerful as Duke Xing and Rui'an Great Elder Princess fail to find out the whereabouts of her parents?

If she wanted to find out the truth, she had to start from Duke Xing's Mansion. However, the prejudice of the entire Duke Xing's Mansion against her made it not easy for her to do that.

Fortunately, she had successfully aroused the anger of the third branch and made the second branch and the third branch bear grudges against each other. She just didn't know how much the third branch knows about it and how much they could tell her. Someone as cautious as Duke Xing wouldn't leave any trace easily. Now that Shao Yanru was here, it was a good opportunity.

Shao Yanru came with a veil and only showed a pair of fluid eyes, which made her still look ravishing and fascinating. Shao Wanru could not see the part of her face under the veil. Nevertheless, Shao Wanru could tell that her face should be in a bad condition. She, who came over with her face injured, seemed to be after something big!

"Fifth Sister, do you feel better?" Shao Yanru looked at Shao Wanru, who was lying on the bed, after getting in the room. Seeing that her face was still as pale as snow and not as white touched with red and pretty, as usual, Shao Yanru said with concern in a soft voice and then sat down in a chair beside the bed.

Qing Yue stood behind Shao Yanru after serving the tea.

Yujie and Qu Le had been sent out by Shao Wanru, leaving only Qing Yue in the room to serve her. Among the three maids, Qing Yue was the least shrewd one who looked honest and kind.

It was easy to make use of a gentleman's honesty and kindness to deceive him!

"I'm fine. Thank you for your concern, Big Sister!" Shao Wanru said with a light smile and a trace of cold mist in her watery eyes, which looked both soft and cold and made others subconsciously want to avoid them, which almost showed no emotions. Everyone was afraid of someone like her, who could hide her emotions while seeing through others' minds.

However, Shao Yanru looked into Shao Wanru's eyes with proper gentleness in her eyes. No one knew that she had almost broken off her nails under her long sleeves and felt a sharp pain in her palms, but the pain made her come to herself and slowly relax her hold.

She slowly suppressed the hatred in her heart, because it was not the time yet and she still had to make use of Shao Wanru.

"Fifth Sister, I really know nothing about what happened before, and I have no idea why Qi Rongzhi said that. At that time, my mother really liked you rather than her but had to adopt her since you were unwilling to be adopted by my mother. Unexpectedly, she's such an ungrateful person and claimed that my father intended to kill you for the title of nobility. If it's true, he wouldn't have presented the memorial to suggest Hao'er as the heir of Duke Xing!"

Shao Yanru said in a very soft voice with a hint of sadness and lowered her head slowly as if she really felt indignant for her mother.

Only when she lowered her head, there was a hint of ferocity and viciousness across her eyes. But she became extremely fragile again as if the previous expression were not real.

Shao Wanru, who had been staring at her, naturally saw her expression when she lowered her head slightly. She sneered and thought that Shao Yanru did have a glib tongue.

Her words were usually a mixture of something real and something false, so it was hard to tell whether she told the truth. It was no wonder Shao Yanru seemed to live a smooth life in the last life. Shao Wanru could tell that from the way Shao Yanru pretended to be friendly with her despite her deep grudges against her.

However, in the last life, at the cost of her life, she clearly knew that Shao Yanru just showed the part she wanted to show and was dreadfully vicious in fact!

The more fragile now she pretended to be, the bigger thing she was after...

Chapter 619 Come with More than One Intention

“What do you mean. Big Sister?” Shao Wanru frowned and said impatiently.

Since Shao Yanru knew that her grandma had left, Shao Yanru could definitely expect that she, who had been frightened and almost lost her life, would be cold to her.

Since Shao Yanru came here, she was naturally not here to quarrel with her!

“I just want to check on you, Fifth Sister. No one has expected such an accident and that our mansion got involved in it. Others laughed at our mansion and spoke ill of our mansion and you. It’s really a thing that aggrieved our own people and gratified our enemies!”

As Shao Yanru said, she looked increasingly aggrieved. She wiped off the tears at the corners of her eyes with a handkerchief and looked up with tears in her eyes while trying hard to force a smile with a hint of bitterness that was not very strong but could still be noticed at a glance.

Her expression was real and not dramatic, and it was a proper expression in this situation.

“Fifth Sister, both you and I come from Duke Xing’s Mansion. We are supposed to cooperate with each other, but now it’s so disgraceful that there is that kind of rumors about us outside. All members of Duke Xing’s Mansion share prosperity and bear losses together. You are now in a different situation than in the Qin’s Mansion where you stayed before. As the closest relatives, we are still connected by sinews even if bones are broken. No one can turn us against each other. Grandma had some misunderstandings with you, but mother and I have cleared up a lot of them after talking with her these days. She will probably come to visit you in person in a few days. Eldest uncle used to be her favorite son!”

As Shao Yanru said, she turned her head and wiped off the tears at the corners of her eyes with a handkerchief. When she turned back, her eyes were slightly red. It was obvious that she had cried.

Shao Yanru was extremely sincere and almost spoke from the bottom of her heart. She looked at Shao Wanru with a distressed look, as if she really felt sorry for what Shao Wanru had suffered before.

If Shao Wanru really fell off the cliff this time and fell on the branches on the cliff luckily, she would be both physically and mentally injured, and the latter would probably be even more serious.

Everyone knew that it was more difficult to cure a mentally injured person than to cure a physically injured person!

Shao Wanru sneered in her heart and thought that Shao Yanru did have a smooth tongue. Shao Yanru kept asking about her physical injury without mentioning her mental trauma as if she shouldn’t have

made the incident significant just because of her minor injury. Shao Yanru seemed to be reproachful while showing some pity for her.

No one would get angry or aggrieved at her words.

They were the closest relatives still connected by sinews even if bones were broken? The so-called closest relatives were probably the most vicious people, who would stab her and kill her when she was unguarded!

“Big Sister, I’m very tired!” Shao Wanru said with her long eyelashes fluttering, leaned back, and then slowly closed her eyes with an exhausted look.

She changed the subject so quickly that she ruined the aggrieving and cozy atmosphere created by Shao Yanru and even showed a hint of indifference. Shao Yanru was so angry that she almost lost control of herself.

Nevertheless, as someone with usual restraint, Shao Yanru reached out to gather a few strands of hair around her ear and asked in a soft and concerned voice, “Haven’t you recovered yet?”

“First Miss, my master had nightmares every night, couldn’t sleep well, and had no appetite. She even vomited every time she saw some food. Although she has recovered from her injuries, she has a headache and can’t bear to hear others talk about what has happened before.”

It seemed that Qing Yue couldn’t stand it anymore, so she answered sincerely.

Shao Wanru had no appetite, couldn’t fall asleep, and even had a headache. No wonder Shao Wanru looked so terrible. Shao Yanru, who was delighted, showed a gentle smile and said with sincere concern rather than take pleasure in Shao Wanru’s misfortune, “Well, I’ll stop talking about it. No matter what has happened, it has been settled now. Nevertheless, it made me find out what sort of person Qi Rongzhi is. I won’t believe her anymore!”

At this point, Shao Yanru changed the subject, “Fifth Sister, the past is the past. You should take good care of yourself and don’t think too much about what happened that day. Even the Emperor has been alarmed by the carriage crash on the cliff. You should be careful whenever you are in a carriage, even if you are on flat ground. No one knows what will happen. You ran into an accident on the flat ground outside the imperial palace before, didn’t you?”

Shao Yanru seemed to be concerned about Shao Wanru by advising her to be more careful when she went out. In fact, if Shao Wanru really had psychological trauma, she probably would not dare to take a carriage any more after hearing that. However, as a Miss from an aristocratic family, how could she not take a carriage to go out?

Shao Yanru meant to threaten her rather than to comfort her.

“I’m not going to take a carriage anymore!” After hearing her words, Shao Wanru murmured with a pale face. Her voice was low, but it was loud enough to be heard by Shao Yanru.

“Miss, how can you go out without taking a carriage?” Qing Yue asked blankly. As an ingenuous maid, she spoke her mind bluntly. What was more, she had grown up with Shao Wanru, so she didn’t have many scruples.

"In fact, there is a way. You can go out by sedan chair." Shao Yanru suggested.

People in the capital did travel by sedan chair, but it mostly happened when they were going somewhere not far away. Besides, traveling by sedan chair took more time and was intrusive, so plenty of Misses, who seldom went out on the street, were displeased with it. No one was willing to be followed by several sedan carriers on the street, because it made them look arrogant.

"By sedan chair?" Shao Wanru opened her eyes and asked.

"Yes, it's okay to travel by sedan chair. If there is none in Great Elder Princess's Mansion, there are some in our mansion. I can send some people to bring one here after returning. It's a good idea to travel by sedan chair!"

Shao Yanru said, while her pretty eyes looked very gentle. She did make herself look like quite a good elder sister.

"No, thank you, Big Sister. There should be some in my maternal grandma's mansion!" Shao Wanru refused.

"Well, I think there must be some in Great Elder Princess's Mansion!" Shao Yanru did not insist and said indifferently. She looked so calm as if she just mentioned it casually.

Shao Yanru advised her to travel by sedan chair and supposed that she would keep traveling in this way. Shao Wanru sneered in her heart. If it weren't for her memory of the last life, she would probably have been convinced that it could cure her panic at the sight of the carriage!

Since there was a kind of panic caused by being frightened in the carriage, there was also a kind of panic caused by being frightened in the sedan chair!

However, someone, who panicked at the sight of a sedan chair, could be in an even worse situation than her, who panicked at the sight of a carriage. The reason why numerous people didn't know it was that the news had been blocked and outsiders couldn't spread it. If she hadn't seen a farce in the imperial palace in the last life, she wouldn't have figured out Shao Yanru's vicious intention.

If she often traveled by sedan chair, she would definitely meet the person one day. Moreover, she believed that Shao Yanru could think of some way to bring the person to her.

"Thank you for your suggestion, First Miss!" As an ingenuous maid, Qing Yue bowed to Shao Yanru with great joy and said gratefully.

It was quite easy to deal with a frank and ingenuous maid. Shao Yanru, who felt complacent, picked up the teacup, took a sip, and then raised her head again and said, "Fifth Sister, do you know that my father has presented a memorial to suggest brother Hao as the heir?"

Shao Wanru nodded but didn't say anything.

"Only a memorial is not enough to get the Emperor's approval, so my father has to present another memorial. It usually requires three or even more memorials to get the Emperor's approval. But rest assured, Fifth Sister. Since my father has decided it, he will keep presenting memorials. But I'm afraid..."

At this point, Shao Yanru hesitated and looked at Shao Wanru, seeming to be about to speak but saying nothing.

Shao Wanru looked at her with composure and did not pick up the topic. She looked calm with her long eyelashes fluttering and showed a hint of indifference in her clear eyes, seeming to be not very interested in this topic.

"First Miss, is there anything wrong?" Qing Yue involuntarily asked.

"If the Emperor keeps disagreeing, it will take longer. If you want to make the Emperor make a decision as soon as possible, there is a way. I'm wondering if..." Shao Yanru said with a hesitant look and stared at Shao Wanru.

"First Miss..." Qing Yue couldn't help talking again.

"Qing Yue, don't you dare!" Shao Wanru said coldly and didn't look as anxious as Shao Yanru expected. Nevertheless, she could tell from Qing Yue's reaction that Shao Wanru was also anxious. Shao Wanru, who was shrewd, did a good job in hiding her emotion. Unfortunately, it was a bad move for Shao Wanru to keep this maid with her today.

The maid's reaction reflected the master's thought. Seeing the maid's anxious look, she knew that Shao Wanru actually cared about what she said but didn't say it.

"I heard that the stuff left eldest uncle was all in your hands. If you could send some of them to the Emperor, you might be able to remind the Emperor of the close relationship between him and eldest uncle. In this case, we can get his approval soon!" Shao Yanru said, looking very embarrassed, "But I know that eldest uncle didn't leave a lot of stuff, you'll lose those you give away. But if they could be helpful, eldest uncle will be happy after knowing it in the underworld!"

Shao Yanru was indeed the most scheming person. She came to Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion today in order to kill two birds with one stone. Shao Wanru sneered and looked straight at Shao Yanru's face, but didn't say anything, as if intending to check every tiny expression on Shao Yanru's face.

Her gaze made Shao Yanru involuntarily move her eyes away, but then she turned back and looked into Shao Wanru's eyes without dodging, seeming to have nothing to feel guilty for.

She disdained it in her heart. She didn't believe that Shao Wanru could know anything. However, Shao Wanru had always been shrewd, so she couldn't let Shao Wanru discover anything unusual.

The two of them looked at each other as if intending to discover any subtle expressions on each other's faces. However, Shao Wanru could only see a pair of eyes, while Shao Yanru could see the expression on Shao Wanru's face.

There seemed to be a strange aura flowing in the air...

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"Thank you, Big Sister. Father didn't leave any luxury things for me and Hao'er. They are just things for me and Hao'er to miss them, which are not good enough to be displayed in front of the Emperor!" After a long while, Shao Wanru reached out to gently touched her forehead and said in a light way.

The invisible strangeness in the air immediately faded away in her faint voice.

However, such fading made Shao Yanru want to spit out blood. The atmosphere just now seemed to cause something to happen, but it just ended up with a casual sentence. Her goal had not been achieved, which really made her not reconciled.

"Fifth Sister, whatever will be fine, as long as it can remind Emperor of Eldest Uncle!" Shao Yanru felt a little embarrassed and annoyed for no reason. She gritted her teeth secretly, but the look on her face was still gentle.

"Big Sister, you can leave now!" Shao Wanru evaded the issue, and then suddenly expelled the guest.

"You..." Although Shao Yanru had the best self-restraint, she couldn't bear this anymore now. She suddenly stood up and showed anger in her eyes, "Fifth Sister, I am really for your own good. Why don't you accept my kindness?"

"Thank you for your kindness, Big Sister. You have always said that it is all for my good, but since you did for my good, I have been in trouble. This time, I almost lost my life, so I really don't dare to accept your kindness!" Shao Wanru said calmly. It sounded as if she was talking about someone else's affairs, and her pink face was calm.

Such an expression and words irritated Shao Yanru, but she smiled and said, "Fifth Sister, just as I said, that thing really had nothing to do with me. The emperor also asked the people of the Ministry of Justice to go back, so it was clear that it was not me. It was Qi Rongzhi and Qin Yuru who did this. As for why they combine against you, I suppose you also know the reason. You have been treated like this for so many years!"

Because of anger, her words sounded extremely unkind, which were very different from the image that Shao Yanru struggled to present in front of others.

When finishing her words, Shao Yanru also realized that it was inappropriate. She wanted to say something else as a remedy but was interrupted by Shao Wanru rudely, "Big Sister, you are right. The Ministry of Justice now goes to neither Duke Xing's Mansion nor Duke Yong's Mansion, but does this mean that it has nothing to do with you? Big Sister, I will keep investigating it. If I find out who wanted to hurt me, no matter who it is, I will not spare her!"

The smile on Shao Wanru's face disappeared, and there was a trace of fierceness in her expression, which made Shao Yanru inexplicably think of Rui'an Great Elder Princess. She couldn't help but have a guilty conscience in her heart, but she reluctant to show weakness in her words.

"Fifth Sister, just go ahead and you must find out the truth. Otherwise, I will hardly absolve myself from the blame, as if I really did harm to you."

The old maid who stirred up trouble had been executed by rods with a fair reason. So she could find nothing even if she wanted to investigate. And the old maid in the hall of the Ministry of Justice had been half-died recently because there were many people in prison who were infected with the illness. What's more, the Ministry of Justice had already completed this case, so that old maid was not a big deal.

She was just an old maid. How could she get Shao Yanru involved in this matter? So Shao Yanru said these words confidently.

“Big Sister, do you want to prove that you did not hurt me?” Shao Wanru suddenly smiled and asked.

Shao Wanru was extremely beautiful, and her smile was like a hundred flowers blooming together. Her beauty was attractive, but this overly gentle smile made Shao Yanru’s heart in her throat. She felt uneasy in her heart, but still said in a strong way, “How can you prove it?”

“Big Sister, how about you beat Qin Yuru and Qi Rongzhi for me again? You have to help me vent my anger!” Shao Wanru said.

“You...” Shao Yanru’s face turned red, which reminded her of the humiliation that she had fought with Qin Yuru that day. Not only had she lost face in front of others, but also when she had returned to the mansion, her father had given her a strong slap, who had never beaten her before. Shao Yanru, as his favored daughter, had never experienced such a thing in her life for over a decade.

Now Shao Wanru actually reminded her of that again, as if something was violently opened in her heart. The shame and anger that she had nowhere to hide almost made her lose her reasons. She couldn’t help but breathe quickly and stared at Shao Wanru fiercely. How she wished she could make a hole in Shao Wanru’s body by staring at her.

She had given the impression of weakness, but she didn’t expect that Shao Wanru wouldn’t go for her weakness.

“Fifth Sister, what do you want to do?” She almost squeezed these words from her teeth.

“Big Sister, I’m tired. You can leave now!” Shao Wanru waved her hand and said.

“You...” Shao Yanru was furious. She clenched her fists and took two steps forward to approach Shao Wanru. Qing Yue wanted to stop her but was held back by Shuqi. “Fifth Sister, you are also from Duke Xing’s Mansion. If Duke Xing’s Mansion is in trouble, you will not be well either. The whole Duke Xing’s Mansion is your backup force. Although Great Elder Princess is good, she is only your grandmother, and she can’t interfere in the affairs of Duke Xing’s Mansion too much.”

Shao Yanru warned her.

Shao Wanru opened her eyes again, propped up her body to sit up straight, and then she waved to Shao Yanru. Shao Yanru looked at her suspiciously but still moved her face closer.

“Big Sister, looking at yourself. You are really disgusting. In such an appearance, no one is willing to marry you now!” Shao Wanru quickly pulled off Shao Yanru’s veil. Looking at her bruised face with bloodstains under the veil, Shao Wanru sneered and raised her cherry lips.

“Eldest Sister, I heard that several princes are going to choose their wives. Your face really brings shame to our Duke Xing’s Mansion. I think these princes would rather choose girls with ordinary appearances than you!”

“You...” Shao Yanru was stunned. When she came to her senses, she pulled the veil from Shao Wanru’s hand and took a few steps back. Then she staggered to stand with the help of Shuqi. She wanted to put on the veil, but her hands were too trembling to put on the simple veil at all.

Seeing that the situation was not good, Shuqi hurriedly took the veil and helped her to wear it.

After the veil was put on, the shame and humiliation in Shao Yanru's eyes were slowly suppressed. Of course, she did not want anyone to see such a face. The veil hid all her weakness, but she did not expect that Shao Wanru would directly tear off her veil and clearly expose her weakness.

"Big Sister, there will be a banquet in a few days. It seems that you can't go there. I heard that there are a few Misses who are very elegant and beautiful from the official families that just came to the capital city. Maybe they will be first chosen!" Shao Wanru said lazily and leaned back again. "Big Sister, originally, your beautiful appearance could outstand as the best, but now it is really not a good time!"

In the previous life, Chu Liuyue had got married, but his wife had not been Shao Yanru. She had been neither the wife of Princess Zhou nor that of Princess Xin. In the previous life, Shao Yanru had entered the palace and become the emperor's concubine eventually. There must be some reasons that she didn't know. In her opinion, Shao Yanru didn't seem to be willing to enter the palace and become the current emperor's concubine.

Now, it was indeed the time for those princes to choose wives and concubines. However, Shao Wanru always felt that there were some things out of her control. Then, let these things slowly come to light.

"You... you... what are you going to do?" Shao Yanru was still trembling and her limbs were cold.

"So what? I just want to help Big Sister, just as Big Sister also wants to help me. After all, we sisters should make peace with each other. Only in this way can we make Duke's Mansion prosperous. Since we are a family, I also hope Big Sister can marry well. But now, there are so many rumors about Duke Xing's Mansion that you may not attract the attention of the princes!" Shao Wanru smiled, and her watery eyes were as clear as a colored glaze with a hint of glittering light.

She knew what Shao Yanru was most concerned about, which Shao Yanru had not even thought about in the past. But this time, she must have a deep understanding of it. Shao Wanru spoke so straightforwardly that she directly pulled away from the self-deceiving veil of Shao Yanru's and made her directly face the fear in her heart!

"Fifth Sister, thank you for your kindness!" Shao Yanru finally managed to stop herself from trembling and said a complete sentence.

"You're welcome!" Shao Wanru said very lightly.

"Grandma is still waiting for me to reply in the mansion. I won't bother Fifth Sister and I'm leaving now!" Shao Yanru couldn't stay any longer. She turned around and strode away with Shuqi.

After she turned around, her eyes suddenly became extremely cold and vicious, which she had been tried hard to keep calm just now. However, she couldn't help clenching her fists, and inexplicably felt a little flustered.

Originally, she really wanted to sit high on the table. No matter who took the position of Princess Yue or Princess Zhou, before the last step, she would definitely be able to seize her position and become the final winner.

It was not only because of her confidence in her appearance but also because of the friendship between childhood sweethearts. But of course, there was also confidence from the background of Duke Xing's Mansion. As long as her father was still Duke Xing, and her eldest brother was the Heir of Duke Xing, either Prince Yue or Prince Zhou would be helpful.

With these, it was enough to negotiate with any winner.

Of course, this was the last thought that Shao Yanru had not cared about before. She felt that even if she didn't have Duke Xing's Mansion, it would still be easy for her to get the position of Empress, and others could not alienate Prince Yue and Prince Zhou from her. But now, she was really in a panic.

Now she had to consider what she had not considered in the past. She always thought that these external conditions could be ignored. As long as it was her, even if having no background, Prince Yue and Prince Zhou would still have a deep affection for her. But Shao Wanru's words just now seemed to stimulate the hidden worry in her heart.

The worry in the past now became fear! Endless fear!

In the past, if she had been injured, both Prince Yue and Prince Zhou would have sent letters in private to comfort her or coax her with gifts. However, in the past few days, she had not received such a comforting letter in the mansion.

Originally, she had been holding back her temper to wait and thinking that she would finally get one. But when Shao Wanru directly pulled away from the veil, she suddenly felt scared.

"Let's go to Prince Yue's Mansion!" After getting on the carriage, Shao Yanru gritted her teeth and ordered in a low voice. Her hands were clasped together tightly because of nervousness.