

## Medical Princess 681

### Chapter 681 Greetings, Uncle

In the beginning, Qing Xue had been forced to come back to serve Madam Di. At that time, she had had no choice but to do so and she had been willing to work for Shao Wanru secretly.

But later, things had happened one after another. The biggest change was that Shao Wanru had become a mistress of Duke Xing's Mansion, and then she had been to the Yuhui Nunnery to cultivate in seclusion and had no longer meddled in the affairs of Qin's Mansion.

Madam Di had also been so seriously injured at that time that she could hardly survive. It had not been expected that she would torture the people around her so viciously. It was unexpected for Shao Wanru that Madam Di could torture all the people around her like that. Needless to say, Duke Yong's Mansion had also been involved in that.

Duke Yong's Mansion seemed to be in decline and unremarkable, but it seemed to be everywhere!

The interests of Qin's Mansion and Duke Yong's Mansion had always been closely linked. After so many things, they could still get along with each other like that, thus the meaning behind that had to be important!

Qin Yuru was Madam Di's biological daughter and the only granddaughter of Old Madam of Duke Yong's Mansion, but Old Madam attached much more importance to that granddaughter than her own grandson. Was that really normal?

It was said that the heir of Duke Yong's Mansion also abandoned himself very much now. As long as he had time, he would go out to indulge in dissipation, and not even go home at night. He was a playboy, and a useless playboy.

In the last life, although Di Yan had also been a playboy, at least he had not sounded like a hopeless person. With the background of Duke Yong's Mansion, Ningyuan Army General's Mansion, and Duke Xing's Mansion, he had still steadily stepped into an official career and had shown conjugal harmony with Qin Yuru in front of the public.

But at that time, everything had changed. It was no longer what it used to be!

Duke Yong's Mansion valued Qin Yuru so much, but was what they saw on the surface really true? With the dowry of Madam Di and Qin Yuru, Shao Wanru always felt something wrong. On that day, she came to find out what was going on.

She wanted to see what other trump card Madam Di had not shown. That trump card was the final answer to protect Qin Yuru, and it must be an astonishing one.

Qin Yuru's reputation had been ruined to that extent, but Duke Yong's Mansion still tried its best to protect her. Shao Wanru did not believe that Duke Yong's Mansion would be so kind.

The so-called family ties, in fact, would dissipate after being gradually worn out.

It was speculated that Madam Di had a secret, which was confirmed after nothing had happened in the battle between Qin Yuru and Duke Xing's Mansion.

However, that secret was not good for Shui Ruolan and Old Madam Qin. Grasping that secret, Madam Di had made Duke Yong's Mansion trust Qin Yuru and not use her as a shield. Since then, she might also be used that secret to deal with Shui Ruolan and her grandmother. Shao Wanru would never allow such a thing to happen.

There must be some secret. If Shao Wanru couldn't force them out on that day, she would think of another way...

Walking out of Madam Di's Yulan Pavilion, it didn't take long for her to see Qin Huaiyong's servant coming in a hurry. When he saw Shao Wanru, he hurriedly saluted and said, "Fifth Miss Shao, our general invites you!"

"Ningyuan Army General is in the mansion?" Shao Wanru asked in surprise. In the past, Qin Huaiyong would not be in the mansion at that time in a day but worked in the government office.

"The general heard that Fifth Miss would come here, so he deliberately stayed in the mansion," the servant said with a smile.

Shao Wanru followed the servant to Qin Huaiyong's study without hesitation. It had been three years since she went to Qin Huaiyong's study last time, so she had inexplicable feelings in her heart.

Since she was taken in by Duke Xing's Mansion that day, she had not had the chance to talk to Qin Huaiyong in private again, nor had she said anything to him.

It was very quiet in the study. When Shao Wanru entered the room, she saw Qin Huaiyong sitting at a large desk, who did not pick up the file to read but frowned tightly and lowered his head as if he was thinking about something.

When hearing Shao Wanru's voice, he raised his head and looked at Shao Wanru with a trace of excitement in his eyes. He held his hands and seemed to want to stand up, but he finally calmed down.

"Uncle!" Shao Wanru stepped forward and bowed respectfully, lowering her body deeply.

Since they had been close, it was proper for her to call him "uncle".

"Wanru... sit down and have a chat!" Qin Huaiyong tried his best to calm down and then said slowly.

She had called him "father" before but now "uncle". He couldn't say it wrong, but it somehow made him feel strange and sad. No matter how much he didn't care, she had been raised by him as his daughter for more than 10 years. He had seen her change from a little girl to a beautiful mistress in an aristocratic family, but a mistress not belonging to his family.

That feeling really made him uncomfortable.

"Yes, Uncle!" Shao Wanru said obediently. She sat down on a chair on the side and the study room became quiet. It seemed that both of them didn't know what to say next.

Finally, Qin Huaiyong coughed, and his eyes fell on Shao Wanru's face. Her childish face had grown mature, and her delicate little face was extremely beautiful. Her long dark eyelashes fluttered twice on her eyes, and then she raised her eyes. Her eyes were as clear as glass, and she had snow-white skin and red lips which didn't need to be painted.

Such appearance was much more beautiful than Qin Yuru's.

In the past, Qin Yuru had also been beautiful, otherwise, she would not have such a big reputation in Jiangzhou. Three years ago, Qin Yuru had been as beautiful as a blooming flower, but Shao Wanru had still been at a young age. Even so, everyone could still see Shao Wanru's beauty. Three years later, Qin Yuru was thin and withered, and she no longer looked like a beautiful woman. However, Shao Wanru was as pretty as a fairy coming out of the most beautiful ink painting.

It was said that the First Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion was also a stunning beauty. Compared with those of Qin's mansion, the daughters of Duke Xing's Mansion were not only noble but also beautiful.

"Wanru, how are doing in Duke Xing's Mansion?" Qin Huaiyong asked softly.

"Thank you for your concern, Uncle. I am living a good life." Shao Wanru replied with a gentle smile.

"If... if you need any help, you can find me... or ask your Aunt Shui for help. We will definitely not refuse you as long as we can help!" Qin Huaiyong coughed in a low voice again.

"Thank you, uncle!" said Shao Wanru.

"You have left some things here before and you can go to have a look later. You can move anything you like over there. It is useless to leave them in the mansion!" Qin Huaiyong said again.

He had not expected what would happen at that time. After that, Shao Wanru only asked someone to move away a small part of her things. If no one lived in Zhifang Pavilion, there were still many things that Shao Wanru had used at that time.

"Thank you, father. I know. I'll go to have a look later!" Shao Wanru responded gently to Qin Huaiyong's words.

However, politeness accounted for most in her reply.

It seemed that the two of them were just familiar strangers. They were very familiar with each other because they had lived together for so many years, while they were not familiar with each other because there seemed to be a lot of things between them. Some things could not be found again as long as they passed away.

Even though they used to be family ties!

However, the family ties that had been controlled by prejudice and plot were no longer what they used to be!

Both of them tried their best to speak with a gentle attitude, but there seemed to be something missing anyway. They were not as carefree in chatting as they had used to be when they were father and daughter.

After a few casual words, Shao Wanru said goodbye and went out. She said that she wanted to go to her past yard and have a look, so Qin Huaiyong didn't keep her and nodded with a smile.

He looked at her who respectfully bowed to him and retreated, and his eyes gradually cooled down. Looking at Shao Wanru's figure, he let out a heavy breath. He didn't know how to face his former little daughter now, with mixed feelings in his heart.

After Shao Wanru left for a while, he suppressed his thoughts and ordered the servant, "Ask Master Tianyu to come here!"

The young servant answered and left. After a while, Qi Tianyu was invited in, who had been waiting in the parlor outside.

After the greetings, the guest and the host took their seats.

"Master Tianyu, why do you come to see me today?" Qin Huaiyong went straight to the point. In the past three years, Qi Tianyu had rarely appeared in Qin's Mansion, but at that time he came there very abruptly, especially at a time when Shao Wanru came back to the Qin's Mansion. That was really not a pleasant thing.

"Uncle, I do come here for some reasons. In fact, I want to see cousin sister." Qi Tianyu was not shy and said bluntly, "About the matter of my sister, Fifth Miss Shao is the only person who has the ear of Duke Xing and is willing to speak for my sister. That's why I have to bother you, Uncle."

Qi Rongzhi's incident had gotten worsen and made the whole Duke Xing's Mansion lose face. Not only had Madam of Duke Xing been known for her sinister and vicious reputation, but even the mistresses of Duke Xing's Mansion had also been criticized for their duplicity and wicked hearts behind kind faces. It was not proper for mistresses from an aristocratic family to bully a nominal daughter who had been accepted into Duke Xing's Mansion.

In particular, Qi Rongzhi had even raised her sleeves in excitement, and the scars on her arms could be seen. It was said that those were caused by the mistresses of Duke Xing's Mansion by accident.

By accident? How could it really be an accident? She was not a child, and there were so many servant girls and old maids following her. There were so many scars on the arms of a mistress from an aristocratic family, which showed that Duke Xing's Mansion really humiliated people and didn't take other people's daughters seriously.

Even though she was a mistress from a small aristocratic family, she must have been raised by her parents like the apple of their eyes. If they didn't like her, they could not recognize her as an adopted daughter, since they were not forced to do that. At that time, they had even used Qi Rongzhi as a shield, but once the shield had been used and become useless, they bullied her and even ruined her by marrying her to such a disappointing person. That was really too much.

"This has nothing to do with Wanru!" Qin Huaiyong said in a low voice.

All the mistresses of Duke Xing's Mansion had the possibility to abuse Qi Rongzhi, but Shao Wanru didn't, because she was not in Duke Xing's Mansion and her reputation was not bad!

"Of course, this matter has nothing to do with Fifth Miss Shao. But my sister's current situation also has something to do with her bad reputation. She has hurt others but also hurt herself. My sister is not young anymore, and after such a thing happened, she had a bad relationship with Duke Xing's Mansion,

so her marriage in the future..." Qi Tianyu sighed heavily and then stood up again and bowed deeply to Qin Huaiyong.

"Uncle, please grant my wish and give me a chance to meet Fifth Miss Shao. I want to ask her for help. I can't let my sister live alone for the rest of her life!"

The request didn't seem to be too much, but Qin Huaiyong didn't agree directly. He looked at Qi Tianyu's face seriously and wondered if Qi Tianyu really meant that.

### **Chapter 682 Dust on the Painting, Not on the Words!**

"Uncle, if you are concerned, you can ask the servant to follow me. I will talk to Fifth Miss Shao just for a short while!" Qi Tianyu said politely.

Since he had said that, for the sake of Magistrate Qi, Qin Huaiyong didn't refuse. He could only nod and ask the servant to lead Qi Tianyu to see Shao Wanru.

Then he sat alone in the study for a long time silently.

Since when had those things all gone wrong? At that time, he couldn't even figure out the direction. Sometimes, he would even doubt if what he had done was right or wrong.

He was a military general, and he had been annealed on the battlefield. He had always been determined. When he had already chosen the direction, he would rush in a certain direction, but at that moment he was a little confused...

Shao Wanru returned to Zhifang Pavilion, where she had not been for a long time. Everything in Zhifang Pavilion was still the same. There were not many people in the Qin's Mansion in the past, and at that time there were fewer.

Qin Yuru got married and Qin Wanru returned to her family. Brother Xuan, who was just born, was young and had no courtyard to live in. There were only a few masters in the mansion and several courtyards were empty. There was no one living in Shao Wanru's place. Coupled with Shui Ruolan's nostalgia, that place had always been kept the same.

There were fewer servant girls and old maids in the courtyard, but they were all familiar servants. They hurried to greet her when they saw Shao Wanru coming over. All of them were very respectful.

Everyone knew that their Second Miss was the daughter of the Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua. She was of royal blood. Because of that, no one dared to offend her, even though she was no longer a mistress in Qin's Mansion!

She went to the main room and sat down. After a servant girl served tea, the girl left obediently, leaving Yujie alone to serve her.

At that time, there was no need for other servant girls and old maids to be around her. Shao Wanru really just wanted to come and sit there.

Things had changed. She had been the Second Miss of Qin's Mansion, but at that time she had even changed her surname.

Shao Wanru picked up the teacup and took a sip slowly. Then she stood up and looked at a flower rack by the window. There were some of her objects on it, most of which she brought from Jiangzhou. She reached out to pick up an inkstone. The carved pattern on it looked very elegant and antique, but it also looked very simple.

In fact, she went out and ran into it with Qi Baiyu when she was in Jiangzhou. It was rare for her to find such a good piece of inkstone, and she almost fought with others over it. When she thought about it, she found it very funny.

She put her hands on a brush washer. There was still a cut on the brush washer. It looked incomplete and was really not a good thing, but there was also a story behind it.

There were many things on the flower stand, and when she thought about them at that moment, she missed them very much. Before Qin Yuru plotted against her marriage, although she was not favored in Qin's Mansion and was bullied by Qin Yuru and Qi Rongzhi, she had Old Madam Qin's protection and didn't have much interest conflicts with Madam Di and Qin Yuru, so they didn't want to kill her.

But later, for the sake of their own interests, Madam Di and Qin Yuru repeatedly tried to kill her.

In her last life, they had succeeded in the end!

The nostalgic smile in her eyes became cruel. She took a scroll from the painting pot on the side and slowly unfolded it. There were a few pieces of calligraphy, which were written by herself. She suddenly became interested and asked Yujie to grind the ink for her. Then she took out a piece of white paper and began to write according to the characters on it.

After writing a word, she carefully differentiated it. After all, it had been three years. Her calligraphy was a lot different from that before. In the past three years, she had copied a lot of scriptures and practiced a lot of calligraphy in the Yuhui Nunnery. The calligraphy was no longer the same as it was when she was young.

She put down the writing brush in her hand, picked up the previous piece of calligraphy, and gently rubbed it with her fingers. Then she raised her hand and looked at the mark on her hand in astonishment. It was very shallow, hardly to be seen. If she had not touched it with her fingers, she would not have found the little dust.

But why was there only such a light layer of dust on it?

The servants would clean the room and every place was indeed quite clean. But they would not clean the kind of things like her calligraphy and painting.

The servants basically wouldn't clean up those things since they might even spoil them in the cleaning process. Therefore, they were not allowed to clean the calligraphy and paintings. Even if they cleaned them, they would only clean up some dust outside carefully.

The words she wrote were not very precious. She just put them casually without putting a bag on the outside and rolled them up. There would inevitably be heavy dust on them for three years. Even if someone watched them carefully from time to time, there should be a lot of dust on them.

But the dust mark on her hand was very light. It was so light that it could not be seen without careful observation.

If she did not know clearly that the calligraphy was written three years ago, she would have thought that it could only be written about a month ago. The dust on the calligraphy could only have been accumulated for a month at most.

She rolled it up, put it aside, and took another piece of calligraphy. After looking at it, she reached out and touched it. There was also a very light layer of dust on it.

She picked up another painting. When she pressed her hand on it, her fingers were immediately covered with a thick layer of dust.

There was another one, which was still calligraphy. The dust on it was extremely light...

There was a lot of calligraphy and paintings in the painting pot. They were all casually written and painted by Shao Wanru when she was in Qin's Mansion in the past. There was calligraphy and paintings. The paintings were covered with thick dust, while the calligraphy was different. It seemed that someone had seen it recently and looked at it carefully. The dust on it did not seem to have been accumulated for three years.

When she finished looking at them, Shao Wanru's eyes darkened and she glanced at the two rows of calligraphy and paintings on the table.

The calligraphy was placed in a row, and the paintings were placed in a row.

It was not so obvious that they had been mixed together before, but now that they were divided into two rows, she immediately found that the calligraphy and paintings were indeed different.

The dust on the outside had been cleaned. Since it was cleaned, it was not very obvious on the paintings. But in fact, that place was rarely cleaned. But the calligraphy was different. The calligraphy written by her was basically very clean. Even from the surface, one could see something.

Her calligraphy was not so good. It was written by herself and could not be regarded as a treasure. Even because of the foundation of her last life, her painting had always been much better than her calligraphy. When her paintings were normal, but her calligraphy had been touched?

"Miss, is there anything in your calligraphy?" At that time, Yujie also saw something strange in it and couldn't help reminding her.

"I don't know either!" Shao Wanru shook her head and said.

She really didn't know the reason. Someone was interested in her calligraphy? Although her calligraphy wasn't ugly, it wasn't written by a famous master. Besides, she was just a girl in the boudoir. Who would pay attention to her?

The scene around her was the same as when she left three years ago. There was no trace of being touched by others at all. If she hadn't gone to draw the calligraphy in the painting pot, she wouldn't have been able to find it.

Therefore, that person should be familiar with everything around her and know some of her habits. That person carefully avoided everything that made her suspicious. Did the person guess that she would come back and was he unwilling to let her find anything?

She felt very confused in her mind, as if something was deeply hidden which could be known, but she couldn't see it clearly. She sat on the chair and took out a piece of calligraphy to read.

That piece of calligraphy was written by her according to the copybook. It was very ordinary and there was nothing strange about it, but that piece of calligraphy was also wiped clean.

"Miss, could it be that heir of the duke left something for you? And Madam of Duke Xing knew it, so she sent someone to check the old objects here?" Yujie blinked and had a whimsical idea.

Shao Wanru shook her head. "It couldn't be Madam of Duke Xing!"

Many clues here showed that the person was not an outsider. That person knew everything there. Besides, even if she left the courtyard, there were still servant girls and old maids. It was not easy for anyone to come in. If it was in the daytime, it would not be easy for people from other manors to enter the manor. Moreover, that person could come into the backyard when there was no one in it.

If it was at night, who would come over? Who could come over?

As for Qin's Mansion, she always felt that there was something important that she did not think of. So many things that were involved could not be explained. Or even if it could be explained, it seemed to be very far-fetched.

"Was someone looking for some calligraphy? My calligraphy?" Something suddenly flashed in her mind...

"Miss, Master Tianyu wants to see you!" While she was thinking, she suddenly heard a servant girl reporting from outside.

As soon as she arrived at Qin's Mansion, Qi Tianyu came. Shao Wanru frowned unconsciously, motioned for Yujie to put the calligraphy and paintings well, and stood up to welcome him. Even though she didn't live there at that time, it used to be her boudoir, and she didn't want to meet Qi Tianyu there. The relationship between her and Qi Tianyu was not so close.

In the yard, Qi Tianyu stood there with his hands clasped behind his back, with a worried expression on his handsome face. He stood at the gate of the courtyard very politely and did not go straight in. There was a young male servant standing beside him. It was a young male servant of Qin's Mansion.

It should be Qin Huaiyong's servant. It seemed that Qin Huaiyong had agreed to Qi Tianyu's visit, which made her feel very uncomfortable.

Hearing the sound behind him, Qi Tianyu turned his head and looked at Shao Wanru, who came down from the stairs. There was a trace of indescribable sadness in his eyes.

"Fifth Miss Shao!" Before Shao Wanru greeted him, Qi Tianyu had already made a deep bow.

Shao Wanru stood a few steps away and looked at Qi Tianyu indifferently. She bowed and then said seriously, "What's the matter, Mr. Qi? If there's something, you should go to Duke Xing's Mansion. I



have nothing to do with what happened to First Miss Qi. I don't know what life she lives in Duke Xing's Mansion either!"

She seemed to be very heartless and cruel by saying that, especially with her bright and beautiful eyes, which were as cold as the lake water. There were ripples in the lake, but there was no warmth. She looked at Qi Tianyu with no politeness or gentleness.

That was what Qi Tianyu wanted to say originally, but it was said by Shao Wanru. Even if Qi Tianyu had always been smart, he could not say it at that time.

After a long while, he smiled helplessly and said, "Fifth Miss Shao, do you still hold a grudge against me? If so, I'm here to apologize to you, explain to you and ask for your forgiveness!"

### **Chapter 683 One Step Faster**

Yujie, who was standing behind Shao Wanru, glared at Qi Tianyu angrily and said, "Forgive you? Your Excellency, you must be joking. My Miss has been framed by you all this time. She has almost been utterly discredited several times. Is that forgivable?"

She disliked Qi Tianyu and Qi Rongzhi very much. They were not good people.

"Yujie!" Shao Wanru scolded Yujie in a low voice.

Although Yujie was not convinced, she still shut her mouth angrily and stared at Qi Tianyu with vigilance, for fear that he would do something bad again.

In Yujie's heart, Qi Tianyu was a cunning, fierce wolf. Who knew when he would show his fangs?

Qi Tianyu didn't seem to hear Yujie's abusive words. He looked at Shao Wanru with a bitter smile and asked softly, "Fifth Miss, is that what you think of me?"

The girl in front of him was no longer the lovely, childish little girl three years ago. Shao Wanru, who had grown up, had already left Qin Yuru far behind. If she were still in Jiangzhou, she would be the most beautiful woman there. Even when she was in the capital, compared with the First Miss of Duke Xing, who was claimed to be the most beautiful, everyone would think that she was the real top beauty.

Shao Yanru was a little worse than her!

"Does it make a difference whether I think so or not? Your Excellency, did you come here today to frame me again? I made it clear to you a long time ago that you'd better stay away from me, First Young Master of the Qi Family," Shao Wanru said expressionlessly.

There was a trace of anger on Qi Tianyu's face. It could be seen that he had suppressed his anger for a while before he said slowly, "Please save Rongzhi, Fifth Miss!"

"Your Excellency, you're really interesting. What does Miss Qi's matter have to do with me? Did I ask her to find her origin or did I lock her up? What does the matter of Duke Xing's Mansion have to do with me? In what name shall I stand up for Miss Qi? And what is the reason for that? When you were in Jiangzhou, you could be regarded as a talent. I didn't expect you to grow naive after coming to the capital!" Shao Wanru sneered, showing no mercy.

Yujie stared at Qi Tianyu with hostility.

Qi Tianyu's face turned red, livid, and then pale. Then he flushed with anger. "You... you and Rongzhi have grown up together. Besides, you're a member of Duke Xing's Mansion too. Now that something has happened to Rongzhi, I think it's reasonable for you to help her and say something for her."

"Help Qi Rongzhi? Why? She tried to hurt me again and again, and you two used to spare no effort to kill me! Your Excellency, if I requite evil with good, what should I requite good with?"

The smile on Shao Wanru's face became colder and colder. She glanced at Qi Tianyu's face with contempt in her glittering eyes and said, "Your Excellency, you are not the only smart person in this world. I hope this is the last time. Otherwise, even if you are an official now, I will never spare you!"

After finishing her words, Shao Wanru turned back and directly left Qi Tianyu in the yard.

Walking behind Shao Wanru, Yujie glared at Qi Tianyu with a little anger and entered the room with a snort.

The curtain fell, blocking the sights inside and outside the room.

Qi Tianyu was livid with anger. If he hadn't stayed in the capital for three years and tempered himself for a while in the official circle, he would not have been able to control himself.

He glared at the curtain with a cold look in his eyes.

Seeing that the situation was not good, the servant hurriedly reminded him, "Young Master Qi, let's go back!"

As a servant of Qin's Mansion, he naturally had to take the benefits of Qin's Mansion into consideration and couldn't let Young Master Qi really quarrel with the Fifth Miss in Qin's Mansion. He saw the attitudes of the two just now clearly. It was clear that they were like fire and water, and it was impossible for them to compromise.

Although the servant was in the capital, he had learned part of the story of Young Master Qi, the First Miss, and the Second Miss in Jiangzhou from the servants from Jiangzhou.

The servant felt strange. Why did this Young Master Qi think that the current Fifth Miss Shao would forgive and help him? Considering what they had done to Fifth Miss Shao at that time, he should be glad that she did not hit him at this point. How dare he even want Fifth Miss Shao to help him! It was impossible given the grievances between them!

Qi Tianyu glared at the curtain with hatred. After a long while, he turned around and said, "Let's go!"

After that, he headed out, followed by the servant in a hurry.

"Miss, he's gone!" Inside the curtain, Yujie had been paying attention to Qi Tianyu in the yard. Although she knew that he would not lose his mind, it was understandable if this former First Young Master of the Qi Family really made a mistake after being provoked by her Miss. Therefore, she had to be careful.

Shao Wanru sat at the table leisurely and said with a contented smile, "It was just an act. He would leave naturally!" She looked completely different from her angry self in the yard.

“Why did he... come here?” Yujie asked in confusion. She went back to the window and opened it for her.

“It must have a deeper meaning. He always pesters me like this, as if he wants to get something from me. I don’t have a good impression of him. He knows it, but he still pesters me. He must have ulterior motives!”

“He wants to get something from you?” In fact, Yujie did not figure out what Qi Tianyu wanted, but there was one thing she was sure of. He must be thinking the same as her Miss. “Before you found your origin and returned to the family, he had pestered you, and it has always been the case. Isn’t he aiming at Duke Xing’s Mansion?”

Yujie’s voice died away, and she seemed to be talking to herself.

“Maybe he has guessed my identity long ago!” Shao Wanru said with a deep look in her eyes.

It seemed that only she, as the person involved, did not know much about it. The others knew a lot. No wonder she died so miserably in her last life.

Many people knew about it, but she didn’t. She had been blinded.

But this time, she got ahead of everyone else. In this case, she could be one step faster...

Nanny Zhou sneaked out of the yard and avoided the two old maids guarding at the door. In fact, the two old maids saw her, but she bought them with silver. So the two old maids just turned a blind eye to it.

No matter what Madam Di had done, there were people from Duke Yong’s Mansion who visited her from time to time. For this reason, people in the mansion didn’t dare to be utterly rude to her. Moreover, on Lunar New Year and other festivals, the general would send gifts to her. Even if Madam Di couldn’t get out, no one dared to really offend her when they thought of the First Miss—Princess of Duke Yong.

They tried their best to pretend that they could not see it. After all, it benefited all!

Qing Xue watched Nanny Zhou leave. She watched her go to a remote courtyard and say a few words to an ordinary old maid. Nanny Zhou slipped something to the old maid and left.

Qing Xue was no longer a servant of Madam Di. After she was released from confinement with Madam Di, she was demoted. She was now a second-class servant girl.

However, the lower status was much better compared with being tortured to death and being locked up with Madam Di. When she came out of the yard with her small package, Qing Xue felt that she had come back to life again. The days when she served Madam Di were the darkest days for her.

She knew what she was going to do next, so she kept watch over this place after nightfall. She saw Nanny Zhou go out, and then she followed her. After that, she saw Nanny Zhou send something to an ordinary old maid.

She didn’t know this old maid!

Nanny Zhou sneaked back again. Qing Xue thought for a while but did not go back. She fixed her eyes on the old maid. She saw the old maid smile and go to the backyard door with a parcel after packing up everything.

In fact, it was still early at this time. Even if there were servants who wanted to go back, it was not an appropriate time!

When the old maid guarding at the back door saw the old maid walking over, she greeted her with a smile. The two seemed to be very familiar with each other. After making some harmless jokes, the old maid took her parcel and went out.

Then the old maid guarding the door closed the back door again. It seemed that she was going to lock the door and leave.

Qing Xue was very anxious. She looked around and did not see anyone else. She thought about it and went back. After arriving at the next intersection, she turned back and ran to the back door.

When she arrived at the back door, she almost couldn't catch her breath. Holding the small tree by the door, she gasped loudly and wiped the sweat on her face away with one hand.

"You are..." The old maid at the back door looked her up and down but did not recognize her for a while.

Qing Xue was not important when she followed Shao Wanru. She was basically in the yard and rarely sent out. After that, she followed Madam Di and was locked up soon. There were not many people in the mansion who knew her. It was normal that the old maid at the back door did not recognize her.

"Just now... the one just now..." Qing Xue said while gasping. Because she was so anxious that she couldn't even say a complete sentence. She could only keep gasping.

"It was Nanny Zhou just now. What's wrong?" Seeing that she was gasping for breath, the old maid guarding the door hurried to complete the sentence for her. It seemed that she couldn't catch her breath and couldn't even finish her words!

"Yes... it's... it's Nanny Zhou... she... she went out..." Qing Xue coughed, as if she was choked.

"Take your time. Say it slowly. Didn't Nanny Zhou go out especially? What's there to make a fuss? In the past, she always went out at this time. What's wrong?" The old maid who guarded the door really felt that Qing Xue had worked so hard. It was no big deal, but she couldn't even manage to gasp out her words.

Qing Xue shook her hand hard, indicating that she didn't mean that. Then she said, "Nanny Zhou... go out... parcel..."

"What's wrong with the parcel? Did she take it wrong? No, that's the one she used to take with her!" The old maid guarding the door became more and more confused. She looked at Qing Xue with a puzzled face and did not understand what Qing Xue meant!

Qing Xue seemed to have recovered and said a complete sentence, "She... she didn't take it wrong?"

"Of course she didn't. That's what I have seen in the past. It is a parcel with red flowers on a blue background and is easy to recognize." The old maid looked Qing Xue up and down. Until now, she still could not recognize which courtyard Qing Xue belonged to.

"I made a mistake. I thought it was a new... parcel from the kitchen!" Qing Xue smiled embarrassedly and wiped her sweat. Then she bowed to the old maid who guarded the door and said, "Nanny, sorry to disturb you!"

"It doesn't matter. Nanny Zhou is the family of the gardener in our mansion. When the gardener has something else to do, she will come and help us for a few days. She will come early in the morning. After finishing her work, she will go back. She is a smart person and won't do anything wrong!" The old maid who guarded the door had a good impression of Qing Xue's politeness, so she especially said a few more words to her.

#### **Chapter 684 Prince Xin, Who Was in a Hurry to Meet a Beauty**

Qing Xue didn't know the situation inside. Now that she had found a pretext to talk about it, she naturally asked with a smile and curiosity, "Is the gardener in our mansion an outsider? Shouldn't he be a servant in our mansion?"

When they were in Jiangzhou, the gardeners in General's Mansion were all servants in the mansion.

"Our gardeners used to be servants in our mansion, but since Duke Yong's Mansion sent a few precious flowers here, we had to find skilled gardeners outside." The old maid guarding the door happened to be bored. She didn't feel that Qing Xue was annoying, so she explained to her in detail.

"Why did Duke Yong's Mansion send flowers to our mansion?" Qing Xue's eyes widened.

"You little girl... have you just entered the mansion? I haven't heard of any new servants in the mansion recently!" The old maid guarding the door was stunned by Qing Xue's ignorant look. She looked Qing Xue up and down in astonishment. She really didn't know her.

"I've been in the mansion for a long time. Maybe I haven't come to the back door in daily life!" Qing Xue said vaguely with a smile.

"The flowers of Duke Yong's Mansion were not sent to our mansion at first. When First Miss returned to our mansion, she said that the flowers in our mansion were too simple and not special. So she especially sent a few here, but she didn't say that she would give them to our mansion. She only said that she wanted us to take good care of them, and they would be of great use one day!"

The old maid did not find anything unusual about Qing Xue, so she explained again.

What was more, it was not a secret in General's Mansion, so it didn't matter if it was revealed.

"What's the great use?"

The old maid yawned and said, "I really don't know about it. Who knows what First Miss is thinking? She's now the Princess of Duke Yong. No matter what she thinks or does, we servants cannot ask about it!"

"Thank you, nanny!" Qing Xue knew that the old maid was tired of her, so she took the opportunity to bow and leave...

Shao Wanru's carriage was stopped as soon as it left Qin's Mansion.

"What a coincidence to meet you here, Fifth Miss Shao!" Chu Liuxin poked his head out of the carriage with a look of surprise and excitement.

"He knew it was my carriage at a glance?" Shao Wanru frowned. She didn't think it was a coincidence. There was the symbol of Duke Xing's Mansion on the carriage, but not all the carriages with this symbol belonged to her. Moreover, she had just come out of Qin's Mansion.

Glancing at Yujie, she said softly, "Prince Chen's Mansion." Yujie understood!

She poked her body out of the carriage and said to Chu Liuxin with a smile, "What a coincidence to meet you here, Prince Xin. Do you also want to go to Prince Chen's Mansion?"

"Why should I go to my third brother's mansion?" Chu Liuxin, who was wearing a broad smile, was stunned and did not understand what Yujie meant.

"In the Imperial Palace, both the Empress Dowager and Prince Chen rewarded my Miss. Old Madam wanted to thank Prince Chen for his gift. Today, she especially asked my Miss to bring a gift. We didn't expect to meet Prince Xin here. Would you like to do us a favor and bring the gift over for our Old Madam?" Yujie said with a smile.

She reached out to pick up a gift box from the pile of gifts sent by Old Madam Qin and Shui Ruolan and jumped out of the carriage.

"Thank you for your hard work, Your Highness!" She handed the delicate gift box in her hand over.

Chu Liuxin's smile froze on his face. He spent a lot of time waiting for Shao Wanru to go out, planning to meet her by chance. Then he could chat with the beauty in the teahouse on the side or take a walk on the street. Anyway, he planned to stay with Shao Wanru until she returned to the mansion.

"Well... since it's Old Madam's gift to my third brother, it's better for you to give it to him in person, Fifth Miss Shao!" Chu Liuxin said bitterly.

"In fact, it is not very reasonable for Old Madam to ask my Miss to send the gift. Although my Miss saved Prince Chen before and he thanked her for this, men and women should keep a distance after all," Yujie said seriously. Then she bowed deeply to Chu Liuxin. "I hope that Your Highness will do my Miss a favor. My Miss will never forget it."

Chu Liuxin's eyes fell on the carriage in front of him. The curtain fell, and he could see no trace of the beauty inside. He sighed helplessly and asked the little eunuch beside him to take the gift box from Yujie's hand. He said weakly, "Then I'll go there for your Miss!"

"Thank you, Your Highness!" Yujie smiled and bowed again. Then she turned back to the front of her carriage and got in. The coachman looked at Prince Xin and waited for the carriage of Prince Xin's Mansion to leave before he could move forward.

Chu Liuxin waved his hand helplessly, and the carriage of Prince Xin's Mansion got out of the way. As the carriage of Duke Xing's Mansion left, Chu Liuxin watched the carriage slowly passing by him. The person inside it did not lift the curtain, and no sound could be heard inside the window. "Is the person inside not interested in me at all?"

This feeling was really not good. Chu Liuxin lowered his head and was no longer in a good mood, looking like a frosted eggplant.

"Your Highness, actually, Fifth Miss Shao trusts you very much. You see, she thinks of you at this time!" Eunuch Liu rolled his eyes obsequiously and tried to comfort his master.

"How can you tell that Fifth Miss Shao trusts me?" Chu Liuxin went to his own carriage dejectedly.

"Your Highness, can't you tell? The Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion seems to want Prince Chen to be with Fifth Miss very much. Otherwise, she would not ignore the etiquette between men and women and ask Fifth Miss to go to Prince Chen's Mansion alone. But Fifth Miss must be unwilling. So when she saw you, she asked you to send the gift to Prince Chen's Mansion."

Eunuch Liu was a brilliant talker, and he made Chu Liuxin happy in just a few words. Thinking about it carefully, Chu Liuxin felt that it seemed to be the truth. He immediately became energetic and nodded repeatedly. "What you said makes sense!"

"That's the reason. Your Highness, think about it. Fifth Miss Shao is unwilling to follow Old Madam's order to visit Prince Chen, but she is willing to entrust the gift to you. It can be seen that you and Prince Chen are different in her heart!" Seeing that his master was happy, Eunuch Liu became more and more flattering.

His words made Chu Liuxin cheerful. The latter touched his smooth chin and nodded repeatedly. "That's right, that's right!"

"It seems that not only do I have to behave well in front of Fifth Miss Shao, but I also have to behave well in front of Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion so that she can see me. Otherwise, she will wholeheartedly marry Fifth Miss Shao to my third brother. It's obvious that I'm more suitable for Fifth Miss Shao!"

Thinking of this, he had no resistance to helping Shao Wanru send the gift box. He got on the carriage happily and went to Prince Chen's Mansion with Eunuch Liu.

Shao Wanru was afraid that Chu Liuxin would make trouble on the street, so she deliberately acquiesced in Yujie's insolent behavior. She didn't expect Eunuch Liu to tell her deep affection from it.

Chu Liuxin's carriage entered the side door of Prince Chen's Mansion. He got out of the carriage with a gift box in hand. Then he said to Xiao Xuanzi, who came to lead the way, with a smile, "Is my third brother in the mansion?"

"He just came back from the Empress Dowager's palace. Now he happens to be in the mansion, but... he just took medicine and is now resting!" Xiao Xuanzi was in a dilemma for a while, but he still told the truth.

"He's resting? Well, forget it. I won't disturb him today. You send this gift box to him and say that it's a gift from Duke Xing's Mansion, thanking him for rewarding Fifth Miss Shao before. I hope he loves it!" Chu Liuxin rolled his eyes and thought that if he went back at this point, he might be able to intercept Shao Wanru if he took a shortcut. He was immediately ready to hand over the gift box in his hand to Xiao Xuanzi.

It was a rare opportunity. He really didn't want to give up.

If he could intercept the beauty again, he would not leave this time anyhow. No matter what Fifth Miss Shao was going to do, he would follow her and accompany her.

"Your Highness Prince Xin, I can't do that. You seldom come here. If I let you go back like this, my master will definitely not spare me when he wakes up. Your Highness, please come in! I will immediately go and tell my master that you are coming!" Xiao Xuanzi took a step back with a smile, stretched out his hand, and made way for Prince Xin.

It meant that Prince Xin had to go in once.

Xiao Xuanzi was so shrewd that he knew there was a special reason when he heard what Prince Xin had said. Moreover, it was related to Fifth Miss Shao, so Prince Xin couldn't leave.

Chu Liuxin really wanted to refuse, but when he saw Xiao Xuanzi's enthusiastic performance, and then looked at Eunuch Liu, who also winked at him and signaled him to go in, he could only follow Xiao Xuanzi in.

It would indeed be improper if he did not go in and take a look when he arrived at his third brother's mansion. He would come to visit him when he had nothing to do in the past. Moreover, his mother had repeatedly told him to build good relations with his third brother.

"Let's go!" Chu Liuxin said unhappily, but he had to pretend to be joyful. With his eyebrows hanging high, he looked a little ridiculous.

Xiao Xuanzi tried hard to look at the ground under his feet, for fear that he couldn't hold back his laughter. For some reason, he felt that Prince Xin was unlucky. How could he come at this bad timing?

Chu Liuxin followed Xiao Xuanzi to a parlor and sat on a chair. A servant girl had already come to serve tea. It turned out to be a beautiful servant girl, which made people's eyes light up when they saw her.

Xiao Xuanzi smiled and asked the servant girl to serve some fruit and snacks. Then he said to Chu Liuxin, "Your Highness, please wait here for a while. I'll be back soon!"

Chu Liuxin waved his hand and said impatiently, "Go and come back as soon as possible!"

He thought that it would be best to leave immediately after seeing Chu Liuchen and exchanging a few words with him.

Xiao Xuanzi smiled and left. When he walked to the door, he looked back at the beautiful servant girl standing in the room. His smile grew bigger and bigger. He turned around and went to the inner courtyard to find his master!



Chu Liuxin picked up the tea beside him and took a few sips. The tea was good. After putting the cup down, he looked around and found that it was a parlor that he had never seen before. It was small but exquisite, and the decoration inside was very elegant.

After looking around, his eyes fell on the servant girl standing beside him. He couldn't help but marvel at her beauty. How could there be such a beautiful servant girl in his third brother's mansion? Her features were much better than those of the servant girls in his mansion. As someone who had seen so many beautiful palace maids, he couldn't help but admire her. This servant girl could be regarded as beautiful as a flower.

Sensing that Chu Liuxin was observing her, the beautiful servant girl raised her head shyly and looked at Chu Liuxin with flushed cheeks. Then she stepped forward gracefully and filled the cup from which he had just taken a few sips. However, maybe because she was too shy, her hands trembled, and the tea spilled out all of a sudden. Then, it dripped down from the table.

Chu Liuxin hurriedly stood up, but it was too late. A few drops of tea had already dripped on his robe...

### **Chapter 685 Be Jealous and Send a Servant Girl!**

"Your Highness Prince Xin, please spare me!" The servant girl knelt down in front of Chu Liuxin and kowtowed to him, grabbing the lower hem of his robe.

"Alright, alright, it's not a big deal!" Chu Liuxin could not disengage his robe from the servant girl, which really made him uncomfortable. Looking at the beautiful servant girl, he found that her face was pale with fear and her whole body was trembling. He felt that she was pathetic, so he said to Eunuch Liu helplessly, "Eunuch Liu, pull her away!"

Eunuch Liu came over to pull the servant girl kneeling on the ground, but the servant girl was even more scared. She pulled the lower hem of Chu Liuxin's robe and refused to let go.

"Stop pulling!" Chu Liuxin was pulled so hard that he almost fell down. Seeing that it didn't work for the current situation, he couldn't help but stop Eunuch Liu.

Eunuch Liu had to retreat.

"Let go of me. I won't blame you!" Chu Liuxin gently spoke to the servant girl, wondering if his third brother was too fierce to the servants. She had just made such a minor mistake, but she was so scared!

"Your Highness, save me. Please save me..." The servant girl cried sadly, looking delicate and pitiful. She held Chu Liuxin's lower hem tightly, as if she were pulling her only life-saving straw.

Even if Chu Liuxin had no other way, he couldn't help being soft-hearted at this moment. She, as beautiful as a flower, was looking at him expectantly. How could he really push her away!

However, it was really inappropriate for her to hold on to him like this all the time.

"Let go of me first. I'll explain it to my third brother later. If he insists on blaming you, I'll ask him to give you to me, so that you won't be so scared!" Chu Liuxin said helplessly.

"Thank you, Your Highness. Thank you so much!" The servant girl heavily kowtowed three times, which really made Chu Liuxin feel his forehead hurt.

This girl didn't play a trick. She was an honest girl, so he had a better impression of her, especially when he saw her fair and tender forehead immediately turn red and swollen.

He bent down and reached out to pull her up. "Get up. I'll tell my third brother about it later!"

"It must be my third brother's strict management that scares the servant girl to such an extent. I really feel sorry for her."

"What did you want to say to me?" Chu Liuchen's cold voice suddenly came from the door.

Chu Liuxin turned to look at the door, only to see Chu Liuchen walking in slowly with Xiao Xuanzi. From Chu Liuxin's angle, he saw Chu Liuchen looking down at the kneeling servant girl. The servant girl was still holding Chu Liuxin's hand. Feeling that her hand was trembling, Chu Liuxin stepped forward to shield her.

"Third Brother, this servant girl is good... Why don't you give her to me?" Chu Liuxin said with a smile. It seemed that it was not easy to reason with Chu Liuchen. In the past, Chu Liuxin did not have much of a say in front of Chu Liuchen. At this moment, he simply asked Chu Liuchen to give him the servant girl, so that she would not be punished.

"You want this servant girl?" Chu Liuchen said with unclear meaning, and there was a dark light in his eyes.

"Yes, we hit it off. My mother doesn't have many servants to serve her. I wonder if Third Brother can give her to me!"

Chu Liuxin talked nonsense seriously. How could Consort Ming have no one to serve her in the palace? How could she even ask him, her son, to ask others for servants?

So Chu Liuxin's face turned red after he had finished.

Chu Liuchen glanced at his hand, which was still holding the servant girl's hand. Sensing Chu Liuchen's gaze, Chu Liuxin immediately came to his senses and hurriedly shook off the servant girl's hand. With a flushed face, he stammered and explained, "I... I... I want to pull her up..."

Chu Liuchen shook his hand and interrupted him. Then he said slowly, "Okay!"

After that, he walked to the chair in the middle, turned around, and sat down.

Before Chu Liuxin could understand what Chu Liuchen meant, the servant girl had already kowtowed to him twice and said, "Thank you, Your Highness Prince Xin. I will definitely... serve you well in the future!"

After that, she wiped away her tears and stood behind him cleverly.

"So Chu Liuchen gave this girl to me?" At this moment, Chu Liuxin saw light suddenly. He opened his mouth and wanted to explain. In fact, he just felt that this girl was pitiful and had no other meaning.

"Come here and sit down!" Chu Liuchen reached out to point at the chair in front of him and motioned for him to come and sit down.

Chu Liuxin could only walk over and sit down dejectedly.

"Since I gave you a servant girl, you should do something for me, right?" Chu Liuchen asked lightly.

"What's it?" Chu Liuxin was also worried. His third brother was not as docile as he seemed. When they got along with each other in private, Chu Liuchen's temper was the most awful. When he was in a good mood, he would pay attention to you. But when he was unhappy, he would be very sharp-tongued.

Chu Liuchen flicked his fingers on the table a few times and said, "Send a gift to Imperial Grandmother for me!"

With a smile, Xiao Xuanzi handed over the tray in his hand. "Your Highness Prince Xin, thank you!"

Chu Liuxin looked at the delicate brocade box in front of him speechlessly and then looked at the servant girl beside him. He felt that he could actually go back on his word. He didn't want to go to the palace to see his Imperial Grandmother at all.

Given his Imperial Grandmother's character, she would surely be delighted to receive his third brother's gift. Then, she would ask him to bring some gifts out of the palace.

He was Prince Xin, not the messenger who sent gifts. After fishing doing all these, he would definitely have no chance to find Fifth Miss Shao again.

"Third Brother, I... I may have something else to do..." Chu Liuxin said hesitantly.

"What do you have to do? I've paid you. I've given you such a beautiful servant girl!" Chu Liuchen's face darkened, and his eyes looked strange!

"Third Brother, in fact... I can give her back to you..." Under the suppression of his strange gaze, Chu Liuxin's voice grew softer and weaker. In the end, he could hardly hear himself.

"Hurry up!" Chu Liuchen acted as if he had not heard him. He tilted his eyes and winked at the gift box. "I carefully selected and prepared this for Imperial Grandmother. You can't break it. Otherwise, Imperial Grandmother will be unhappy!"

"Yes, Third Brother!" Chu Liuxin had to give in. He lowered his head and stood up. After bowing to Chu Liuchen, he unhappily asked Eunuch Liu to take the gift box and then walked out with him and the beautiful servant girl.

He was in a very, very bad mood. It was not a good thing to have a beautiful servant girl for no reason. What was more, it made him owe his third brother a favor, so it was impossible for him to refuse him. Besides, he had always felt afraid when he saw Chu Liuchen. Now that he owed Chu Liuchen a favor, he couldn't be tough.

Seeing Chu Liuxin leaving dejectedly, Xiao Xuanzi couldn't hide his doubts and couldn't help asking, "Your Highness, didn't you plan to send this gift box yourself? Why did you ask Prince Xin to send it?"

In Chu Liuxin's view, this gift was prepared by Chu Liuchen temporarily, but in fact, the latter had prepared this gift box long ago. In the gift box, there were nice maple leaves that Chu Liuchen specially picked for the Empress Dowager, and they were specially made with saltpeter. These maple leaves had special uses and were more practical after being made with saltpeter.

“He is free anyway. Let him send it!” Chu Liuchen said casually. His long eyelashes raised after fluttering twice, and there was a trace of coldness in his glittering eyes. Even though Xiao Xuanzi had been following him, he had to marvel again that his master was indeed the most handsome. Even if he just raised his eyelashes, he was amazingly handsome.

Even a woman couldn’t compare with him in appearance!

Fortunately, there was Fifth Miss Shao! Xiao Xuanzi felt that it was worth rejoicing! He was Chu Liuchen’s personal eunuch and understood his behaviors best. Nevertheless, he felt that he didn’t understand his master’s meaning today.

Chu Liuchen sent Prince Xin a beautiful servant girl and asked him to bring a gift into the palace. Presumably, the Empress Dowager would reward him later. The Empress Dowager may not bother someone else to do it, so she might ask Prince Xin to send her gift to him.

Poor Prince Xin might be exhausted after running errands for them!

Xiao Xuanzi didn’t know how Prince Xin offended his master today. He racked his brain to think about what his master had done before. It seemed that he was listening to the secret report of a secret guard. Xiao Xuanzi’s eyes lit up, and he suddenly understood!

When the secret guard reported, he mentioned Fifth Miss Shao. He also said that Fifth Miss Shao met Prince Xin, not at the gate of Duke Xing’s Mansion, but at Ningyuan Army General’s Mansion. At that time, he deliberately glanced at his master. He found that his master’s expression did not change and that his smile was still gentle. He secretly breathed a sigh of relief back then and felt that it was best that his master did not notice it.

Even if they met by chance, they could only meet at the gate of Duke Xing’s Mansion. How could they meet at the gate of Ningyuan Army General’s Mansion by chance? It could be seen that Prince Xin was deliberately keeping an eye on Fifth Miss Shao.

So, His Highness was jealous?

Xiao Xuanzi secretly peeked at Chu Liuchen’s face and felt happy inwardly. He didn’t expect that there would be such a day when his immortal-like master got jealous. He felt it really interesting.

Prince Xin met Fifth Miss Shao “by chance” before. The next moment, his master sent Prince Xin a beautiful servant girl, and now he was even sent out to run an errand!

It seemed that he couldn’t go back to find Fifth Miss Shao in a short time. Moreover, there was such a beautiful servant girl pestering him.

His master was so jealous. He had really thought that he was a cold and otherworldly immortal. However, when he met Fifth Miss Shao, he descended the Ninth Heaven and became a mortal with flesh and blood!

“What are you laughing at?” Chu Liuchen asked slowly. It immediately made Xiao Xuanzi’s face turn serious. He hurriedly raised his head and straightened to show that he did not secretly make fun of his master.

“I’m thinking about what gift Fifth Miss Shao gave you just now!” Xiao Xuanzi said seriously.

He really didn't see what the gift was inside, and he was particularly curious. After his master took it, he didn't show it to him.

Chu Liuchen squinted at him and asked lazily, "Are you curious?"

"No... I'm not curious. I'm not curious at all!" Xiao Xuanzi hurriedly shook his head.

"It doesn't matter if you're curious!" It was rare for Chu Liuchen to be easygoing. There was even a smile on his handsome face, and the corners of his mouth were slightly raised. His eyes were clear and elegant, but Xiao Xuanzi felt a chill down his spine, and he asked with a bitter face, "Your Highness, what can I do for you?"

### **Chapter 686 One Never Loses Anything by Sending Gifts!**

Xiao Xuanzi stood in front of the gate of Duke Xing's Mansion, looked at the gift boxes in his hand and at Duke Xing's Mansion in front of him, sighed helplessly and thought that now he was also sent to deliver gifts.

Well, he shouldn't have made fun of Prince Xin in secret before. Now it was his turn to be sent to deliver gifts. Thinking of this, he felt inexplicable grievances.

He went to the gate with two little eunuchs, and one of the little eunuchs stepped forward to knock on the door. As the door was opened, a servant of Duke Xing's Mansion came out. When he saw a little eunuch outside, he was immediately astonished and showed a flattering smile.

"Hearing that the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion has not fully recovered yet after saving our master Prince Chen, our master sent Eunuch Xiao Xuanzi to deliver some medicinal materials to her!" the little eunuch said in a sharp voice.

Now everyone in Duke Xing's Mansion knew that the Fifth Miss saved Prince Chen. Both the Empress Dowager and Prince Chen gave her rewards and seemed to intend to support the Fifth Miss.

Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion was locked up in the name of cultivating in seclusion and praying for the family in the ancestral hall. It sounded like a decent reason, but she was obviously grounded in the ancestral hall because of what she had done to the Fifth Miss, and no one knew when she would be released. The reason for this should be that the Empress Dowager and Prince Chen supported the Fifth Miss.

Now that Prince Chen sent gifts again, they, as servants, certainly did not dare to treat it lightly.

A manservant swiftly went inside to report, while the other one led Xiao Xuanzi to go inside.

When they arrived at the Piaoyun Courtyard, Xiao Xuanzi stepped forward to bow to Shao Wanru and said, "Greetings, Fifth Miss!"

"What does His Highness send you here for?" Shao Wanru asked in surprise. In fact, she had just come back.

"My master sent me to bring you gifts in return!" Xiao Xuanzi took the two gift boxes from the two eunuchs behind him, handed them forward and said with a smile.

Yujie stepped forward and took the two gift boxes.

“Why does your master suddenly send me gifts?” With her heart skipping a beat, Shao Wanru asked. The gift she sent to Chu Liuchen was taken among the gifts in her carriage at random, and she really didn’t know what it was.

Old Madam Qin and Aunt Shui gave her a lot of gifts and they were all piled up in her carriage. At that time, in order to send Chu Liuxin away, she asked him to deliver a gift for her on purpose.

“My master said that he liked your gift and would keep it properly!” Xiao Xuanzi said with a bright smile.

However, Shao Wanru was panic-stricken with her eyebrows twitching hard, wondering if she sent him something inappropriate.

“Have you seen what is in the box?” Shao Wanru asked tentatively.

“I didn’t see it, but I saw that my master carefully put it away, and then he specially sent me to bring you gifts in return. It should be something very nice. Besides, Prince Xin is also sent by my master to deliver gifts to the Empress Dowager. Before he went to the imperial palace, he asked for a beautiful maid from our mansion.”

Xiao Xuanzi said.

He wandered from the subject a little far and inexplicably mentioned Chu Liuxin, who had nothing to do with Shao Wanru.

Shao Wanru blinked several times with a trace of confusion across her bright eyes. She couldn’t follow Chu Liuchen’s thought at the moment and didn’t understand what he meant. Did he mean to remind her that Prince Xin had waited for her on purpose before? She bit her lip and somehow blushed.

“Express my gratitude towards your master!”

“It’s very nice of you, Fifth Miss. Since I’ve brought the gifts here, I’ll go back now!” Xiao Xuanzi said with a smile.

“Yujie, see Xiao Xuanzi off!” Shao Wanru said with a nod.

After bowing to her again, Xiao Xuanzi turned around and went out. Yujie put the gift boxes in Qu Le’s hands and followed him out.

As the gift box above was opened, Shao Wanru looked at the handkerchiefs in it in surprise.

Yes, they were handkerchiefs, whose large size and magnificent look made them more like a man’s stuff than an ordinary young lady’s stuff.

They were made of excellent material. Shao Wanru touched one with her hand and found that they were very likely to be the works from the Qiyu Pavilion. She tilted her head and looked at the surface of the gift box. As expected, she saw the mark of Qiyu Pavilion in the corner. The handkerchiefs in the box were from the Qiyu Pavilion.

“Miss, why does Prince Chen send you such handkerchiefs? They are too large for you,” Qu Le asked in confusion, specially lifted a handkerchief and looked at it. This handkerchief was indeed more like a man’s stuff than a girl’s stuff. If her master used such a handkerchief, there might be a lot of rumors.

Shao Wanru removed the gift box above and opened the gift box below. As soon as she opened it, she was shocked by the various colors inside. It turned out to be a strand of colorful threads.

Not only were the threads of various bright colors, but there were even some golden threads that she was not supposed to use.

So he wanted her to do needlework? Thinking of the blank handkerchiefs that were obviously not for a girl, Shao Wanru understood everything. He meant to have her embroider those handkerchiefs for him rather than give her those handkerchiefs as a gift.

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“Miss, Prince Chen wants you to embroider the handkerchiefs for him!” Qu Le also understood at this time and said with a smile.

Shao Wanru felt uneasy and that her face was burned. She took out the list of the gifts from Shui Ruolan after closing the box in her hand, and asked Qu Le to check the list.

After checking the list, Qu Le finally found the gift Shao Wanru gave away. Seeing the gift ticked by Qu Le, Shao Wanru blushed.

She finally realized what Chu Liuchen meant by sending her these threads and handkerchiefs for her to embroider!

Shui Ruolan got several pieces of nice cloth before, so Shui Ruolan measured her size last time when going up the mountain to visit her and later made several clothes for her.

Shui Ruolan, who was a careful person, knew that Duke Xing’s Mansion would not prepare any clothes for Shao Wanru. Besides, Shao Wanru had said that she would probably come down the mountain before the Spring Festival, so Shui Ruolan made several clothes for Shao Wanru in advance, including both the outer clothes and the underclothes.

However, for fear that Shao Wanru didn’t like the look and style of the underclothes embroidered by her, Shui Ruolan just made some rough underclothes which actually hadn’t been completed in detail. In addition, she put some colorful threads in the box so that Shao Wanru could complete the underclothes and embroider some patterns she liked on them.

Unexpectedly, Shao Wanru took the gift box casually at that time and gave it away. Now when she thought of it, she felt her face was still burned. It was really shameful to give such a private thing away, although they should technically be considered semi-finished underclothes rather than real underclothes.

But even so, they were sent to Chu Liuchen by her.

Shao Wanru bit her lip, threw the gift list on the table in embarrassment and anger, and then turned around and went into the inner room. As she thought about it, she became increasingly annoyed and embarrassed.

Qu Le couldn't help laughing. Since she began to serve her master, she had never seen her master so embarrassed and annoyed like a young lady in her best years. In the past, although her master was calm and wise, she always thought that her master lacked some passion of a young lady and looked too indifferent.

The maids all thought that Shao Wanru had suffered too many grievances caused by Madam Di and Qin Yuru, so she grew up into a person alienating herself from others. However, they didn't know that Shao Wanru had died miserably and in despair in the last life. So in this life, this kind of affection an unmarried young lady longed for was not what she was after.

Shao Wanru had no expectation for marriage.

"What's so funny?" Yujie lifted the curtain and came in. When she saw that only Qu Le was laughing from ear to ear in the room and didn't find Shao Wanru after looking inside, she asked softly.

Qu Le shook her head and pointed to the inner room, indicating that Shao Wanru had entered the inner room in shame and anger.

"Yujie, come in!" When Yujie, who did not fully understand what Qu Le meant, was about to ask again, she suddenly heard Shao Wanru's calm voice come from the inner room.

"Yes, Miss!" Yujie answered, pushed the door open and walked in.

In the room, Shao Wanru had calmed down. She looked at Yujie, who came in, and said, "I assume Doctor Qiu hasn't gone back yet at this moment, has he?"

Shao Wanru meant to ask if he had gone back to the courtyard, where he lived, after leaving Wang Yishu's courtyard. As a man, he naturally lived in the outer courtyard. But because he needed to treat Wang Yishu, his residence was specially arranged in the outer courtyard near the second gate. Yujie had kept an eye on him for a period of time and knew that he shuttled between the inner and outer courtyards regularly.

"Miss, I just happened to see Doctor Qiu go to the First Miss's yard!" Yujie reported. Doctor Qiu was supposed to be in Wang Yishu's yard at this moment. However, when she saw Xiao Xuanzi off, she saw the First Miss's maid Shuqi led Doctor Qiu to the First Miss's yard.

"Didn't they send for a lot of doctors before? Now they even asked Doctor Qiu to go there!" Shao Wanru thought for a while and said with a slight frown.

Shao Yanru seemed to be in a bad condition, now that they even asked Doctor Qiu to treat her.

In the past two days, they had sent for plenty of doctors to treat Shao Yanru. There were famous doctors visiting the Duke Xing's Mansion from time to time. Both the doctors in the mansion and the famous doctors outside had made a diagnosis for her. Now they asked Doctor Qiu to treat her. Was it because Doctor Qiu was high degree of medical skill indeed or she, in a desperate plight, intended to try anything.

Thinking that Shao Yanru intended to drug her at the beginning, Shao Wanru showed coldness in her eyes. Shao Yanru fell into the trap set by herself. Now she was busy enough with her own affairs so that



she was even indifferent to Madam of Duke Xing's being locked up in the ancestral hall. It could be seen that she was really anxious.

However, it could also be seen that she was very cold-hearted.

Since she dared to do such a vicious thing at that time, she deserved to suffer this. But who on earth was Doctor Qiu? Why did he have the bottle containing the medicine for Wen Xichi in the last life? Shao Wanru was very curious about him!

Doctor Qiu should be the famous doctor who came from the south of the Yangtze River and treated Wen Xichi in the last life. Every time he treated Wen Xichi, Wen Xichi was pushed to another courtyard by a manservant. He said that Wen Xichi was married, so it was inconvenient for him to treat Wen Xichi with her, Wen Xichi's wife around. The courtyard was far away from Wen Xichi and her courtyard. Moreover, every time he gave Wen Xichi the medicine Wen Xichi needed to take in the following half a month.

Because of this, Shao Wanru had never met the doctor who treated Wen Xichi in the last life.

However, in the last life, as Wen Xichi took the medicine, he became increasingly sick and even died of illness at the end!

In this life, where did this Doctor Qiu come from? She met this Doctor Qiu in two lives. What had this Doctor Qiu hidden?

### **Chapter 687 Despite Any Harm That Might Be Done to My Health!**

"Say it again!" Shao Yanru said in a sharp voice, no longer as calm and elegant as usual.

If she was a woman who couldn't have any children, why bother to make every attempt to marry into the imperial palace?

"First Miss, there... there is really no special way to fix that!" Doctor Qiu said with a frown and shook his head helplessly.

Shuqi pleaded with her face changing dramatically, "Doctor Qiu, everyone says that you have extraordinary medical skills and your own way of treating patients. Can't you think of a way different from that of other doctors?"

Moyan also pleaded, "Doctor Qiu, I beg you to save my master, despite a little harm..."

Before Moyan finished her words, she was panic-stricken with her face turning pale and her eyes filled with panic. She had crossed the line. As a maid, how could she make a decision for her master and even say something like that!

"Despite any harm that might be done to my health!" Shao Yanru pressed the corner of the table with her hand and said word by word.

Doctor Qiu fell silent, but did not refuse as before.

This gave Shao Yanru and her two maids some hope. The three of them stared at Doctor Qiu eagerly. The doctors, came here to treat Shao Yanru, all shook their heads and said that Shao Yanru probably

wouldn't have any children during her lifetime because of the harm to her fertility done by the drug. Besides the doctors from outside, Duke Xing even secretly asked an imperial physician to come over in the name of treating one of his concubines, but the imperial physician drew the same conclusion.

When Shao Yanru was about to despair, she suddenly thought of this Doctor Qiu, so she sent Shuqi to bring him here. She was like a drowning person trying all out to grab any straw. No matter who could save her, she would follow his advice fearlessly.

She neglected and was in no mood to care about what had happened in the mansion these days, including Madam of Duke Xing's being demoted. Since Madam of Duke Xing went to the ancestral hall for cultivation in seclusion, she had never visited Madam of Duke Xing and even never asked about it. All she cared about was her health condition.

Clenching the corner of the table tightly, she looked at Doctor Qiu eagerly and said in a trembling voice, "As long as I can regain my fertility, I can accept any treatment!"

"If... you don't care about... any harm that might be done to your health, I can give it a try..." Doctor Qiu put the words together cautiously.

"I don't care about it. I can accept any treatment!" Shao Yanru was overjoyed and said anxiously.

"But this... is really harmful to your health... First Miss, you know that I can save patients with my acupuncture, but it will harm their health at the same time. This is what happens to Miss Wang. If you insist that I treat you with my acupuncture..." Doctor Qiu said while thinking.

"I will die at once?" As Shao Yanru asked, everything went black in front of her and she almost fainted. It was the plot of her and Madam of Duke Xing, so she certainly knew that treated by Doctor Qiu with his acupuncture, Wang Yishu was getting increasingly sick instead of getting better.

Nevertheless, it was Doctor Qiu who kept Wang Yishu alive in three years with his brilliant medical skill.

"No, that's not true!" Doctor Qiu shook his head and said.

Shao Yanru said with her forehead covered with sweat, "In this case, even if it will do some harm to my health, I don't mind dying a few years earlier!"

As long as she wouldn't die at once, she could accept it.

"After the treatment, you will be very weak. Even if you get pregnant, you will have a miscarriage easily and need to spend most of your time recuperating. It will have an influence on your life span, and you will probably die a few years earlier. Even if it has no influence on your life span, you will probably be confined to bed most of the time when you grow old!"

After thinking for a while, Doctor Qiu finally told the possible consequences.

He had his own way of treating patients, and it could be considered the strangest around the world. However, he usually treated patients at the cost of harming their health. In fact, ordinary people couldn't accept this kind of treatment. Every patient wanted to be cured and be able to live longer. However, he could only make patients seem to have recovered, while their health had been harmed.

Nevertheless, one good thing about his treatment was that it could stop the serious illness from developing for the time being and make patients look much better after his acupuncture.

However, his patients only looked much better. Doctor Qiu had treated several patients in the south of the Yangtze River. They looked fine when being treated by him, but in fact, they became increasingly sick and some of them even died. Nevertheless, because there was no evidence to prove that they died of Doctor Qiu's treatment, Doctor Qiu got away with it, but more and more people were unwilling to let him treat them.

Only those who were seriously ill were willing to come to him for a try. He seemed to have saved some of them by prolonging their lives for a period of time when other doctors had no solution.

He got both praise and criticism.

After being invited to the capital city by Duke Xing's Mansion, he had lived in Duke Xing's Mansion and only been in charge of treating Wang Yishu. Doctor Qiu was very satisfied with his life here with a little work and much pay.

At present, he really wanted to cure Shao Yanru. Since he was paid by Madam of Duke Xing, he thought it his duty to work for his master. But for fear of the possible consequences, he put it bluntly at the beginning.

"Okay!" Shao Yanru gritted her teeth and accepted it. She neither knew nor cared about what would happen in the future. At the moment, she only wanted to regain her fertility.

"In that case, First Miss, I'll give you a prescription now. You can take the medicine for a period of time to nurse your body. When you get better, I'll treat you with the acupuncture!" said Doctor Qiu.

"Okay, thank you, Doctor Qiu!" Shao Yanru took a deep breath and said coldly.

Shuqi took Doctor Qiu to the wing room next door to give a prescription, while Moyan lowered her head and stood behind Shao Yanru to serve her.

All of a sudden, it became strangely quiet in the room. Moyan moved her feet in a panic, stole a glance at Shao Yanru's gloomy side face and did not dare to say a word.

After a long while, she heard Shao Yanru's voice, "Is my mother detained in the ancestral hall?"

"Yes... I heard that Old Madam and Duke Xing punish her by locking her up there!" Moyan said cautiously. She had reported it to Shao Yanru at the beginning, but she was slapped hard by Shao Yanru at that time. Shao Yanru said that it had nothing to do with her and Moyan didn't need to report anything about Madam of Duke Xing to her anymore.

Hearing Shao Yanru ask about it at the moment, how could she not panic?

"She brought it on herself. She dared to ask me to drug Shao Wanru without knowing what the drug's effect. She didn't think about what the drug would do to me if I accidentally took the drug. It would ruin my life!" Shao Yanru said coldly, fixing her cold eyes on a bottle of plum blossoms by the window.

The plum blossoms in full bloom were picked this morning and looked gorgeous. It could be seen that the person picking them had put a lot of thoughts in them. The plum blossoms were sent from the

ancestral hall. Of course, it was Madam of Duke Xing who instructed someone to pick them and deliver them here after she arranged them in a vase.

“Throw the flowers out and smash the vase!” Shao Yanru said sharply.

“Yes, Miss!” Moyan did not dare to persuade her not to do so, hurried over and took the vase away. The First Miss now bore a grudge against Madam. However, wasn’t it the First Miss and Madam’s plan to drug the Fifth Miss?

If someone had to take the blame, the First Miss should also take part of the blame. But now when something went wrong, the First Miss blamed Madam for it. She was even so cruel to her biological mother. In this case, how much did she care about her maids? If something terrible happened in the future, they would probably be pushed out at once to take the blame...

After giving the prescription, Doctor Qiu came back and headed for the Chuihua Gate.

Shao Yanru’s Qixue Pavilion was a little far away from the Chuihua Gate. With something in his mind, Doctor Qiu walked, while thinking about how to treat the First Miss Shao. So he was very distracted, paid no attention to his step and was much slower in reacting than usual. He watched as a little maid came over with a hamper and bumped into him.

Then the little maid fell to the ground, clutching her waist and unable to get up at once.

It was quite a hard collision. Doctor Qiu was also knocked two steps back and fell heavily to the ground. Meanwhile, the medicine chest on his back was knocked away. Some bottles came out of the medicine chest, and even the set of needles he placed at the bottom of the medicine chest was knocked away a little far away. He supported himself with his hands on the ground and felt a burning pain.

It turned out that he was knocked down by a maid!

Before he could react, a Miss and a maid appeared at the corner and came over. When the maid saw the scene in front of her, she immediately asked, “What’s going on?”

“Miss, he didn’t watch his step when he was walking, so he bumped into me and knocked me down!” The little maid reached out to point at Doctor Qiu and said angrily.

The villain brought suit against her victim first. Although Doctor Qiu was distracted just now, he neither walked very fast nor used much strength. How could he be knocked back and fall down after knocking down the maid?

“Who are you? What do you come to our mansion for?” Qu Le turned to look at Doctor Qiu and said with an unfriendly look.

Shao Wanru stood under a tree and glanced at the needle bag knocked away from Doctor Qiu’s medicine chest with a trace of doubt in her eyes. This needle bag looked very ordinary with blue as the base color. Blue, an inconspicuous color, was often applied to doctors’ articles. What surprised her was a cluster of orchids at the bottom of the needle bag.

Orchids were elegant and mostly light colored. However, the orchids embroidered on the needle bag were bright red. The deep color made it hard to tell that they were orchids.

Bright red orchids!

If it weren't for the fact that Shao Wanru found the color quite familiar, she wouldn't even have been able to figure out that they were orchids at a glance. This cluster of orchids was almost the same as those on her needle bag except for the difference in color.

The set of needles of hers was given by Mingqiu Nun, and Mingqiu Nun also had a set of needles. Shao Wanru had seen that there were also such orchid patterns on Mingqiu Nun's needle bag.

Except for the difference in color, the orchids on Doctor Qiu's needle bag were exactly the same as those on her and Mingqiu Nun's needle bags!

"She knocked me down!" Doctor Qiu argued angrily.

"She is such a little maid. How could she knock you down? Tell me who you are and why you are in our mansion? This is the backyard of Duke Xing's Mansion, and men are forbidden to come in at will. If you disturb the Misses, what punishment do you think you deserve?" Qu Le, who obviously did not believe what Doctor Qiu said, reached out to put her hands on her waist and said angrily.

She and Doctor Qiu had never met each other before indeed, so it was reasonable that she did not know him. Moreover, although Doctor Qiu had lived in the mansion for such a long time, he had always lived in seclusion and usually got out with a regular route at regular times, so he hardly met others. Most people in the mansion did not know him.

In the past, he enjoyed this peaceful and quiet life without being noticed, but now he was annoyed. Even a little maid dared to question him, which really upset him.

Getting up with his hands on the ground, Doctor Qiu said with a cold face, "I'm the doctor invited by your mansion to treat the First Miss. I'm going out now. If you don't believe me, you can go and ask the First Miss to verify it!"

### **Chapter 688 A Doctor's Sympathy for His Patient!**

"The doctor invited to treat the First Miss? Is it true?" Qu Le said in disbelief. She looked around and did not find any manservant or maid. "Why is there no one showing you the way out since you are invited to treat the First Miss?"

Since he was a doctor invited here, there certainly would be someone seeing him off. But now, Doctor Qiu was alone.

It actually was reasonable. Doctor Qiu had lived in the mansion for nearly three years and was usually alone. Shao Yanru didn't think of sending someone to see him off, while he found nothing wrong about it. But he couldn't answer Qu Le's questions at the moment.

Just now, he deliberately mentioned the First Miss so that he could conveniently avoid arousing suspicion and they could let him pass quickly. But now, it was a little hard for him to explain it.

He could only say vaguely, "I have come to your mansion often to treat patients, so I don't need anyone to show the way out. If you don't believe it, you can go to ask the First Miss!"

It was the First Miss and Madam of Duke Xing who were in charge of the domestic affairs of the mansion. Doctor Qiu was really not afraid of their inquiry.

Shao Wanru walked over slowly with the needle bag, looked at Doctor Qiu's face lightly and asked, "You have come here often to treat patients? Who have you ever treated?"

Doctor Qiu had seen a Miss a long time ago. However, Shao Wanru had been a little far away from him, and it was inappropriate for him to look at a Miss. When he saw Shao Wanru coming over slowly, he looked up, but didn't recognize her at a glance.

"This is the Fifth Miss of our mansion. Why don't you reply quickly!" Qu Le reproached him.

Doctor Qiu was stunned and hurriedly lowered his head, immediately recalling that the Fifth Miss was the one at the center of the storm in the manor these days. What happened to Wang Yishu had something to do with her. He heard it when Wang Yishu cursed the Fifth Miss sometimes with a profound hatred as if she wanted to eat her flesh and drink her blood.

It could be said that Wang Yishu fell into the current situation because of the Fifth Miss Shao. Although Doctor Qiu was not familiar with other people in the mansion, he was very familiar with things about the Fifth Miss Shao.

Moreover, the Fifth Miss Shao also had something to do with his being invited to the mansion!

He didn't expect that the Miss in front of him turned out to be her. It was not the right time to come across her now, because he needed to treat the First Miss and Madam of Duke Xing who was locked up in the ancestral hall.

"Greetings, Fifth Miss!" Doctor Qiu pulled himself together and saluted Shao Wanru with joined hands.

Shao Wanru gently waved her hand to indicate that he didn't have to be over-courteous, and asked, "You are the doctor treating Miss Wang?"

Although she was young, she was impressive in bearing. During the three years in the Yuhui Nunnery, she became more and more sedate. She looked at him with her deep watery eyes, which were so sharp that they seemed to be able to see through his mind. What was more, she was so blunt, leaving him no room to evade the subject.

With his heart skipping a beat. It was no wonder, Doctor Qiu thought that this Fifth Miss Shao was so extraordinary. No wonder he heard that Madam of Duke Xing was detained in the ancestral hall because of her.

"Yes, I'm the doctor treating Miss Wang!" Doctor Qiu lowered his head and said.

"How is Miss Wang? Why didn't she get better in three years? At that time, when she suddenly fainted in the imperial palace, all the imperial physicians said that she fainted because of her rising phlegm fire. Why hasn't she recovered until now?"

Shao Wanru asked curiously, while examining Doctor Qiu.

Doctor Qiu somehow felt as if he were under her watch and in great danger. With a frown, he thought that he probably had lived so comfortably in the past three years that he found a girl's gaze intimidating enough to alarm him.

He remembered that when he was in the south of the Yangtze River, no matter who asked him to pay a home visit, he just said whatever he wanted fearlessly. Even if someone came to blame him after getting sicker, he had never cared about it. Now he was panic-stricken under a girl's watch?

In the past three years in Duke Xing's Mansion, he had lived quite a peaceful life indeed. In fact, it was an accident for him to stay here for three years. At the beginning, he was not supposed to spend such a long time here. Of course, it was because of the Fifth Miss Shao.

Hearing her mention the imperial physicians' words, Doctor Qiu did not dare to say anything rashly although he thought that the Fifth Miss knew nothing about medical skill. After thinking for a while, he said slowly, "It is true that the phlegm has confused her mind, which is nothing serious. But when Miss Wang fell down, she probably happened to hit her head on something. So although she has woken up, she has difficulty in walking and her health condition gets worse in the past three years. I'm afraid..."

At this point, Doctor Qiu sighed and shook his head.

In the past three years, Wang Yishu had never shown up in front of others indeed. She lay in bed every day. On one hand, she was seriously sick. On the other hand, although she was not paralyzed, she could hardly walk by herself because of her weak legs. This was an important reason why Madam of Duke Xing rested assured to allow Wang Yishu to continue staying in Duke Xing's Mansion.

Since she had difficulty in walking, she naturally couldn't go out and talk nonsense, couldn't meet anyone else and wouldn't let anyone find out what had happened in the imperial palace that year. Although some Misses on friendly terms with Wang Yishu wanted to visit her, they were sent away with the excuse of her weakness. In the past three years, Wang Yishu actually had never met anyone from outside.

"Miss Wang can't get any better?" Shao Wanru glanced at Doctor Qiu, who slightly lowered his head, and asked lightly.

"That's true... In fact, Miss Wang..." Doctor Qiu sighed again and wanted to say something, but stopped on second thought.

"Could it be that Miss Wang has any secret?" Qu Le interrupted and waved to Qing'er, who got up with an aggrieved look, "You should also watch your step. Look, the doctor was also knocked down by you!"

Qing'er was unwilling to submit. However, glancing at the Miss, who showed a cold face, and then at Qu Le, who seemed to be a principal maid, she lowered her head and went to pick up the hamper on the ground. After picking it up, she stood behind Shao Wanru and glared at Doctor Qiu angrily. At a glance, he could tell that she was obviously a little maid who dared to be angry but dared not to speak.

"I don't know what secret Miss Wang has. I just heard Miss Wang talk about the Fifth Miss Shao and what happened in the imperial palace many times..." Doctor Qiu had always been used to not finishing his words, which aroused others' interest and made them itching to hear the rest of his words.

Shao Wanru's long eyelashes fluttered twice, but she seemed not to be curious. She handed the needle bag in her hand to Qu Le and told her to return it to Doctor Qiu.

After that, she turned around and was about to go back.

Doctor Qiu took his needle bag and looked up at Shao Wanru, who had taken two steps away, with a little anxiety.

"Fifth Miss, if you are available, please pay Miss Wang a visit... She, in such a terrible condition, will probably pass away sadly if she keeps feeling guilty!"

Doctor Qiu sighed again. His voice was neither too loud nor too low and could be heard by Shao Wanru, who had just left.

Shao Wanru stopped, turned to look at Doctor Qiu and asked without turning a hair, "Does Miss Wang feel guilty and sad?"

"After all, Miss Wang is just a weak young lady. Although she was incited by someone to hurt you, she was just immature at that time... But in any case, she did owe you. Fifth Miss, please forgive her so that she could pass away peacefully!" Doctor Qiu said with an increasingly sad look.

Wang Yishu was his patient he had treated for three years. In three years, even a doctor and his patient could get acquainted with each other and talk about something that they would not mention in front of others. What was more, he seemed to mean that Wang Yishu was going to die.

When someone was near death he spoke from his heart. What was more, the dispute between Shao Wanru and Wang Yishu arose out of no definite reason. In the end, it was Wang Yishu who had an accident, lay in bed for three years and was going to die. Speaking of this, Wang Yishu had a miserable fate.

From this point of view, Shao Wanru should pay her a visit in any case.

As he expected, Shao Wanru said lightly, "I will make time to visit Miss Wang."

After that, she turned around and left.

Qu Le and Qing'er hurriedly followed her.

Watching Shao Wanru leaving, Doctor Qiu pinched the needle bag in his hand thoughtfully. Then he picked up his medicine chest, packed up the things, and carried the medicine chest on his back. After thinking for a while, he turned to head for somewhere else instead of the Chuihua Gate.

He had to tell Madam of Duke Xing about it after spending such a long time on this plan. Although Madam of Duke Xing was detained in the ancestral hall now, he could go to report it to Madam of Duke Xing...

"Miss, Doctor Qiu came to our mansion to treat Miss Wang three years ago exactly the day you reclaimed your identity, but he was not supposed to stay for a long time at the beginning. He lived in a guest room in the outer courtyard and was said to be leaving in a few days. However, he moved to our mansion the day you went to the Yuhui Nunnery, and has lived in our mansion from then on."



The maids got the information very quickly and reported it to Shao Wanru.

When Madam of Duke Xing was in charge of the internal affairs, they definitely would not get the information so smoothly. But recently a lot of things had happened in the mansion. The most surprising thing was that Madam of Duke Xing's fall. Now it was the Third Madam who was in charge of the internal affairs.

The Third Madam had never been in charge of the internal affairs, because everything in the inner courtyard had always been under the control of Madam of Duke Xing and Old Madam. Now she wanted everything to be under her control, so she was a little flustered. In addition, Nanny Sheng followed Madam of Duke Xing into the ancestral hall, so the mansion was in a great mess.

Many servants were hesitating, wondering if they should turn to a new master or wait for their master to stage a comeback. Their hesitation caused chaos, which made it easy to get information. Besides, many people knew Doctor Qiu's story, so it was not a secret.

Nevertheless, because Doctor Qiu only shuttled between Wang Yishu's courtyard and his current residence, so he rarely met others in the mansion.

"Why did he happen to come to our mansion?" Shao Wanru thought for a while and said, finding it quite a coincidence. Doctor Qiu was not a native of the capital city. Why did he come here exactly when Wang Yishu had an accident? At this point, it doesn't seem that he came to the capital city because Wang Yishu had an accident. That was to say, he didn't come to the capital city for Wang Yishu.

Realizing something, she turned to Qing'er and said, "Qing'er, go to check on this Doctor Qiu and find out if he had anything to do with the Prime Minister Wen's Mansion next door before he came to our mansion."

### **Chapter 689 Concubine GU Conducted Black Box Work to Change the Census Register!**

When Wen Xichi arrived at the mansion, it was already late.

It was after dinner time now, and his parents perhaps had already fallen asleep. Since he entered the Ministry of Justice, he had always been so busy that he could not meet his family when he went home.

The servant led his way with a lantern in his hand.

Arriving at the gate of the courtyard, the moment Wen Xichi wanted to step inside, he suddenly stopped and looked back at the figure under the pine tree at the gate.

"Third Cousin!" Gu Xishu walked out from under the tree timidly, followed by her servant girl, Liu Ye.

"Why are you here at this time?" Wen Xichi's eyes fell on Gu Xishu. Ever since she had become his second brother's concubine, they had had no contact in private and even rarely saw each other in the mansion.

He worked in the Ministry of Justice, so he rarely stayed in the mansion. Later, in order to avoid arousing suspicion, even if he saw Gu Xishu from a distance, he would quickly make a detour.

"Third Cousin..." Gu Xishu became more and more timid. Her delicate face was more and more pitiful. Her eyelashes fluttered twice, with all kinds of affection and infinite grievance in them. She looked at the man in front of her timidly, and she looked as gentle and beautiful as jade under the light.

No matter how hard-hearted a man was, his heart would become soft when he looked at such a girl.

"Concubine Gu, you are now Second Brother's concubine. If you need help, you can go to Second Brother directly!" Wen Xichi looked at Gu Xishu calmly and interrupted her.

Their marriage had been decided, although they were not officially living together. So someone had called her that secretly, but this was the first time that Wen Xichi had called her that.

Gu Xishu's eyes turned red, and then tears fell down one by one, which made her look miserable.

"Third Cousin... do you... do you really want to do this? Don't you... don't you know what kind of person I am? The reason why I am reduced to this situation... is also because of Third Cousin, Third Cousin, you..." While saying these grievous words, she began to sob with her head down, covering her face with a handkerchief.

Her clothes were thin and not expensive. Not only did those plain and thin clothes make her look pitiable, but also she was crying with her shoulders trembling. Even though she turned her back now, he could still feel her sadness and despair.

Her feelings for him?

Wen Xichi sneered in his heart. He reached out to pull his sleeves and said impatiently, "So Concubine Gu... are you here to avoid my second brother and to express your feelings to me?"

It was a man who said this, and a man whom she admired very much. His tone was so frivolous and his attitude was so sarcastic. Even though Gu Xishu had made up her mind, she was so shy that her face turned red. Now she was really crying, and her tears fell down one by one.

"Third Cousin... no matter what you say about me... you know my feelings. No matter what happens to me now, my feelings for you will never change!"

She choked with sobs.

The servant looked around with a bitter face and became vigilant. When cousin Miss had still been cousin Miss in the past, even though she did something a little out of line, it would not be a problem. But now that cousin Miss was the concubine of Second Young Master, how could she still have the face to come to his master and cry for affection? Wasn't she going to make Second Young Master fight with his master?

In the past, cousin Miss had still done things in an orderly manner. However, ever since the matter between her and Second Young Master had been exposed, she had been acting a little absurdly. What was going on right now!

Was this something a concubine should do?

How shameless she was to say such words!

Was she certain that Third Young Master couldn't do anything to her? Or was she sure that all men would be fooled by her?

In fact, the servant really looked down on Gu Xishu. In the past, before the incident broke out, he felt that she had still been a noble Miss. But now, she was extremely annoying. "Slutty" was the exact word to describe this previous cousin Miss and current Concubine Gu!

When he saw his master glancing at him, he could only raise his head helplessly and say, "Concubine Gu, please go back. If you have anything to say, go tell Second Young Master. If you want to leave the mansion, go tell Prime Minister and Madam. No matter what happens to you, Third Young Master has nothing to do with Concubine Gu's affairs!"

Knowing that his master didn't even want to talk to her, the servant could only become the bad guy.

He spoke with a bitter expression while glancing at his master. He did not know if his master still wanted to talk to Concubine Gu here.

Wen Xichi turned around to walk inside.

"Third Cousin..." Gu Xishu was very anxious. She took two steps forward to pull Wen Xichi's sleeves, but was thrown away by him.

"Concubine Gu, please behave yourself? If you keep pestering me, then I will go find Second Brother!" Wen Xichi said coldly. His gaze swept over Gu Xishu's exquisitely made-up face and a hint of mockery appeared on his lips.

He was not his Second Brother!

Seeing him enter the door, the servant hurried to follow him. Afraid that Gu Xishu would pester him shamelessly, he hurriedly asked the old maid who guarded the gate to close the gate door.

Seeing that the door was slammed shut and hearing the footsteps getting farther and farther away, Gu Xishu showed cold anger on her face. She kicked a tree on the side of the road, which made her foot so painful, but she gritted her teeth and suppressed her pain in the bottom of her heart.

She needed to endure it! She had to do so!

First Miss Shao had told her that if she couldn't bear it at this time, she wouldn't have any opportunities in the future. No matter what happened, she had to endure it. But the current situation couldn't wait!

"Miss..." Seeing that she stood there and didn't leave, Liu Ye reminded her in a low voice. In fact, this title was not appropriate in terms of etiquette. However, after Gu Xishu had cried in front of Wen Xichi's mother, Wen Xichi's mother had agreed to this inappropriate title and they used her previous title in the mansion.

"What should I do now?" Gu Xishu said to herself. Her eyes fell on the tightly closed door of the courtyard, and there was a trace of gloom in her eyes.

"Shall we tell First Miss Shao... It put you in an awkward situation..." Liu Ye suggested.

"No! That will make Shao Yanru look down on me. If I ask her for help in the future, she will also ignore me!" Gu Xishu shook her head and refused.

She and Shao Yanru had grown up together. At that time, the two families had opened a side door because the children in the mansion had been very young. The two scheming girls had connected with each other at that time.

The longer they had been together, the more Gu Xishu had known about Shao Yanru. If she had no value, she would not be of any use to Shao Yanru. In that case, whatever she asked for in the future would fail.

She had to make Shao Yanru see her value. Even though she still held the title of Second Cousin's concubine, it didn't matter! Madam had promised her that she would be given the position of official wife.

Even if it was possible... Anyway, she had not really gotten married yet, so everything was still possible!

"Go find my second cousin!" She gritted her teeth and made up her mind. If Wen Xichi couldn't help her, then she would go to find Wen Shian. Her second cousin would definitely help her.

However, she did not want Wen Shian to help her. She wanted to capture Third Cousin. Anyway, she and Second Cousin had not officially consummated their marriage, so it didn't matter even if she married Third Cousin in the future. At most, she would just need to cry more in front of her uncle and aunt. Even if she could not marry Third Cousin and be his wife, she could still be a co-wife or a concubine.

The reason why she was so confident now was that she had received news about her father's promotion some time ago.

This time, if her father got promoted and went to the capital city properly, the things that had happened between her and her second cousin might be written off. She could definitely marry her second cousin and be his wife, but it would not be so easy to marry her third cousin. After all, she was the one who had been engaged to her second cousin.

But if there was some help, such a thing was not impossible to do.

Shao Yanru was a very good help. In the past, as long as there was a chance, she would play up to Shao Yanru and Madam of Duke Xing. She just wanted to use them at such a critical time.

This time, not only did she have to help, but she also had to do a good job. Moreover, Dr. Qiu's matter originally had something to do with her...

"What? Change the census register?" Wen Shian put down the book in surprise and asked in astonishment.

He was the most leisurely one among the three brothers of the Wen family. He was not as steady as the Eldest Young Master, nor was he as talented as Wen Xichi. In the past, people that he dealt with were just ordinary people in the marketplace, but his romantic character was no less than that of some playboys.

Although he was holding a book in his hand and sitting in his study, in fact, it was just light reading, and it was even a book that could be used in a brothel. At this time, when he saw his cousin sister coming, he would definitely not let her see it.

“Yes, Second Cousin, do you still remember that Dr. Qiu?” Gu Xishu stood in front of Wen Shian with a sad face. Her carefully made-up little face made Wen Shian feel itchy in his heart.

Although Gu Xishu had been engaged to him in the name of a concubine, his legal wife had not been selected, so he could only look at Gu Xishu from a distance and could not stay close to her. Every time he deliberately leaned over, Gu Xishu even looked as if he had done something wrong.

He really had a lot of affection for this cousin and did not want to make her unhappy like this. However, his marriage had been delayed for a long time. Every time it was about to succeed, something would happen. Even when the two families were about to get married, a young Miss had had an accident and lost her life.

It was said that he would bring his wife misfortunes. There were even rumors spreading that his fate was so hard that he would cause someone to die.

His marriage had been delayed again and again, so that Mrs. Wen wanted to marry Gu Xishu directly to Wen Shian as his legal wife, and told him secretly.

Wen Shian was also very satisfied about this, but as for the details, he had to wait for his uncle-in-law and aunt’s intention.

In Wen Shian’s heart, Gu Xishu was his woman. At this time, his woman was in trouble, so he was still willing to help her. However, this matter was a little difficult to deal with. He only had a post with very little to do, so he was not capable of dealing with this matter.

“I remember that Dr. Qiu, but why does he want to change his census register?” When it came to Dr. Qiu, Wen Shian nodded. It was said that Dr. Qiu was a relative of cousin sister in a roundabout way, although he was an extremely distant relative.

When he had first come to the capital city, this Doctor Qiu had lived in his mansion and later been to Duke Xing’s Mansion. The reason why Wen Shian remembered it so clearly was that he had been injured at that time, and it was this Doctor Qiu who had cured his injury easily. He approved of Doctor Qiu’s medical skills.

## **Chapter 690 Learned From the Same School?**

“Second Cousin, I didn’t know about this until now. It is said that Doctor Qiu once caused the death of a patient in the countryside... What should we do if others know about this? Now he has entered Duke Xing’s Mansion. What... what... what can we do?” Gu Xishu looked at Wen Shian with tears in her eyes and a face full of begging.

This beauty was like a flower, and her sweet words immediately made Wen Shian want to love her dearly. He didn’t have time to ask about the reason. He nodded repeatedly and said, “Okay, okay, don’t cry. Leave it to me.”

He also had a few bad friends. It would not be difficult for him to change a harmless doctor's census register.

"Did you go to my third brother just now?" He suddenly remembered something and his face darkened as he asked.

He always felt that the relationship between Gu Xizhu and his third brother was unusual. Originally, he had been jealous of his third brother in all aspects. If he knew what kind of relationship there was between Gu Xizhu and his third brother, he would not spare them.

"How could it be? I am already engaged to you, so I naturally have to keep my distance from Third Cousin. How could I ask him for help first? If I want to, I have to ask Second Cousin for help first. Even if Second Cousin can't help me, I have to wait for Second Cousin to ask Third Cousin for help!" Gu Xishu raised her eyes and looked at Wen Shian with tenderness.

This made Wen Shian very satisfied. He reached out and didn't care that the servant girl was still looking at them. He took Gu Xishu in his arms and stroked her with his hands. When he saw Gu Xishu pushing his hand away coyly, he laughed loud happily.

Even though there was still the last hurdle in front of them, the two of them had already done many things out of line. Not to mention Gu Xishu, even Liu Ye, who stayed beside her, was not surprised by this. At this time, Liu Ye could only lower her head shyly and did not dare to look at the two people who were hugging each other and flirting happily. The situation was getting more and more unrestrained.

It had been two days since Shao Wanru had found Dr. Qiu. Shao Wanru let Qing'er go to Xiao Xuanzi to get some news about Doctor Qiu.

"Miss, what a coincidence. It's said that Doctor Qiu also comes from Jiangzhou." Qing'er came in and reported.

Shao Wanru thought of something in her heart and smiled. "Isn't it a coincidence?"

"Jiangzhou? No way. I was in Jiangzhou for so many years, but I have never heard of a doctor called Doctor Qiu!" Yujie said anxiously.

If it was another place, she might really not know. But if it was Jiangzhou, Yujie thought she knew very well, especially the doctors in Jiangzhou. Mingqiu Nun was a doctor, and Yujie had always followed Mingqiu Nun, so how could Yujie not pay attention to the doctors in Jiangzhou? Wasn't it said that Doctor Qiu was a famous doctor in Jiangnan? Was he not famous?

"Jiangzhou is not Jiangnan, the southern regions of the Yangtze River!" Qu Le asked.

Jiangzhou and Jiangnan seemed to have just a one-syllable difference, and they both could be regarded as the southern area. However, Jiangzhou was a place on the border, which was still far from Jiangnan, the middle part of the south of the Yangtze River.

"Although Jiangzhou is not Jiangnan, it is not wrong to speak of them in the same way. As long as it is in the south, for people in the capital city, it can be said as being south of the Yangtze River!" Shao Wanru smiled leisurely. She had just washed her hair. After her black hair was dried, she casually put it on her shoulders. Her little face was as small as a palm, and her watery eyes were charming.

However, there was deep darkness in her eyes. It seemed that she had nothing to do with Doctor Qiu's first visit to the capital city, otherwise he would not be coincidentally from Jiangzhou.

"But Dr. Qiu is definitely not from Jiangzhou!" Yujie thought for a while and said with certainty.

Jiangzhou was a small place, so the so-called famous doctors were even fewer there, and most of them were in touch with each other. Yujie thought it was impossible for Doctor Qiu to be the so-called famous doctor from Jiangzhou.

"Miss, Xiao Xuanzi said to me that if this Doctor Qiu is really not a famous doctor in Jiangzhou, then someone must have changed his census register and said that he has to check it out before he can get the result!" Qing'er said briefly.

"Well, you leave first and tell Xiao Xuanzi that it is impossible for this Doctor Qiu to be from Jiangzhou. Ask him to check again. By the way, ask him to ask Mingqiu Nun, and tell her that the needle bag of this Doctor Qiu has the same embroidery pattern as that on Mingqiu Nun's needle bag, but it is a big red orchid and looks a little bloody!"

Shao Wanru thought about it and said.

Jiangzhou was impossible to be the census register place of Dr. Qiu. However, since Jiangnan was a large area, it was really difficult to find Dr. Qiu. Her intuition told her that there was some relations between Dr. Qiu and Mingqiu Nun. It was basically impossible to find two identical needle bags, not to mention that Dr. Qiu's needle embroidery looked strange and gloomy.

Mingqiu Nun should have some clues about this.

From time to time, Mingqiu Nun would enter the mansion to treat Chu Liuchen, so it was much easier for Xiao Xuanzi to see Mingqiu Nun than her!

"Yes, I will inform Xiao Xuanzi right now!" Qing'er nodded and left.

"The needle bag?" Yujie frowned and looked at Shao Wanru hesitantly, as if she wanted to say something, but stopped on second thought.

"Yujie, do you know something?" Shao Wanru looked up and smiled. Compared with Yujie, who had been by Mingqiu Nun's side for a long time, Shao Wanru indeed knew less.

"Miss, Mingqiu Nun's needle bag... seems to be passed down from the grandmaster!" Yujie thought for a while and said.

"Then what about mine?" Shao Wanru blinked slightly and was not surprised by the answer.

"It seems also to be passed down!" Yujie did not stammer this time. At that time, she had seen Mingqiu Nun give the needle bag and the needles to Shao Wanru, and she had been the one who had sorted them out.

"That is to say... Doctor Qiu and Mingqiu Nun are very likely to come from the same school?" Shao Wanru raised her eyebrows and said with a smile.

"I think... that may be... but I have never heard Mingqiu Nun mention Doctor Qiu before. No, Mingqiu Nun basically doesn't mention who her teacher is, but occasionally talk about Grandmaster..." Yujie was a little hesitant this time, because Mingqiu Nun didn't mention this much, so she couldn't remember it for a while.

She saw the needle bag too, but she didn't think of it or link it to Mingqiu Nun for a moment.

"Miss, if Mingqiu Nun and this Doctor Qiu learned from the same teacher, I don't think this Doctor Qiu is a good person. Otherwise, why didn't Mingqiu Nun mention him? Besides, he changed his household registration as soon as he entered the capital city. Why did he have to change his household registration? He is obviously not from Jiangzhou!"

Qu Le said after thinking for a moment.

Shao Wanru nodded. She was also sure that this Doctor Qiu was definitely not from Jiangzhou. But since he was not from Jiangzhou, why did he say that he was?

Three years ago, when he entered the capital city, he should have changed his household registration at that time. Since he changed it at that time, it meant that he did not come to the capital just for Wang Yishu. Wang Yishu's life was in the hands of Madam of Duke Xing. There were some reasons for keeping her for three years.

In addition, according to what Doctor Qiu said that day, it seemed that Wang Yishu really regretted it. The meaning in his words was that Wang Yishu was about to die, and her words should be true. Wang Yishu wanted Shao Wanru to release the concern in her heart and talk deeply with her, so that she could leave without worries.

From this, it seemed that this Doctor Qiu was really a kind and merciful man. However, because the orchids on his needle bag were similar to Mingqiu Nun's, she could feel his cruelty and demonic nature. She really found it hard to believe that Doctor Qiu would be a compassionate doctor.

After thinking about it carefully, Shao Wanru found that all the meaning in his words was to let her see Wang Yishu!

The corners of her mouth lifted silently, and she sneered in her heart. Wang Yishu was going to die, and she had not died for three years. If she visited her at this time and Wang Yishu had an accident, everything would be blamed on her.

Killing someone would be a big deal. It would even make all of her previous efforts in vain and trample her and Hao'er under the feet of Duke Xing's Mansion again.

She was plotted against with the life of Wang Yishu. It should be Madam of Duke Xing's scheme!

She was sure that this plot started three years ago. But at that time, she first used the plot to make Duke Xing's Mansion retreat step by step, which was beyond their expectation.

And this Doctor Qiu definitely didn't come to the capital city because of her.

She got up from the couch, walked to the window, and pushed open the slightly closed window. A gust of cold wind immediately blew in.



"Miss, your hair hasn't dried yet. How can you let the wind blow in at this time?" Yujie hurriedly came to stop her.

Shao Wanru grabbed her hands and said, "Go and call Qing'er back!"

In the cold wind, her black hair was blown back, and she felt chilly on her head. However, the wind suddenly made her grasp something, and a hint of gloom flashed in the corner of her eyes.

He came to the capital three years ago not for her, but for whom?

"Ah..." Yujie had not realized what had happened.

"Go!" Shao Wanru had already let go of her hands and said with a smile. She was suddenly enlightened and clear.

"Yes, Miss, I will go immediately!" Yujie nodded and turned to walk out rapidly.

Qu Le came over and closed the window. She tried to persuade her. "Miss, you will have a headache if you keep letting the wind blow on you like this. The winter wind here is much stronger than that in Jiangzhou."

Hearing her words, Shao Wanru turned back and walked to the dressing table. She sat down and said, "Qu Le, come and help me with my makeup. I will go out later!"

"Why are you still going out at this time? Miss, I'm afraid that Old Madam won't let you go out now," Qu Le looked out of the window and said. The cold wind was whistling outside. It seemed that it might snow soon.

Recently, the weather had been cold, and it would snow from time to time. The weather today was even more oppressive. It would be more serious than just snowing. The gloomy weather made it necessary to light up in the room. What's more, it was almost dinner time, so they couldn't go out without a good reason.

It was not that the Old Madam in the manor cared about the Miss very much, but that Miss was not allowed to go out. The people in the manor didn't treat her as a family member. Although they didn't forbid her to go out, it was not different from being grounded!

"I will dress up as a servant girl. I'll go out with Yujie," Shao Wanru said.

"Dress up as a servant girl?" Qu Le was stunned for a moment, and the comb in her hands stopped due to her surprise.

"Yes, dress up as a servant girl. In this way, you don't have to ask for permission. You just say that you need to buy something for me!" Shao Wanru nodded and looked at herself in the mirror. She narrowed her watery eyes slightly. Old Madam didn't allow her to go out on her own. But no matter whether she had a good reason or not, she could sneak out.

"Doctor Qiu's matter is important..."