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Chapter 981: Woman with a Lost Mind

The woman inside was still in her prime, delicate and pretty. She was not supposed to frighten the waiter, who had dealt with various people in this restaurant. How could he fear a tender young woman?

Something must be wrong with her. Her face was like a smiling mask. The pair of livid eyes inlaid in her face appeared frantic and bewildered. "Is she crazy? Yes! Of course!"

In an instant, the waiter had an answer that she was definitely abnormal. The weird way she looked at him and the smile on her face as she turned around showed a quirky sense of madness.

"What is she going to do?" Shao Wanru somehow appeared at the door and saw the woman pushing open a window. There was actually a small door, so she blurted anxiously.

It should be the place where the woman in her previous life rushed out.

Right there, in a very small space, the woman condemned Yan Xi for discarding her and their child. To win over a woman with a relatively high status and be with that beloved woman, he abandoned her, who had been his warm and caring wife for years and who had fallen into a hopelessly shameful life to support him for study.

In her charges against him, Yan Xi betrayed her. He was the ungrateful and heinous husband. Shao Wanru was also implicated. The woman claimed Shao Wanru to be an unchaste woman who had an affair with her husband for a long time.

After finishing accusing, the woman jumped down and died in front of everyone with her marriage contract floating down from upstairs. It proved her marriage relationship with Yan Xi, which made her previous words more convincing.

Shao Wanru's words reminded the waiter, who instantly recognized the perilous situation. He took two steps forward, grabbed the woman's clothes, and dragged her inside with all his strength.

He pulled the woman, light and powerless, into the room. Even after she fell heavily to the ground, her expression was still frenetic. She fixed her eyes on the waiter, mumbling.

"You... you abandoned me... and the child, the child is dead... I... I'd rather die... You... Yan Xi, Childe Yan Xi, I hate you... It's all because of you... I was a woman from an ordinary family, and you said that you would... always be good to me... Now you... would pass the imperial exam... So, you abandoned us. Our child died of illness, but you had never come to see us..."

"Since it is so... I... Why am I alive... Why don't I die... Yan Xi, I won't let you off even if I am dead... What a disloyal husband! What a heartless lover!"

Zhang Qilan also found that the woman was not right, so she stepped forward to see the woman collapsing onto the ground. "Is she crazy?" she asked.

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"She seems to be crazy!" Luo Xiaowan was a little scared and hid behind Zhang Qilan.

It was also because of Yan Xi. The situation was precisely the same as in her previous life.

What was different was that the woman didn't hold a marriage contract in her hands. Shao Wanru had reminded Yan Xi, so he must have been on the alert and didn't sign the marriage contract without himself knowing about it.

There was another difference that she didn't accuse Shao Wanru as she did in the previous life.

Her marriage with Yan Xi was originally arranged by Madam Di with the help of Madam Jiang, Marquis Xing's wife. However, it somehow became evidence that Shao Wanru and Yan Xi had an affair. Yan Xi got no good results, and Shao Wanru's reputation was also ruined. The people behind this sinister plot could put on a sympathetic face, staying safe and sound from the affair.

Chillness welled up in her eyes, piercing to the bone.

Sensing the devastating aura of evil in her eyes, Yujie quietly leaned toward Shao Wanru to block Zhang Qilan's eyes. Although she didn't know why her Miss suddenly became so angry, it would be best to keep the change from others.

When Yujie leaned a little closer to her, her move sobered Shao Wanru, who then looked toward the small side door before the window. Outside there, she found a tiny balcony, which should be the woman's chosen place.

"Report this to the yamen and let officials handle it. Besides, you should find out where the woman coming with her before came from. That woman must have fed her some medicine and made her crazy for a while." Shao Wanru shifted her eyes from the woman.

"Okay, okay, please help me take care of her. I'll go and get some helper right away!" Seeing the woman's bizarre status, the waiter knew there was a big problem. Looking at the small side door, he was even more scared.

This small side door was for the guests in this private room to get some fresh air after drinking a long time indoors. Only this private room on the fourth floor had such a place, and the other private rooms didn't. In the past, this side door was locked in case of any accidents.

At this moment, the side door was opened, plus this woman's horrifying look. Everyone on site could tell that she was so out of mind that she wanted to jump down.

Yujie nodded and said, "Go ahead. We'll watch here for you!"

The waiter hurried downstairs and soon brought a few people in. One of them looked like the restaurant's owner.

As soon as the owner entered the room, he asked someone to tie up the woman to prevent her from going crazy and getting them into trouble.

He walked up to Shao Wanru and bowed deeply to her. "Thank you for your help, ladies. Please help me and be the witnesses."

Of course, this matter could not be settled privately. At first glance, the woman had been drugged. Shao Wanru and the others were witnesses. Later, people from yamen would come over, and the restaurant would be implicated.

It would be better if someone could prove their innocence.

"Our master is too occupied to stay as a witness for you, but this woman is crazy and still muttering about something. You can check it out. Our master knows about Yan Xi, the man she called repeatedly. But how could a servant girl like her have anything to do with Childe Yan?" Yujie stepped forward and said, according to Shao Wanru's hint.

"You... you know this Childe Yan?" The owner was overjoyed. The woman was still muttering to herself, and they could hear the name Yan Xi from time to time. It was not long since the owner arrived here, but he had heard it many times. Even so, he had no idea how to deal with this tricky matter. The waiter didn't see the woman who had left earlier clearly. Because she wore a curtain hat, no one could recognize her.

Only one time, the waiter saw the woman's profile when he came in to deliver the dishes. She was good-looking. But when the waiter brought some dishes in again, the woman had already put on the curtained hat again. Until she left, she hadn't exposed her face the second time.

When officials from the yamen came and they couldn't answer any of their questions, they would arouse suspicion. That was why they were overjoyed upon hearing from Yujie that they knew Childe Yan.

Every wrong has its cause and every debt has its debtor. Since this matter was related to Childe Yan, they didn't need to shoulder the responsibility.

Sure enough, the side door over there had to be blocked up to prevent any accidents. Any incident involving death could pull the restaurant out of business.

The candidates who wanted to take a cup for luck would never choose such an unlucky restaurant.

"I don't know if Childe Yan she mentioned is the one I know. Hum, well, Childe Yan is an honored guest of the Marquis Xing's Mansion. He can't have anything to do with a maid. Not to mention a maid, even her mistress is unlikely to have anything to do with Childe Yan!"

Yujie asked in confusion, looking up and down at the woman who was tied up. It seemed that she was full of doubts.

It looked like she was whispering to herself.

But the shopkeeper strained his ears to catch her words, fully aware that what he heard might be strong evidence. Therefore, he couldn't miss anything!

As Marquis Xing's Mansion was mentioned, he breathed a sigh of relief, his heart thumping with excitement. Finally, they found someone to take responsibility for this.

"A distinguished guest from Marquis Xing's Mansion?" Zhang Qilan also heard it and asked in surprise.

"Yes, he had been living and preparing for the exam in the Marquis Xing's Mansion for a long time. I have never heard that he had any wife or child. My Second Uncle has sent someone to check it before!" Shao Wanru said. She didn't mind using Shao Jing to make her words sound more convincing to them.

"That's strange. This servant girl repeated his name like mad. It seems that someone used her against Childe Yan. After all, no one cares about the life of a servant girl. But if someone used her death to frame up him, he would be in big trouble!" Zhang Qilan said. Looking at the still frantic eyes of the servant girl, she felt something was terribly wrong.

It was just a servant girl. If her death could successfully frame someone, it would be a big deal to kill her!

If they had come a little late, the maid would have jumped down and died without any witnesses. No one would know she was a servant girl and was in a bad state before the jump.

"We have to leave. If officials from the yamen want to inquire about something, they can go to the Marquis Xing's Mansion. Childe Yan must have been a candidate for the Palace Examination. I don't know who was trying to frame him and let a servant girl make such a scene!" Shao Wanru said.

After that, she turned around and left.

Zhang Qilan and Luo Xiaowan followed up closely. Although they had encountered this incident, it was not convenient for them to get involved in this kind of thing.

"Young Madams, please..." The owner wanted to stop them, but a few maids unceremoniously stopped him.

"You can't keep our Miss here. She has helped you a lot today. The following things have nothing to do with her, do you understand?"

Zhang Qilan's servant girl said rudely.

"It's not convenient for our Miss to get involved either," Luo Xiaowan's servant girl said in a brisk, matter-of-fact tone. The wife of Duke Yangqu's son specially chose this girl for Luo Xiaowan because the firm demeanor of this maid was very similar to hers.

Yujie glared briefly at the owner and said, "If our master wants to leave, no one can stop her!"

After that, they turned around and left.

The owner no longer dared to stop them. Obviously, they were noble ladies with high status. It was understandable that they were unwilling to be involved in this kind of thing. In addition, he got an explanation and knew who might be behind this matter.

Later, when the people from yamen asked about it, he had something to defend himself. If he insisted on keeping them here, he might not bear the anger from those noble ladies from aristocratic families. On second thought, he quickly asked his people at the door to get out of the way and then respectfully sent them to the gate.

Watching them leave, he came back to deal with things and waited anxiously for the people of yamen to come over...

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Chapter 982: Who Is Childe Wang? And Miss Zhao?

When Yan Xi returned to the Marquis Xing's Mansion, he was so tired that he could barely open his eyes. After taking a short bath, he skipped the meal and went straight to sleep.

"Young Master! Young Master!" The voice of his servant seemed to come from afar.

"Young Master! Young Master!" This time, this voice was right by his ear, and someone was pulling him.

Yan Xi suddenly opened his eyes and looked blankly above. There appeared the anxious face of his servant. "Young Master, Young Master, please get up quickly. Some officials are here!"

Yan Xi's vision gradually cleared. He sat up, his hands covering his dull head. Then the servant helped him get dressed.

Yan Xi had hardly woken up. With a headache, he took a sip of tea brought by the servant and asked, "Officials?"

"They said they were from the Ministry of Justice and were coming for you!" The servant reported in a low voice.

Yan Xi frowned and stood up. "Why would people from the Ministry of Justice look for me now? I have had nothing to do with them. Was there something wrong with the Palace Examination?"

His temples throbbed violently for a few times, which instantly sobered him up. His face darkened. If it was true, something terrible must have happened.

He stood up and hurried out.

The two officials from the Ministry of Justice were waiting outside. When they heard the footsteps in the room, they turned around and sized Yan Xi up. Then, they asked in a solemn voice, "Are you Childe Yan?"

"What's the matter?" Yan Xi asked, trying hard to suppress the discomfort in his head.

"Childe Yan, we have something to ask you. I don't know if it's convenient for you to go to the Ministry of Justice with us!" The officials of the Ministry of Justice were very polite. Although Childe Yan was someone important, he was in the Marquis Xing's Mansion, so they had to show him some respect.

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"What is it?" Yan Xi remained where he was and asked again.

He wouldn't leave without knowing what had happened. Seeing his uncompromising attitude, the two officials of the Ministry of Justice exchanged a look and gave in. After all, that lady didn't die. So, even if Childe Yan discarded her, it was a small matter. They didn't have to offend him and the Marquis Xing's Mansion for a servant girl.

One of them coughed in a low voice and got straight to the point. "Did you marry a woman and give birth to a child? Then, regardless of your child's illness, you abandoned them. Is it the truth?"

The owner of Number One Scholar Restaurant told them that the woman was a servant girl. But since the owner got the message from some Young Madams of the aristocratic family, they didn't know if it was true.

"I... was married? And I have a child?" Yan Xi was stunned. He thought it was about the Palace Examination, but he didn't expect it to be his personal affairs. He opened his mouth but didn't know what to say for a while. How could he not know when it happened?

"What nonsense are you telling us? Our master has been studying in the Marquis Xing's Mansion since he entered the capital. Hardly had he seen an outsider. How could he be with any woman, let alone marry her? When he entered the capital, our elder master asked Marquis Xing to help him look for a good wife. How is it possible that he had a child?"

The servant was so angry that he retorted, glaring at the two people from the Ministry of Justice. "How could they come up with such a ridiculous thing?"

The two people from the Ministry of Justice looked at each other again and carefully observed their performance. Although their expressions were different, they were full of shock, which did not seem to be faked.

"Who tells you this? Who is it that framed me up like this?" Yan Xi rebuked furiously. Finally, he came to his senses. His face first became pale with astonishment, and then red with anger.

How could there be such a rumor that ruined his reputation for no reason? How could he not be angry!

"Childe Yan, you'd better come with us to the Ministry of Justice and see that woman! She wanted to jump down from the Number One Scholar Restaurant and seemed not in her right mind. She must have been drugged. It was she that kept accusing you of abandoning your family. Fortunately, someone saved her, and now she is still in the Ministry of Justice!" The staff of the Ministry of Justice said.

"Oh! The woman was going to jump to her death from the Number One Scholar Restaurant? It's right at the place where he came out. If she jumped down at that time, he might not prove his innocence."

Thinking of this, his face immediately turned dreadfully pale. He knew what consequences he had to bear if that woman succeeded in killing herself. He would come to no good end, even if he passed the exam. There would be no evidence to clear his suspicion once the woman died.

"Let's go!" Without any hesitation, he nodded and walked out with his servant, too busy to inform Marquis Xing.

When they arrived at the Ministry of Justice and saw the woman inside, Yan Xi's expression changed drastically.

"Childe Yan, do you know her?" An official from the Ministry of Justice, who had led him here, asked. Judging by his reaction, he knew Childe Yan was acquainted with her.

"Yes. She is Miss Zhao's servant girl. How does she have anything to do with our Young Master? Abandoning her and their child?! She isn't even qualified to be our Young Master's concubine. Let alone her, even Miss Zhao is not qualified!"

The moment the servant saw the woman, he shouted angrily while pointing at the woman who was still in a confused state of mind, "Our Young Master saved Miss Zhao, but from then on, she has been pestering him, angling for sympathy. But on the other hand, she had an affair with Childe Wang."

Thinking of the grievance his young master had suffered, the servant was so angry that his eyes turned bloodshot.

He had thought that Miss Zhao was a nice lady. To his astonishment, not only did she hook up with Childe Wang in private, but she also wanted to plot against his young master.

Upon hearing the servant's words, the officer of the Ministry of Justice asked hurriedly, and his eyes lit up. "Who is Childe Wang? And Miss Zhao?"

The Number One Scholar Restaurant's owner had told them that this woman came with another woman who was very likely to be Miss Zhao. The officer of the Ministry of Justice was keenly aware that this matter should be related to Childe Wang and Miss Zhao.

The doctor had already come to check her over that the woman had been drugged. Before that, she had been told more than once to repeat these words. Therefore, in a state of mental numbness, she kept repeating these words and doing movements as instructed beforehand.

Jumping off the building was one of the preset movements.

Someone must have plotted all of this, targeting at Childe Yan. What his servant said also proved it.

The prime suspects in the case would be Miss Zhao and Childe Wang, whose backgrounds and purposes were still unknown to them. It looked like they had a grudge against Yan Xi.

After listening to the possible cause and effect of the incident from Yan Xi, the officers of the Ministry of Justice were more confident that this was a scheme with evil intentions aiming at Childe Yan, of course. It was obvious that Wang Shengxue had found an unknown woman and set a trap for Childe Yan. However, the woman dragging him into the trap was supposed to be Zhao Qingyu. Somehow, it became Zhao Qingyu's maid.

Zhao Qingyu must have seen through Wang Shengxue's intention and deliberately led the trouble to her maid.

The Ministry of Justice sent some people to get Wang Shengxue and Zhao Qingyu from their residences.

In Zhao Qingyu's residence, they found Zhao Qingyu, who was about to escape. At this time, Wang Shengxue had not received any news. To avoid suspicion, he didn't come to Zhao Qingyu's place and was caught in Zhao Qingyu's house.

When the two principal suspects were caught, the whole thing would come to light. First of all, the waiter of the Number One Scholar Restaurant recognized that Zhao Qingyu was the woman who accompanied the maid before. It was she who left the woman alone and got out of the restaurant.

At this time, Zhao Qingyu, who was Ning Caixian, confessed to everything, telling them that Wang Shengxue plotted against Yan Xi with her. She put all the blame on Wang Shengxue.

Wang Shengxue knew that he could not escape this time, so he could only admit his crime. He was jealous that Yan Xi was valued by the Lord Protector's Manor, so he set up such a trap to ruin Yan Shi's future.

There was no more information to get out from them.

The Ministry of Justice put them in custody for the time being and decided to get the facts straight. Wang Shengxue could do such a thing out of jealousy. It sounded reasonable, but they still felt that something was missing. The Marquis Xing's Mansion had never been good to Wang Shengxue. How could he plot against Yan Xi merely because the mansion treated him with some respect?

It was already dark when Yan Xi returned to the Marquis Xing's Mansion.

A supervisor had been waiting for him when he got out of the carriage. He came up and saluted. "Childe Yan, our marquis wants to see you!"

"At a time like this?" Yan Xi looked at the dark sky and asked in surprise. Marquis Xing had never looked for him when it was late.

The supervisor said with a smile, "You should have a good rest after the exam, but my master heard the Ministry of Justice had sent some people to look for you, so he is worried and specially asked me to wait for you here!"

Since such a thing had happened, it was reasonable for Marquis Xing to inquire about it.

"I see." Yan Xi nodded and followed him inside.

Marquis Xing, Shao Jing, met him in his courtyard. There was his study next to the main room. He had been sitting gloomily in the study for a long time without turning on the light. The servants stayed outside and didn't dare to enter.

When someone reported to him that Yan Xi was here, Shao Jing ordered someone to light the candle and invite him in for a talk.

After Yan Xi saluted him, they took the seats for the owner and guest, respectively. Then, Shao Jing said, "What happened to you? Why would the people of the Ministry of Justice find you? If there's anything, tell me. I can always help you!" Shao Jing said gently. His benign smile looked very kind and convincing.

"Thank you, Marquis Xing. It's about Childe Wang of our mansion..." Yan Xi frowned slightly when he said this. Wang Shengxue was Marquis Xing's nephew. Though they were distantly related, he was Marquis Xing's junior. After all, the following words wouldn't sound pleasant to the ear.

"Wang Shengxue? What's wrong with him this time?" Shao Jing's brow furrowed, and his smile faded. "What a good-for-nothing brat. He always causes trouble. I have criticized him several times, but he had no intention of making any change. What did he do this time?"

From his words, Yan Xi could tell that Wang Shengxue was really not a well-behaved person. He felt increasingly grateful to Princess Chen. If it weren't for her reminding him, he wouldn't have seen Wang Shengxue's true face.

"But why didn't Marquis Xing remind me? He is clear that his nephew is not a good one and that I have been close to him.

"Other people might not know about the affairs in the mansion. How could Marquis Xing not know about them?"

Because of Shao Jing's words, some doubts emerged in his heart. This situation had never happened before.

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Chapter 983: Having Doubts, Searching for Reasons

Marquis Xing had been very nice to him, and Yan Xi liked him. Their two families had a good friendship long ago, but the two of them had not contacted each other for many years. Marquis Xing was a respected elder who had done what was possible to help him.

"Does he treat me in real earnest?"

Thinking of this, Yan Xi didn't show any hard feelings on his face. He nodded and said, "He set up a trap for me with a prostitute. They drugged a maid of the prostitute. When she was in a daze, she asserted emphatically that I abandoned her and was going to jump down from the fourth floor of the Number One Scholar Restaurant!"

Yan Xi had a sense that the woman was not a good person. Since she was capable of plotting such a scheme with Wang Shengxue, she should not be the daughter of a good family and must be a prostitute. Sometimes she was called Zhao Qingyu, and sometimes Ning Caixian. Perhaps, neither was her real name.

"What? How dare he do that?" Shao Jing was furious when he heard that. He slammed his hand heavily on the table and said, "You have been occupied with books and didn't hang out with him often. Why would he hurt you like this?"

"He said that he was jealous of me because you valued me!" Yan Xi took out the reason he got from Wang Shengxue.

"Nonsense! That's sheer nonsense!" Shao Jing stood up and turned around behind the table angrily. "If he is competent, how could I ignore him? If it weren't for him... I have tried my best to help him achieve rankings in the imperial exam!"

After saying that, he walked out from behind the table and bowed to Yan Xi. "It's all because I didn't discipline him well enough that he finally slid into evil ways, getting you into serious trouble. He was so close to ruining your promising future. Please forgive me for not teaching him well!"

Yan Xi stood up hurriedly and avoided receiving Shao Jing's salute. "Marquis Xing, please don't blame yourself. This has nothing to do with you. It's all his own business."

"He is so disappointing. Originally, he had gained a good reputation and position with the desire to advance, so I have never expected him to become what he is today. His sister is dead, and he stayed outside alone, doing no good. It's my fault. I should have found a proper job for him!" Shao Jing stood straight, with some bitterness in his eyes. "It's all my fault for wasting his talent!"

Looking at his gloomy face, Yan Xi tried to soothe him. "You care about him so much, but he is jealous of others winning more attention from you. He has gone too far. Now that this matter is under the Ministry of Justice's charge, they will investigate it thoroughly. You don't have to blame yourself!"

Speaking of this matter, it had nothing to do with Marquis Xing. Wang Shengxue was merely a disappointing distant relative of Marquis Xing, but he took the initiative to shoulder the consequences for him. "Marquis Xing is incredibly nice to Wang Shengxue!"

Such a seemingly absurd idea popped up and then mysteriously disappeared, leaving only a little trace in his mind.

"Anyway, I'm so sorry to let you suffer!" Shao Jing's face was full of shame. He stood up straight and sat back behind the table. "What did the Ministry of Justice say about this?"

"If the facts of the case have been verified, Wang Shengxue will be charged with malicious accusation and murder. Although the maid is fine, if she were not stopped by the waiter of the Number One Scholar Restaurant, she would die." Yan Xi said bluntly.

Even after the incident, he still had such a panic fear.

Wang Shengxue could have ruined his future, at the cost of a servant girl's life. How vicious could his heart be? The dead cannot bear witness. If everything went on as Wang Shengxue had planned, there was nothing he could do to justify himself.

Thinking back, he could connect many things emerging in his mind. It was he who rented the courtyard. Wang Shengxue had taken him to see it several times, and many people saw him. Once that maid killed herself, all these things and people could prove that he indeed had some secretive connection with her.

Back then, Wang Shengxue and Ning Caixian lied to him, telling him that woman was not a maid at all. They took her in because they felt pity for her. The whole bullshit was a complete trap with logic. There would be no possibility for him to purge himself of the suspicion once he was trapped in it.

The deeper he thought about it, the more horrifying he became. Wang Shengxue calculated and manipulated him coldly, aiming to deprive him of all the good things he possessed. "Is it really Wang Shengxue's idea?"

"How could a useless playboy make such a thorough plan? Did he spend so much effort just to defeat me?"

"Murder? Is that servant okay?" Shao Jing asked with concern. It could be seen that he really cared about Wang Shengxue.

"There is nothing seriously wrong with the maid, and she seems to be much clearer now. But in general, she is still suffering. The drug she took seemed to have seriously bad side effects. It is still unknown if it will have a big impact on her!" Yan Xi replied implicitly, "What will happen next depends on the judgment of the Ministry of Justice!"

Shao Jing stopped talking, sitting in silence behind the large desk, his brows knitted tightly together.

It was quiet in the room. Only the light on the table flickered and made a tiny explosive sound.

Yan Xi looked at the square tile before him. His attention seemed to be drawn by it as he waited quietly for Shao Jing to speak.

After a long while, he heard Shao Jing's gentle voice. "Yan Xi, go back and rest first. You have been dealing with such a troublesome thing just after you finished the exam. I guess you don't have much energy to handle it now. You'd better go back first. I'll ask the kitchen to prepare dinner for you. Go to sleep after having a nice meal!"

"Many thanks, Marquis!" Yan Xi stood up and gave him a hold-fist salute.

He was indeed exhausted. At this time, he was struggling to hold on. Hearing Shao Jing's words, he could barely wait to eat and rest.

Shao Jing nodded. Watching Yan Xi leave, he frowned tightly. He could not allow Wang Shengxue to be locked up like this. This matter could either be serious or trivial, and the key to the result lay in Yan Xi. Although the maid was also a victim, she was of little importance. Besides, her contract of selling herself was still in that woman's hands, so the maid was not a big deal.

But it had never occurred to him that Yan Xi would pretend to be naive and stupid. He ignored his implications as if he didn't understand what he meant.

No matter what, he must save Wang Shengxue; otherwise, something worse might happen!

As soon as Yan Xi returned to his room, his dinner was ready. All the dishes looked very delicious. The supervisor was very attentive and more respectful to Yan Xi than usual.

In the past, he would think the servants were used to fawning upon the rich and powerful persons. They thought that he might rank high in the exam, so they treated him even better. But after the incident related to Wang Shengxue, for the first time, Yan Xi felt that the reality might not be what he had thought.

After having a little bit of food, he asked the servants to withdraw it. He washed up and lay on the bed. However, for a long time, he stayed awake. Although he was very sleepy, his mind wandering to many other things wouldn't leave him in peace. Tossing and turning in bed for a long time, he still couldn't figure out why Wang Shengxue would plot against him.

How could he be jealous that Marquis Xing valued him more? Just now, when he was having dinner, he asked the supervisor about Wang Shengxue. The supervisor, who had done his best to flatter him, didn't even drop a hint about Wang Shengxue. So, he did not get any useful information in the end.

This made Yan Xi even more suspicious. If there was nothing wrong, it should be easy to learn about many Wang Shengxue's matters. Why did the supervisor of the Marquis Xing's Mansion care so much and keep his matters strictly confidential? Was there any other reason?

In fact, the supervisor of the Marquis Xing's Mansion was not to blame. Those things done by Wang Shengxue were really humiliating. Even as the supervisor of the Marquis Xing's Mansion, he felt that he was too shameful to talk about such things.

Ever since Childe Wang came to the Marquis Xing's Mansion, he had never done anything good, and neither did his sister. She didn't look like a good person either. In this situation, it could be said that he had brought trouble to himself. He could not blame anyone else.

Beyond that, Marquis Xing had asked him not to gossip about Wang Shengxue, which was another reason why he couldn't reveal anything

Both Marquis Xing and Wang Shengxue appeared very strange. As a newcomer in the capital city, Yan Xi had met Wang Shengxue, and it was impossible for him to have a feud with Wang Shengxue. If someone else was behind Wang Shengxue's plot, this person should know his whereabouts. When he came to the capital that day, he happened to see a vicious child, who was a bully, grab a woman by force. It was such a remarkable coincidence!

"Who else knew that I would come to the capital?"

An idea suddenly came to his mind that people in the Marquis Xing's Mansion should know it. Except for the Marquis Xing's Mansion, he couldn't think of anyone else who could make all those things so real.

"Marquis Xing?"

Yan Xi was not familiar with people in the Marquis Xing's Mansion. He only knew about Marquis Xing and First Young Master in the outer court, and he seldom met those ladies in the inner court. Only Princess Chen had helped him; he might not even know one of them.

"Could I ask Princess Chen to solve my doubts?"

As soon as this thought came to his mind, he decided to put it into practice, eager to find out the truth.

"Tomorrow... Tomorrow, I will go to see Princess Chen. Perhaps she knows the answer to my questions." In his mind, Yan Xi had subconsciously ignored Marquis Xing!

The next day, Shao Wanru met him in Prince Chen's Mansion. When she heard him coming, Shao Wanru was stunned at first, but she still agreed. Yan Xi was led to a flower hall in the outer court, where he finally saw Shao Wanru.

As soon as he entered the hall, Yan Xi bowed deeply to the woman sitting in the seat of honor. "Thank you for your help, Princess Chen!"

"Not worth mentioning!" Shao Wanru smiled, raising the corners of her mouth slightly. She looked relaxed and said, "Childe Yan, how did you do in the exam?"

"It should be good!" Yan Xi answered, uncertainly. For many years, candidates had been persevering in their studies despite hardships, but only a few could succeed. How could he be sure he would be one of the winners? Indeed, he was not bad, but it was the same with all the other candidates. Each one of them was a rare talent.

"Then, first of all, congratulations, Childe Yan!" Shao Wanru said with a smile.

"May I ask if you were also at the Number One Scholar Restaurant yesterday?" Yan Xi lowered his head and asked. The beauty of this delicate girl dazed him when he looked at her for a long time. He couldn't help exclaiming that her heavenly beauty was unmatched in all the land.

"Yesterday, I was near the Number One Scholar Restaurant and also saw what happened in it!" Shao Wanru knew what he was asking and did not deliberately hide it. Yesterday, she had mentioned "Second Uncle". In fact, the Ministry of Justice would investigate it. It's just that they hadn't yet come to ask her questions. Part of the reason was that they had to show enough respect to Chu Liuchen.

"Yesterday... You saved the woman yesterday, didn't you?" Yan Xi inferred it from the words said by the Ministry of Justice's officers. He could not help raising his head excitedly and looking at Shao Wanru, who was sitting in a high position.

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Chapter 984: The Wronged Daughter-in-law

"Not bother, it's not a big deal. I happened to see her," Shao Wanru said gently, with a smile.

"Princess Chen, may I ask what Wang Shengxue is like?" Yan Xi tried hard to pacify himself and asked.

"He has a good relationship with Marquis Xing's Mansion. In the very beginning, he was sent to frame me. Before and after I entered the mansion and returned to my original family, he and his sister were in cahoots against me. Later, because of me, his success and fame gained from the exam were gone!"

Shao Wanru recalled the past and said calmly.

She should not have told these secretive things to others, which might damage the reputation of the Marquis Xing's Mansion. However, in Shao Wanru's heart, Marquis Xing's Mansion didn't really matter.

Although she and Yan Xi didn't know each other in her previous life, they were framed together. Even before their deaths, they couldn't figure out why they would end up like this.

In her present life, Shao Wanru stood on the eminence and became farsighted. Hence, the thoughts of the second branch of Marquis Xing's Mansion turned much clearer in her mind. Because of the tragic fate that they shared in her last life, Shao Wanru lent Yan Xi a hand.

Hearing Shao Wanru's words, Yan Xi was stunned at first, and then his face changed drastically. He was smart enough to understand what it meant. If not for others' orders or acquiescence, Wang Shengxue would not dare to do such things. Shao Wanru's status was special. Her misfortunes would be the most beneficial things that ever happened to the second branch of Marquis Xing's Mansion, which was the current branch of Marquis Xing.

It sounded not very reasonable that Wang Shengxue wanted to set him up out of jealousy, but it might happen. However, he had no reason at all to frame Shao Wanru, a woman in the inner court. In addition, she was the only legitimate daughter of Infanta Qinghua and the heir of Duke Xing in her previous life. Also, her grandma was Rui'an Great Elder Princess.

To target Shao Wanru, Wang Shengxue had to be tremendously brave.

There was another thing that was indeed queer! Wang Shengxue, who had been against Shao Wanru, had maintained a good relationship with Marquis Xing's Mansion. Why?

"Was there anyone secretly protecting him?"

The identity of this person was fairly obvious.

“Why would Marquis Xing want to deal with me?” Even if he didn’t want to admit it, Yan Xi had to accept the fact. In the past, it might also be the Madam of Marquis Xing, but now she was not in the manor. It was said that she was sent to the Yuhui Nunnery. Therefore, except for Marquis Xing, no one else in the manor could give orders to Wang Shengxue and allow him to freely get in and out of the Marquis Xing’s Mansion.

Thinking of Marquis Xing’s sympathy words for Wang Shengxue, Yan Xi understood that Marquis Xing wanted him to let him go this time. It became much clearer to Yan Xi that this should be the truth.

“Childe Yan, I don’t know what has happened to you. Did you offend anyone when you entered the capital?” Shao Wanru smiled slightly and raised her watery eyes to look at him. In fact, she was also curious. Shao Jing was determined to ruin Yan Xi’s future, whether in her last life or in this life. Why did he have to do that?

“This trap was set up even before I came to the capital. At that time, I just arrived in the capital and didn’t even see Marquis Xing!” Yan Xi’s hoarse voice trailed off in disappointment. It really puzzled him, and he couldn’t figure out why.

“Then, maybe, it’s because of your family?” Shao Wanru asked tentatively.

“Our two mansions have been friends for generations. I heard from my father that he had the best relationship with your father and was an ordinary friend of Marquis Xing. But even so, he shouldn’t have framed me like this!” Yan Xi’s face was pale.

The kind elder whom he respected turned out to be a man playing many deceitful tricks. It was hard for him to accept the fact.

“Childe Yan, you can ask your father!” Shao Wanru shook her head. She really didn’t know about it, but she was sure that it had something to do with his family.

“Thank you for your help, Princess Chen.” Yan Xi stood up, bowed deeply to Shao Wanru, and said goodbye. Shao Wanru asked Yujie to send him to the gate.

Since Chu Liuchen was not in the mansion, Yan Xi couldn’t stay any longer. He left early after saying thanks, which was appropriate for everyone.

“Your Highness, Wang Shengxue is doomed this time, isn’t he?” Qu Le happily asked, for she was also very disgusted with Wang Shengxue. In her opinion, Wang Shengxue was excessively tenacious and annoying, who could go on scheming despite repeated setbacks. It was really depressing.

“Do you know Wang Shengxue’s home address?” Shao Wanru asked with a smile.

“Yes.” Qu Le nodded.

“Send a letter to Ning Xueqing, telling her to visit Wang Shengxue in the yamen!” Shao Wanru stood up and walked to one side of the flower hall. There was a table by the window with a complete set of writing brushes, ink sticks, paper, and inkstones. She picked up the writing brush and dipped it in thick ink. After thinking for a moment, she wrote a letter and put it in the window, letting it dry out in the wind.

Then she put the letter into an ordinary envelope and handed it to Qu Le. "Ask someone to send it to Ning Xueqing, telling her that someone from the Ministry of Justice asked her to go there!"

"Don't worry, Your Highness. I'll go now!" Qu Le understood and nodded.

She took the letter and left in a hurry to find someone to deliver the letter.

After seeing Yan Xi off, Yujie happened to see Qu Le walk out. She went into the room, got some water for Shao Wanru to wash her hands, and asked, "Miss, why did you send a letter to Ning Xueqing? She is not a good one either!"

Shao Wanru wiped off the water on her hands with her handkerchief and said lazily, "This matter is not yet a big deal. Let's muddy the waters so that others won't dare to make any trouble out of it."

"Ning Xueqing and Wang Shengxue are on the same boat, so she will save him. Your Highness, you are not helping Wang Shengxue, are you?" Yujie took the handkerchief and blinked in confusion while asking. She really didn't understand why Shao Wanru did this. No one would know it if Wang Shengxue was locked up. Now that Ning Xueqing knew it, she would find a way to save him.

"If it were something else, Ning Xueqing would definitely save him. But now, not only did Wang Shengxue commit this crime, but he also has something to do with another woman, who is Ning Xueqing's biological sister!" Shao Wanru said coldly, with a sharp cold light flashing in her eyes.

Ning Caixian and Ning Xueqing were a pair of evil sisters full of vicious wiles. At this time, how could they care about each other? Ning Xueqing must not know Ning Caixian and Wang Shengxue had an affair.

"Your Highness, as long as Ning Xueqing makes an ugly scene, the whole matter will come to light, right?" Yujie's eyes lit up, and she was delighted. She did not like this pair of sisters.

"Let's wait and see!" Shao Wanru said meaningfully with a light smile. Of course, the targets that she cared about the most were not just the sisters. Only when all of them were mixed up with this fucking mess could the truth be revealed little by little.

It had been a long time. She was more than willing to fling up the past things one after another by making such a mess...

A long time after Ning Xueqing received the letter, she finally made up her mind to go to the Ministry of Justice.

She took a servant girl and an old maid to the prison of the Ministry of Justice, telling the jailer she wanted to see Wang Shengxue.

"What's your relationship with him?" The jailer looked up and down at Ning Xueqing and asked. Yesterday, Wang Shengxue was sent here with two women, the process of which sounded like an amorous story. All sorts of fantastic rumors about them quickly filtered through the Ministry of Justice. He didn't expect another woman to appear at this moment.

"I'm his wife. I came here specially to see him!" Ning Xueqing gently pressed the corners of her eyes with a handkerchief when her tears fell. Indeed, she looked like a delicate little wife.

"Really?" the jailer asked in disbelief. Then, he muttered to himself, "Wasn't his wife the one who came in with him? That's weird. How could a liar have so many wives?"

Ning Xueqing's face changed. She was now Wang Shengxue's concubine, so she was most sensitive to the topics about Wang Shengxue's wife.

"Please tell me what do you mean? Was there anyone else who has come to visit him? How, how could it be possible? I am his only wife!" One by one, Ning Xueqing's tears dropped. She appeared very miserable, looking at the jailer with tearful eyes. "I'm his only one. You must have made a mistake!"

"How could it be? There must be an unusual relationship between him and the woman. Don't you know it?" The jailer sized Ning Xueqing up pitifully, thinking she must be another woman who had been cheated on by Wang Shengxue, who was still a perfect husband in her eyes!

"Officer, can you let me... see that woman? A mistake. It's definitely a mistake!" Ning Xueqing cried out.

At this time, she was no longer that eager to see Wang Shengxue. The woman became the person she wanted to meet the most. Recently, Wang Shengxue had been acting abnormally. What kind of woman could seduce him into going out so frequently?

Whenever Wang Shengxue was free, he would definitely stay in her room. Although she was merely his concubine, she was treated as his principal wife in the mansion. However, Wang Shengxue did behave suspiciously these days. Many times, he would go out and wouldn't come back even at night, saying that he had to do some jobs for Marquis Xing.

The next day, he usually appeared exhausted when he came back. He couldn't tell Ning Xueqing what he had done because the things that Marquis Xing sent him to do were all conspiracy and hideous.

Although Ning Xueqing had doubts, Wang Shengxue seemed to be normal in any other aspects. So, she just kept the doubts to herself.

Upon hearing this news from the jailer, she immediately realized that Wang Shengxue had been cheating on her all the time. Now, she wanted so much to scratch his face. Of course, she was in a hurry to do the most urgent thing for her: find out her who dared to seduce Wang Shengxue.

"Since you are Wang Shengxue's wife, it's not suitable for you to see the other woman!" The jailer coughed in a low voice and refused her request.

Ning Xueqing took a purse from her maid and handed it to the jailer. Then, she cried and bowed sideways. Officer, I just want to see... what kind of person she is. Why... why would my husband have a crush on another woman? I must have done something wrong. Otherwise, why would he do such a thing to me? Or, maybe, is there anything super good about that woman? I... I'll go and have a look...

At the end of her words, she almost choked with sobs. It was obvious that she was very willing to compromise out of consideration for her beloved man. She was trying her best to win back her husband's heart, even when he deceived her. Such a virtuous and magnanimous woman would certainly not do anything harmful to the woman in the cell.

The jailer felt the fat purse in his hand and looked at the tearful woman, thinking there would be nothing wrong. Thus, he nodded and exhorted her to be careful, "You can go in and have a look. But don't say anything. The woman might not know there is a principal wife!"

"Yes, thank you, officer!" Ning Xueqing saluted him gracefully!

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Chapter 985: Sisterhood

Ning Caixian and Wang Shengxue hadn't yet received their prison sentences. They were temporarily detained for further questioning, so they hadn't been sent to the male and female prisons accordingly.

Coincidentally, Ning Caixian was locked beside Wang Shengxue.

Ning Caixian had put most of the blame on Wang Shengxue, looking innocent as if she didn't know what had happened. Now that no one was around, she immediately relented, leaning toward Wang Shengxue with tears in her eyes. In silence, she wiped her tears with an extremely aggrieved look. It seemed that she was at a loss what to say.

Wang Shengxue, knitting his brows tightly, looked miserable. He was now too flustered to talk to Ning Caixian.

"How could there be such a big mistake? The maid didn't die. How could she not die? We ensured the process beforehand that she should repeat these words and jump in a daze. Then what happened next would have nothing to do with me!"

"How did you let people see your face?" The more Wang Shengxue thought about it, the more confused he became. Thus, he couldn't help but scold.

"I... I don't know. I was very careful. Who knew that someone would notice me? I..." Hearing his question, Ning Caixian cried out, tears streaming down her face. She looked at Wang Shengxue, her eyes filling with tears. "I should have taken all the responsibility. I didn't expect to be caught, so I told them the truth in a panic. You... don't blame me. In the next trial, I will take all the blame on myself!"

"How can you do that?" Wang Shengxue said grumpily.

"I'm going to tell them that I... I had bitter hatred because I loved Childe Yan who didn't like me but took a fancy to the servant girl! Seeing that they were together, I decided to take my revenge on the servant girl. If I take all the blame... Then you... will be fine!" Ning Caixian cried.

His sincere words were full of affection. Looking at Ning Caixian's tearful face, Wang Shengxue sighed and relaxed a little. "What's the use of saying this now? Your confession would be much more useful when said at the beginning!"

"At the beginning? He wants me to take all the blame at the beginning?!" Ning Caixian sneered in her heart, but she still appeared regretful. "I... I was afraid at that time, and I panicked with fear. Whenever they asked anything, I answered honestly without thinking. I'm so sorry, I... Next time, I will insist on saying that everything was done by me and you have no connection with this matter at all!"

Wang Shengxue's hands reached through the fence between the two temporary cells, and he wiped the tears at the corners of her eyes. "When you're brought to the trial next time, you can say that. She is

merely an insignificant servant girl. With her irrevocable contract of selling herself in your grasp, you can do anything to her. Besides, she is fine in the end. Though you're not a kind-hearted master, it's no big deal!"

"Is it really not a big deal?" Ning Caixian was delightedly surprised.

"Sure, nothing serious. The maid is your property. You have the irrevocable indenture that can prove you have the right to decide her life. More importantly, she's still alive. But after this, I think you'll let her go free and compensate her with some money. Oh, don't be afraid. Money is never a problem because I'll pay the whole amount for you. After this case ends, I'll marry you. In the future, we'll leave the capital and find a beautiful place with green hills and clear waters to live."

Wang Shengxue coaxed her in a soft voice.

The first time he heard Ning Caixian's affectionate words, he laughed at her fancy in his heart. However, on second thought, he felt it might be a feasible solution. Once Ning Caixian took all the responsibility, he could soon be set free. What he had said before could be considered invalid. He could tell them that he said all that just to take the blame and to protect Ning Caixian. However, if she took the initiative to confess, he had to admit that he was the innocent one.

"Do you really want to marry me then?" Ning Caixian asked pathetically with tears in her eyes.

"Of course! I want to marry you. I've always wanted to marry you!" At this time, Wang Shengxue was certainly willing to make the sweetest promises to her. He even struggled to stretch his hands across the fence and pulled Ning Caixian to him. Tenderly and lovingly, he tucked a loose strand of hair on her forehead behind her ears, his eyes full of affection as if she was his most beloved woman.

"But... but my sister..." Ning Caixian lowered her head to hide the sarcasm and anger in her eyes. "Oh, that's his perfect plan!"

She made the warmhearted speech with a martyred expression because she wanted Wang Shengxue to take all the responsibilities proactively. Unexpectedly, Wang Shengxue had the same idea as her: he wanted her to hold the sack. But could she do it alone?

Wang Shengxue thought that she didn't know anything about the case, but it chanced she knew an old maid who met with a similar misfortune to her. When she was in prison back then, the maid was locked next to her cell.

The old maid crippled a servant girl of her. Then when the girl's family took the old maid to court, she argued in the same way, saying that she held an irrevocable indenture of buying this girl. So, let alone cripple the girl, no one had the right to punish her for her beating the girl to death.

Although the old maid asserted everything eloquently, the irrevocable indenture failed to prove her innocence as evidence. It turned out that after the old maid bought the girl, she would beat and scold her every day. Obviously, she had harbored the evil intention of killing the girl. Otherwise, an ordinary family would not pay several times the money to buy a servant with an irrevocable indenture. She thought she had paid for the girl's life.

This case had stayed in dispute for a long time. Some said that there was an irrevocable indenture of buying that girl and the girl was still alive. While some others argued that the old maid had plotted against the girl's life. After a long dispute between the two sides, the old maid was sentenced to exile.

Ning Caixian bought the servant girl about half a year ago. Even though she also had the irrevocable indenture of buying the girl, it hadn't been long since they signed the indenture. It was true that the girl did not die, but she would get a much heavier punishment than exile. After all, she targeted Childe Yan, who had been a candidate for the Palace Examination in the capital. Once he succeeded, he would be selected as an imperial official.

Ning Caixian didn't dare to gamble her life on so grave a matter.

Thus, she mustn't be the one who bore the severe consequence in the end. It had to be Wang Shengxue.

She secretly made the decision but still talked affectionately, "My younger sister is also with you. How... how can I marry you?"

"Don't worry. In my heart, you're my wife. From the very beginning till now, you have been the one I care about the most. Xueqing is just my concubine, so she has no say in my decision to get married. When you marry into my family, you can help her to manage the family affairs. It will be excellent when you and your sister marry me together!"

Wang Shengxue comforted Ning Caixian, being more than willing to talk nicely. The affection he showed in his eyes looked much deeper than what Ning Caixian had displayed.

They looked more like a pair of star-crossed lovers who were struggling against an awful fate together. In tears, they gazed into each other's eyes, hand holding hand, and all their words choked.

Though neither was sincere, the intimate scene and their affectionate words appeared exceedingly poignant and romantic in the bystander's eyes and ears. Ning Xueqing was so angry that she was trembling all over. She almost lost control when struggling hard to prevent herself from rushing over and beating Ning Caixian up.

"She turns out to be Ning Caixian! I helped this slut and saved her from prison. She promised me she would help me marry Wang Shengxue, but she broke the promise and became his concubine instead." Thinking of this, Ning Xueqing couldn't wait to tear Ning Caixian apart. It was Ning Caixian who asked her to help Wang Shengxue.

Ning Caixian said that Wang Shengxue could be grateful for her help. After she did that thing for him, Wang Shengxue would definitely marry her. Unexpectedly, she failed to frame Shao Wanru, Wang Shengxue was rebuked, and Ning Xueqing only became a concubine. Whenever Ning Xueqing thought of all this, she would grit her teeth with hatred. How could she believe Ning Caixian at that time?

If Ning Caixian was capable enough, how could she end up in jail at that time?

After that, Ning Xueqing just ignored Ning Caixian and cut off from her. It had never occurred to her that she would see Ning Caixian here, getting involved with Wang Shengxue! According to their words, Wang Shengxue wanted Ning Caixian to be his wife, but Ning Caixian pretended to care about her feelings. What a shameless couple!

Ning Xueqing twisted the handkerchief in her hand violently and did not move. When her maid saw this, she smartly took another purse and handed it to the jailer who had led the way.

The jailer looked at them and accepted the purse without saying anything, thinking that he might as well watch the fun. The jailer who had just taken over the shift had thought that Ning Caixian and Wang Shengxue were locked up far away. However, it turned out that they were in adjoining cells, which saved him a lot of trouble. It did not matter to him at all whether she saw one woman alone or a couple together. Anyway, he gained some benefits.

Since Ning Xueqing and the others happened to stop at the corner under the dim light, no one in the jail noticed them.

Neither Ning Caixian nor Wang Shengxue noticed them because they were focused on each other. Ning Xueqing, who was standing in the shadow of the corner, was invisible to them.

"You... You have been deeply in love with me... since a long time ago? I... I didn't know..." Ning Caixian was moved and cried again. She held Wang Shengxue's hand tightly as if she was grabbing her last chance to survive.

"In fact, I had a crush on you at the start, but at that time, Di Yan was still there, plus Xueqing had been attaching herself to me the whole time. I... It was not that convenient for me to get close to you. Otherwise, Di Yan would never get his chance at that time, and I wouldn't let you fall into a disgraceful situation at that time. Back then, Xueqing begged me to get you out. When I heard that it was your business, I instantly agreed to offer my help."

The more Wang Shengxue talked, the better his lie became, and his eyes on Ning Caixian looked more and more affectionate.

"But my sister will be angry!" Ning Caixian said while thinking about strategies.

"Does she have any reason to be angry about you? She's just a concubine. Does she really think that I will make her my wife? Then what will others think of me? How can I engage in social activities with decent people?" Wang Shengxue said with a straight face.

In the shadow, Ning Xueqing trembled with rage. "They were together long ago! What a couple!"

"I... I will do whatever you tell me to do. I have been with you for a long time. If I don't marry you, who else can I spend the rest of my life with?" Ning Caixian looked up at Wang Shengxue with deep affection in her beautiful eyes as she cried.

"I know, I know. Don't worry, I won't let you down. Xueqing will be happy to be my concubine. You are her elder sister. As a younger sister, she is inferior to you all through her life!" Wang Shengxue nodded carelessly.

However, the last sentence he said became the straw that broke the camel's back. With a nervous breakdown, Ning Xueqing could no longer bear to overhear and rushed over, barking, "Ning Caixian, shame on you! You hooked up and slept with another man before getting married. How shameless and immoral are you to seduce your brother-in-law!"

While scolding her, Ning Xueqing darted to the cell door and slapped Ning Caixian hard in the face behind the fence...

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Chapter 986: Ning Caixian Raved Like Mad...

"Why don't you die?" Ning Xueqing's face glowed with rage. She grabbed Ning Caixian over by the hair and slapped her hard on both sides of her face.

She had exerted all her strength, so almost instantly, there was blood coming out of Ning Caixian's nose and the corner of her mouth. She was in a terrible mess.

Wang Shengxue was also stunned by Ning Xueqing's sudden appearance. Originally, he felt a little guilty. But when he saw that she grasped Ning Caixian's hair and beat her up, his face turned ugly. Ning Xueqing was just a concubine after all. "Did she really think she could manage his business?"

"Let go of her now! It's so embarrassing! How dare you!" Wang Shengxue scolded her harshly.

Ning Xueqing was so angry that she was shaking all over. With Ning Caixian's hair in her firm grasp, she turned around and said to Wang Shengxue with a sneer, "Embarrassing?! You have an affair with my sister. Is that not embarrassing?"

"What nonsense are you talking about!" Seeing that the jailer was still looking on, Wang Shengxue couldn't stand it anymore.

"Don't you know whether I am talking nonsense or not? What is the relationship between you two? When did you get so close to each other? Since when did she become your woman? Why didn't I know it? Didn't you say that you were out to help your uncle..." Ning Xueqing snapped in a sharp voice, her hands still tightly pulling Ning Caixian against the fence by the hair. It hurt Ning Caixian so much that she desperately tried to get rid of her.

"Bullshit!" Wang Shengxue shouted, interrupting Ning Xueqing. Then his face softened a little when he said to her, "Go back first. I'll explain it to you when I get back!"

His words sounded as peaceful and tender as usual.

"You two have been deeply in love with each other. How can you talk it through with me?" Ning Xueqing said angrily. As she loosened the grip in a rage, Ning Caixian managed to pull herself free and rolled inside, covering her head with the sleeves. Finally, she was no longer in her hand.

Ning Caixian wiped her face and saw the blood on her sleeve. With anger and hatred, she glared at Ning Xueqing and said in a sharp voice, "Ning Xueqing, are you crazy?"

"Not yet, but I'm going to be driven crazy by you two. My good sister slept with my husband behind my back, and you two united to bully me! Do you have any sense of shame? You must have lost all sense of shame!" Ning Xueqing sneered, curling up her lips with sarcasm. Looking at Ning Caixian in a mess, she felt so relieved.

The more embarrassed Ning Caixian became, the happier she was. Ning Xueqing felt disgusted as if she had swallowed a fly when she recalled the affectionate words they had just exchanged.

"Xueqing, go home first. It's not what you think!" Wang Shengxue reached out to pull Ning Xueqing's sleeve, but Ning Xueqing shook him off.

"Serious? I've heard everything with my own ears. This woman had shamelessly entrusted herself to you, and you promised to take her in as your wife. You said you fell for her a long time ago. You married me only because you couldn't get her. Wang Shengxue, you are so damn nice to her. Not only have you helped..."

Ning Xueqing gnashed her teeth in anger and accused him.

Her sharp and high-pitched voice startled many people in the prison. There seemed to be jailers from other places coming to see what was happening.

The jailer who had been enjoying the bustling scene couldn't stand still any longer and said, "Have you done with the visit? You've seen the woman and must leave now. If you disturb anyone, I'll also have to bear the consequences!"

"Officer, please wait!" Wang Shengxue hurried to greet him and then turned to Ning Xueqing, "Xueqing, you go back first. The things here are not as you see. Go to the Marquis Xing's Mansion and ask my uncle for help. Let him get to the bottom of this matter and think of a way out for me!"

Wang Shengxue winked at Ning Xueqing as he spoke.

If it were in the past, with such a hint, Ning Xueqing would immediately understand that he was asking her to send the news secretly to the Marquis Xing's Mansion. But now, Ning Xueqing didn't want to do it for him at all. Thinking of the sweet words between Ning Caixian and Wang Shengxue, she snorted and said coldly, "No, I won't go. What does it have to do with me?"

"What makes you think so? You are my wife. We share the same fate!" Wang Shengxue hurriedly soothed her.

"If we're husband and wife, then who is she to you? Your lover? Your mistress kept outside? For a cheap shameless mistress living outside, you abandoned me, your wife, and was put into prison with her! Wang Shengxue, you are a good-for-nothing!" Ning Xueqing laughed sarcastically, not intending to let go of them easily.

Since Wang Shengxue admitted she was his wife, it would be perfectly justifiable for her to scold Ning Caixian.

Ning Caixian was ashamed and angry. Not only had she been humiliated by Ning Xueqing, but people in other cells had also been disturbed. At this time, hearing abusive words like "shameless mistress" and "living outside" from Ning Xueqing, she flew into a great rage. Regardless of the blood on her face, she screamed, "Wang Shengxue, is she your wife or me? What did you promise me? You said she was nobody but a concubine who could be traded at will!"

"Cut the crap!" Ning Xueqing was so furious that she wanted to pull her hair again.

Ning Caixian, already in a great panic, had already hidden in the innermost corner. Hearing the increasingly louder voice of Ning Xueqing, she seemed to be on the verge of total derangement. "Ning Xueqing! You are just a concubine. Did I say it wrong? You and Wang Shengxue followed the orders from

the Madam of Marquis Xing and plotted against Fifth Miss Shao! In the end, you married into the manor as a concubine. How could a concubine take hold of her master?"

"Ning Caixian, don't talk nonsense!" Hearing this, Wang Shengxue panicked and said hurriedly.

"I am not talking nonsense, don't you know? Back then, my good sister had even asked me for advice. She told me that if you listened to the Madam of Marquis Xing, you would win her favor and gain a promising future!" Ning Caixian, caring nothing now, laughed grimly in an exaggerated way.

Ning Caixian kept screaming at the top of her voice. With her bloody face and messy hair hanging down, she looked increasingly like a raving lunatic. "How could she speak out these words in public?" Panicked, Ning Xueqing hurriedly lowered her voice to scold her. "Ning Caixian! Whatever bullshit you say, you can never get away with the punishment!"

"Ning Xueqing, are you afraid? Yes, indeed. Both of you are scared! You two have been a perfect match to frame Fifth Miss Shao, the current Princess Chen! Again and again, you tried so hard to ruin her reputation because you wanted to drive her out of the Marquis Xing's Mansion. It was because Marquis Xing had taken a fancy to that title of nobility and didn't want to return it to the first branch! Am I right?"

Her voice became sharper and sharper. Ning Caixian had already lost her dignity as a Miss from an aristocratic family.

"Caixian, Caixian, stop talking nonsense. Watch your mouth. Don't be afraid. It's okay. Everything will be fine. My uncle will save us, and I will also save you!" Wang Shengxue rushed to the fence between them, shook it hard, and appeased the hysterical Ning Caixian in a low voice.

"Big Sister, aren't you not going out of the prison?" Ning Xueqing lowered her voice too and asked in a gloomy and muted voice.

If these words reached Princess Chen's ears, all of them would come to no good end.

"Have I scared you? Are you terrified? You two... HAHAAHA! Does Prince Chen know that you've plotted against Princess Chen the whole time? Just now, you sent Ning Xueqing to Marquis Xing's Mansion. Why? Does this case also have anything to do with Marquis Xing? Wang Shengxue, you've done so many dirty jobs for Marquis Xing, but he may not be able to help you this time!"

Ning Caixian laughed wildly. Wang Shengxue and her sister lowered their voices, but she didn't. Instead, she poured out those thrilling secrets blatantly.

She made such a climactic scene that had already alarmed other people in the Ministry of Justice. Several officers came over with several guards, intending to stop the three of them from making a noisy disturbance. However, as they coincidentally heard this, they stopped and began to listen with rapt attention.

When more and more people gathered around them, Ning Xueqing, who had been calm before, panicked. After all, if anyone in Prince Chen's Mansion knew their sinister tricks, they would never be able to bear the results. Princess Chen, who was no longer Fifth Miss Shao, would be a formidable opponent.

"Big Sister, what's the benefit of you talking complete nonsense? Can't you calm down and tell us what happened? If you bother the chief officer of the Ministry of Justice, you can get more severe punishment!" Ning Xueqing said in a soft voice. She looked at Ning Caixian with a pleading look in her eyes.

At this time, she regretted rushing here recklessly and driving Ning Caixian crazy. If she had known that Ning Caixian would be so crazily unbridled, she would not have hit her at that time.

"I must see Princess Chen. Is there anyone? Please come here. I want to see Princess Chen. I have something to tell her!" Ning Caixian ignored that Ning Xueqing had softened her attitude toward her. She walked to the other side of her cell, shook the fence hard, and pled in a shrill voice.

"Caixian, you are crazy!" Wang Shengxue cried out in horror. How he wished he could catch Ning Caixian and silence her by force!

"I'm not crazy. It's you who are out of your minds. You have worked for the Madam of Marquis Xing heart and soul to scheme against Princess Chen. You will be punished for that!" Ning Caixian threatened in a shrill voice.

Initially, she lost control of her emotions and seemed to be on the verge of a mental breakdown. But now, she sobered up a little and felt she might as well make use of the current situation.

Wang Shengxue wanted to push all the blame on her. If she didn't want to bear it for him, she had to find another way on her own. Wang Shengxue might ask Marquis Xing for help. In the end, she was very likely to take the fall for all the crimes they had committed. After all, there was no one backing her up. However, if she used their secrets to please Princess Chen, she might lend her a hand.

After all, in previous, she merely acted on Wang Shengxue's instigation, so what they had done together had nothing to do with her. She did everything because of Wang Shengxue.

The more she thought about it, the more she felt that it was the only way to save herself. Therefore, she shook the fence in her hands with excessive force and looked at an officer of the Ministry of Justice standing outside with her eager eyes. "Your Excellency, please let me see Princess Chen. I will tell Princess Chen what they have done. It was Marquis Xing's Mansion that wanted to destroy Princess Chen and drive her away!"

"Ning Caixian, what bullshit are you talking about?" Seeing this, Ning Xueqing sensitively felt that things seemed to be going from bad to worse. Almost immediately, she turned around and ran to the fence near Ning Caixian: she could not allow Ning Caixian to talk more nonsense here.

However, after running for a few steps, they heard the officer of the Ministry of Justice say coldly, "Guards, bring them out!"

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Chapter 987: Follow Up Clues and Track Down Madam Jiang

"Are you telling the truth?"

"Absolutely true. The two of them have made it a career to frame Princess Chen. From the very beginning, even before Princess Chen officially returned to her family, they took orders from the Madam

of Marquis Xing and secretly dealt with Princess Chen. They planned to break Princess Chen and prevent her from returning to her family of origin!"

Ning Caixian knelt in the hall and accused Wang Shengxue and Ning Xueqing loudly.

Previously, when her mind was in a mess, she said it was Marquis Xing. Now, of course, she didn't dare to speak ill of Marquis Xing anymore, so she could put the blame on the Madam of Marquis Xing.

"Big Sister, I know you want to marry my husband. You can't bear to see us being together, but even if he chooses you now, the relationship between him and me will remain. Big Sister, are you really going to force me to die and give up the position to you? What's the benefit for you?"

Ning Xueqing knelt beside her and looked at her with tears in her eyes.

At this time, her pathetic and weak appearance looked utterly different from the previous ferocious one when she crazily beat up Ning Caixian. As a poor woman whose husband had an affair with her sister, she said the right words and did the right thing. Her perfect performance won many people's sympathy.

Ning Caixian, biting her lip hard, understood Ning Xueqing's words. She hinted that it wouldn't do any good to her if she spoke out the truth. Not only would she not get the pity from Wang Shengxue, but he would cordially detest her.

Ning Caixian would never make such a confession if it weren't for this case. Because once she said it, it would cause a rupture in her relationship with Wang Shengxue.

There was no other way out for her. She had to reveal the truth as long as she could shift the responsibility for this case to others.

Ning Xueqing didn't know much about this matter, so she thought that she could persuade her elder sister in this way.

"Second Sister, you lied to me, and so did Wang Shengxue. You conned me out of all my resources and made me believe that he would marry me. But it was all just a trap set for me. In this case, please don't ever repeat the lie before me!" Ning Caixian burst out crying.

She had given up the fancy idea of marrying Wang Shengxue. The only thing she would like to do was to get out of the prison of the Ministry of Justice. She turned to the two officers in the seats of honor and kowtowed a few times before she began to testify. "Your Honor, it was Wang Shengxue who put me up to ruin Childe Yan's reputation and future. He asked me to pretend to be a woman in trouble so that I could get close to Childe Yan."

"I don't know what grievance he has with this Childe Yan. I only know that they had never met before because I was there when they met for the first time!"

"For the first time?" Qiu Yu, who happened to be one of the officers, asked coldly.

"Yes, it must be the first time they met. I could tell it from their expressions and actions when they first met," Ning Caixian said with certainty.

“Since it was the first time that they saw each other and didn’t have any grudges, why would Wang Shengxue harm a person whom he had never met before?” Qiu Yu slammed his hand on the table and said sternly, “Wang Shengxue, answer it!”

It happened so fast that Wang Shengxue had no time to come up with any strategies to deal with the urgent situation. When they were taken to the court hall of the Ministry of Justice, Ning Caixian pointed out that he had been trying to do harm to Princess Chen and Yan Xi. Unlike before, she no longer treated him with tenderness and love.

“I... I... I’m jealous of Yan Xi, for Marquis Xing values him...” Wang Shengxue stammered.

“Since you’ve never seen him before, how do you know there’s such a man? You had been waiting for the chance to set up a trap for him since a long time ago. Don’t you remember that?” Qiu Yu pounded the table with his hands. “If you can’t explain everything clearly, you’ll be punished severely.”

“Yes... yes. I heard about him from Marquis Xing. He said that Yan Xi was going to come to the capital. Even before he entered the capital, Marquis Xing had already prepared a lot of decent things for him... I... though I’m Marquis Xing’s nephew, he treated Yan Xi, his friend’s son, much better. I... I was not convinced!”

Wang Shengxue composed himself, gritted his teeth secretly, and took out the words prepared in advance to deal with the trial.

In fact, he had learned these excuses before. But when he was asked to recite them, he didn’t pay much effort into completing the task. It was because he didn’t think there was a time to use them. To his great surprise, he had to use them after such a short period.

“It was all Ning Caixian’s fault.” Thinking of this, he gave Ning Caixian a murderous look. If he had known it earlier, he wouldn’t have been soft-hearted and would have chosen Ning Caixian to jump. When Ning Caixian became a corpse, he would not have to defend himself here.

“So, you are jealous of someone you’ve never seen before?” Qiu Yu asked in a cold voice.

“I... I must have been totally possessed by jealousy and couldn’t think straight. I just wanted... I just wanted to win over Marquis Xing. I...” As he said this, Wang Shengxue also kowtowed a few times, looking regretful.

“So, did he really do it out of jealousy?” Qiu Yu couldn’t make up his mind and looked at Wen Xichi beside him. It happened that Wen Xichi also came over, so Qiu Yu pulled him over to attend the trial. This case was in the charge of Qiu Yu.

Although he found it hard to believe Wang Shengxue’s explanation, it was not totally unreasonable. Even the Ministry of Justice had handled many similar cases. Some stubborn people were capable of doing something absurd with dogged determination.

“Ning Caixian, do you have any evidence to prove that they plotted against Princess Chen?” Wen Xichi looked at Ning Caixian with his calm eyes.

"I... I don't have any..." Ning Caixian heard the question and said anxiously. Since she had broken up with Wang Shengxue and Ning Xueqing, she didn't want them to get away with it. If they were safe and sound, she would have to suffer.

"Since there is no evidence, then you have committed the crime of false accusation. Coupled with the previous crime, I am afraid that you will have to accept a serious punishment. The maid is yours, and you were the one who left her in the restaurant. Both Wang Shengxue and you are ringleaders who could never get away with all of this. But if there is anyone put up bail for you, the results will be different!"

Wen Xichi said lightly, with his face still impassive. He looked neither anxious nor impatient as if he was just stating the facts.

Ning Caixian turned to look at Ning Xueqing, who was trying hard to hold back her hatred, and Wang Shengxue, who was glaring at her from time to time. She shivered all over. She was guilty while Wang Shengxue was under Marquis Xing's protection. In the end, she would have to shoulder most of the responsibilities.

"Your Excellency, although I have no evidence, I know some of their previous plots. If no one told me anything about it, how could I know? At that time, I was no longer in the capital!" Ning Caixian gritted her teeth to tough it out. At this time, she could not retreat.

She was going to shift as much blame as possible onto Wang Shengxue. By doing so, she would shoulder fewer responsibilities.

"Your Honor, I have a confession to make. The thing happened when Princess Chen returned to her original family. That day, a woman, wearing the same clothes as Princess Chen, had a date with Wang Shengxue. Then she jumped into the water, and swam far away so that no one could catch up with her. Her purpose was to make people misunderstand that Princess Chen was unchaste. If it were not for the sudden fire, the woman would wear this set of clothes and go to the courtyard where Princess Chen lived."

"She arrived there at the most appropriate time that she chose. When Princess Chen was taking a bath, the clansmen of the Shao Family would reach Princess Chen's courtyard by following the water trails left by the woman. Since the woman had the same clothes as Princess Chen, they would see the wet clothes there and deduce that it was Princess Chen dating Wang Shengxue. After all, before taking a bath, Princess Chen would have taken off all her clothes, which would be taken to wash in the basin. Even before her maid began to wash them, they would get wet. At that time, surrounded by people's misunderstanding, Princess Chen couldn't explain it away, and her reputation would be ruined!"

Before Wang Shengxue launched the manufactured incident, Ning Caixian had known something about it. Later on, Wang Shengxue shared the plot with her in detail. But it was just that Wang Shengxue couldn't figure out why there would be a fire. It ruined the Madam of Marquis Xing's elaborate scheme. They would have achieved the desired results if it hadn't been for the fire.

It was a regrettable matter for Wang Shengxue. He couldn't figure out why such a perfect plan would fail in the end.

And he had to take in Dong Xing, the maid who pretended to be Shao Wanru, and Ning Xueqing as his concubines.

"Your Honor, they have been plotting against Princess Chen. They wanted to ruin her reputation and kill her. On that occasion, nearly all the Shao family members were there. If Wang Shengxue's conspiracy against Princess Chen succeeded, the Shao family would execute Princess Chen overnight. It would be too late for Rui'an Great Elder Princess to save her when she got the news!"

When they were passionately in love, Wang Shengxue was willing to tell her everything. Therefore, her speech about Wang Shengxue's dirty tricks sounded clear and logical. After that, she kowtowed a few times and said, "I was no longer in the capital back then. If Wang Shengxue didn't tell me all of this in person, how could I know everything done by him so clearly? Nobody but those involved in these inside stories knew the details I've told you."

Although there were rumors outside, the details were not as clear as what Ning Caixian had told them.

Wen Xichi's face set in grim lines. Never had this gentle and kind man revealed such a scowling expression, so Qiu Yu glanced at him in surprise.

"This matter involves Princess Chen and the Madam of Marquis Xing. So, bring the Madam over, and we'll go to visit Princess Chen and see if it is the truth!" Wen Xichi said.

"Just because of what she said... we're going to bring over the Madam of Marquis Xing?" Qiu Yu was stunned for a moment and didn't understand. "The Madam of Marquis Xing is a noble Madam with a high status. Won't it be too hasty to bring her here with just a few words from Ning Caixian?"

"Anything related to Princess Chen is not a trivial matter. Before Prince Chen was sent on a diplomatic mission, he broke Second Young Master Qu's arm because of her!" Wen Xichi said lightly.

Hearing that, Qiu Yu felt a pain in his arm. Second Young Master Qu was an acquaintance living in a different social circle from him. Both of them were nobilities with close connections with the emperor, so how could Qiu Yu not be familiar with him? Second Young Master Qu, as the legitimate grandson of Ruiping Great Elder Princess, his status was much higher than his.

"I couldn't afford to offend Prince Chen!"

"Prince Chen has been very good to Princess Chen!"

"Prince Chen dares to aim at anyone who provokes him and Princess Chen!"

With several key points in his mind, Qiu Yu immediately knew what he should do next. He straightened himself up and nodded. "Okay, send for the Madam of Marquis Xing. As for Marquis Xing..."

"Of course, we have to inform Marquis Xing. As the husband of Madam of Marquis Xing, how could he know nothing about what his wife has been up to? Or are there any more inside stories? If something happens to Princess Chen, who will benefit most?" Wen Xichi reminded him.

"Then, let's do it!" Qiu Yu's eyes lit up, and he immediately understood the meaning of Wen Xichi's words. If Marquis Xing really wanted to deal with Princess Chen, it would be a big case!

He didn't expect such a trifle to involve a big case. The previous case was now a small matter, which could be put aside unsettled. At present, the most important thing was to investigate the case of framing Princess Chen.

“Go and bring the concubine from Wang Shengxue’s residence here. I’ll go to Prince Chen’s Mansion and meet Princess Chen to ask about this!” Wen Xichi said.

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“Okay, let’s split up later!” Qiu Yu nodded and agreed. He took out a bamboo order slip from the table and threw it down. “Runners, detain the three suspects!”

“Your Honor, my Big Sister is talking nonsense. She said so to shirk responsibility. Because my husband wouldn’t accept her as his legal wife, she cooked up the story. I hope you can find out the truth!” Ning Xueqing appealed loudly, pointing to Ning Caixian. “Vicious woman! She had competed with Qin Yuru for Childe Di, which nearly ruined the marriage between the two families. Now she came at us. How could such a woman tell the truth?”

“Wait a minute!” Wen Xichi reached out to stop the runner from taking her out. “What was the matter?”

“Your Honor, she is Ning Caixian, my Big Sister who is supposed to be dead already!” Ning Xueqing pointed to Ning Caixian. “She hooked up with Childe Di Yan. Then she was put into prison for making big trouble and was said to be dead inside. Today, I was shocked to see her again. I didn’t expect that she was still alive. I don’t know who asked her to slander us. Please make it clear, Your Honor!”

“Ning Caixian?” Qiu Yu looked at the people before him, and his eyes widened in surprise. In his eyes, this case without any death was originally trivial. Unexpectedly, so many secrets emerged. It was related to Princess Chen and Ning Caixian, who should have been dead in prison. Now the case was too weighty for him to handle.

“Find out if there is anyone behind Ning Caixian. Since the person named Ning Caixian was dead, how could she live outside completely uninjured?” Wen Xichi said unhurriedly. He stood up, touching his head. “Put them into custody!”

“Runners, take them away.” Qiu Yu also stood up and ordered harshly.

A few yamen runners came over and pulled the three people away.

“Your Honor, you’re right. Childe Di and Wang Shengxue backed me up. They had been helping me the whole time. Wang Shengxue had ulterior motives in supporting me!” When Ning Caixian was taken down, she suddenly shouted.

Ning Xueqing still wanted to argue, but she had been taken away.

The hall quieted down.

Wen Xichi and Qiu Yu left the hall and went into the inner room to sit down.

“Your Grace, what do you think about this matter?” Wen Xichi ranked higher than Qiu Yu. When they sat down, Qiu Yu could not help but ask. When the matter got much messier and more serious, he could not handle it.

“Go and find Wang Shengxue’s concubine, and I’ll go to Prince Chen’s Mansion,” Wen Xichi said with a faint smile.

Seeing that he remained so composed, Qiu Yu was relieved. Compared with going to Prince Chen’s Mansion, he preferred to catch Wang Shengxue’s concubine, who was accused of framing Princess Chen. How could a concubine make much trouble?

He had seen Princess Chen before when she was still Miss Shao. Although they had just exchanged a few words, Princess Chen looked formidable. After all, she was not easy to deal with as early as when she was just the Fifth Miss of the Marquis Xing’s Mansion. Nowadays, her status was even higher than his. Even Infanta Yuan’an had been proved to be no match for her. No matter how much Ruiping Great Elder Princess cared about her child, she didn’t argue. Qiu Yu could tell that Princess Chen was getting increasingly powerful.

It would be best if he could avoid going to Prince Chen’s Mansion.

After a discussion, they went out to do their jobs separately!

Hearing the news of Wen Xichi’s arrival, Shao Wanru was stunned at first, and then she understood. Once Ning Xueqing was in the prison, she would definitely make trouble with Ning Caixian. The two sisters were a pair of handfuls. Once they turned against each other, it would be a life-and-death struggle. If Ning Caixian was smart enough, she would inevitably turn to dig up their crimes in old times.

Ning Xueqing and Wang Shengxue did these evil deeds in the past, but Wang Shengxue must have had a special relationship with Ning Caixian. When Shao Wanru found out that the woman who had framed Yan Xi was Ning Caixian, she knew that there must be something strange behind this matter.

It wasn’t just this matter.

In her last life, many affairs about Yan Xi and her were handled together by the Marquis Xing’s Mansion. Shao Wanru conjectured that there must be some connections between them.

In this round of life, incidentally, the woman sent to frame Yan Xi was Ning Caixian! It should have been Ning Caixian who jumped off the building. However, she was not stupid. In the end, she used the servant girl as a scapegoat.

In Shao Wanru’s previous life, the servant girl had a different master, but still took the blame. What a coincidence!

“Invite Lord Wen to come in!” Shao Wanru said softly with a faint smile. Wen Xichi should have connected that matter with her. Shao Wanru didn’t know how much Ning Caixian had learned. But for her, the more Ning Caixian knew, the better.

As soon as Wen Xichi followed the maid in, he saluted Shao Wanru.

“Lord Wen, please sit down!” Shao Wanru, wearing a faint smile, gently showed him the seat with one hand. She was now Princess Chen, so she didn’t have to return his salute.

Wen Xichi sat down, and the servant girl served the tea. He picked up the teacup and took a sip. Then he gently put it down and looked up at Shao Wanru with a serious look. “Princess Chen, a case that happened before involves you!”

“Me?” Shao Wanru asked. She raised her watery eyes and looked a bit surprised.

Wen Xichi looked at her and said, “Along with a woman, Wang Shengxue plotted against Yan Xi, a candidate for the Palace Examination living in the Marquis Xing’s Mansion. The woman was named Zhao Qingyu, but her real name was Ning Caixian. I heard you save her maid before she was about to jump off the building!”

From the conversations among several runners in the Ministry of Justice, he had speculated that the person present should be Shao Wanru. At that time, she had said something that revealed her identity.

Shao Wanru smiled. Indeed, she let fall the hint. Later, she thought someone going over it could easily find her identity. Since Wen Xichi participated in the case, it was not surprising that he figured out she was on the spot.

It was a small lapse. Fortunately, it was not serious.

“That day, I happened to go shopping with the daughter from the Prime Minister Zhang’s Mansion and the daughter of the Madam of Duke Yangqu’s son. When we were near the Number One Scholar Restaurant, we felt exhausted, so we went in to have a rest. But I didn’t expect to encounter such an incident!” Shao Wanru said, gazing into Wen Xichi’s eyes. She was clear that she couldn’t hide it from others, so she told him the truth.

She was really not afraid of any independent probe against her. It was almost impossible for others to guess what happened in her previous life. No one would figure out the truth: Shao Wanru remembered her last life, so she knew that a woman sent to frame Yan Xi would jump off the Number One Scholar Restaurant.

No matter how intelligent Wen Xichi was, he couldn’t have guessed the truth, so Shao Wanru was completely at ease when lying before him.

“It should be a coincidence. I didn’t write it down in the case file. Also, I’ve told the yamen runners not to gossip about you!” Wen Xichi nodded.

“Thank you, Lord Wen!” Shao Wanru smiled amiably. It was best not to get involved. Though they seemed to see the maid by chance, it would be troublesome if someone noticed this. Wen Xichi handled it in the best way.

“Nothing serious, Princess Chen. It’s not a big deal. Although you met her by chance and saved her out of good intentions, I’m afraid others might misunderstand what was happening!” Wen Xichi said with a gentle smile on his lips. “But another thing is related to you, so I have to come here and investigate it.”

“What’s the matter?” Shao Wanru frowned slightly and asked.

“Ning Caixian made a confession. Wang Shengxue and Ning Xueqing had conspired against you at the instigation of the Madam of Marquis Xing. It was on the day you returned to your original family, and many of your relatives were at the scene,” said Wen Xichi, eyes fixed on Shao Wanru. He wouldn’t let go of any changes in her expression.

Shao Wanru nodded calmly and said, “There was indeed someone who framed me at that time. If it weren’t for the unexpected fire, my reputation might have been ruined already!”

Many people had seen this matter. Thus, though they were ordered to keep it a secret, some rumors still spread out because there were too many witnesses. After that, the Marquis Xing's Mansion had been hard upon Shao Wanru and even wanted to take away her life. Because of these things, she had to live an austere life in Yuhui Nunnery.

Otherwise, as long as the Old Madam of Marquis Xing's Mansion was here, she could not leave Marquis Xing's Mansion for a long time without permission, even if she had to observe mourning for her parents. People would criticize the Marquis Xing's Mansion if she didn't obey the rule.

"Was the Madam of Marquis Xing behind this?" Wen Xichi's eyes fell on Shao Wanru's delicate little face. Her long eyelashes fluttered twice, and her white and delicate face looked a little childish.

Three years ago, she was only eleven years old. Wen Xichi didn't know she had had such a hard time and couldn't live in the mansion she had just returned. For some reason, he felt a dull throbbing pain in his heart. On that day, he had watched the fire in his yard.

The abrupt fire in the Marquis Xing's Mansion was a surprise for him. However, it had never crossed his mind that it would be a devastating disaster for her.

He clenched his fists. One by one, blue veins stood out on his hands. Then, as he slowly spread out his hands, a trace of bitterness flashed in her eyes. The pain drilled down deep inside and broke his heart.

Was it too late for him to realize his feelings?

"It should be. Otherwise, there would be so many coincidences. The Madam of Marquis Xing provided me with the suit. How could a servant girl get the same suit? Could she afford to buy such luxurious clothes? And each move was scheduled precisely. Lucky for me, several small events delayed me a little. If not, I should have finished taking a bath when there was a fire, and the suit I wore must have been soaked through." Shao Wanru thought for a while.

There were so many incidents. Someone must have arranged everything beforehand in the Marquis Xing's Mansion. Otherwise, the sequence of those coincidences would be too creepy to be true.

Unlucky for Shao Wanru, Madam Jiang, the Madam of Marquis Xing, was still at the height of her power in the inner court, so she just got away with it.

Her greatest concession was to permit Shao Wanru to live in the Yuhui Nunnery.

However, things had changed quite a bit. When her previous deeds were dug up, Madam Jiang would have to suffer, because she was no longer as powerful as she used to be.

Ning Caixian was not bad because she revealed the right secret crime. It seemed that Wang Shengxue and Ning Caixian got on very well. Or else he wouldn't have told such a big secret to her.

"Didn't you find out who was responsible?" Wen Xichi keenly sensed the meaning hidden in Shao Wanru's words and asked.

"In that case, how could I find it out? I was just a daughter who had just returned to her original family.

In the Marquis Xing's Mansion, there were several Young Madams but only one Madam!" Shao Wanru said, her watery eyes full of sarcasm. At that time, she was indeed too weak to fight for herself.

So feeble was she that she could only choose to run away from her vicious enemies in the Marquis Xing's Mansion. She had been framed, and her reputation was nearly ruined. Everyone there knew the facts, but she couldn't do anything to the Madam of Marquis Xing's Mansion!

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Wen Xichi was silent for a moment, and then his thin lips slightly separated. "If there is a chance now, do you want to find out the truth?"

"Since there is a chance, I must do it!" Shao Wanru nodded and said with certainty.

"Okay!" Wen Xichi said without hesitation. He looked at her firmly, then lowered his head, and his eyes darkened.

His decisiveness surprised Shao Wanru. She looked up, her watery eyes on him. "Shouldn't he make any decision by reasons and evidence? How could he agree with me instantly without investigation?"

"Lord Wen, what do you think will happen in the end?" She suppressed the strange feeling in her heart and asked, her long eyelashes fluttering.

"Since this involves you and the Madam of Marquis Xing. Someone must bear the severe consequence. Compared with it, the case at the beginning is not a big deal." Wen Xichi thought for a moment. His position in the Ministry of Justice was high. As a young man who had achieved high status, his future would be promising. Actually, his ranking would have been higher if his father had not been a Prime Minister.

Nevertheless, an old Division Chief in the Ministry of Justice was going to retire soon, and his superior recommended Wen Xichi to take his place. Compared with others, his career journey was smooth and trouble-free. Some people even predicted that he would get a series of speedy promotions after his father retired, which would happen soon.

People like him wouldn't say anything without proper consideration.

The moment she saw Wen Xichi, the answer came up to her mind. It was not a trivial matter that Wang Shengxue framed Yan Xi, but compared with the case that the Madam of Marquis Xing used Wang Shengxue to frame Princess Chen, it was indeed not a big deal.

"Will the Madam of Marquis Xing be investigated?" Shao Wanru asked tentatively when such a possible result suddenly popped up in her mind.

"Yes, she should be!" Wen Xichi nodded.

"Will it involve Marquis Xing?" Shao Wanru thought fast and put forward another question.

"Unlikely. They're different!" Wen Xichi thought for a moment and said honestly.

After thinking for a while, Shao Wanru had made up her mind and said, "Lord Wen, please investigate this matter thoroughly. If there is any need, I can send my servant girl to prove it in the court!"

“Well, thank you, Princess Chen!” Wen Xichi stood up. He had finished what he had to say, but he actually did not want to leave so soon.

But even if he wanted to stay, it was not appropriate for him to stay any longer. Therefore, he bowed to Shao Wanru, turned around, and strode away.

If possible, he would rather not figure out so many things!

But after a few steps, he suddenly stopped and turned around before the door. He looked at Shao Wanru, who was still sitting on the chair, and who looked stunned by his sudden move.

Wen Xichi took a few steps back and walked up to Shao Wanru. His usual calm look changed a little. “Princess Chen, can you tell me why you would kindly remind me when you came to the capital for the first time?”

Shao Wanru didn’t expect Wen Xichi to turn around suddenly and ask such an unexpected question on impulse. In her view, Wen Xichi had been a steady and reliable man. It seemed that he could treat anything calmly. But now, he looked a little impulsive, like an immature youth who didn’t know how to resist his impulse.

It was utterly unlike him to act on impulse.

“Well... In fact, I didn’t remind you on purpose. I just said a few words casually. Did you mistake them as an alert?” Shao Wanru looked confused.

The things about her last life were too mystic to be explained. It was her biggest secret. If others knew it, they might regard her as something evil.

There was a marked coldness in her watery eyes. Wen Xichi, when gazing into such a pair of clear eyes, felt a spasm of pain crossing his heart. He clenched his fists and took a deep breath, holding back all the words which sprang to his lips. Then he bowed to Shao Wanru and said, “Thank you for reminding me that day, Princess Chen!”

“Don’t mention it, Mr. Wen! It’s just a coincidence.” Shao Wanru smiled slightly.

“It’s a coincidence for you, but for me, I owe you a life!” Wen Xichi looked up at Shao Wanru and said in a deep voice, “Anything you want me to do, I will do it!”

“He made such a solemn promise to me.” Shao Wanru blinked, her watery eyes looking at his handsome face. Somehow, an inexplicable strange feeling welled up in her heart. The incident that day was nothing worth mentioning if nothing else happened afterward. However, Wen Xichi looked serious when pledging.

“Does he know something?”

When this thought came to her mind, Shao Wanru immediately denied it. But how could it be possible? Wen Xichi could never remember what had happened in his last life. When Shao Wanru first met Wen Xichi that day, he treated her as a complete stranger. Anyway, he couldn’t have the memory of his last life.

Later, Wen Xichi began to suspect her intention. Not to speak of his gratitude to Shao Wanru, he even helped Chu Liuyue plot against her. If it hadn't been for Chu Liuchen, she wouldn't have struggled through the hardship on her own. After all, no woman living in the inner court could think of that trick.

Even though Shao Wanru had the experience she got from her previous life, she lacked the experience needed to deal with those who worked for the imperial court.

When thinking of this, she watched Wen Xichi vigilantly. "What's his plan this time? Is it Chu Liuyue's idea or his?"

She wouldn't have considered him a man with malicious intentions if she had just been reborn with the memory of her last life. But now, when so many things had happened, Shao Wanru could no longer treat Wen Xichi as sincerely as before.

In his last life, Wen Xichi was kind and harmless and had been very nice to Shao Wanru. If he earned a peaceful life at that time, he could provide her with a secure living environment.

In this life, Wen Xichi had a different fate. Once he removed the obstacle, he would acquire enormous power. Who wouldn't butter up such a talent? Shao Wanru just reminded him out of kindness, so he didn't have to take it so seriously as if she had saved his life.

"You don't have to do that, Lord Wen. I happened to say it. If it were useful to you, I would be very happy!" Shao Wanru said politely.

Seeing the faint vigilance in her beautiful eyes, Wen Xichi smiled bitterly. Gradually, the twinkle in his eyes dimmed. He staggered a little and almost fell to the ground. But he quickly regained his footing, bowed to Shao Wanru, and turned to leave.

Looking at Wen Xichi's lonely back, Yujie asked in confusion, "My Lady, did Lord Wen suffer a blow?"

"He seemed to be in high spirits when he came in. But after a short chat, he fell into a depression! He is indeed a weak and useless scholar!" Yujie thought.

Shao Wanru was also puzzled, looking at his back in confusion. "It looks like he has just suffered a great blow. Did I say anything wrong? Something must be wrong with the last two sentences I said to him. No way. There seems to be nothing in particular..."

Shao Wanru had a very strange feeling. She thought she could figure it out with ease but failed.

"Your Highness, will the Madam of Marquis Xing be punished this time?" Yujie, with a lively mind, shifted their topic from Wen Xichi to Madam Jiang and asked excitedly.

Although she hadn't fully comprehended the words between Princess Chen and Lord Wen, she still managed to figure out something: the Madam of Marquis Xing was going to get into trouble. Nothing bad had happened to Marquis Xing, but she felt delighted when learning the Madam of Marquis Xing would be punished for her wrongdoings.

Yujie and the other maids who had been serving Shao Wanru by her side knew that the Madam of Marquis Xing had never stopped plotting against Shao Wanru. Ever since they arrived in the capital, she had been scheming against their master. If it weren't for her master's intelligence, she would have lost her reputation and died without a burial place.

These maids knew all too well about the viciousness of the Madam of Marquis Xing and Miss Shao.

They would be pleased to see either of them be punished.

Shao Wanru thought for a while and said, "Let's wait and see. There should be news from the Ministry of Justice, and the Palace!"

Whether it was in her previous life or this life, Madam Jiang had never let her go. After her rebirth, her heart became cold. So, how could she let Madam Jiang off?

Having an austere life in Yuhui Nunnery was not going to be the worst thing that happened to Madam Jiang. Shao Wanru was determined to make her experience the feeling of desperation when being isolated and deserted by all family members and friends. Madam Jiang made her all alone in the world in her last life because all the people who cared about her were dead. Now it was Madam Jiang's turn to experience this feeling of being left forlorn without a supporter...

The Ministry of Justice acted fast and arrested Dongxing, Wang Shengxue's concubine, who confessed everything. At the start, she was Ning Xueqing's maid, who was devoted to helping her. Unexpectedly, she became Wang Shengxue's concubine like Ning Xueqing.

When she was on equal footing with Ning Xueqing, she became ambitious and wanted to be the favored concubine. However, Dongxing was no match for Ning Xueqing. As a concubine, she lived worse than a maid in the manor. The master-servant relationship between them had long dissipated in their constant fight for Wang Shengxue's love.

They became enemies familiar with each other. After being bullied by Ning Xueqing for a long time, Dongxing was full of hatred for her. As soon as the officer of the Ministry of Justice asked her, she told him everything Ning Xueqing had told her and what she had done that day.

All the things that she had done at that time were indeed to frame Princess Chen. It was Madam Jiang, the Madam of Marquis Xing, who arranged the same suit, the things she should do, and the schedule. Without Madam Jiang's secret arrangements, she couldn't make all the incidents happen at the right time. Moreover, it was a misunderstanding that she had an affair with Wang Shengxue. She was also forced to do so.

When getting her confessional statements, the Ministry of Justice specially sent some officers to verify them in the Marquis Xing's Mansion. Marquis Xing, furious and annoyed, claimed that he was going to divorce Madam Jiang if she indeed had done these things. He couldn't stand such a vicious wife and felt sorry for his ancestors, Princess Chen and her parents.

As a result, Marquis Xing even punished himself by kneeling in front of the ancestral tablets for three days and apologizing to his ancestors.

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Chapter 990: Madam Jiang Spat Blood in Desperate

When the land was enveloped in a curtain of darkness, the Yuhui Nunnery quieted down. The gate had been locked. A man in black climbed over the wall and entered the Yuhui Nunnery, heading for the place where the pilgrims lived. He knew his way, even in the dark.

Upon arrival, he looked around and made sure that no one was around. Then he stepped forward and knocked gently on the door.

An old maid heard the knock and opened the door a little. When she saw the familiar face of the guard through the crack, she stepped aside to let him in.

He lit a lamp in the house and saw Madam Jiang's thin face appear behind the lamp. Her face looked pale, haggard, and even a little gray. She was no longer the noble Madam of Marquis Xing who lived in luxurious surroundings.

"Madam, His Excellency wrote a letter to you!" The guard presented a letter.

Madam Jiang took it over joyfully. She had secretly sent many letters to her husband. Each of them was full of sincere and affectionate words. She was no longer the domineering and overbearing Madam of Marquis Xing.

Ru'er had told her to go back to the Marquis Xing's Mansion. As long as she could keep her position as the Madam of Marquis Xing, it would help her. For this reason, Madam Jiang was willing to give in and stop arguing with Shao Jing. She only hoped that Shao Jing would let her go back for the sake of their son and daughter.

"Is there any good news?"

Madam Jiang opened the letter with trembling fingers. When she returned to the Marquis Xing's Mansion, she would take the time to think of new ways to deal with Shao Wanru. She was Princess Chen now. So what? Ru'er would have a very promising future. One day, she would obtain a higher status than Shao Wanru. At that time, she could torture Shao Wanru in whatever way she wanted.

At the moment, she had to endure hardship.

In such a painful situation, it would be challenging for her to live without complaining. But no matter how difficult it was, she had to hold on. Even if her heart was filled with hatred, she had to keep control of herself and would not act as impulsively as before.

That was what Madam Jiang was thinking about before she saw the letter in her hand clearly. But when she finished reading the letter, she spat out a mouthful of blood on it despite her determination to remain composed.

The black handwriting stained by her blood looked weird and desolate.

Madam Jiang sat down with a thud, her face as pale as snow. She grasped the envelope in her hand as if holding onto her last life-saving rope. "Does he really mean that?"

"His Excellency asked you to consider the First Miss and the First Young Master. No matter what, they are your children. Besides, they will have a promising future. If others find out their mother has committed a felony, it will do them no good!" The guard whispered.

"Then do they have to exchange my life for a better future?" Madam Jiang sneered. "What did the First Young Master say?"

"He didn't know about this. His Excellency only asked me to come here and tell you about it. He was afraid you would do anything foolish if you had no idea about the situation!" The guard reported.

"He didn't know. Really?" Madam Jiang's smile appeared much bleaker and sadder. She knew her son well. Since the capital was buzzing with the news, how could he not know about it? How could he not know anything about it?

He knew what was happening but made no move because he was waiting for Shao Jing's reaction. However, as his son, he must have known his reaction already.

With Shao Jing's temperament, he would give up on her.

She had always known what kind of person Shao Jing was. It was within her expectation that Shao Jing would treat her like this. However, her son, whom she had always cared about the most, turned a blind eye to her miserable situation and ignored everything about her, which made her feel devastated.

She could no longer withstand the horrible tension and had to sacrifice her life. "Doesn't Hua'an know it?"

"Ru'er? Does... does she know?" Madam Jiang asked with a trembling voice. Her daughter was her last hope.

"First Miss has suffered a lot in the Palace. His Excellency said whether First Miss knew it or not, you'd better not to disturb her life. When she gains a high status in the future, she will feel deep gratitude towards you, her kind mother!" The guard replied fluently. Obviously, he had memorized these words early.

"Ru'er, are you also going to abandon me?"

"When she enjoys a high status in the future, how could she remember me? I'm nothing but a pile of dry and bleached bones at that time!"

The taste of blood in her throat made her want to vomit, and she spat another mouthful of blood. Here and there, the blood stains as red as plum blossoms decorated the room in dim light, making a dreary and desperate scene.

Clenching the envelope in her hand, Madam Jiang closed their eyes and slowly opened them. "Do I have to die?"

"Well, not exactly. If you can find a way out for yourself, His Excellency will help. But I'm afraid that there's no other way!" The guard suggested.

"So, I have to die to get away?"

Madam Jiang closed her eyes again, trying to suppress the raging anger in her heart, and said slowly, "Go back and tell your master that I will handle this matter well. If I have to do it, I... I won't drag him down with me. But I plead with him to treat our son and daughter well and do his best to bring them a more brilliant future! Even if he gets new children in the future, their status in his mansion can never go beyond that of the First Young Master and the First Miss!"

The guard replied, "His Excellency said you could rest assured. Your son and daughter are also his; he has anchored his great hope in them. How could he give up on them so easily? As long as you don't implicate other people in the Marquis Xing's Mansion, the First Young Master and the First Miss will be fine!"

They must have prepared all the answers a long time ago. The words recited by the guard didn't sound sincere, and Madam Jiang could hear the threat in them.

Only if she did not implicate anyone in the Marquis Xing's Mansion could he ensure they were safe. If not, or more clearly, if she involved Shao Jing, her son and daughter would suffer.

Madam Jiang spat out another mouthful of blood and understood her current situation.

"I won't reply to him. Tell him I know what I should do and let him rest assured. But before everything is over, he can't divorce me. Or else, don't blame me for being heartless. Even if I die, I die as the Madam of Marquis Xing and must be buried in the ancestral graveyard of Marquis Xing's Mansion. No matter what, he can't go against my request! If he doesn't want to, I won't keep his secrets for him!" Marquis Xing snapped.

The corners of her lips were still stained with blood. She looked thin and cruel, like a fierce ghost. She could never look as pretty and delicate as before.

This was her final compromise, as well as her bottom line. It was not that she wanted to rest forever in the ancestral graveyard of the Marquis Xing's Mansion, but that only when she was buried there could her children enjoy the status as direct descendants.

Shao Jing wanted to push all the blame on her and maintain his innocence. Well, he could! But if he were to divorce her, she would have to fight to the death against him!

There were secrets in Shao Jing's courtyard, which were discovered by her later on after some careful investigation...

"Yes, Madam. I will go back and report it to His Excellency!" The guard said. Under the shadow of the lamp, she couldn't see his face clearly, but she knew he was Shao Jing's most trusted subordinate. Thus, Madam Jiang was sure that these threatening words would inevitably reach Shao Jing's ears.

Shao Jing threatened her with her children, while she also had something on him. This was the source of her confidence and the reason for her overbearing manner in the past.

Madam Jiang waved her hand and stopped talking. When the guard withdrew silently, the old maid sent him to the door. Then she carefully closed the door after making sure that no others were around.

Madam Jiang sat under the lamp in a trance, clutching the letter in her hand, and her blank eyes fell on an empty place.

A long time ago, she was just a girl who admired her eldest cousin and wanted to marry him. Old Madam had made it clear to her that she was raised in the Duke Xing's Mansion as her handsome eldest cousin's wife. As for her inconspicuous second cousin, he was not her type.

Her lightly fat second cousin was also good-looking. Though he was nice and easy-going, he was not the ideal husband in women's eyes. For Madam Jiang, his eldest cousin was the best.

However, her eldest cousin married Infanta Qinghua in the end. At the time, the result devastated Madam Jiang. She could hardly prevent herself from rushing to the Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion to question Infanta Qinghua. Why would she take away her husband-to-be? With her noble status, Infanta Qinghua could marry any man she liked. Why must she choose the eldest cousin?

Later, Madam Jiang forced herself to bless her eldest cousin and Infanta Qinghua with a little grievance in front of Old Madam.

So sensible was she that she never cried or protested. She endured all the grievances and didn't even mention the marriage that Old Madam had talked about. Therefore, Old Madam felt very sorry for her and immediately decided to let her marry her second son. After she got married, Old Madam liked her even more. She even asked her to handle the housekeeper's affairs that should have been in the charge of Infanta Qinghua.

How could she be willing to be the second son's wife? Coincidentally, her second cousin was as ambitious as her. Before she married him, she had always thought that he was a kind person. But ever since she married him, she realized she fell into the common error of judging by appearances. Shao Jing was definitely not as amiable as he looked. His friendly image was used as his cover.

The two of them became partners and began their long-term plans. At first, Madam Jiang provoked the relationship between Old Madam and Infanta Qinghua step by step. Then, under much pressure, Infanta Qinghua lost the baby in her belly. The relations between Old Madam, her eldest son, and Infanta Qinghua deteriorated to their worst. Eventually, they drove the first branch away...

At that time, Madam Jiang was full of hatred and happiness. In the future, the Duke Xing's Mansion would belong to the second branch and be in the charge of her!

Old Madam had promised to give it all to her. Thinking of this, she did not feel guilty at all. Infanta Qinghua was the one who had robbed her of everything. There is divine justice, after all. Those who robbed will have to return every single penny. Everything in Duke Xing's Mansion belonged to her. Old Madam had promised to give them to her a long time ago.

If Old Madam regretted making such a promise, she might as well take everything back by herself.

It was all because of Infanta Qinghua that her eldest cousin had an accident. If he had not married Infanta Qinghua and married her instead, such a tragedy would not have happened. She would not have been as useless as Infanta Qinghua, who failed to win over Old Madam. In particular, she would not have left home because of this. Infanta Qinghua, who suffered misfortune in the end, should be responsible for all of this. It was also Infanta Qinghua's fault that led to her eldest cousin's death.

As a result, Madam Jiang felt at ease and justified when enjoying everything she got and gradually forgot the man she had fallen in love with. At this moment, under such a dim and solitary light, she recalled the handsome figure of her eldest cousin. If she had married him, he would not have abandoned her, no matter what happened. Her tears fell silently...

Did she regret it? No, never. Madam Jiang always considered herself to be better than Infanta Qinghua. If it weren't for Infanta Qinghua, her eldest cousin wouldn't have died. That woman was not a good person, and her daughter was even worse...