

## Overbearing 531

### Chapter 531: He Is Here for Revenge? IV

“Even if you regret the things that you did now, it makes no difference. Both you and Gu Zhenyang have to pay for the things that you have done.” Nalan Yan’s eyes were cold and piercing, her face was indifferent.

The same for Gu Zhenyang. If Nalan Yan forgave him, what about the warriors and the civilians who had lost their lives?

If Nalan Yan let go of them, how could she confront the warriors in the underworld when she died?

Hearing this, Liu Rong’s body slumped to the floor. Her face was drained of color, the corners of her lips curved into a sneer.

“I don’t want to see them! Take them out and penalize them accordingly. Just let the public do whatever they want to them.” Nalan Yan swung her hand, her face was cold and nonchalant.

Liu Rong did not utter a word and allowed the guard to take her out.

“Your Majesty, Empress Nalan, it’s all my mother’s fault. I am innocent. Please have mercy on me! Please let me go! No matter what, I am still His Majesty’s adopted daughter. He has raised me for years, he would not be able to bear to see me suffer.” Feng Rushuang walked up to Nalan Yan as she cried.

A glimmer of viciousness flashed through Nalan Yan’s eyes. She gave Feng Rushuang a kick at her chest and sent her flying out of the manor.

“Feng Rushuang, I have almost forgotten how you have led my daughter astray all these years. You induced my daughter to do something evil and pushed all the responsibility to her, so you could be the most innocent person. Naturally, you must not die!” Nalan Yan smirked.

“Tie Feng Rushuang at the city’s gate and tell everyone what she had done all these years. I want to get justice for the victims,” Nalan Yan said with a hint of cruelty in her voice.

As Nalan Yan did not watch her daughter grow up, Feng Ruqing had suffered a great deal of pain and grievances. Hence, she would never let go of the people who had harmed Feng Ruqing.

“No! You can’t do this to me!” Feng Rushuang flew into a great panic.

As soon as she finished her words, she was forcefully dragged out the manor.

Under the brilliant sunlight, Feng Rushuang’s hoarse voice lingered in the air, long after she had left.

Feng Ruqing was still looking in the direction where Feng Rushuang had left. Feeling that someone was staring at her, she turned her head just in time to see a graceful young master come into her vision. Seeing him, her eyes narrowed as she kept her guard up.

‘Liu Li is right. Liu Yuchen must have something evil in his mind. Otherwise, why does he keep watching the princess manor?’

“Liu Li, did Xiao Yin do anything to Liu Yuchen recently?”

“Young Lady Tang Yin had never been to the Liu family or met Liu Yuchen.” Liu Li shook her head.

“Then, Liu Yuchen must have known that Xiao Yin and Cousin Nalan Jing had set fire to the chancellor manor earlier. He is here for revenge. All of you must keep an eye on him. If he dares to lay his hand on the princess manor, set the spirit beasts on him!”

Not far away, Liu Yuchen was staring affectionately at Feng Ruqing. His gentle eyes filled with regrets.

‘She is back...’

It was a pity that Liu Yuchen had lost the chance to walk near Feng Ruqing. He could never do that for the rest of his life.

However, when Liu Yuchen’s eyes met hers, his heart skipped a beat and had nearly stopped pounding. He did not know why he could feel that Feng Ruqing seemed so defensive when she looked at him as if he would set fire to the princess manor.

Liu Yuchen smiled wryly as he shook his head. He must have been mistaken. Since he did not do anything, why would Feng Ruqing look at him so warily?

### **Chapter 532: Don’t Panic I**

Feng Ruqing turned her head and walked into the manor.

She did not notice that Liu Yuchen was still standing there, watching her affectionately.

Only when the sun had set, Liu Yuchen closed his eyes reluctantly and turned to walk toward a tavern located on another side of the street.

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There was a manor located on the left side of the street. It was the manor that Liu Yuchen had bought for Tan Shuangshuang. Naturally, it did not belong to the chancellor’s family.

Little did Liu Yuchen know, it had now become the only place he could go.

Tan Shuangshuang was standing at the entrance, watching the street.

Not long after, Liu Yuchen in a rich intricate brocade came to sight with a strong smell of wine on his breath.

“Yuchen, you went for a drink? Do you really want to do that for the rest of your life? You have always been a filial son. You really do not want to return to the chancellor manor because of something so trivial?” Tan Shuangshuang merely frowned, hid her emotions, and slowly walked up to Liu Yuchen.

Liu Yuchen’s eyes narrowed and pushed Tan Shuangshuang away. He looked disdainfully at the lady before him with a sneer on his face.

“Tan Shuangshuang, I thought you couldn’t get along with my mother? Why do you want to bring my parents and me back together?”

“Nothing should come between you and your family. Moreover, no matter what Lady Liu has done to me, I have never hated her. Why are you saying that?” Tan Shuangshuang’s heart skipped a beat as she pursed her lips together.

“Haha!” Liu Yuchen let out a boisterous laugh. Tears ran free from his eyes, ran down his handsome face.

“Tan Shuangshuang, if you don’t hate her, why would you put a cursed doll under the bed?” Tan Shuangshuang looked up at Liu Yuchen, a flicker of fear crossed her pale face.

She had always hidden it very carefully, how did Liu Yuchen find out...

“Yuchen, I didn’t do that, I didn’t...” Stunned, Tan Shuangshuang reached out to hold Liu Yuchen’s hand.

“Tan Shuangshuang, since you have lost shelter at the Tan family, you want me to get back to the chancellor manor because you want to be my wife, don’t you? Well, forget about this. I will never return to the chancellor manor. It is such a humiliation to me. Also, I know that you hate me.” Liu Yuchen pushed Tan Shuangshuang to the ground forcefully as he smirked.

Tan Shuangshuang could feel the sting on her scraped hands and knees, but what hurt her the most was the pain in her heart.

It was true that she hated Liu Yuchen. She hated that Liu Yuchen had chosen Lady Liu and gave up on her in the spirit herbs store.

However, no matter how much she hated him, she still loved him. She showed great affection and devotion to Liu Yuchen all these years but in the end, she did not get anything.

“Yuchen, have you forgotten your promise? If not for Feng Ruqing, we won’t be in such a sorry state. It is all her fault!” Tan Shuangshuang got up from the ground as she smiled. Her eyes were full of resentment and bitterness.

Had it not been for Feng Ruqing, Tan Shuangshuang would have become Liu Yuchen’s wife. All the things happened after that would never have happened. It was all because of Feng Ruqing!

With a deep and brooding resentment in her heart, Tan Shuangshuang clenched her fists tightly. Her face was contorted with rage.

Liu Yuchen stared blankly at Tan Shuangshuang. It was the first time he saw her contorted face. Perhaps, this was the real Tan Shuangshuang. He was wrong. He had actually thought that Tan Shuangshuang was the woman he wanted to spend his whole life with.

### **Chapter 533: Don’t Panic II**

“Tan Shuangshuang, we can’t keep blaming others. We, ourselves, are to be blamed. It is my fault that I did not see your true colors. Moreover, our love is not strong enough. If our love was strong, I would still

love you no matter who you are.” Liu Yuchen regained his composure and walked up to Tan Shuangshuang slowly.

Tan Shuangshuang’s body shook violently. Her eyes were full of sorrow as tears streamed down her face.

“Liu Yuchen, we have been together for so many years but you are saying that our love is not strong enough? All your love and promises back then are nothing but lies?”

“Yes.” The corners of Liu Yuchen’s lips lifted as he smirked.

As if struck by lightning, Tan Shuangshuang stumbled backward in despair. She stared blankly at the man who stood nonchalantly before her. She could feel the pain as if hundreds of thousands of needles were pierced through her heart. She did not even have a feeling so strong when Liu Yuchen had given up on her at the spirit herb store back then.

She knew that Liu Yuchen had chosen his mother as he was too filial but deep in his heart, he still cared for her. However, the man whom she loved and had waited for so many years was actually telling her that everything that had happened before was just a lie.

Tan Shuangshuang broke into laughter and gradually, her laughter grew louder. As she laughed, tears streamed down her face.

“Liu Yuchen, I thought we would be together forever. Even if I knew that I might offend Feng Ruqing, I still stayed by your side. I have never thought that you would be so ruthless and not even spare me a little of your love for me.” The corner of Tan Shuangshuang’s lips curved into a sneer.

Liu Yuchen’s eyes fell on Tan Shuangshuang’s face. He could not help but sigh softly and patted her shoulder slightly.

“Shuangshuang, you can stay in this manor if you have nowhere to go. Whatever you do has nothing to do with me. You mind your own business and I’ll mind mine. If you find someone better, marry him.”

Startled, Tan Shuangshuang let out a boisterous laugh. Tears continued streaming down her face. Her eyes were filled with sorrow.

“Guess what? Somehow, silence is better than words. You actually want me to marry someone else? I have been with you since I was young. We have been together for five whole years. It is such a long time. Liu Yuchen, how can you be so ruthless?”

As Tan Shuangshuang said that, she started screaming her heart out with a profound sorrow in her voice as she ended her sentence.

If they were not meant to be together, why did he pursue her back then?

She was almost twenty now. Without power and a strong foothold in the kingdom, who else could she marry? She could only be someone else’s concubine.

She did not even want to be Liu Yuchen’s concubine back then. She had rather stay with him without marrying him. Now, she had actually come to a state where she could only be someone else’s concubine?

Why could Feng Ruqing live such a splendid life and stand aloof from the masses but Tan Shuangshuang was the one to fall into such a sorry state?

Was it just because Feng Ruqing was of royal descent and Tan Shuangshuang was just the daughter of a grand tutor?

Liu Yuchen thought Tan Shuangshuang would leave him by doing this. However, seeing Tan Shuangshuang's sorrowful face, his heart softened. He could not bear to hurt her anymore.

"Shuangshuang, it has nothing to do with Feng Ruqing. She never looked for me ever since we split. We were the ones who always messed with her. Otherwise, we wouldn't have fallen into such a sorry state. It is true that she had brought us a lot of troubles before, but she did not do anything wrong after that."

### **Chapter 534: Don't Panic III**

Liu Yuchen finally realized that it was all their fault. However, it was too late. Feng Ruqing and Liu Yuchen would never get back together.

"Yuchen, if I don't blame Feng Ruqing and I never look for her again, could we get back to the way we were?" Tan Shuangshuang stared longingly at Liu Yuchen.

Slightly startled, Liu Yuchen did not utter a word for a long while.

Seeing Liu Yuchen's face, Tan Shuangshuang knew the answer. She looked down to hide the resentment in her eyes.

"Yuchen, I understand. I will stay here and never bother you again. Thank you for giving me a place to stay." As soon as Tan Shuangshuang finished speaking, she turned to walk straight into the courtyard.

For a few times, Liu Yuchen wanted to say something but he bit back the words. He simply watched her leave, gradually disappearing from his sight.

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Far away, at the foot of a hill.

White phoenix was completely worn out as it sat on the ground, panting. Its beautiful white feathers were ruffled.

"Suyi, we are finally here. Since both of us are not familiar with this place, we should not simply leave the hill. It would be better if we inform Nan Xian."

They had spent so much effort to reach the foot of the hill, let alone the place that they had never been before.

"I can't wait any longer." Suyi furrowed her brows as she said blandly.

"We can't even tell east from west, how are we to know the route to that place? How do we get Xiao Qingqing?" White Phoenix had nearly burst into tears.

“Don’t sweat the small stuff. How could you handle a big deal in the future?” Suyi was calm and very much at ease.

The white phoenix wiped off the tiny beads of sweat from her forehead. Its eyes swept across her clenched fist.

‘You are not panicking but your feet are shaking anxiously.’

Currently, Suyi felt that her mind was a mess, her vision was cloudy. She did not know where to go.

‘If Nan Xian is here, that would be so great...’ At least, Suyi would not feel like the whole world was spinning around her.

“Suyi...”

Suddenly, a familiar voice drifted into her ears. She quickly came back to her senses.

She turned around nonchalantly, her eyes were extremely cold.

In a flash, a familiar face came into her vision. She had not seen him for more than a decade. He had changed from an immature young master to a composed man.

However, his eyes were still deep and lustrous. It was his eyes that she had fallen for and had suffered a great deal of pain before she finally awakened to the truth.

Seeing the man, the white phoenix lost its mind and pushed Suyi behind it as if protecting its own kid. Its eyes were blazing with rage and fixed at the man before it.

“Suyi, I have finally found you... You have been hiding from me for years. Let’s go back together with me. The old master misses you so badly.” The man walked toward Suyi with a faint smile on his face.

“Go back? If I go back, what would you do to that lady and the kids you have with her?” The man did not have any effect on her heart. She was still calm and composed.

“Suyi, why are you always prejudiced against Qing Yan? She has never done anything wrong. You are my wife. Naturally, I will take care of you. The same goes to her. Both Qing Yan and I grew up together, but I did not make her my first wife. What else do you want me to do?” The man frowned slightly.

### **Chapter 535: Don’t Panic IV**

In other words, what the man actually meant was—since Suyi was his first wife, why was she not satisfied? Why she still did not let go of Qing Yan?

Suyi stared at the man with emotionlessly. She knew that she would meet this man once she got down the hill. However, he came way sooner than expected. This man was still as annoying as he always was.

“You can make her your first wife. I don’t mind.” Suyi swung her sleeve.

Suyi could not wait to leave. Even looking at the man, made her feel sick, as if eating a mouthful of feces.

“Suyi.”

Startled, Mu Ling reached out to hold Suyi’s hand.

Seeing this, the white phoenix roared and it breathed out a ferocious flame. Its eyes blazed with rage.

‘Idiot! How dare you harass Suyi before me!’

“Your pet is truly hot-tempered.” Seeing the flame, Mu Ling took a few steps back, but he did not lose his temper and only smiled faintly.

‘Pet?’ Exploded with rage, flames spurted from the white phoenix’s mouth once again.

The white phoenix was not a pet. It was an ambitious phoenix and it wanted to marry Suyi.

Mu Ling did not even spare a glance at the white phoenix. It was nothing but a phoenix that was not fully grown.

However, Mu Ling did not walk near Suyi and only said, helplessly, “Suyi, are you still angry with me? I have tasked someone to be here to wait for you more than a decade. Once you get down the hill, I would have rushed here for you. Is that not enough? Tell me what else you want me to do?”

“Well, I have something to tell you.” Suyi turned her head around with a faint smile on her face.

“What is it about? You can just tell me.” Mu Ling was thrilled.

“Nan Xian will decide on his own marriage. No one from the Mu family should interfere.”

Nan Xian was the only person she cared for her whole life. She wanted the person she loved to live a blissful life.

Previously, Nan Xian was her one and only. After he is married, naturally, Nan Xian would not be the only one she cared about.

“In your dream! No one in the Mu family can decide on his own marriage. It’s the Mu family’s rule. A marriage is always arranged by one’s parents.” Mu Ling frowned.

As the old master of the Mu family did not like Qing Yan, Mu Ling did not marry her but married Suyi instead after the old master of the Mu family had agreed.

Since Mu Ling did not go against the Mu family’s master and had made Qing Yan his concubine, why should Nan Xian be allowed to decide on his own marriage?

Moreover, based on the Mu family’s rule, no one could get a concubine without a first wife. Hence, Suyi married Mu Ling as she knew that Mu Ling did not have a concubine, she thought that he was a man who was loyal to his wife.

As Mu Ling could not read Suyi’s mind, he had never thought that Suyi would be so defensive and leave the Mu family when Mu Ling wanted to make Qing Yan his concubine.

Mu Ling felt as if a lump was rising in his throat, it was normal for a man to have multiple wives in this realm.

Previously, Nan Xian did not have a wife. Naturally, Mu Ling did not force him to take a concubine. However, after Nan Xian had a principal wife, Mu Ling would pick a few ladies to be his concubines.

Suyi's cold gaze was fixed on Mu Ling.

"Really? It seems that I need to go to the Mu family. I want to see who, in the Mu family, can force him to marry a lady that he doesn't love." Her eyes were cold and piercing, her face was nonchalant.

### **Chapter 536: Don't Panic V**

Suyi would certainly return to the Mu family. However, she had something more important to do now.

"Suyi, stop messing around. I am patient and sincere enough. Previously, you left the Mu family because I took a concubine. Now, you don't want me to get Nan Xian a wife. Suyi, you truly think I would be patient with you forever?" Mu Ling frowned.

"Oh..."

"Previously, both you and Qing Yan could get along quite well. What has actually happened between both of you?" Mu Ling was slightly pissed off.

"It's because I was too silly and you have hidden your relationship with Qing Yan very well back then. Moreover, I treated her well as she is your cousin. In fact, I wish that I will never meet her again for the rest of my life. Do you truly think we were on good terms?" Suyi squinted at him coldly.

"Suyi, please give me a chance and go back together with me. I will take good care of Nan Xian. I will never hurt him again. The thing that happened back then has nothing to do with Qing Yan. I know her very well. She will never hurt anyone without a reason." Mu Ling's face darkened. He was afraid that Suyi would run away out of anger. Hence, he softened his tone.

Suyi walked up to Mu Ling slowly, the corner of her lips curved up into a smile.

"She didn't do that? So Nan Xian was the one who played the breath-holding game and had nearly die from it?"

Nan Xian was only four years old back then. Naturally, a four-year-old kid was not as strong as he was now. As a mother, Suyi did not take good care of him. When she knew that Mu Ling wanted to take a concubine, her heart was broken. She tried to stop him but she was not successful.

As the Mu family's master had always treated her extremely well and his health was declining, Suyi could not bear to part with him.

When someone had nearly killed her son that she treated as her own life, she could no longer bear it and had left the Mu family together with Nan Xian.

As the saying goes, women are weak, but mothers are strong. Her son was her everything. Since the Mu family was a toxic place, she did not want her son to get hurt even the slightest bit. No matter how well the Mu family's master treated her, no one could hurt her son. Now, everything was the same.

Her son, her daughter-in-law, and her future grandchildren would never follow her path. No one could hurt them!

“Suyi, you have wronged Qing Yan. Someone sneaked into the Mu family and wanted to hurt my son to take revenge on me back then. It has nothing to do with Qing Yan.” Mu Ling’s brows furrowed tightly.

“Oh... It doesn’t matter. I have never thought that you would avenge my son. I will avenge him on my own.” Suyi raised her head. Her eyes were as cold as the moonlight.

Suyi was severely injured and her strength had declined in order to save Mu Ling back then. Otherwise, she would not have left the Mu family together with Nan Xian.

Thinking of this, her heart was filled with regret, but her face was still as calm as the cold, bright moon.

“Oh yeah...” Suyi paused for a while.

“You don’t need to look for me. I will go back to the Mu family as soon as possible. As you are aware, the old master is severely ill. Both you and your concubine please don’t visit him. Have you forgotten why he is ill?”

Suyi thought of something and continued, “Also, you said that marriage is always arranged by parents with the help of matchmakers. However, the old master did not agree for you to take a concubine yet, you and your concubine had actually ignored him causing him to pass out from rage. Since you went against the old master, why would you think that you have the right to take charge of Nan Xian’s life?”

### **Chapter 537: The Emperor Who Ran Away I**

“Taking a concubine is not the same as taking a first wife. The old master’s consent is not required for taking a concubine. However, the first wife must be arranged by the parents.” Mu Ling’s face slightly darkened.

“Hearing your words, I feel like I am not Nan Xian’s parent. Since Nan Xian’s marriage is to be arranged by his parents, as his mother, I’ll take charge of his marriage. He can marry whomever he likes,” Suyi said with a faint smile on her face.

“Suyi, since you are not willing to go back, naturally, you are not part of the Mu family. If you would go back together with me, you might be able to arrange his marriage.” Hearing Suyi’s words, Mu Ling had nearly burst with rage. However, seeing Suyi’s cold face, he calmed down a little.

No matter what, Suyi must return to the Mu family together with Mu Ling. This time, she must not leave him. They had been separated for years and he had been missing her for more than a decade.

“Unfortunately, Nan Xian’s surname is not Mu. He is not part of the Mu family. The people of the Mu family can never control his life,” Suyi said, flatly.

Just like Suyi, no one could force Nan Xian to do the things that he did not like.

Mu Ling had truly reckoned without his host.

“Suyi, why do you still not get me? Everything that I do, I do it for Nan Xian. Moreover, Tang Yin is a special lady. It would be extremely good for Nan Xian if he marries her.” Mu Ling clenched his fists tightly.

‘Tang Yin?’ The two words were buzzing in the white phoenix’s ears. The white phoenix knew that Mu Ling had gotten Nan Xian betrothed from the Tang family. However, it did not know that Tang Yin was the one.

If the white phoenix was not mistaken, the lady who took the white phoenix’s feather was also called Tang Yin.

The white phoenix’s body stiffened. It remembered Tang Yin said that Nan Xian was her love rival. Although the white phoenix did not know since when Nan Xian had become Tang Yin’s love rival nor did it understand the relationship between Tang Yin and Feng Ruqing, it knew that Tang Yin held grudges against Nan Xian.

‘This bastard wants Nan Xian to marry Tang Yin?’

“Mu Ling, your marriage has nothing to do with me, but if you dare to stop Nan Xian from chasing his happiness, I will kill you at all cost.” Suyi smiled coldly.

“Suyi, how did we come to this state?” Suyi’s words were as if dealing a blow at Mu Ling’s heart, he could feel a prickling pain at his heart.

Both Mu Ling and Suyi were so in love with each other before. How did they come into such a sorry state?

“Idiot!” The white phoenix’s heart was trembling with rage and it spurted a ferocious flame once again.

Mu Ling did not dodge the flame and merely stared at Suyi. Only when the flame had reached him did he raise his arm to dodge the flame.

Originally, Mu Ling thought that the flame was nothing. However, when his arm touched the flame, he could feel a burning sensation on his arm. Seeing the back of his hand that was burnt, he put his hand at his back—his eyes were icy cold.

Even if the white phoenix was not fully grown up, it was capable of hurting Mu Ling. When it was completely grown, even the entire Mu family would not be able to handle it.

However, this white phoenix was Suyi’s pet. Hence, Mu Ling simply could not do anything to it.

“You had it coming! It was you who had caused both of you to be in such a sorry state. Now, you even want Nan Xian to follow your path? Luckily, Nan Xian is not like you. If he really were to take a concubine and Xiao Qingqing was to leave him, serves him right then! The white phoenix stared at Mu Ling with its taunting eyes.

## **Chapter 538: The Emperor Who Ran Away II**

Xiao Qingqing was flawless and perfect. If Nan Xian did not cherish her like his father, then he would be the first one to not let him off.

Mu Ling's eyes became colder. He had allowed Nan Xian to free-wheel for so many years. It seemed that Nan Xian had really found a woman outside.

He would like to see why Nan Xian was so obsessed with her, so much so that even Suyi also sided her.

White phoenix stomped his feet angrily. "Dickhead, I don't care a shit about how many wives other people have. Suyi is such a great woman. She deserves a complete love. You—humans are so complex. Unlike the Feng clan, each of us has only one wife that is recognized for life!"

While saying this, the white phoenix could not help but look at Suyi. If she married it, it would only take her as a wife. It would only let her give birth to its child.

However, Suyi did not respond. Perhaps she only thought of him as a small phoenix in her eyes.

The white phoenix was frustrated and he licked his lips. When would he become a human? He was worried that there some other dickheads would courting Suyi.

"Mu Ling." Suyi smiled and she licked her lips. She had no feelings for him like before. She was as indifferent as watching a stranger. "There is nothing else to say. I cannot afford to waste time with you now as I still need to look for someone important."

Looking for someone important...

So, could she not stay with him for a while? She could not even go back with him?

Mu Ling urged flatly, "Suyi..."

Suyi ignored him. She then leaped and landed on the white phoenix's body.

"There is someone whom I dislike here, let's go."

'Someone whom she dislikes...'

The white phoenix's resentment and anger suddenly disappeared after hearing Suyi's words.

He glowed. "Suyi, where are we going?"

"We are going to Liu Yun Kingdom."

"Where is Liu Yun Kingdom?"

"Nan Xian said that we will reach Liu Yun Kingdom if we keep going east."

"But which way is east?"

"..." Suyi was silent for a while. "What about just flying freely?"

"Okay, Suyi."

White phoenix's figure suddenly turned into a lightning bolt before it darted forward. In the blink of an eye, it disappeared right in front of Mu Ling. Mu Ling clenched his fists tightly, and his eyes were filled with determination.

"Suyi. I believe that you will come back sooner or later."

He did not believe that Suyi who once loved him deeply, would give up on him so easily.

Since she could not trust Qing Yan, he would separate her from Qing Yan. He would not let them meet at all. Then, she did not have to worry about so many things.

This was already his concession, which was also the most ideal way...

Mu Ling snorted coldly. "Han Ying."

"Young Master."

A black-shirted guard fell from the sky and was behaving respectfully.

"Go find out the identity of the woman whom Nan Xian is obsessed with. If her identity or talent is pretty good, then it would be fine for her to be Nan Xian's wife, if not..." Mu Ling had a headache and rubbed his temples. He sighed helplessly. "Just let her be Nan Xian's concubine, this is also compensation to Suyi and her son."

"Yes, Young Master."

Han Ying turned around wanting to leave.

"Wait." Mu Ling frowned deliberately. "Is the old master healthy when I am not around?"

Han Ying was startled and replied truthfully. "The old master's condition is good and bad. Sometimes he is sober, sometimes... he cannot even recognize Lady Qing Yan."

### **Chapter 539: The Emperor Who Ran Away III**

When he was sober, the old master would grab things to throw at Qing Yan.

When he was confused, he could not recognize anyone and would just toss around like an old child.

"Qing Yan, she..."

"Young Master. Lady Qing Yan is still the same as usual. No matter how the old master treats her, she still serves him well—preparing meals and feeding him medicine. She even visits many places to buy the spirit herbs for him just to make him feel better."

Mu Ling's heart suddenly hurt, and his eyes were filled with sympathy. "She has suffered all these years. I often come here to wait for Suyi. Yet, she has no complaints about it and continues serving my father at home, but Father..."

If it was not for that incident, maybe his father would not have hated Qing Yan so much.

At that time, Qing Yan's mother who was also his aunt gave his mother a medicine that would cause dystocia. His mother died when she gave birth to his brother. His second brother was lucky enough to survive, but he had always been sick and could never go outside.

His father had investigated it for a long time, but still, he did not find out who the culprit was. Until many years later... Eldest Aunt accidentally revealed that she was the one who had poisoned her sister!

His mother was dead. How could he not hate her? He hated his eldest aunt... No, that vicious woman was not worthy to be his eldest aunt!

Nevertheless, Qing Yan was innocent.

At that time, Qing Yan was only two or three years old.

What could she know?

If Qing Yan knew that the woman would poison his mother, she would certainly stop it due to her kindness!

Therefore, the previous generation's hatred should not be suffered by the next generation.

Qing Yan had been working hard for his family for many years and had children for the family. He could never marry her as a wife due to his father's objection. She could only be his concubine!

She had endured so much, was it not enough?

Why did his father still hurt her when he was sober? Even Suyi was wilful to drive Qing Yan away without knowing her grievances!

Qing Yan had offered so much to him. She would even risk her life for him! Thus, he must have a conscience!

If not, he did not qualify to be a man!

"Forget it." Mu Ling smiled wryly. "I shall return. Go and find out the girl's identity immediately and come back to me."

"Yes, Young Master."

After Han Ying responded, he immediately disappeared.

Mu Ling looked in the direction in which Suyi had left. He regained his composure after quite a while and went in a different direction.

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Liu Yun Kingdom.

At the imperial court.

The imperial court was silent.

The silence was very deafening.

Everyone squinted and looked at the woman sitting next to Feng Ruqing in disbelief. Everyone was astonished and stunned.

The woman wore a phoenix coronet and the robes of rank. She was fascinating and beautiful, just like she was decades ago—magnificent and majestic as usual.

“Ministers! There is something that I want to announce this morning. The empress is back!”

His voice was like a heavy stick that knocked on everyone’s head.

The ministers’ bodies were shaking, and they were in disbelief.

‘Empress... Isn’t the empress dead? How can she be alive?’

But there was one thing that could not be denied—the ministers were full of joy when they heard about Empress Nalan’s return.

Because this...was their empress!

As long as she was there, no one dared to encroach on the empress position of Liu Yun Kingdom!

Back then, many ministers were very dissatisfied with Nalan Yan being Feng Tianyu’s favorite. They thought that the emperor should treat other concubines equally too.

#### **Chapter 540: The Emperor Who Ran Away IV**

The emperor had not listened and only favored Nalan Yan.

At that time, many people had prejudices against Nalan Yan.

Especially those who sent their own girls to the harem. The emperor neglected the girls and left them alone after they entered the palace. Naturally, the blame fell on Nalan Yan who was accused of seducing the emperor.

Until Nalan Yan’s death...

Numerous people suddenly realized Empress Nalan’s importance to this country!

With her, Liu Yun Kingdom never had to worry about the enemies’ invasion.

“All ministers pay respect to the empress!”

The ministers kneeled down and their voices were high with obvious excitement.

Nalan Yan spoke calmly, “I heard that Liu Yun Kingdom was in dire straits some time ago. I am impressed that many ministers were involved in this matter. However, it seems that there are many ministers who went missing. What about them? Did they sacrifice heroically?”

Nalan Zhangqian sneered and slowly moved forward. “As to inform you, my empress. Those who are greedy and afraid of death forced me to punish the princess not long ago. They were already sent to the border. But the group of people had escaped when the border was in crisis. Some were killed while they were escaping.”

Feng Tianyu frowned. He had almost forgotten the group of people who were sent to the border if Yan'er had not mentioned it.

It seemed that he had made the right decision. If those people remained at the imperial court, there might be another traitor like Liu Yunxiao!

"Oh. That was indeed a great decision. How dare anyone touches my daughter?" Nalan Yan sneered, "In addition, Qing'er gave me some spirit wine before I came here. I want to reward them to the heroes. By the way, who did not participate in the war?"

The ministers looked at one another, then...

It seemed like everyone had discussed it in advance. They all moved two steps to the side.

Only Chancellor Liu was standing in the middle of the entire court, like a deer caught in the headlight.

"It seems that there is only one person who is afraid of death." Nalan Yan slightly smiled. "However, Liu Yun Kingdom is not ruthless. Being afraid of death is not wrong. I will not blame you for this. But... Tianyu, you cannot use this person in the future. If he is in danger, he will run away. He will cause trouble."

Feng Tianyu calmly looked at Chancellor Liu.

As a matter of fact, Chancellor Liu had served the kingdom heartily in the past. He was still not the chancellor at that time.

Now... maybe he was used to enjoying and just being in a high position. As time passed, he became greedy and was afraid of death. He was also weak and incompetent.

Chancellor Liu felt very embarrassed.

He thought everyone would be greedy and was afraid of death. Why was he the only one standing there now?

"I shall let it pass. However, I will need to deal with another matter." Nalan Yan was swift and fierce. "Where is Chancellor Liu?"

Chancellor Liu did not speak.

He was so scared that he almost cried, and his legs were shaking.

Nalan Yan did not see any movement in the crowd. She frowned. "Chancellor Liu, don't you hear me calling you out?"

Chancellor Liu's lips trembled as he said, "Your Majesty, Empress..."

"Silence!" Nalan Yan shouted. "I want to talk to Chancellor Liu; not a weak and incompetent person like you. You are not allowed to speak!"

Chancellor Liu still did not speak

"Ahem, ahem." Feng Tianyu cleared his throat. He then said awkwardly, "Yan'er, he is Chancellor Liu."

