## **Priceless Baby 1421**

Chapter 1421: Self-Aware

Was I...

Ouyang Feifei quickly checked her clothes, her face clearly showing that she was panicking.

"Don't worry, you're in the hospital right now. You were intoxicated by alcohol, and the doctor treated you. You should get some rest," Jun Yan said.

Ouyang Feifei looked at Jun Yan in disbelief.

It seemed to her that Jun Yan had saved her before she was defiled.

"You're the one who saved me?" Ouyang Feifei asked.

"I wasn't alone. Ye Xun was with me."

"Thank you."

The conversation ended there, and it became awkward.

Jun Yan turned his head away to avoid Ouyang Feifei's intense stare and looked out the window.

Realizing that she had been too abrupt, Ouyang Feifei also looked out the window and noticed that it was dark outside.

"Thank you for taking me to the hospital. It's already quite late, why don't you leave? I'll contact my parents to have them come," Ouyang Feifei said.

"Don't worry about it. We can wait until they come."

Ouyang Feifei called her parents, and they arrived in no more than an hour.

"What happened? Why are you in the hospital?" Ren Meixin asked worriedly as soon as she arrived.

Jun Yan told them everything, and Ouyang Qing nodded back to him.

"Then, I'll take my leave now." Jun Yan said, and Ouayng Qing saw them off.

"Fefei, what happened? Why did you consume so much alcohol?" Ouyang Qing asked after Jun Yan and Ye Xun had left.

"I'm fine, don't worry. I met with Mo Beichen at a bar and bumped into someone on my way back. That person wouldn't let me leave unless I drank with him. I was forced to drink a few glasses. Luckily, Jun Yan was there..."

"Thank God! It would have been dangerous if they hadn't saved you."

Ren Meixin could not even imagine if she were to lose her daughter.

"We really have to thank Jun Yan and his friend. Let's invite them over some time," Ouyang Qing said.

"That is a must," Ren Meixin agreed.

Jun Yan left the hospital after meeting up with Ye Xun.

"Are you sure you don't want to stay and take care of her?" Ye Xun asked, thinking that it was a perfect chance.

"Her parents are here. Let's go."

Jun Yan quickened his pace and walked towards the main door.

"Hey! Tell me the truth! Do you like her or not?"

"Stop it! She's going to get married soon. There's no way things could work out between us."

Jun Yan was self-aware that the feeling he had for Ouyang Feifei wasn't something that Ye Xun thought he had. He only regarded her as his friend.

"And there goes all of Xixi's hard work," Ye Xun sighed.

Ye Xun still believed that Jun Yan actually liked Ouyang Feifei, but he didn't know it himself.

"Do you know who she is engaged to?" Ye Xun asked.

"How would I know?"

"I do. She's going to marry Mo Beichen. Do you even know what kind of person he is?"

Chapter 1422: Out Of His Reach

Ye Xun noticed that Jun Yan was not going to reply, and he continued.

"That man is a famous businessman in Estan. But he's also known for being a player. Rumor has it that he has a ton of girlfriends. Do you think Miss Ouyang would find happiness if she were married to him?"

"..."

It was as if Ye Xun's words finally made an impact as Jun Yan's heart skipped a beat.

Even though Jun Yan suspected that Ouyang Feifei would not be able to obtain happiness by marrying Mo Beichen, that was her own choice, and he had no say in it.

And even if Ouyang Feifei were not to marry Mo Beichen, Jun Yan could not promise her happiness. It was out of his reach.

Because Jun Yan was about to be engaged like Ouyang Feifei.

To them, the families' honor was more important than their own happiness.

"This is not something that we should be worried about," Jun Yan sighed. "By the way, shouldn't you be more worried about your girlfriend?"

"Hey! Don't try to change the subject! Then what about you? Are you really going to get engaged to Lin Xiangya?"

Jun Yan did not reply to Ye Xun's question and closed the car door.

Ye Xun sighed and followed him into the car.

Ouyang Qing was asking Ouyang Feifei about the incident in her room.

"Feifei, what did Beichen want from you yesterday?"

"He just wanted to talk about the engagement, that's all."

"See, I told you! That guy is quite the reliable kid," Ren Meixin said. "We have been friends with his parents for a long time, and we know how good they are. Their son would not fall far from the tree."

"But I'm still worried that he won't treat Feifei well..."

Ouyang Qing always stood by his daughter's side. He would always listen to what his daughter wanted. But Ouyang Feifei was the one who had agreed to the engagement.

"That won't happen. Aren't we the same as them too? We'd never even met each other once before the engagement. Look how well we turned out! Don't forget that you also had the rumors of having a lot of mistresses too."

"Those were just scandals!" Ouyang Qing scolded.

"That's my point. Being a player was just Mo Beichen's act, he's doing it for the public and nothing else. I believe that he will love our Feifei like we do."

Ren Meixin really liked Mo Beichen and was stern about having her daughter marry him.

There was no way Ouyang Qing could argue with Ren Meixin's reason, but he always thought that his daughter was much more suited to Jun Yan.

He believed that Jun Yan was a better man than Mo Beichen.

Jun Yan returned back to the base after leaving the hospital.

After separating with Jun Yan, Ye Xun decided to go and look for Huo Sanyan.

After making a few calls, Ye Xun learned that Huo Sanyan was having dinner at Jing Xi's place. After hanging up the call, he drove straight to Yunjing Manor.

He was just in time for dinner.

"It's always better to be right on time than earlier," Ye Xun laughed when he caught the scent of the food.

Jing Xi smiled. "You're right. Have a seat."

Chapter 1423: Deserves A Good Lesson

Jing Xi had already saved a seat for him by Huo Sanyan and set a bowl and chopsticks.

Ye Xun sat readily by Huo Sanyan and tilted his head to take a glance at her.

Huo Sanyan pretended not to see him and kept playing with Ying Bao.

Being completely neglected by his girl, Ye Xun had to chat with Jing Xi and Huo Yunshen instead.

Jing Xi smelt something and asked, "Second Brother, why do you smell like a hospital?"

"Oh my! I did stop by the hospital. But how could you tell?" Ye Xun was shocked.

"I just know. What happened to you?"

Ye Xun shook his head. "It was not me but Ouyang Feifei. We sent her to the hospital."

Hearing his explanation Jing Xi was confused, "What's wrong with Ouyang Feifei? How come you and her..."

Ye Xun did not want to create any misunderstanding and hurried to explain, "No, no, no. Let me tell you, it was not me and her..."

Ye Xun told them about what had happened in the pub today. Then Jing Xi realized that after their catch up Ouyang Feifei had gone to the pub.

She was drugged there. Ye Xun and Jun Yan happened to be there and saved her.

Hearing that Ouyang Feifei had almost died of alcohol intoxication, Jing Xi was quite worried, "I'll check on her tomorrow. So how did you deal with that Mr. Qin? Did you punish him?"

"Of course, I punished him well."

"Good. A person like him deserves a good lesson.

When dinner was ready they went on chatting and eating. After the dinner, Ye Xun and Huo Sanyan headed home together.

This time Huo Sanyan did not make any excuse. She was good when he called her to go home.

On the following day, Jing Xi and Huo Yunshen sent Ying Bao to school then headed to the hospital.

Coming to Ouyang Feifei's ward, Jing Xi knocked on the door and entered the room. Ouyang Feifei was in there by herself.

"Feifei!"

Jing Xi came to her and called gently.

"Jing Xi, Mr. Huo, what brought you here?"

Ouyang Feifei turned to see them and tried to get up.

"Don't get up, stay there."

Jing Xi held her from getting up. "I heard it from my Second Brother. How are you feeling now? Better?"

"I'm fine. No worries."

She was already recovering with the alcohol and drug expelled, but still felt weak and upset in the stomach.

"Are you alone here? Do your parents know?"

"Yes. My father had a meeting in the Blue House this morning. And mother went home to get me some clothes and cook some food. She will be back shortly," Ouyang Feifei explained.

"I see."

Jing Xi stayed with Ouyang Feifei while Huo Yunshen left to take care of some matters.

When he was gone, Jing Xi asked, "What happened when I left yesterday? Why did you go to the pub and how did you get into trouble?"

"I went there to meet Mo Beichen. He said he wanted to talk to me. After that, I ran into that man. I did not know him but he drugged me."

Ouyang Feifei felt it was pure ill luck. She was merely walking when she ran into that guy.

Hearing the name Mo Beichen, Jing Xi asked, "Is that Mo Beichen the one you are engaged to? I think I have seen it the news."

"Right. That's him."

"He seems to have bad fame. Are you serious?"

Chapter 1424: Lit

Jing Xi had checked the internet on Mo Beichen's background and found that he was filled with scandals.

"There's no difference, is there?"

Ouyang Feifei wasn't looking forward to a happy ending anymore, especially after learning what Mo Beichen really thought of her.

"Of course there is a huge difference!" Jing Xi scolded. "You are just going to sacrifice your future if you are married to someone you don't like!"

Jing Xi did not want Ouyang Feifei to give up on her future when she was still so young.

Was what happened to Jun Yan going to have such a huge impact on her? Jing Xi couldn't help but think

"I know that..."

Ouyang Feifei dropped her head.

It was clear that she was depressed.

"Is it because of Jun Yan?" Jing Xi then asked. "I don't really think he's not interested in you, you know? Look how he cared for you when you were hurt. He even took you to the hospital right away. He's the type of person who wouldn't do something like this if it wasn't someone he really cared about."

"..."

Ouyang Feifei raised her head and looked at Jing Xi in surprise.

"It's the truth," Jing Xi continued. "He had no idea that you even existed when I was pretending to be him. It's normal that he would be shocked when you suddenly appeared in his life. Give him some time, and he might realize that he also wants you."

Jing Xi just could not see Ouyang Feifei throw her happiness away.

"How about this?" Jing Xi suggested, knowing that she'd moved Ouyang Feifei's heart a little. "I'll create a chance for both of you to meet."

But before Ouyang Feifei could respond, Ren Meixin came in.

"Oh, Jing Xi," Ren Meixin greeted.

"Auntie."

Jing Xi got up and greeted her back.

"Please, sit."

Ren Meixin set her bag down and filled a bowl with congee for Ouyang Feifei.

"Have you eaten yet?" Ren Meixin asked Jing Xi. "I have more if you want some."

"Thank you, but I had my breakfast before coming here."

"I see."

When Ouyang Feifei was having her breakfast, Ren Meixin began to talk to Jing Xi.

"Right, we still have to thank Jun Yan for helping our Feifei on different occasions. My husband and I are thinking of inviting him over for dinner. Bring Yunshen with you too."

"Thank you for the invitation," Jing Xi thanked.

Jing Xi turned to look at Ouyang Feifei, telling her to not waste the chance through eye contact.

Ouyang Feifei did not say anything in return. But the affection towards Jun Yan that was once dead had been lit again by Jing Xi's words.

She thought that if Jun Yan showed that he actually was interested in her, even a little, she would build up the courage to tell her parents to cancel the wedding.

Ouyang Feifei left the hospital three days later.

A dinner feast was prepared at the Guangming Residence to celebrate that.

Jun Yan, Jing Xi, Huo Yunshen, and Ye Xun were all invited.

Jun Yan felt like there was no reason to go, but Ye Xun dragged him all the way to Guangming Residence.

Chapter 1425: A Vital Clue

Everybody was seated and Jun Yan happened to sit facing Ouyang Feifei. But when Ouyang Feifei looked at him he turned away deliberately.

There was something awkward between them.

The luncheon started. Ouyang Qing and his wife tried to thank Jun Yan and Ye Xun with gifts. But the two declined politely.

Then the men started drinking while Jing Xi sat chatting with Ren Meixin.

Women's topics were always about family, husbands, and kids. Ren Meixin mentioned, "Jing Xi, if you are willing, you are more than welcome to join our Lancha Society."

"May I?"

Jing Xi was surprised.

"Of course. We'd love to have you as a member."

"Thank you. It's my honor."

Jing Xi recalled that she had tried to join the Lancha Society at the beginning in order to figure out if Ren Meixin was Lady White Tea.

Now she already knew the Ouyang family well and realized that Ren Meixin was definitely not Lady White Tea. But it would do no harm to ask further about her. "Auntie, I know people call you Lady Camellia. But have you ever heard of Lady White Tea?"

"I have heard of this name. Many years ago we had a member called Lan Qiwei. I heard it from her that her sister was called Lady White Tea. But I only have Lan Qiwei's photo here. I'll show you."

Ren Mein pulled out from her pad the files of former Lancha Society members, where Lan Qiwei was recorded.

Seeing Lan Qiwei's photo, Jing Xi found that this woman looked familiar.

But on the other hand, she was quite sure that she had never met her before.

How could that be possible?

Staring at the file, Jing Xi asked further, "So wasn't Lan Qiwei from the Northland? But it says Estan here."

"Right. She was from Estan."

"Then do you know where she is now?"

"Sadly, she passed away many years ago. But she has a daughter. I'm sure you are no stranger to her."

"Who is her daughter?"

"Our superstar, Lan Ling-Er."

"..."

Jing Xi was truly shocked. So was Lan Ling-Er's mother Lan Qiwei?

In that case, was Lady White Tea Lan Ling-Er's aunt?

Who would expect that they were so close?

Getting to know this, Jing Xi got excited. Luckily she took care of Lan Ling-Er when she came to her for help. Now she had found a vital clue.

She would definitely go to Lan Ling-Er to find out who her aunt was. Awesome!

Everybody enjoyed the luncheon except for Ouyang Feifei. She kept her head low and talked to no one.

Tea was served afterward. Huo Yunshen talked to Ouyang Qing while Jing Xi kept chatting with Ren Meixin.

"Auntie, I told my First and Second Brother about your beautiful garden. They both want to take a look!"

Ren Meixin was flattered. "Really? Then I'll have Feifei show them around."

"Sure."

Ren Meixin called her daughter to accompany the two for a tour in the garden.

Ouyang Feifei took a look at Jing Xi, who slightly nodded at her. Then she realized that Jing Xi was trying to help her and Jun Yan.

As her mother had asked, she invited the two gentlemen for a tour. Ye Xun dragged Jun Yan to catch up with her.

Chapter 1426: In Chaos

The Guangming Residence was indeed beautiful. Every inch of the residence showed that it was decorated with care. Most of the plants in the garden had been planted by Ouyang Qing himself.

There were also a lot of beautiful stones. They had all been collected by Ouyang Qing and were his treasures.

Ouyang Feifei guided them through the garden and introduced the garden to them. Jun Yan walked with them and listened to Ouyang Feifei's voice quietly.

Her voice was sweet and kind, like water gushing down a stream.

"Miss Ouyang, is there a bathroom near here?" Ye Xun suddenly asked.

"There's one by the pavilion over there," Ouyang Feifei said as she pointed at a pavilion.

"Thank you. Then, please excuse me," Ye Xun said and ran to the bathroom.

Ye Xun did his best to give Jun Yan a chance to be alone with Ouyang Feifei.

Jun Yan had no idea that his being alone with Ouyang Feifei was Ye Xun and Jing Xi's plan.

With only the two of them left, it began to feel awkward.

"Let's go over there," Ouyang Feifei said after steadying herself.

"Okay," Jun Yan replied with a cold expression. Ouyang Feifei could not guess what he was thinking.

"Mr. Jun, I'm really sorry about last time. Jing Xi already told me everything, and I acted abruptly..."

Ouyang Feifei apologized.

"No, you don't have to apologize," Jun Yan said, knowing what Ouyang Feifei was referring to.

"Also, thank you for saving me at the bar..."

"You're very welcome."

With just a few exchanges of conversation, Ouyang Feifei realized that Jun Yan seemed to give out a pressuring air around him, and it was awkward for her.

She could not remember the words that she had thought of saying to Jun Yan beforehand.

"Are you really going to marry that guy from the Mo family?" Jun Yan asked.

"What? Yes..."

Ouyang Feifei dropped her head. Her mind was in chaos once she learned that Jun Yan knew of her engagement plan.

"I hope you can reconsider. You should not gamble your happiness on things like this."

"I'm not doing it on a whim. What difference is there if the person I like doesn't like me back?" Ouyang Feifei said with all her mustered courage while keeping her head down.

Her words made the atmosphere around them awkward again.

Ouyang Feifei finally broke the silence after walking for a certain distance.

"I'm just asking as a friend, but what kind of woman does Mr. Jun like?"

Jun Yan turned to look at Ouyang Feifei's face.

He did not hate a pure and gentle person like Ouyang Feifei, but instead, she gave him a sense of quiet and serenity.

"I don't know," Jun Yan replied, not knowing the answer because he had never really fallen in love with anyone.

"Then, maybe, just maybe, if we were to meet from the beginning, not Jing Xi but just you, would you fall in love with me?"

Ouyang Feifei could feel heart beating really fast when she asked this question.

Chapter 1427: Never Meant Together

They happened to stop at the same time and stared into each other's eyes. Jun Yan saw in her charming eyes the reflections of himself.

He really did not want to hurt this delicate girl. But he could not promise anything either.

Therefore it was better to make it short.

He took a deep breath and said, "I'm sorry, Miss Ouyang. That's not possible. You are great. But I cannot promise anything."

Being rejected, Ouyang Feifei felt her heart breaking again.

A sharp pain prevailed. She felt sour and lost control of her tears.

"Why?"

She had to know the reason. If she was great, why did he keep rejecting her?

Why not even try?

"Because, I'm also getting engaged," Jun Yan answered frankly.

He did have some feelings for her. But it was not the right time. How bitter it was.

What a shock!

Hearing that Jun Yan was also getting engaged, Ouyang Feifei felt like she was hit by a bolt.

A moment ago, when he had told her to think it through, she thought that he was about to stop her from marrying that man and wanted to be with her.

She thought that, if he wanted, she would definitely cancel the engagement for him.

However, it turned out to be her own fantasy again.

She wanted to ask who he was engaged to. Who was the lucky girl that he would marry?

But she did not have the courage to ask. She felt like she was being emptied and was stunned.

Finishing his words, Jun Yan got ready to leave. "Thank you for showing us around, Miss Ouyang. I have to go now."

And he walked away upon saying so.

Ouyang Feifei stood there watching him leave. Her tears fell down again silently.

How painful!

She could barely breathe.

He had refused her once, and now again.

Ouyang Feifei, you idiot! Now get over it!

Jun Yan returned to the villa and found Ye Xun talking with Jing Xi and others.

So he did not go to the bathroom. He deliberately left them alone.

Seeing Jun Yan coming back alone, Jing Xi asked, "First Brother, how come you got back by yourself? Where is Feifei?"

"She's in the garden."

Then Jun Yan turned to Ouyang Qing and his wife. "Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Ouyang, for the luncheon. Sorry that I have to leave now."

"No problem. Feel free to drop by when you have time."

They stood up to send him off. Ye Xun proposed to leave with him too.

With them gone, Jing Xi told Huo Yunshen, "Honey, you stay here with Uncle Ouyang and auntie. I'll go check on Feifei."

"OK."

Jing Xi went to the garden. She followed the blossoms and eventually found the girl sitting on the ground weeping.

It seemed they were indeed not meant for each other.

Jing Xi came and patted her on the shoulder. "Come on, Feifei. Don't be so sad."

Ouyang Feifei raised her head and wiped the tears. She stood up and came to cuddle Jing Xi. "Jing Xi, I've tried my best. But it didn't work out. He never liked me."

"I see. Feifei. At least we tried. There's no more regret."

Jing Xi stroked her on her hair and comforted her. "If that's the case, I guess he is indeed not your Mr. Right."

Chapter 1428: The Best Witness

"I know..." Ouyang Feifei nodded as she tried to hold back her tears.

She knew very well that one should not force the person they love.

All she could do was accept the reality.

And wish him a happy life.

After having comforted Ouyang Feifei, Jing Xi left with Huo Yunshen.

Ouyang Qing had already given them invitations to Ouyang Feifei's wedding.

Jing Xi looked at the invitation and realized that the wedding would be held in seven days.

"This is really unexpected..." Jing Xi sighed.

"You want to see something more unexpected?" Huo Yunshen asked, handing another invitation to Jing Xi.

"Another one? From who?"

"Open it and you'll see."

Jing Xi opened the invitation and realized it was from Jun Yan.

"He's going to get married?"

Jing Xi could not believe her eyes. How she hoped that the invitation was fake.

"Is this real? Why haven't I heard about it?" Jing Xi expressed.

"Of course it's real. I just learned about it too."

"Who's Lin Xiangya? Wait... Isn't she the daughter of Lin Group's president?"

"Yes."

"This is frustrating! Why would they even get married? They don't even know each other!" Jing Xi scolded, thinking that the marriage between Jun Yan and Lin Xiangya would never work out. "I still think Jun Yan looks good with Feifei."

"So what if they look good together? People lose to fate a lot of times."

Huo Yunshen urged Jing Xi to give up on them. They had both chosen their paths, and outsiders had no say in them.

"I get it, but what a waste... Wait! They are getting married on the same date and place?"

Jing Xi quickly looked at Ouyang Feifei's invitation, and indeed, both Ouyang Feifei and Jun Yan would be marrying two different people at the same date and place.

"Wait, the same hotel?"

"Yes! Fate really works wondrously. We might have a show that night," Jing Xi sighed as she put the invitations down.

She couldn't help but imagine how Ouyang Feifei would feel when she found out about it.

Lan Ling'er had been staying in a secret apartment, waiting patiently for Jing Xi's message.

She finally got a call from Jing Xi, and she jumped with excitement.

She quickly got dressed and put on a hood before heading out.

They were both going to meet at a western restaurant, and Lan Ling'er rushed there.

"How is it? Is it all settled? When can I meet Qingyu?" Lan Ling'er asked the moment she met up with Jing Xi.

"I have something to ask you first. Helian Qingyu is planning to go to the Northern Kingdom in the near future. Do you want to go with him?" Jing Xi asked.

The reason for Jing Xi's invitation was so that Lan Ling'er could help identify Lady White Camellia.

She was the best witness.

"Of course! Thank you so much! You really helped me a lot!" Lan Ling'er agreed. She couldn't care less why they were going to the Northern Kingdom as long as she could meet with Helian Qingyu.

"No problem. Oh, there's another thing I wanted to ask."

"What's that? I'll do my best to answer you."

"Does your mother have a sister?"

Chapter 1429: Finally Getting Close

Lan Ling-Er was surprised and asked instead, "How did you know?"

"Is she called Lady White Tea?"

"That's right!" Lan Ling-Er had only gotten to know that she had an aunt last time in Lstan.

"Can you tell me what Lady White Tea is like?"

Jing Xi pretended not to be excited. But her instinct was telling her that she could get something solid from Lan Ling-Er.

Lan Ling-Er laughed. She sipped on her tea and said, "You know her. You've met before."

"What?"

Jing Xi was stunned. How could she know Lady White Tea? How could they have met? When was that?

"Jing Xi, let me tell you. My aunt is indeed called Lady White Tea. But her real name is Yun Xuerou, the former Mrs. President. But she is a wanted now. Please don't tell anyone else!"

Hearing the answer Jing Xi was thrilled.

Lady White Tea was Yun Xuerou?

Yun Xuerou was Lady White Tea?

Oh my...

What had she missed?

She tried to recall Yun Xuerou's cunning face and what had happened previously.

And how Lady White Tea had plotted with Mo Xie, as well as her relation with Lan Ling-Er.

Lan Ling-Er was Mo Xie's daughter and her mother was Lady White Tea's sister. No wonder they formed an alliance.

Lady White Tea was Yun Xuerou's hidden identity. She did whatever she could to marry her father, Helian Wei. No wonder she had hated her mother, Jing Ruyue, so much.

Things started making sense now! They were all related!

And now Jing Xi had a few further questions.

So if Yun Xuerou was Lady White Tea, then who was the Queen of the Northland that wore the Hera's Tear?

Could that be another hidden identity of Lady White Tea?

And if Yun Xuerou was Lady White Tea, then where was the child she'd bought now?

"Jing Xi, Jing Xi... Are you alright?"

Lan Ling-Er got Jing Xi back from her contemplating. Jing Xi shook her head and told Lan Ling-Er, "Nothing. Finish your breakfast and go home now. I'll let you know before departure."

"Great."

When Lan Ling-Er left, Jing Xi came back to Yunjing Villa.

She was in a good mood because she was finally getting close.

Now that she knew Yun Xuerou was Lady White Tea, as long as she could find her, she would be able to uncover the truth.

She believed that she would find her own brother in no time.

But Jing Xi would not tell anyone before she got further clues about her brother. She was particularly not telling her parents because she wanted to give them a surprise.

She only told Huo Yunshen and he was also stunned.

So the person they had been searching for had always been around them. They had just failed to recognize her.

Knowing that Lady White Tea was Yun Xuerou, they had a much clearer target now. As long as they could catch her, they would find Jing Xi's brother.

On the following weekend, Jing Xi took Ying Bao to the presidential palace to visit Huangpu Xuanye.

He had almost recovered. But his father's death and what happened in the Northland was a blow to him.

He was a loner, and now even more wordless.

Ying Bao heard that Huangpu Xuanye's room was right there. She let go of her mother and ran to knock at the door.

Not getting any response, Ying Bao opened the door and popped her little head inside. "Uncle Prince?"

Chapter 1430: Exposed Identity

The teenager kept looking outside the window until he heard the little girl's voice. When he turned around and saw Ying Bao, his eyes were brimming with vitality again.

"Uncle Prince, are you okay?" Ying Bao asked as she ran towards Huangpu Xuanye and hugged his legs.

She had been worrying about Huangpu Xuanye and was praying for him to get better.

"I'm good," Huangpu Xuanye replied as he lowered his head and patted the little girl's head. "How are you?"

"No, I'm not good!" Ying Bao shook her head. "I was worried about you! I even ate one less bowl of rice yesterday because of that!"

"Don't worry, I'm really fine." Huangpu Xuanye smiled as he tried to hide his laugh.

"Then let's go to the garden! My grandpa has a lovely garden at his home! I haven't even played there yet!"

Ying Bao pulled Huangpu Xuanye's hand, trying to drag him out from the gloomy room and into the sunlight.

"Okay!"

Huangpu Xuanye had not planned to leave; he did not want to meet with anyone. But there was no way he could decline the little girl's offer.

The sun outside was bright, so bright that it hurt his eyes slightly.

Because he had been hiding inside the dark and gloomy room for too long, the sudden brightness made him dizzy.

He waited until he recovered and walked out the gate.

"Come on! Let's play in the garden!" the little girl in the blue dress shouted as she ran towards the Rose Garden.

"Hey! Don't run too fast or you'll fall!" Jing Xi shouted as she saw Ying Bao running really fast.

"Okay!"

But just as she finished responding to her mother, Ying Bao fell to the ground.

Both Jing Xi and Huo Yunshen saw it and ran towards Ying Bao. But Huangpu Xuanye was closer to Ying Bao than them and reached her first.

"Are you okay? Are you hurt anywhere?"

Huangpu Xuanye offered his hand and pulled Ying Bao up before helping her wipe off the dust on her dress.

"No, I'm okay!"

Ying Bao shook her head.

"What do you want to play?"

"How about hide and seek?" Ying Bao suggested and ran away. "I"ll hide first, and Uncle Prince has to come find me. You'll have to close your eyes and count to ten, okay?"

"Okay!"

The teenager proceeded to play with the little girl in the garden.

Jing Xi couldn't help but sigh at the lonely and depressed expression Huangpu Xuanye was giving.

"How's the Northern Kingdom?"

"Most of the power has fallen into the queen's hands. Her identity has been exposed as well," Helian Qingyu said.

"Who is she?"

Jing Xi still remembered that she had only seen the photo of the queen in her veil from Huo Erqi.

No one knew what the queen actually looked like, and it made Jing Xi curious.

"You might not know her. Here's her picture."

Helian Qingyu handed her the newspaper with the queen's photo on it. Jing Xi looked at it and couldn't help but voice her surprise.

"It's her?"

"You know who she is?"

"Yes! She's Lan Qiwei, Lan Ling'er's mother. She's also Lady White Camellia's sister. I thought she was already dead! How did she become the Northern Kingdom's queen?"