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Chapter 481: Infant Engagement

“Let’s not talk about these annoying things. There are a lot of bad men in this world. My junior sister was just unlucky to meet one!” Shu Ruyue said.

“That’s not true. Your junior sister didn’t expect it either! Even your martial uncle didn’t expect it! Speaking of which, getting engaged before birth is the most irresponsible thing to do! Who knows what this child will become like when he grows up?!” Li Xiaoran couldn’t help but complain.

Shu Ruyue thought of something and nodded in agreement.

“Yes, yes, yes. Xiaoran, you’re right. I know two people who got engaged before they were born. In the end, after the two of them grew up and the woman married over, she found out that this man, who had been her fiance since she was young, engaged in prostitution and gambling. She wanted to get a divorce, but the man’s family wouldn’t agree at all. They even sent people to guard the woman all day long and didn’t even let her contact her family.”

“What a miserable life! She barely has enough to eat and gets beaten up all day long. There are also endless chores to do. When her family came to see the woman, there were also people following her and threatening her not to spout nonsense. They said that once she spouted nonsense, they would kill her parents with a knife. Later on, this woman’s biological brother realized that something was wrong with his sister. On the surface, he pretended to leave, but he secretly sneaked back and observed them.”

“That woman’s brother was smart and immediately saw the problem. Seeing that his sister was suffering, he suppressed his anger and quietly retreated. Then, he went to look for the young master of the governor’s family, who he was usually close to, and asked someone to help him. Then, he found some excuses to send the man’s family away before breaking into the house and saving his sister!”

At this point, Shu Ruyue was also furious.

“After that woman returned, she even asked me to treat her! After all, the medicine my family made was the most effective for this woman’s injuries. Because the other party was a woman, she asked me to treat her wound. The woman’s body was bruised and many parts were rotten. Anyway, there wasn’t a single piece of intact part on her body!”

“So, before we women get married, we have to keep our eyes wide open. Not only do we have to see how a man’s character is, but we also have to see how the other party’s family is like! If we’re careless, we’ll be doomed!” Li Xiaoran said.

Ruan Weiwei, who was looking at the bustling streets outside, was attracted by the conversation inside.

At this moment, she looked at Li Xiaoran.

“Sister Xiaoran, infant betrothal isn’t good?”

When Li Xiaoran heard Ruan Weiwei’s words, she suddenly realized something.

“Weiwei, why are you asking this? Could it be that you have an infant betrothal?”

Ruan Weiwei looked at Li Xiaoran and nodded after a moment of hesitation.

“I have an infant betrothal. My mother told me that I was born with an infant betrothal!”

After Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue exchanged looks, they suppressed their surprise. Then, they looked at Ruan Weiwei.

“Then do you remember who your infant betrothal fiance was?” Li Xiaoran asked.

Ruan Weiwei nodded and said, “I know. My mother said that I’m going to marry Brother Youting in the future. Brother Youting is the son of the Third Prince. My mother said that as long as I marry him, I’ll be able to live a good life. My father will also treat us well and bring us over to live!”

As soon as she said this, Li Xiaoran’s expression changed and she looked at Zi

Zheng.

Zi Zheng understood and nodded, indicating that he would immediately get someone to investigate.

On the other side, Li Xiaoran gestured for Ruan Weiwei to come over and sit down to talk.

After placing a snack in Ruan Weiwei’s hand, Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and asked gently, “What about you? Do you like Brother Youting?” After Ruan Weiwei took a bite of pastry, she shook her head.

“Sister Xiaoran, I’ve only seen Brother Youting once, but I can tell that he doesn’t like me!”

Children were very sensitive to other people’s emotions. For Weiwei to say that, she must have sensed the other party’s disgust when the two children interacted.

“Then do you want to cancel this marriage?” Li Xiaoran asked again. Ruan Weiwei hesitated for a moment before asking carefully, “Will my mother and I have a bad life in the future after the engagement is broken off?”

Li Xiaoran froze. Then, she deliberated for a moment and said, “If you want your mother to live a good life, you have to rely on yourself. If you’re capable and can earn money to support yourself

and your mother, you naturally won't have to rely on others. At that time, if you don't want to marry anyone, you don't have to!"

When she heard Li Xiaoran's words, Ruan Weiwei's eyes flashed with eagerness.

"Sister Xiaoran, what should I do to earn money to support my mother and

"Become literate and learn more skills! It depends on what you're good at or what you like to learn!" At this point, Li Xiaoran reached out and touched her head. "Weiwei, don't be anxious. Think about it carefully! As long as you make up your mind, I will help you!"

Shu Ruyue already understood many things, so she stood up to say, "Yes, I will help you too! I will teach you some self-defense skills. In the future, you can protect yourself and your mother. Then, you can learn some money-making skills from Sister Xiaoran. That way, you won't have to be afraid!" When Ruan Weiwei heard this, she heaved a sigh of relief and smiled.

"Thank you, Sister Xiaoran. Thank you, Sister Ruyue. I want to rely on myself to protect my mother and myself. I can read. I don't know any money-making skills, but what I want to learn the most now is martial arts. I wonder if my mother is safe and sound!"

At this point, the eagerness in the little girl's eyes dissipated bit by bit, and was replaced by worry.

When Li Xiaoran saw this and sensed the worry in the little girl's heart, she suddenly had an idea.

"Ruyue, accompany me from the east gate of the capital. Perhaps if we let Weiwei take a carriage again, we can find where she lives with her mother!"

Shu Ruyue naturally had to accompany Li Xiaoran to the end.

Hence, the group left.

After packing up the food, the group got into the carriage and headed towards the east gate of the capital.

After arriving at the east gate, Li Xiaoran let Ruan Weiwei sense the speed of the carriage and let her recall how fast the carriage was on the day they entered the capital.

After confirming the speed of the carriage, the group moved according to Weiwei's reaction and feelings.

Perhaps the heavens were helping the mother and daughter, but after Ruan Weiwei sat in the carriage, she could accurately sense the location every time and tell them to turn left and right in time.

Finally, the carriage stopped outside a quiet house..

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Ruan Weiwei's face turned pale.

“Sister Xiaoran, we’re here!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Ruan Weiwei’s words, she immediately looked at Shu Ruyue.

Shu Ruyue understood and went forward to knock on the door.

However, even after knocking for a long time, there was no response.

After Zi Zheng thought about it for a moment, she flew up before jumping down.

Soon, the door opened.

After Li Xiaoran thought for a moment, she said, “Zi Zheng, bring people in to take a look first and see if there’s anyone inside! If there’s no one, quickly retreat!”

“I’ll bring you there. I want to find my mother!” Ruan Weiwei thought of something and struggled to get out of the carriage.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran nodded and let Zi Zheng bring her in to look for her mother.

After seeing the group of people enter, Li Xiaoran asked the coachman to drive the carriage to the side and park it.

After all, the road here wasn’t very spacious. If she stopped in front of this house, she would stop others from passing by.

Fortunately, there was an empty space opposite the house. A well was there and the dam was also very big, so the carriage wouldn’t stop others.

After the carriage stopped, Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue lifted the curtains and looked at the door of the previous house.

Shu Ruyue was a little anxious at this moment. She wanted to go in and take a look, but she was worried about Li Xiaoran staying here alone.

Although Li Xiaoran still had a few guards around her, Shu Ruyue still felt that they were unreliable.

Before long, Zi Zheng walked out alone.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran had a bad feeling.

“What happened? Did you find her?”

Zi Zheng nodded and replied, “We found her mother, but she was already on her last breath. When that woman saw that Weiwei had returned, she smiled as she reminded her to live on and not to look for her father. Then, she died!” When Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue heard this, they didn’t know what to say.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Leave a few men behind to handle this woman’s funeral! Then, ask around to see who this house belongs to.”

“Madam, this house belongs to Weiwei and her mother. Before Weiwei’s mother died, she gave Weiwei the house deed and silver ingots. That woman also said that

everything in the countryside that she used to live in has been sold. Now, only this house is left," Zi Zheng said.

After Li Xiaoran pondered for a moment, she made the arrangements.

"Firstly, we still have to verify who this house belongs to. After confirming that it belongs to Weiwei and her mother, things will be easy to handle. Secondly, find someone to bury Weiwei's mother and send someone to secretly protect Weiwei. Thirdly, I won't go in to see Weiwei! It's the empress dowager's birthday in a few days, so it's not appropriate for me to celebrate the empress dowager's birthday after being involved in this sort of thing. During this period of time, find a reliable person to protect Weiwei. We'll discuss everything else after my husband and I attend the empress dowager's birthday banquet!" Zi Zheng also knew that it wasn't convenient for Li Xiaoran to appear, so he nodded and remembered what Li Xiaoran had instructed.

Shu Ruyue thought of something.

"I think it's quite pitiful that the child suddenly lost her mother. Now that she's alone in this world, this little girl must be afraid. I think the person the little girl trusts the most is you, so if you can accompany her, she'll feel better!"

Li Xiaoran looked at Shu Ruyue as she shook her head. "Ruyue, it's not that I'm heartless, but firstly, it's not convenient for me to handle this now, and secondly, this matter isn't over yet. Do you really think all of this is that simple? Why did her mother die in her own house? Why was Weiwei asleep in her bed at home the night before and in the busy streets the next day? Why did those people who snatched the child target Weiwei? All of this has a cause!" At this point, Li Xiaoran sighed.

"If I'm not mistaken, many things are out of our expectations. There are some things that Weiwei can only handle herself. She has to experience all of this herself. The only thing I can do is send people to protect her. I can't do anything else!"

Shu Ruyue didn't understand Li Xiaoran's words.

"Ruyue, think about it. Why did Weiwei's mother ask Weiwei not to look for her father? Weiwei just lost her mother, but her father is still around. Logically speaking, I can't bring Weiwei away!" Li Xiaoran explained.

At this moment, Wu Qinghe suddenly said,

"Weiwei's father was originally in a high position, but he's in prison now.

However, someone will come to pick Weiwei up. The people who will pick Weiwei up are nobles!"

Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue looked at Wu Qinghe without saying a word.

Because they all knew that Wu Qinghe's divine prediction was most likely accurate.

"When will the other party come back to pick her up?" Li Xiaoran asked.

"Very soon!" was all Wu Qinghe said.

As soon as he finished speaking, a carriage drove over. Soon, a man and a woman got out of the carriage.

When Zi Zheng saw the two of them, his expression changed.

"Why? Zi Zheng, do you know these two people?" Li Xiaoran sensed the change in Zi Zheng's emotions and asked.

"The man is the chief butler of the second prince's residence, and the woman is the butler that the second prince's consort relies on the most!" Zi Zheng revealed their identities.

This time, Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue didn't know what to say.

Not long after the two of them entered, Ruan Weiwei appeared at the door alone.

After looking around and seeing Li Xiaoran and the others on the side of the dam, Ruan Weiwei walked out.

Upon closer inspection, it could be seen that the little girl had cried before. At this moment, her eyes were already red and swollen.

When she saw Ruan Weiwei again, Li Xiaoran felt pity for her.

Ruan Weiwei didn't approach. Instead, she stopped three steps away.

"Sister Xiaoran, my mother has passed away, so I want to stay behind to hold her funeral! Brother Youting's family came to pick me up and said that they wanted to send me to reunite with my father, but I didn't agree. I said that I had to finish my mother's funeral first and let them send my father here!"

After the little girl calmly finished speaking, Li Xiaoran nodded. "I'm going to celebrate the benefactor's birthday in a few days, so it's not convenient for me to go in and pay my respects. I'll ask Brother Zi Zheng to arrange for someone to help you handle the funeral and protect you. We'll talk about everything after your mother is buried. Weiwei, remember my words. When you want to protect yourself and learn how to earn money, come and find me! The person who protects you knows how to find me!"

After saying this, Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and reminded her again.

"Remember, this is our agreement.. You can't tell anyone, not even your father!"

Ruan Weiwei remembered Li Xiaoran's words and knelt down on the spot to kowtow to her three times.

"Thank you, Sister Xiaoran! I'll definitely repay your kindness in the future!" With that, Ruan Weiwei stood up and left.

Li Xiaoran glanced at Zi Zheng, who nodded and followed Ruan Weiwei into the house.

When they saw Ruan Weiwei's stubbornness, Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue's eyes turned red.

"This world is so unfair!" Shu Ruyue said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she shook her head and said disapprovingly, "There's no such thing as absolute fairness in this world! When the heavens want to give you something, they will give you more suffering to test you. After you pass, you will receive the reward! There's a saying that goes, everyone learns to be strong while suffering ordeals. Everyone has their own path of growth! I have it, you have it, and so does Weiwei!"

With that, Li Xiaoran got into the carriage.

Shu Ruyue understood what Li Xiaoran meant and followed her into the carriage.

Soon, the carriage left and Li Xiaoran brought Shu Ruyue back to her place.

After arriving home, Li Xiaoran asked Wu Qinghe to bring Shu Ruyue to choose her room, while she went straight to look for Luo Cheng.

Without hiding anything, Li Xiaoran told Luo Cheng what she had experienced today.

"Husband, will what I did affect you? Especially the second prince!"

Luo Cheng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"I told you, do whatever you want. You don't have to worry about me! Besides, what you're doing is a good thing! The little girl is already very miserable. If you can help her, you might be able to make her feel a trace of kindness, which will help her hold on! This is a good thing. You don't have to worry about me being implicated or negatively affected by this! You don't have to think too much about doing good deeds. Just do it if you want to, as long as you have a clear conscience!"

Li Xiaoran smiled when she heard Luo Cheng's words.

As expected, Luo Cheng understood what she was thinking.

She was the type of person that would do whatever she felt was worth doing.

However, after doing it, she remembered the impact this matter had on Luo Cheng, so she came back immediately to discuss it with him.

If her kindness affected her family negatively, she would try her best to make up for it.

At this moment, Zi Zheng returned.

After seeing Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran, Zi Zheng briefly explained the rest.

“Young Master, Madam, I found a famous female bodyguard to protect Ruan Weiwei. With the female bodyguard around, Ruan Weiwei’s safety will be guaranteed. In addition, Ruan Weiwei’s mother’s funeral will be carried out as well. I left my buddies there to help. As for the man and woman from the Second Prince’s residence, after seeing that we had settled the matter, they only said that they would send Ruan Weiwei’s father over to reunite with his daughter. They didn’t say anything else!”

“I think the second prince’s help is limited. After the two of them came, the woman gave her a hundred taels of silver. After that, she did nothing and just watched us. Later, when she saw that it was getting late, she left in a hurry!” Zi Zheng added.

Li Xiaoran nodded and asked, “How’s Weiwei now?”

“That little girl is very tough. When her mother passed away, she cried so much that her eyes became red and swollen. Then, she followed us to prepare her mother’s funeral. Before we left, the little girl even forced herself to drink two bowls of porridge before continuing to guard her mother’s wake!” Zi Zheng replied.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Alright, you’ve done well. It’s been hard on you! You haven’t had dinner yet, right? I got someone to save food for you. Go eat something and rest well. I’m afraid I won’t be able to care about Weiwei for the next few days. Zi Zheng, go over every day to take a look. If she needs any help, just help!”

Zi Zheng nodded and remembered Li Xiaoran’s words.

However, there was something that Zi Zheng still had to confirm.

“Young Master, Madam, if I go to the little girl’s place in the capital, I definitely won’t be able to avoid interacting with the Second Prince’s people. If the other party asks about my background, what should I do?”

“There’s no need to hide your identity. If the second prince’s men ask, tell them that your wife saved that girl on the street,” Luo Cheng said. With Luo Cheng’s assurance, Zi Zheng knew what to do.

That night, Li Xiaoran didn’t sleep well.

For some reason, she could always sense Ruan Weiwei crying.

After waking up, Li Xiaoran realized that she had a dream.

After taking a few deep breaths, Li Xiaoran sat up.

Luo Cheng was also woken up by Li Xiaoran. Seeing that she was covered in sweat, he quickly brought a handkerchief over and gently wiped the cold sweat off Li Xiaoran’s forehead.

“Did you have a nightmare?” Luo Cheng asked.

Li Xiaoran nodded as she recalled her previous dream. With lingering fears, she said, “Husband, I dreamed that Weiwei was captured and locked in a small cave. Not only did they not give her food,

but they also tortured her with all kinds of methods. She's just a little girl, so how can she withstand this? In the end, Weiwei was lying in the cave with despair in her eyes."

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he quickly hugged her.

"That's just a dream. Perhaps you're too worried about that little girl, so you had that dream! Let me tell you, with the female bodyguard around, nothing will happen to that little girl! The female bodyguard is a famous expert in the martial world. With the female bodyguard protecting her, that little girl will definitely be safe!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she felt better.

In fact, Li Xiaoran wasn't dreaming herself, but had entered Weiwei's dream instead.

Ruan Weiwei had that exact dream.

However, Ruan Weiwei's dream was more complete than Li Xiaoran's.

After she fell asleep, she dreamed that she was taken away and brought to a cave by those people.

In that dream, she had never met Li Xiaoran, let alone get saved.

After that, it was what Li Xiaoran had seen in her dream. Because Ruan Weiwei's encounter was too tragic, Li Xiaoran was suddenly woken up.

Li Xiaoran woke up, but Ruan Weiwei's dream continued.

Just as Ruan Weiwei was about to die, her biological father came to save her.

She thought she was finally saved, but she was trapped in another wolf den!

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In her dream, Ruan Weiwei returned to where her biological father lived after being saved.

However, her biological father was a high-ranking official and was too busy all day long, so he could only find an old servant to take care of her.

In her dream, her mother was dead, but she didn't see her mother for the last time. After her mother found out that something bad had happened to her, she couldn't take it anymore and vomited a few mouthfuls of blood before dying.

After experiencing such a thing, Ruan Weiwei became more and more introverted and timid.

Later, when she was 16 years old, she met Brother Youting, who had been engaged to her since she was young.

After meeting Brother Youting, Ruan Weiwei truly entered a nightmare.

Because Ling Youting didn't like Ruan Weiwei at all, he wanted to break off this engagement.

However, Ruan Weiwei's father was Ling Youting's father's right-hand man. Ling Youting couldn't resist, so he targeted Ruan Weiwei.

Ling Youting thought of all kinds of ways to bully Ruan Weiwei, in hopes that she could find her father to cancel the marriage when she couldn't take it anymore.

However, because of what he had experienced previously, Ruan Weiwei was very afraid of Ling Youting's bullying, but she didn't dare to resist.

She had never told her biological father what had happened to her and had silently endured it.

It wasn't until Ling Youting instructed the local hooligan to rape Ruan Weiwei that Ruan Weiwei finally couldn't take it anymore and passed away with hatred.

Ruan Weiwei only woke up from her dream when she took her last breath. When she touched her face, her hand felt tears.

"Did you have a nightmare? Don't be afraid. Your mother is with you in the sky!" When the female bodyguard saw the little girl's terrified expression, she reached out and patted Ruan Weiwei's back gently. "Look, that brightest star is your mother!"

Ruan Weiwei looked in the direction pointed out by the female bodyguard's other hand.

There was a very bright star twinkling in the sky, as if it was comforting Ruan Weiwei and telling her not to be afraid.

At this moment, Ruan Weiwei felt emboldened.

Compared to her fate in her dream, she was already very lucky.

She had not been taken away by those people. Moreover, she had people protecting her and Sister Xiaoran who would always be her backup.

Thinking of this, Ruan Weiwei gradually calmed down.

"Thank you for protecting me! You must be tired, so you should rest too! Don't worry, I'll be fine!"

When she saw how sensible Ruan Weiwei was, the female bodyguard's heart softened.

"Go to sleep first! I'm not tired. I'm very capable, so I can stay awake for a few nights! Come, I'll carry you. Let's sleep together for a while!"

Ruan Weiwei nodded and snuggled into the female bodyguard's arms. Perhaps sensing maternal warmth, Ruan Weiwei gradually fell asleep.

Li Xiaoran looked at the sleeping child with pity in her eyes

"What? You're saying that my seventh brother's men are also at that little girl's place?" The second prince had just returned late at night. Seeing that his wife was still awake, he came to take a look. In the end, he heard this news.

"That's right. I was also very shocked when I heard about this. I don't know how Luo Cheng got involved with that little girl!" The second prince's consort said in fear.

When the second prince entrusted the matter of settling that little girl to her, she thought that it would be a very simple matter. Unexpectedly, someone ruined their plans halfway through, and it

was the person her husband was the wariest of. How could the second prince's consort not be terrified?

The second prince frowned and thought for a moment before saying, "Did that little girl really ask us to send her father to her place?"

The second prince's consort nodded.

When the Second Prince heard this, he said,

"Alright, don't interfere in this matter anymore!"

When the second consort heard this, she finally heaved a sigh of relief.

She was a woman who didn't have much ambition or abilities. She just wanted to live a peaceful life.

Now that she didn't have to interfere in this matter, she was naturally more than happy.

"Alright, if there's nothing else, I'll be leaving now. Rest first!"

With that, the second prince turned around and left.

To be honest, in the past, the second prince's consort would have been disappointed.

However, after getting used to the second prince treating her as his wife and not as the woman he loved, the second prince's consort stopped caring and started living her own life.

No matter who the second prince doted on or accepted, it was fine as long as her position as his wife didn't change.

As long as her family didn't collapse, she would have a stable position as the official wife.

Besides, she had a son and a daughter. Men were unreliable, so she just had to focus on raising her children.

As for those illegitimate children, she wouldn't pretend to be virtuous and bring them to her side.

Therefore, the second prince's family business and assets were not important to the second prince's consort.

This was because the second prince had been working hard to develop his faction all these years. In fact, most of the profits from the businesses under his name had been used to run his faction.

As for the expenses of the second prince's residence, the second prince's consort took a laissez-faire approach.

If the second prince gave her more money, she would arrange things better. If the second prince gave her less money, she would put in less effort.

The person who cared about his reputation the most was the Second Prince, not her.

As for her dowry, she only spent it on her children.

As for other vixens and their children, whoever gave birth to them would raise them. She didn't care!

It wasn't that the second prince didn't mention this before. The second prince's consort didn't cry or make a fuss. She only said with a gentle smile, "You can raise as many people as you can. If you can't, give them away to other people!"

From then on, the Second Prince had no choice but to fork out some money to spend on the residence.

However, after that incident, the second prince no longer dared to bring women back.

After all, he realized that raising women was also very expensive.

The next day, Li Xiaoran woke up in Luo Cheng's warm embrace. After looking at the sky outside, Li Xiaoran quickly got up.

"Oh no, we have to go to the banquet today!"

Luo Cheng opened his eyes and immediately laughed when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"The weather is good today and the sun rose early. Actually, it's only dawn.

Xiaoran, don't worry. There's still time!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she finally heaved a sigh of relief.

"You scared me to death. I thought I was too late!"

With that, Li Xiaoran calmed down and was no longer so anxious.

"You can't let Shu Ruyue leave your sight today, not even when you use the bathroom! I'll secretly send people to protect you, but it's also possible that they'll be too far away to save you, so Xiaoran, you should be more careful!"

Chapter 485: Stop Afar

"Don't worry! I can protect myself!" With that, Li Xiaoran showed off the hidden weapons and various self-defense medicine she was wearing.

"Look, with these things, nothing will happen to me!"

Luo Cheng was still worried, but he had no other choice.

If possible, Luo Cheng was really unwilling to let Li Xiaoran take the risk.

However, Li Xiaoran had her own thoughts, and Luo Cheng was unwilling to force her to do anything. In the end, he could only try his best to protect Li Xiaoran's safety.

If anyone really dared to attack Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng would make them regret coming to this world.

Luo Cheng thought to himself.

After everything was ready, Shu Ruyue came over.

Like Li Xiaoran, Shu Ruyue also had a lot of things on her.

She brought all kinds of self-defense powder. Wu Qinghe had asked for these from Luo Cheng and gave them to Shu Ruyue.

In Wu Qinghe's words, Shu Ruyue was facing delicate women, so it wouldn't be good for her to hurt them. Moreover, the other party used sinister methods that were impossible to guard against, so they might as well make more preparations. The more detoxification pills and self-defense powders, the better!

Shu Ruyue felt that Wu Qinghe spoke very quickly, so she simply identified all those things before stuffing them into her bag.

Just like that, Li Xiaoran brought Shu Ruyue to the banquet.

Meng Yan and Li Xiaoran had already agreed on a place to meet. When Li Xiaoran arrived, Meng Yan was already there.

After Meng Yan got into Li Xiaoran's carriage, she asked the coachman to drive the carriage behind her before chatting with Li Xiaoran.

"Who is this?" Meng Yan looked at Shu Ruyue and asked curiously.

"I'm Ruyue, Xiaoran's maid!" Shu Ruyue smiled at Meng Yan as she replied.

After Li Xiaoran looked at Shu Ruyue, she simply explained,

"Didn't you ask me to find a skilled martial artist to protect me? Ruyue is the expert I found to protect me!"

Meng Yan was relieved when she heard this.

"It's good that someone is protecting you! I'm really worried that someone will find an excuse to send me away before dealing with you! In that case, I'm relieved!"

Li Xiaoran sensed that Meng Yan was in a bad mood. Compared to the last time they met, Meng Yan was clearly much more irritable.

"Meng Yan, did something happen to you?" Li Xiaoran asked.

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran's question, she hesitated for a moment before telling the truth.

"Xiaoran, I heard that someone else is coming to the flower banquet this time. It's the Eldest Princess."

"Eldest Princess? What's wrong with this person? Why are you so anxious?" Li Xiaoran asked in confusion.

Li Xiaoran actually wasn't familiar with the royal family.

When Meng Yan saw that Li Xiaoran didn't know anything, she immediately sighed.

"The Eldest Princess is the eldest sister of the current emperor. She saved the emperor's life once, so she has always been respected by the current emperor. As for

the Eldest Princess, she hates those poor women who marry into the royal family the most because her son was harmed by a poor woman back then. That poor woman convinced the Eldest Princess's son to go work in Qinghai and he hasn't returned for many years!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Meng Yan's words, she immediately reacted.

"It seems that these people are indeed targeting me! They knew that I was going, so they invited the Eldest Princess over. Doesn't the Eldest Princess hate poor women like me the most?"

Seeing that Li Xiaoran had figured it out, Meng Yan said, "Xiaoran, why don't you not go today?! I'll say that you had something on and couldn't come!"

Li Xiaoran knew that Meng Yan was doing this for her own good, but Li Xiaoran rejected Meng Yan's suggestion.

"Don't worry! I can handle it!"

It was just a simple statement, but it was filled with confidence.

Meng Yan thought that Li Xiaoran didn't know how intimidating the Eldest Princess was and was blindly optimistic, so she wanted to persuade her again, but Shu Ruyue interrupted.

"You should believe your friend! Even if you haven't known her for long, you should be able to tell that she's an upright person. If she's determined to do something, even a few cows won't be able to pull her back. Besides, the Li Xiaoran I know isn't the kind of person who takes risks if there's no chance of winning! So, if you really treat her as a friend, believe her!"

Meng Yan didn't expect Shu Ruyue to say that, so she looked at Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran noticed Meng Yan's probing expression, but didn't say anything and only smiled.

"Don't look at me. I'm really not worried! To be honest, there's no circle in this world that I, Li Xiaoran, can't integrate into. There are only circles I'm unwilling to integrate into!"

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran's words, her eyes were filled with surprise.

"In the past, I thought you were a straightforward person. Now, I've finally seen how arrogant you are! Li Xiaoran, although I don't know what backers you have, I really like you as a friend. You're right. Perhaps I should believe you!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was amused.

"I won't let you down!"

Meng Yan was still very worried, but at this point, she could only take it one step at a time.

Soon, the carriage arrived at the place where the flower banquet was held.

This time, the banquet was held in a farmstead at the periphery of the capital.

This farmstead was called Juxing Garden. At this moment, many high-quality flowers and various fruits were inside.

Those who came to the banquet could admire the beauty of these flowers at close range and taste all kinds of fruits.

When Li Xiaoran saw this, she thought for a moment and said to Zi Zheng, who was driving the carriage outside, “Zi Zheng, park our carriage near Juxing

Garden. Then, we’ll walk over!”

With that, Li Xiaoran turned to look at Meng Yan.

“If you believe me, park your carriage there as well! There are too many carriages and too many people here. Once there’s a commotion, we won’t be able to escape in a carriage. Only by parking this carriage further away will we have a chance of survival!”

As Meng Yan looked at the long queue in front, she said hesitantly, “Nothing will happen at such a big banquet! After all, the people who came to this banquet today have extraordinary identities!”

Li Xiaoran shook her head as she said worriedly, “You’re wrong. The more extraordinary people there are, the easier it is for something to happen. You’d better listen to me!”

After Meng Yan thought for a moment, she finally decided to park her carriage in the open space outside..

Chapter 486: Where’s the Invitation?

Not far from Juxing Garden, there were still some farmsteads that were willing to provide empty space for people to park their carriages. However, those other people were unwilling to stop, so at this moment, only Li Xiaoran and Meng Yan’s carriages were parked there.

After getting out of the carriage, Li Xiaoran and the others tidied up.

The person in charge of the small farmstead walked over.

“It’s definitely a wise choice for you to park the carriage here. Every year, whenever Juxing Garden holds a banquet, many people want to park their carriages in Juxing Garden. Little do they know that it’s troublesome to go in and out, which wastes a lot of time. Why don’t you rest a little in our farmstead now? When there aren’t many people left, we’ll drive the carriage over. This way, you won’t have to queue and won’t have to miss this banquet!”

Upon hearing the woman’s explanation, Li Xiaoran was immediately interested.

“You’re quite smart and business-savvy. In that case, why don’t you give us the most beautiful thing in your farmstead and let us rest for a while?!” When the manager heard Li Xiaoran praising them for being business-savvy, she was overjoyed.

“Please come in. Today’s trip definitely won’t be in vain!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and led everyone to the private room in the farmstead.

This farmstead wasn’t big. Its only advantage was that it was very close to Juxing Garden.

Sitting in the private room, they could see the entrance of Juxing Garden clearly.

Therefore, sitting there and waiting was much more enjoyable.

After that, the manager sent some drinks, snacks, and fruits.

Li Xiaoran and the others were not in a hurry at all. They ate as they observed the situation in Juxing Garden in a leisurely manner.

“Is it always so crowded here?” Li Xiaoran asked.

Meng Yan shook her head and said, “Perhaps everyone came at this time! That’s why it’s so crowded! Logically speaking, there shouldn’t have been too many people invited this time!”

Li Xiaoran smiled when she saw this.

“There must be many uninvited guests.”

When Meng Yan heard this, she said firmly, “How is that possible? Only people with invitations can enter!”

“What about my invitation?” Li Xiaoran turned around and asked when she heard Meng Yan’s words.

Meng Yan’s expression changed at the mention of this.

From the beginning to the end, no one had given her an invitation.

Li Xiaoran didn’t, nor did she.

When Li Xiaoran saw Meng Yan’s expression change drastically, she immediately guessed something.

“Don’t I have an invitation?”

When Meng Yan realized that she had been played, she was furious.

“None of us did! I was wondering if I forgot something. Turns out that there was no invitation!”

At this point, Meng Yan was a little vexed.

“How did this happen? I’m usually not such a careless person. Why did I forget about something as important as an invitation?!”

Shu Ruyue stared at Meng Yan for a while. Then, she walked over and said to

Meng Yan, "Give me your hand. I'll take your pulse!"

Meng Yan was a little confused. She didn't know why Shu Ruyue would say such a thing.

When Li Xiaoran looked at Shu Ruyue and sensed that she was serious, she persuaded, "My friend knows a little about medicine. Let her take your pulse!"

Meng Yan recalled that she had been feeling unwell in the past few days, so she nodded and stretched out her wrist.

Shu Ruyue took Meng Yan's pulse and asked about her situation in the past two days. Then, her expression turned solemn.

"Have you eaten pumpkins and mutton in the past two days?" Meng Yan thought about what she had eaten over the past few days and nodded.

"I did! But I didn't eat them together! I ate mutton first and steamed pumpkin with sugar two hours later!"

Shu Ruyue sighed when she heard this.

"Do you know that mutton and pumpkins can cause your body to heat up, your eyes to swell, the corners of your mouth to grow sores, your teeth to ache, your throat to become sore, and so on? It can also cause your body's iron supply to be unstable, and your chest to feel suffocated. You have to wait at least four hours after eating mutton to eat pumpkins."

Meng Yan immediately understood.

Because she had all the symptoms Shu Ruyue mentioned.

"I was wondering why I wasn't feeling well these past two days. I thought it was because I ate something bad during the dish sampling that day. I didn't expect this to be the reason."

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, "It seems that someone wants to use these foods to make you uneasy, so you won't be in good spirits and can't think of everything. That's why you forgot about the invitation! Perhaps someone is toying with us and doesn't want us to go? Or is someone trying to embarrass us? If we queued up just now but didn't have an invitation when we reached the door, we would have been laughed at!"

"I think the latter is very likely! But we don't have to be anxious. Someone might come looking for us later!" Meng Yan came back to her senses and sneered.

Shu Ruyue didn't care about this. She brought some mung bean cakes and radish cakes over and placed them in front of Meng Yan.

"In your current situation, you should eat some mung bean cakes and radish cakes first! A

As soon as she said this, Li Xiaoran and Meng Yan became more vigilant.

They really didn't expect to be schemed against before the banquet even started.

As expected, these women couldn't be underestimated!

It was really impossible to guard against these dirty tricks!

Li Xiaoran had already made up her mind.

They would wait another two hours.

If no one came to send an invitation in the next two hours, she would just go back.

It was just a banquet. She didn't want to attend it that badly.

If the invitation was delivered within two hours, she naturally wouldn't back down and would still attend the banquet.

She wanted to see what these people were up to!

As expected, less than an hour after they sat in the small farmstead's private room, a butler rushed over.

"Greetings, Miss Meng! Madam was so busy that she forgot to send you invitations! In order to express her apology, she specifically instructed me to come and pick you up!"

Chapter 487: Chasing Her Husband

Li Xiaoran looked at the butler in front of her with a mocking smile.

See! Everything was as she had expected.

These people were trying to take her down a notch!

First, the invitation wasn't sent, but now, they came to send it.

But the person in front of her had never mentioned her from the beginning to the end.

What was she doing? Was she trying to make her feel uncomfortable by ignoring her?

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran picked up her teacup and took a sip.

She wasn't a fool, nor was she that sensitive and fragile.

If she didn't give her an invitation, she just wouldn't go!

There would eventually be a chance for her to vent her anger! When Meng Yan heard the servant's words, she sneered.

"Where's the invitation?"

The servant quickly handed over the invitation.

When Meng Yan only saw one invitation, the anger she had suppressed for a long time finally erupted.

“There’s only one invitation?”

Sensing Meng Yan’s anger, the butler quickly took half a step back and nodded.

“There’s indeed only one invitation, but you can bring five people in!” Meng Yan smiled when she heard this.

The anger from before dissipated immediately and Meng Yan smiled brightly.

“Since the invitation has been delivered, please go back and inform your master that there are too many people entering the garden now, so we’ll go in later! You’re a busy person, so you don’t have to accompany me here. Go back and report to your master first!”

Meng Yan asked with a cold expression, ‘Why? Do you plan to tell me what to

As soon as she said this, the butler didn’t dare to say anything else and quickly went back.

Others might not know, but the butler knew very well that if the girl from the Meng family was really angry, she would teach her a lesson.

Previously, an ignorant servant had offended her and was taught a lesson. He recuperated for several months before he finally survived.

When she saw the servant leave dejectedly, the smile on Meng Yan’s face disappeared and she exuded a cold aura.

“Why are you angry? Being angry over such a person isn’t worth it!” Seeing Meng Yan’s unhappy expression, Li Xiaoran smiled and said, “Let’s drink tea.

We can leave in a short while!”

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she shook her head.

“I can’t leave today!”

“You still want to attend that banquet?” Li Xiaoran asked in surprise.

“Even if you’re not going, I have to go! The man I like will be chosen at the Flower Banquet today!” Meng Yan gritted her teeth as she said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, her eyes widened.

Even Shu Ruyue was looking at Meng Yan with interest.

“Hey, tell us what’s going on.”

When Meng Yan saw that the two of them looked gossipy, she made up her mind and said, “What else could it be? There was a man who came to me every day to confess his feelings, but I ignored him. Unexpectedly, this man suddenly changed his attitude some time ago and wanted to listen to his family’s arrangements to attend the Flower Banquet!”

As soon as he said this, Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue immediately laughed.

“It’s your fault for ignoring him previously. Now that he’s no longer revolving around you, you’re finally panicking!” Shu Ruyue teased.

After Li Xiaoran smiled, she thought for a moment and said, “As the saying goes, even a fierce woman is afraid of a man’s pursuit! Meng Yan probably doesn’t even know when she fell in love! When he suddenly stopped appearing,

Meng Yan realized her feelings!”

Meng Yan was very surprised to hear Li Xiaoran’s words.

“Li Xiaoran, you’re so scary! Why do I feel that you’re like a parasite in my stomach? You actually guessed everything correctly!”

“Pfft, I’m not a parasite in your stomach! It’s so disgusting to be a parasite!” Li Xiaoran said unhappily, “In my opinion, your man actually did it on purpose to make you anxious so that he can confirm if you still have him in your heart!” At this point, Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something.

“I sensed that something was off about you after not seeing you for two days.

So that’s why!”

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she pondered over it.

“In that case, his strategy is very effective! I really understand my true feelings now! ”

“Since you understand, don’t dawdle anymore! If you encounter a good him, you have to seize him. You have a straightforward personality, so why are you acting so hesitant?! Don’t you already have an invitation? Just go find that man and get him! It’s called a Flower Banquet for a reason!” Li Xiaoran reminded her with a teasing tone.

Meng Yan was enlightened.

“That’s right! My man has to be chosen in public, so those women who have designs on him will give up!”

With that, Meng Yan took the invitation and walked out of the private room.

As soon as she reached the door, Meng Yan thought of something and looked at Li Xiaoran.

“Are you sure you’re not going? Why don’t you go home first?!”

Meng Yan was stunned for a moment. Although she didn’t know why Li Xiaoran said that, she had a feeling that she might really see Li Xiaoran later.

“Then you won’t let me come with you?”

“The other party only gave you the invitation, which means that those people don’t want us to appear together! So you can go first! Ruyue will stay with me here, so nothing will happen!” Li Xiaoran said.

Meng Yan hesitated for a moment before finally nodding and leaving with her men.

After Meng Yan left, Shu Ruyue looked at Li Xiaoran.

“No matter how I look at it, those people have ill intentions. Why don’t we leave?! We can’t enter without an invitation anyway!”

Li Xiaoran shook her head and said, “If I’m not mistaken, someone will send me an invitation later!”

Shu Ruyue didn’t know why Li Xiaoran was so sure, so she picked up the teacup and took a sip.

“Why do you have to go? You know that those people have ill intentions, but you’re still taking the initiative to go!”

“I have a reason to go! Many times, when you’re framed, it’s not up to you to decide anymore. I have to accept the challenge!” Li Xiaoran smiled and her tone was filled with determination..

Chapter 488: Eldest Princess

The reason these people toyed with her today was because they didn’t take her seriously, let alone Luo Cheng.

At this point, those people were setting up traps step by step to see how Li Xiaoran would handle it.

If Li Xiaoran wasn’t mistaken, the queue at the door was a test.

In the end, she went straight to the small farmstead at the side.

This unexpected move immediately made the people inside change their strategy. They sent someone to send only one invitation in order to humiliate her.

At the same time, this invitation was also a test to see if she would choose to compromise and follow Meng Yan in.

But her answer was no.

After Meng Yan went in, those people would definitely make another move.

At this point, the other party wouldn’t let her go that easily.

After all, there was a trap set up at the banquet and they were waiting for her to fall into it.

That was why Li Xiaoran was so sure that she couldn’t leave.

However, she wanted to see what methods those people would use to let her in.

After all, there was no point in using the method of sending invitations once again.

However, what Li Xiaoran didn’t expect was that the other party would use a trump card!

Before long, two maids followed a woman over from afar.

This time, these people walked straight towards the private room where Li Xiaoran was.

As soon as she entered, the old woman with silver hair kept staring at Li

“You’re the wife Luo Cheng married in the countryside?”

When Li Xiaoran heard this and saw the person’s aura, she immediately stood up and bowed.

“Greetings, Eldest Princess! ”

Seeing that there wasn’t thing wrong with Li Xiaoran’s etiquette, the woman asked, “How did you know that I’m the eldest princess? Have you seen me before?”

Li Xiaoran could feel that the eldest princess in front of her didn’t dislike her, but she also didn’t like her either.

It was as if she was meeting a stranger. She felt no particular emotion towards her at all.

This surprised Li Xiaoran. She felt that the Eldest Princess in front of her was a little different from the rumors said she was like.

“Is my question that difficult to answer?”

After Li Xiaoran came back to her senses, she shook her head and said, “It’s not that this question is difficult to answer, but that you’re a little different from the rumors I heard about you!”

When the Eldest Princess heard this, she asked with an impassive expression, “What’s the difference? Do you think it’s strange that I didn’t make things difficult for you?!”

“Yes!” Li Xiaoran replied to the Eldest Princess’s question directly, “As for why I recognized you as the Eldest Princess, it’s actually very simple. It depends on your aura! Everyone’s birth, environment, and experience will cause them to have different auras. Your aura is very special. Ordinary people won’t have it!”

“You sure know how to suck up to me!” The Eldest Princess glanced at Li Xiaoran as she said, “I know you’re here to attend the banquet, so why don’t you follow me in?!”

Li Xiaoran hesitated when she heard the Eldest Princess’s words. “I don’t have an invitation! I was tricked!”

The Eldest Princess raised her eyebrows when she heard this.

“Do you think I can’t bring you in with my status?”

When Li Xiaoran heard the Eldest Princess’s words, she pondered for a moment before she shook her head.

“Of course it’s possible! I’m just being petty!”

With that, Li Xiaoran gestured to Shu Ruyue and the two of them left with the Eldest Princess.

Soon, the group arrived at the door.

Seeing the Eldest Princess walking over with her men, a servant guarding the door immediately ran over with a smile.

“Eldest Princess, why did you walk here?! Please come in. I’ll arrange a carriage for you now!”

“No need. It’s not like I’m too old to walk. The beautiful scenery in this garden is not bad, so I want to look around!” The Eldest Princess didn’t even look at the servant. Then, she turned around. “Luo Cheng’s wife, come and help me!”

Li Xiaoran was stunned for a moment before understanding.

“Alright, Eldest Princess!”

As Li Xiaoran replied, she walked forward to support the Eldest Princess.

Just like that, the group walked in through the door.

After walking in, Li Xiaoran looked at the beautiful scenery around her. She didn’t admire it. Instead, she frowned slightly.

The Eldest Princess noticed Li Xiaoran’s expression and asked, “Why? Do you think the scenery here is not beautiful?”

“It’s beautiful, but it’s too beautiful that it lacks a natural vibe! It’s too deliberate!” Li Xiaoran said.

She had seen many man-made sceneries in the modern era. Now that she saw that the courtyard was also man-made, she naturally didn’t like it.

The eldest princess didn’t expect Li Xiaoran to say such a thing, so she asked again.

“Why? You grew up in the countryside and saw too many weeds and trees, so you think the scenery in this courtyard isn’t beautiful?”

These words were harsh.

However, Li Xiaoran didn’t mind.

“What I see in the countryside are the beautiful green mountains and clear water, the weeds by the flat stream, the pine trees at the top of the mountain, and the scenic countryside. The beauty of nature is naturally something these small paths in the courtyard can’t compare to!”

The Eldest Princess didn’t expect Li Xiaoran to say that. This girl really didn’t feel embarrassed by her humble background. Instead, she was proud of her background.

This time, for the first time, the Eldest Princess took Li Xiaoran seriously.

“I was wondering why Luo Cheng married you. It seems that you have your merits! At least, no one is as thick-skinned as you!”

“Of course. If I weren’t outstanding, my husband wouldn’t have married me! Besides, I’m not shameless. I just have self-respect and will never degrade myself! As the saying goes, a hero’s origin doesn’t matter. As long as I’m outstanding enough, so

what if I came from a commoner's family? At least my parents didn't steal things to raise me. I didn't do anything bad or betray the country. I'm a promising woman!" Li Xiaoran said proudly.

"How are you a promising woman?" The Eldest Princess sneered as she asked.

"I don't have to rely on my parents to support myself. Just based on this alone, I'm already better than many daughters of wealthy families in the capital. I'm smart and I definitely won't back down when I encounter trouble. I'll face it head-on! Regarding this second point, I'm much better than those girls from noble families who only care about personal benefits and always weigh the pros and cons. The third point is that I can go through thick and thin with my lover, resolve his worries, and work hard to improve myself to be on par with him. Just this point alone is enough for my husband to treat me sincerely and be together with me for the rest of my life!" Li Xiaoran straightened her back as she said proudly..

Chapter 489: What Are You Afraid of?

When the Eldest Princess saw Li Xiaoran like this, she was suddenly stunned.

She had seen many proud women before and those people indeed had the ability to be proud.

However, the little girl in front of her refreshed her understanding of her.

Others said that she disliked girls from commoner families because of her son and daughter-in-law.

That wasn't the case.

She only disliked her daughter-in-law.

Only his silly son would listen to that scheming woman from the countryside and fail to see her true colors.

This time, when she heard that Luo Cheng had married a woman from the countryside, the Eldest Princess was actually a little angry.

Why were all the descendants of the royal family so foolish?

Originally, the Eldest Princess didn't take Li Xiaoran, the Seventh Prince's consort, seriously, but after she went to the royal family to see the emperor a few days ago, she sensed something from the emperor's mention of this girl.

When someone invited her to the Flower Banquet this time, the Eldest Princess originally didn't plan to participate.

However, not long ago today, she heard that the countryside woman Luo Cheng had brought back would also come, so she changed her mind.

Initially, she only wanted to pretend to be an ordinary official's family member. Unexpectedly, her identity was exposed the moment they met.

It wasn't that the Eldest Princess didn't know what those people in the courtyard were up to, so after Li Xiaoran exposed her identity, the Eldest Princess had the intention to bring her in.

She wanted to see how Luo Cheng's wife would perform at a set up like the Flower Banquet. However, she didn't see what she wanted to see. Instead, she saw another side to this girl.

The Eldest Princess stopped and stared at Li Xiaoran.

"Do you know what awaits you when you step into the courtyard in front?"

When Li Xiaoran heard the Eldest Princess's words, she looked towards somewhere not far away.

Many voices came from the long corridor over there. The people who came to attend the banquet must be there!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran looked at the Eldest Princess.

"Of course I know! But so what? I'll deal with whatever comes my way. Although I'm a woman, I'm tough, prideful and clever. Why should I be afraid of demons?!"

At this moment, Li Xiaoran's aura changed.

Shu Ruyue, who was following Li Xiaoran, saw Li Xiaoran's demeanor change from that of a cute little girl to an arrogant woman in an instant.

This was a side to Li Xiaoran she had never seen before. She was a woman that other women couldn't help but become fascinated with.

The Eldest Princess was the same. She had never met a woman she admired in her entire life.

Now, she had met one.

Looking at the feisty Li Xiaoran, the Eldest Princess suddenly laughed.

"In that case, follow me in!"

Li Xiaoran didn't answer. She continued to support the Eldest Princess as they walked towards the boisterous place.

As she walked forward step by step, Li Xiaoran's fierce aura gradually diminished.

When she reached the crowd, Li Xiaoran once again became amiable and approachable.

Those who didn't know better were all very surprised to see a pretty woman helping the Eldest Princess in and they asked around for Li Xiaoran's identity.

As for those who knew Li Xiaoran's identity, they had strange expressions when they saw Li Xiaoran actually helping the Eldest Princess in.

Meng Yan, who was looking for someone, suddenly laughed when she saw this scene.

As expected, Li Xiaoran had never disappointed her.

Li Xiaoran helped the Eldest Princess into the banquet. Just this alone already deterred those with ill intentions!

Since Princess Ning Xin was the organizer, she naturally had to come forward to welcome the Eldest Princess.

“Auntie, why are you only here now?! I sent people to look for you. Where did you go?”

Seeing Princess Ning Xin coming over, the Eldest Princess revealed a rare smile.

“Since I went out for a walk, I naturally have to take a look around. You don’t have to interfere. I have your seventh sister-in-law accompanying me, so go do your own thing!”

As soon as she said this, not to mention the surrounding officials, even Li Xiaoran was very surprised.

She really didn’t expect the Eldest Princess to take the initiative to support her.

What was going on? Could it be that something had happened to make Auntie change her attitude in such a short time?

Thinking of this, Princess Ning Xin sized up Li Xiaoran.

“You’re my seventh sister-in-law?”

Li Xiaoran could sense that Princess Ning Xin disliked her. On the surface, she didn’t reveal anything, but the disdain in her eyes was obvious.

When the Eldest Princess heard Ning Xin’s words, she didn’t say anything. Instead, she let Li Xiaoran handle this herself.

She could help her block some ill intentions, but she still had to face all of this herself.

For example, Princess Ning Xin’s snub!

“If you have a Seventh Brother, I’m naturally your Seventh Sister-in-law!” Li Xiaoran smiled as she replied.

These words were very tricky.

If Princess Ning Xin didn’t acknowledge Luo Cheng as her seventh brother, then she wasn’t her seventh sister-in-law. However, if Ning Xin acknowledged Luo Cheng as her seventh brother, then she had to acknowledge her as her seventh sister-in-law!

Princess Ning Xin, who had been doted on since she was young, had never suffered such grievances. She was actually being bullied by a woman from the countryside!

“Who do you think you are?!” Princess Ning Xin’s expression changed as she cursed.

As soon as she said this, many people around them revealed looks of amusement.

Those gloating comments were quite loud.

Li Xiaoran wasn’t angry at this moment. Instead, she felt that such insults were child’s play.

“Who do you think you are?”

Li Xiaoran retorted directly.

Before Princess Ning Xin could come back to her senses, Li Xiaoran took a step forward and said in a voice that could be heard by the two of them, “You’re making things difficult for me because you think that I, a commoner from the countryside, can’t be the Seventh Prince’s consort. But insulting me is equivalent to insulting the royal family. After all, I’m the Seventh Prince’s consort that the emperor personally acknowledged! As a member of the royal family, you know very well what’s more important! There are some things that you aren’t worth losing over trivial matters!”

With that, Li Xiaoran retreated to the Eldest Princess’s side and looked around while trembling, pretending to be afraid.

“I really didn’t expect there to be dirty things in such a good courtyard. That dirty thing seemed to have come out of Princess Ning Xin’s body just now. How scary.. Why can I see ghosts?!”

Chapter 490: I’m Hitting You

These words immediately made people look around.

When Princess Ning Xin looked at Li Xiaoran and thought about what she had heard previously, she immediately understood.

“I’ve long heard that there are some unclean places in this courtyard. I didn’t expect to encounter them today. It seems that it’s time to close this farmstead!” When Li Xiaoran heard Princess Ning Xin’s words, she quickly nodded in agreement. “That’s right! It’s better not to come to such a dirty place in the future! No wonder I felt uncomfortable the moment I entered this courtyard, as if there were many knives cutting me! Turns out this place is dirty!”

When Meng Yan heard this, she suppressed her laughter and looked at a woman standing not far away.

This woman was Madam Zhongyong, the second prince’s aunt.

At this moment, Madam Zhongyong gritted her teeth in hatred as she glared at Li Xiaoran.

If news of the dirty deeds in the farmstead spread, who would be willing to hold a banquet here in the future?!

All these years, she had spent a lot of effort on this farmstead because she wanted to use these people to earn more money.

Instead of earning much money, a bitch from the countryside ruined the farmstead’s reputation instead.

Even if many people knew that this news was fake, some people would believe

Therefore, Madam Zhongyong couldn’t let others spread rumors.

“This is simply nonsense. This farmstead has always been clean. How is it unclean?! These strange things only happened after certain people came in!

Some people are born to jinx others.”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

“May I ask who you are?”

“Xiaoran, this is Madam Zhongyong!” Meng Yan was afraid that Li Xiaoran didn’t know her, so she immediately pointed out Madam Zhongyong’s identity.

“This farmstead belongs to Madam Zhongyong!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood.

Hence, she walked straight towards Madam Zhongyong.

Seeing this, Shu Ruyue quickly followed.

“According to you, I’m a jinx, so I attracted evil things the moment I came here! What should I do? How can I prove that I’m a jinx? I think you’re a very auspicious person. Why don’t I go out with you for the next few days, eat from the bowl of rice as you, drink from the glass as you, and come back in ten days to half a month to see if you’re fine or not?”

Many people were surprised by Li Xiaoran’s unpredictable move.

If a normal person was slandered as a jinx, shouldn’t she immediately clarify and prove that she wasn’t?

Why was the Seventh Prince’s consort doing the exact opposite?

When the Eldest Princess saw this scene, she immediately understood.

No wonder this girl was acting so brazen previously. She was really quite capable!

“You, you’re so unreasonable!” Madam Zhongyong was flustered by Li Xiaoran’s unexpected move and didn’t know what to do. At this moment, the Eldest Princess walked forward to mediate. “Luo Cheng’s wife, Madam Zhongyong was just joking with you!”

With that, the Eldest Princess looked at Madam Zhongyong and said indifferently, “Luo Cheng’s wife was personally conferred by the emperor and is the Seventh Prince’s official wife. Madam Zhongyong, you have to be careful with your words in the future. After all, you’re already an adult. It’s not scary to be muddle-headed sometimes, but you can’t be muddle-headed at critical moments!”

The Eldest Princess’s glance was filled with warning.

Madam Zhongyong knew how powerful the Eldest Princess was, so she trembled and her face turned pale.

“I spouted nonsense! How strange. Could it be that this farmstead is really dirty? I’m spouting nonsense!”

When the Eldest Princess heard Madam Zhongyong’s words, she let her go.

“Luo Cheng’s wife, come and sit with me for a while. I’m a little tired from walking!”

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran nodded and quickly returned to the Eldest Princess’s side. Then, she helped her to the resting place not far away.

Princess Ning Xin called for everyone to continue admiring the flowers, then she followed them.

Seeing that there was no one else around, Princess Ning Xin snorted.

“Seventh Sister-in-law, you’re really capable!”

“If I don’t have any abilities, how can I become your sister-in-law?” Li Xiaoran replied calmly.

When Princess Ning Xin heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she felt even more disgusted.

“I’ve never seen an arrogant country girl like you! Don’t think you can do whatever you want just because you’re smart. Even if Seventh Brother is your backer, it won’t be difficult for me to deal with you!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, her expression didn’t change. Instead, after helping the Eldest Princess sit down, she said, “Eldest Princess, rest first! I have some things to deal with. I’ll take care of you after I’m done!”

With that, Li Xiaoran didn’t wait for the Eldest Princess to answer. She turned around and walked back. Then, she slapped Princess Ning Xin twice.

Because there were trees around here, the people admiring the flowers couldn’t see the scene clearly.

In addition, there were many people over there, so even though Li Xiaoran’s two slaps were very loud, they didn’t attract anyone’s attention.

On the other hand, the Eldest Princess was dismayed to see Li Xiaoran slapping Princess Ning Xin and was shocked by this girl’s boldness.

“You’re a princess of a country, so you should be upright and open-minded. Learning those dirty tricks from those small families is simply embarrassing your father and mother. You can look down on my background and use your identity to cause trouble for me, but you never should have exposed family conflict in front of others. Family members can fight all they want amongst themselves, but don’t you understand the principle of not airing dirty laundry in public?”

Princess Ning Xin covered her swollen face in disbelief.

“How dare you hit me?”

“That’s right! An elder sister-in-law is like a mother. I’m your seventh sister-in-law, so it’s only right for me to teach my insensible sister a lesson! In the future, if you do anything that damages the royal family’s reputation, I’ll hit you again!” Li Xiaoran said coldly, “Remember, even if there’s anything wrong with me, it’s not your place to insult me!”

With that, Li Xiaoran glanced at Princess Ning Xin again.

“Sometimes, just because you appear domineering doesn’t mean you’re a powerhouse. Relying on your identity and using arrogance to arm yourself isn’t impressive.. If one day, you have nothing except for your status as a princess, when you meet people who aren’t afraid of your identity, it’ll be easy for them to deal with you!”