

Venomous Empress Reborn

Chapter 30: Making Things Difficult

When Chun Tao saw Shen Miao, she quickly approached the carriage and said something to the people in it. Then, Shen Miao saw the curtain of the carriage being lifted.

Inside the first carriage, there were Shen Yue, Shen Qing, Ren Wanyun, and Chen Ruoqiu. When the four of them saw Shen Miao, they could not help but be stunned. Chen Ruoqiu's eyes flashed, but Ren Wanyun frowned. "Fifth Sister, why are you dressed so plainly?"

"That's right." Shen Qing couldn't wait to say, "That outfit doesn't look good. I think you'd better wear something bright. I still have a bright yellow dress in my room. Chun Tao, take Fifth Sister to change into that dress. Why aren't you wearing any jewelry too? People who don't know might think that the General's Mansion is treating you badly."

As a matter of fact, Shen Qing was jealous.

She was born with a pretty face and looked like a very well-behaved daughter of a rich family. However, what she cared about the most was that her skin was not very fair and was a little wheat-colored. Who did not want their skin to be snow-white? She did not dare to say anything about Shen Yue's fair skin, but Shen Miao's skin was fair too. Today, Shen Miao was wearing a green dress, making her skin look even whiter. This way, among the three daughters of the Shen family, Shen Qing would be the one with the duller skin, so she was naturally unhappy.

Shen Yue carefully sized up Shen Miao. She saw that the hairpin Shen Miao was wearing was quite exquisite. Coupled with the lotus-green dress, Shen Miao actually looked very dignified, and she did not wear those gold and silver jewelry. Shen Yue smiled and said, "Fifth Sister, putting aside the clothes, you have to wear jewelry. After all, you are the face of our family. Grandma will be unhappy to see you dressed like this. Moreover, why do you have such a hairstyle? You are still young, that hairpin doesn't fit you."

Gu Yu was so angry that her face turned pale. However, as a servant, she could not go against them. She gritted her teeth in hatred, thinking to herself that the second and third branches of the Shen family were all up to no good.

After they finished speaking, they saw that Shen Miao did not say a word. She just smiled at them, thinking about something. Finally, Shen Qing felt a little uncomfortable under that gaze and shouted at the maid standing by the carriage, "Chun Tao, what are you waiting for? Hurry up and take Fifth Sister to change her clothes."

"No need." Shen Miao interrupted her and put on a sad expression. "There's a reason why I dressed up like this today. I like the jewelry Second Aunt gave me very much. It's not that I don't want to wear it."

The few of them looked at each other, not knowing what Shen Miao meant. Gu Yu and Jingzhe also looked at each other in confusion.

"My father is now far away in the northwest, leading the soldiers in a bloody battle. The Xiongnu have not retreated, and the soldiers are dressed in heavy and cold armors. I am ashamed that I live in the capital surrounded by gold and silver jewelry and get to enjoy poems and flowers." Shen Miao lowered her head and her voice slightly. "Last night, a Bodhisattva entered my dream and asked me to pray. I made up my mind that I won't wear luxury clothes or jewelry until my father returns."

No one expected Shen Miao to suddenly say such a thing. She was usually so timid that she would have a hard time articulating herself, let alone say something so deep. Shen Yue and Shen Qing were both so shocked that they were speechless. Chen Ruoqiu rubbed her forehead and was deep in thought. On the other hand, Ren Wanyun looked a little embarrassed. If Shen Miao prayed for her father, shouldn't the rest of the Shen family do the same? However, Ren Wanyun definitely wouldn't agree to her daughter going to the chrysanthemum banquet dressed like that. Ren Wanyun gritted her teeth and advised lovingly, "Even so, you're still a young lady. Why do you have to be so serious? It's just a banquet. Relax..."

Shen Miao suddenly bowed to Ren Wanyun. "Second Aunt, please allow me to fulfill my filial piety."

Shen Miao was standing at the entrance of the Shen family's mansion, and there were many passers-by coming back and forth. When Shen Miao bowed, the passers-by could not help but look at her curiously.

Ren Wanyun was put on the spot. How could she stop Shen Miao from fulfilling her filial wish?

She was already in the wrong for not praying for his brother-in-law who was fighting in the battle, now of course, she couldn't stop Shen Miao from doing so.

Ren Wanyun's face turned pale. She did not expect Shen Miao to come up with that answer. What made her even more frustrated was that she could not refuse. Ren Wanyun quickly asked Chun Tao to help Shen Miao up and said, "It's good that you

want to pray for your father. Of course Auntie won't stop you. Now, get on the carriage and let's head out together."

Shen Qing was still a little unhappy, but she could not refute her mother. However, Shen Yue and her mother seemed to have noticed something, and when they looked at Shen Miao again, their gazes were different.

"However," Ren Wanyun smiled and said, "Our carriage is too full to accommodate another person. I asked the butler to prepare another one for you. It's spacious too. You can follow us in the second carriage. We'll go in together later."

Every year, Shen Miao would sit in the same carriage with them, but this year, they obviously did it on purpose.

Ren Wanyun also had her own thoughts. Shen Qing was at the age of marriage, but Shen Xin's official position was higher than Shen Gui's, so the families would first consider Shen Miao. Shen Miao was not smart, if she was left alone, she'd probably make a fool of herself. By contrast, Shen Qing would look more generous and lady-like.

Therefore, she specially prepared two carriages. Since Chen Ruoqiu and her daughter had the same idea as her, she naturally wouldn't reject them.

"Alright, as you wish." Shen Miao smiled.

Ren Wanyun was still a little surprised. She did not expect Shen Miao to agree so easily. Shen Miao had always been timid. Previously, she was always sticking to Shen Yue and Shen Qing, thinking that it would be too embarrassing to sit in an empty carriage. She did not expect that Shen Miao would agree without a moment of hesitation.

In this way, it seemed like all the things she prepared to say were unnecessary.

"If there's nothing else, I will get on the carriage." She bowed to the four of them and got into her carriage.

The carriage was considered spacious, but it was not as exquisite as Ren Wanyun's.

Gu Yu said angrily, "Not only did they make Miss sit alone, but they even asked Miss to follow them. These people are definitely up to no good."

Jingzhe looked at Shen Miao worriedly and sighed.

Shen Miao looked at the snacks in her hand and clenched them tightly while lost in a deep thought.

They wanted to distance themselves from the first branch and make Shen Miao a joke so that her father, Shen Xin, would be embarrassed.

However, in this life, Shen Miao would let them get what they wanted.

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