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Chapter 1001: Waking Up (3)

Shen Miao remembered it very clearly.

In her dream, her corpse was burned to ashes by the fire Fu Xiuyi ordered someone to set up. However, the resentment was extremely strong and refused to dissipate. Her soul was imprisoned in the cold palace and she was floating around aimlessly.

All the things she left behind had been burned. If not for the red string in Xie Jingxing's hand, she would probably have long dissipated from the world.

Until the day the city was under siege.

She saw Fu Sheng die at the hands of his own people. She saw Consort Mei and Fu Xiuyi tied up to the city gate tower. She saw the two of them die with their hearts pierced by ten thousand arrows. She saw the palace that she had hated for her entire life be razed to the ground and burnt to ashes. At that moment, her restless soul was finally at peace.

With the red string broken, she let go of the hatred. Therefore, time suddenly reversed. Pei Lang sacrificed his life to give her a new life.

Seeing that Shen Miao was silent, Xie Jingxing frowned and asked, "What's wrong?"

Shen Miao came back to her senses and looked at him without saying anything.

She was a little excited. In her previous life, she had nothing to do with Xie Jingxing. Why was it that in this life, they were tied together by a strange combination of circumstances and could not be separated? It turned out that they were actually related in her previous life. Back then, Xie Jingxing owed her a wish. He kept his promise and personally killed Fu Xiuyi to avenge her.

She asked softly, "Xie Jingxing, do you have any wishes?"

Xie Jingxing glanced at her. "Why? Do you want to fulfill my wishes for me?"

"Tell me one of your wishes." She said seriously, "As long as I can fulfill it, I will do my best."

Her expression was so serious that Xie Jingxing was in a daze for a moment. A moment later, he said with a faint smile, "Sure." He leaned closer to Shen Miao's ear and whispered, "My wish... you can definitely fulfill it."

Shen Miao asked, "What is it?"

"Give me a child," he said casually.

Shen Miao looked at him steadily for a while. Xie Jingxing rubbed his nose and was about to speak when he heard Shen Miao answer, "Sure."

Xie Jingxing was stunned.

Shen Miao stared at him. There was a smile on her lips. It was different from before. It was not a reserved smile, but a sincere smile that came from the bottom of her heart, as if she was really happy.

Xie Jingxing subconsciously reached out to touch her forehead and said, "I think you are still sick."

Shen Miao pushed his hand away and said, "Xie Jingxing, on the day of your birthday, you were frightened, right?"

Xie Jingxing let go. Seeing that her expression was calm and there was nothing wrong, he was a little relieved and asked, "I thought..." He did not continue.

Even now, when he recalled that scene, Xie Jingxing could not help but feel a lingering fear. Shen Miao was lying in a pool of blood, as if she was dead. His heart suddenly stopped beating. It was the kind of fright that he had never experienced even after going through so many wars.

He also had things he was afraid of, people he was afraid of losing, and weaknesses.

Shen Miao said, "Sorry for ruining your birthday.. How about I make it up to you today?"

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Xie Jingxing looked at her in confusion and said, "You're not fully recovered yet. Rest well."

"It's just a flesh wound." Shen Miao took the initiative to say, "Let's go out."

When she woke up today, she was really a little abnormal. Firstly, Shen Miao was not a person who liked to play, and secondly, she was much friendlier than before.

He narrowed his eyes and asked, "Did you do something to let me down behind my back?"

"Yes." Shen Miao nodded seriously.

"Is it related to Pei Lang?" Xie Jingxing's expression turned cold. Shen Miao took a deep breath. She felt that Xie Jingxing really had wild imaginations. She asked with a long face. "Are you going or not?"

Before Xie Jingxing could speak, he heard a voice behind him. "He's going."

Gao Yang walked in and looked at Shen Miao. "I heard that you're awake, so I came over to take a look. It's just a flesh wound. It's nothing serious." He said to Xie Jingxing, "Go out and exercise. You've been staying in the house these days and haven't been out to bask in the sun. The weather is good today."

Then he picked up the medical box in the room and left.

Xie Jingxing and Shen Miao looked at each other in silence. After a while, Xie

Jingxing smiled. "Where do you want to go?"

Shen Miao said, "I'm not very familiar with Long Ye. Let's take a walk around and tell me about the city." Shen Miao suddenly thought of something and said, "By the way, that day, I asked Ba Jiao to buy some fireworks. They're probably still there. Take that with you."

"Why do you want to watch fireworks in broad daylight?" Xie Jingxing stared at her. "Is your brain injured too?" Shen Miao asked, "Have you seen fireworks during the day?"

Xie Jingxing said, "Only the fool have." "I have," Shen Miao replied.

Xie Jingxing stared at her in confusion.

"The fireworks at night are beautiful, but the ones in the day are not inferior. If you haven't seen it, I'll show you." Shen Miao smiled and was about to get off the bed. However, she had been lying on the bed for the past few days, and her legs were very sore. As soon as she got off the bed, she gasped in pain.

Seeing this, Xie Jingxing stood up with a smile and crossed his arms, looking at her as if he was watching a show. "Do you want me to help you?"

"Will you?" Shen Miao knew from his expression that he was up to no good.

Xie Jingxing said, "If you beg me, I'll help you." He leaned over, as if he wanted to hear Shen Miao speak softly to him.

Shen Miao felt that Xie Jingxing's personality was really unpredictable. When he was young, he had the maturity of a grown man. However, at this moment, he was like a young man who liked to play pranks and teased others.

She stared at Xie Jingxing's handsome and beautiful side profile and suddenly had a thought. She kissed Xie Jingxing's cheek.

Xie Jingxing was stunned. Shen Miao looked away at the sachet hanging at the head of the bed.

"Shen Miao." Xie Jingxing frowned at her. "You're not right. I have to get Gao Yang to take a look at you again." Just as he was about to leave, Shen Miao shouted anxiously, "Xie Jingxing!"

He stopped in his tracks and turned around with a mischievous expression. Shen Miao knew that she had been tricked and regretted it. She saw Xie Jingxing suddenly walk forward and pick her up. Shen Miao subconsciously hooked her arms around his neck..

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Just like that, Xie Jingxing carried her out, attracting the servants to look at the two of them. In her previous life and this life, Shen Miao had never been so close to a man. She always had to put on the airs of an empress.

Shen Miao glanced at the servants who were covering their mouths and giggling. She was angry. She pinched Xie Jingxing and said, "What are you doing? Put me down!"

"Tsk, are you being shy now?" Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow, his tone so bad that it made people want to beat him up. He said, "I wonder who took advantage of me in broad daylight just now..."

Shen Miao tried her best to calm down and not hit him.

Luo Tan walked in from outside. Growing up, she had never seen a man and a woman interacting so intimately. For a moment, she felt quite ill at ease, not knowing if she should look away or continue to look at the two of them. Shen Miao asked Xie Jingxing to put her down. She asked Luo Tan, "It's been hard on you these days."

"Not at all, not at all." Luo Tan waved her hand repeatedly. Looking at Xie

Jingxing, she was a little afraid. A few days ago, she wanted to stand up for Shen Miao and flared up at Xie Jingxing. Later, she regretted it. Xie Jingxing had a high status and was Prince Rui of the Daliang

Dynasty. If she angered Xie Jingxing, she would be in trouble. However, looking at Shen Miao and Xie Jingxing being so close, it seemed that they did not quarrel. Luo Tan could not help but feel relieved.

"Oh, right." Luo Tan suddenly thought of something and took out something from her sleeve. She placed it in Shen Miao's hand and said, "Daoist Priest Chi Yan handed this to me before he left and asked me to pass it to you. He said that it's for you."

Luo Tan said, "I wonder why he carved a chicken and a snake on it." Shen Miao was speechless. She said, "It's a dragon and a phoenix."

Shen Miao opened the wooden box and took out two red strings.

Luo Tan said, "These are just two red strings. What's so special about them? I thought it was something precious. He might as well give you a herb. This Daoist priest is really stingy. He has a mountain of herbs, but he only gives you this..

Shen Miao stared at the red strings, her eyes flickering.

In her previous life, she had obtained a red string from a Daoist priest. That red string had accompanied her for several years. Later, it went to Xie Jingxing. Her soul had once lived in the red string, and it was also a medium that connected her to Xie Jingxing's fate in her previous life.

She suddenly felt like she had found a long-lost item.

She reached out and tied the red string to her hand. Luo Tan looked at her and said in surprise, "You... little cousin, are you going to wear this?"

Shen Miao looked at the red string in her hand in satisfaction and picked up another one. She said to Xie Jingxing, "Give me your hand."

Xie Jingxing said, "I'm not wearing it."

"Give me your hand!" Shen Miao repeated.

Xie Jingxing looked at her in disbelief. "I'm a man."

"This can keep you safe." Shen Miao said, "We're both wearing this. If you're in danger, I'll know. If I'm in danger, you can feel it too.."

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Luo Tan stood at the side and asked weakly, "Is it really... that magical?"

Shen Miao did not care if it was magical or not. She felt that Daoist Priest Chi Yan was very capable, and the things he gave her should be very precious. Just as Luo Tan said, these were just two ordinary strings, but they meant something profound to her. They were more memorable than gold and silver.

When Xie Jingxing heard this, he did not reject her anymore. Although his eyes were still filled with disdain, he still let Shen Miao put the red string on his wrist.

Xie Jingxing was the elegant and noble Prince Rui, but he was wearing such a girlish thing. Most importantly, this red string did not look expensive. It was really incompatible with the luxurious clothes the two of them were wearing.

Shen Miao said, "Done."

Xie Jingxing quickly retracted his hand into his sleeve, trying to block the red string.

Luo Tan said, "Alright, I've done my job. You seem to have something to do. I won't disturb you anymore. I'll take my leave first." She winked at Shen Miao and scurried away.

Shen Miao was speechless. Xie Jingxing said, "Let's go and watch the fireworks!"

The servants looked puzzled.

Cong Yang asked Tie Yi in a low voice, "Is Master infected with the illness too? Why is he going to watch fireworks in broad daylight?"

Tie Yi handed the broom to him expressionlessly. "Shut up and sweep!"

In Weiyang Palace, Empress Xiande was leaning against the couch and reading. She was reading leisurely as she listened to the palace maid. After listening, she put down the book in her hand and said with a relieved expression, "It's good that she's fine. There's always something going on these days. I plan to go to the temple and pray."

The assassination attempt on Shen Miao was kept a secret from outsiders, but not from Emperor Yong Le and Empress Xiande. Even Gao Yang was helpless, let alone the imperial physicians in the palace. Speaking of which, it was really strange these days. Things happened one after another in Prince Rui's mansion. First, it was Xie Jingxing. Xie Jingxing had just escaped a calamity when it happened to Shen Miao. Fortunately, Shen Miao was fine.

Empress Xiande put down her book and was no longer in the mood to read. She stood up and walked to the window. Last night, it rained, and today, the weather cleared up.

She muttered to herself, "Long Ye is not as peaceful as it seems."

A storm was coming. Ever since Xie Jingxing returned to the Daliang Dynasty,

two accidents had happened. This was a signal. Perhaps it was a warning, or perhaps it was a counterattack because Emperor Yong Le had already started to make a move on the Lu family.

Nanny Tao was Empress Xiande's old maid. Ever since Empress Xiande was appointed as the empress, she had been by her side. For so many years, she was Empress Xiande's most loyal aide.

Nanny Tao said, "Today, Consort Jing went to the imperial study to look for His Majesty. When she went, her eyes were filled with tears, and when she came out, she seemed to be in a very bad mood. The palace maids said that after she returned, Consort Jing punished a few servants and smashed many things. She seemed to be in an extremely bad mood."

Empress Xiande smiled. "The Lu family has suffered a loss and wants to test His Majesty's attitude, so they will naturally get Consort Jing to do the job."

Didn't Madam Lu enter the palace to see Consort Jing a few days ago?"

"His Majesty doesn't seem to have any patience with Consort Jing anymore."

Nanny Tao said, "Consort Jing has been restraining herself a lot these days. If His Majesty really wants to deal with the Lu family, how should we deal with Consort Jing..

"Let His Majesty decide for himself." Empress Xiande said indifferently, "Whether he has feelings for Consort Jing or not, I can't tell." She looked at the worried Nanny Tao and smiled. "Do you think I still care about who His Majesty is favoring?"

Nanny Tao stopped talking.

Empress Xiande looked out again and said, "Ever since I became the empress, I've stopped treating myself as a woman. The wife of an emperor is not a wife. She's someone who has to bear the burden of the world with him. Fortune or misfortune, I need to go through it with him, and we'll live and die together. I've never been afraid. I just feel sorry..." She looked at her stomach. "That I...

can't give birth to a child for him. '

"If not for Consort Jing back then..." Nanny Tao gritted her teeth, her tone filled with hatred and resentment.

"Forget it." Empress Xiande waved her hand tiredly. She smiled, but that smile was forced. "With or without Consort Jing back then, it was the same. I would not be able to give birth to that child." She said softly, "Look at the harem. Who succeeded in giving birth to a child?"

"No, no one can. At least, I still have this position that no one can challenge," she said..

Chapter 1005: Confession (1)

The sun was heading west. Shen Miao and Xie Jing were walking back to the mansion.

Because Xie Jingxing was too famous, almost everyone in the Daliang Dynasty knew him. Wherever he went, he would be surrounded by surprised gazes. A few days ago, it was rumored that Prince Rui and Princess Consort Rui were having a quarrel. Now that the two of them went out together, this rumor was proven false. If it was really as the rumor said, why would the two of them be so close?

This was the first time Shen Miao had come out to walk around like this since she came to Long Ye. Xie Jingxing was very familiar with this place. She was not a person who liked to shop, but today, she seemed to have been influenced by Luo Tan. She bought a carriage of things. Xie Jingxing still felt that Shen Miao was a little strange. Along the way, he looked at her suspiciously from time to time.

Shen Miao felt more relaxed than ever.

It was as if after that dream, all the indignation, resentment, anger, and hatred of her previous life were gone. She naturally had to take revenge, but this new life was not just about revenge.

The current her was braver, more determined, and more straightforward than before. She could face her feelings head-on and embrace a new life passionately. After all, this her was completely different from that her.

She was in a relaxed mood, and there was a smile on her face from the beginning to the end. She looked around like a child. She even said to Xie Jingxing, "Long Ye is really different from the capital of Ming Qi. I think the places in the Daliang Dynasty are all different. If one day, I can travel around the Daliang Dynasty, that will be great."

Xie Jingxing smiled. "Why is that difficult?"

"It's easier said than done." Shen Miao said, "Sometimes, I'm envious of those hermits who are carefree and have nothing to do." Xie Jingxing stared at her thoughtfully.

Shen Miao asked, "Why are you looking at me?"

He smiled and held Shen Miao's hand. "After the Daliang Dynasty unified Ming Qi, I'll bring you wherever you want to go."

Shen Miao turned around and left. "Who said I want to travel with you?"

Cong Yang and Tie Yi followed behind. Cong Yang looked embarrassed, and Tie Yi was also awkward. It was naturally a good thing that the relationship between their master and madam was good, but being around them was simply torture!

They might as well guard the tower prison!

When the moon gradually rose, there were fewer people on the street. Shen

Miao and Xie Jingxing walked around for the entire day and felt a little sleepy. It was rare for her to be in a good mood today, so Xie Jingxing accompanied her. Seeing that the two of them were very calm when they returned, Jingzhe and Gu Yu heaved a sigh of relief.

Xie Jingxing went back to his room, and Shen Miao also returned to her room. Jingzhe had already run a hot bath for her and said, "Madam, go and take a bath first. There's food made. When you come out later, you can eat it. You must be tired after a day outside.."

Chapter 1006: Confession (2)

Shen Miao nodded. The water was very warm, making her feel sleepy. She lay on the bed, and Gu Yu served her at the side as she said, "I haven't seen Madam smile like this for a long time."

Shen Miao actually smiled a lot. Perhaps because she had been in the harem for a long time in her previous life, she knew very well that no matter how bleak the road ahead was, no matter how disadvantageous the situation was to her, she had to put on a smile. When the enemy saw her smile, they would not be able to figure out what she was thinking.

However, that smile was subconscious and not sincere. How could it be the same as a sincere smile?

At this moment, her eyes were curved, as if she had just eaten honey, making her already delicate and beautiful face look even more charming and making people unable to take their eyes off her.

Jingzhe noticed the red string on Shen Miao's wrist. When Luo Tan gave Shen Miao the red string, Jingzhe was not present, so when she saw it now, she was very curious and said, "Madam, did you buy this red string on the street? It's a little unique, but it doesn't match your clothes."

When Gu Yu saw this, she smiled and said, "I remember Putuo Temple sells such red strings as well. One copper coin for five strings. They said that it was used for people to wish for a good marriage."

Jingzhe smiled. "Isn't it too cheap?" She was also a little puzzled. "Madam, don't you believe in supernatural things the most? Why did you buy this red string? But then again, if His Highness sees you wearing this red string, he will probably be unhappy again. He will definitely misunderstand and think you still want to have a marriage after marrying him." Jingzhe was lively. At this moment, she imitated Xie Jingxing's unhappy expression, making Shen Miao and Gu Yu laugh.

Gu Yu scolded with a smile, "You mischievous girl. Why are you making fun of His Highness?"

Shen Miao waved her hand and said, "Serve the food in Xie Jingxing's room later."

The two of them had always slept in separate rooms. Jingzhe was stunned for a moment before saying with a smile, "Madam, do you want to eat with His Highness?" She could not help but be happy for Shen Miao. These maids did not expect their relationship to improve by leaps and bounds after this calamity.

Shen Miao said, "This red string is very effective."

"Eh?" Gu Yu looked at Shen Miao in surprise, not knowing why she suddenly said that.

Shen Miao looked at the red string and sighed softly. However, this time, her expression was relaxed.

This day would come sooner or later. This time, she was fully prepared. This life was different from her previous life, so she would still look forward to the future, but she would not bet all her future on one person.

She would grow up and become someone who could stand side by side with the person she liked and be equally powerful. She would protect what she wanted to protect and end the feud she wanted to end. It was that simple.

She asked Jingzhe to bring a handkerchief and said, "Help me make my hair."

Xie Jingxing put on his inner clothes and walked out.

He had been bathing for a long time, and the water turned a little cold. When he was alone, there was no lazy smile on his face. Instead, there was a cold expression, which could not be seen clearly in the night. Under his usual cynical front, he was just indifferent to this world..

Chapter 1007: Confession (3)

When he went out, he saw a few plates of exquisite dishes and snacks in the middle of the room.

Xie Jingxing frowned. "Tie Yi." He was not used to eating in the room. He loved cleanliness, and in private, he was very disciplined. The bedroom was where he slept and the dining room was where he ate.

He called out a few times, but there was no response. The door suddenly creaked open, and Shen Miao came in with a wine jar.

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The wine jar was huge, and she was holding it unsteadily. Xie Jingxing went forward to catch it and placed it on the table, asking, "What are you doing?"

Shen Miao said, "I searched your storeroom for a long time and found this jar. I smelled it and guessed that it must be good wine, so I brought it over."

Xie Jingxing paused and opened the wine jar. As expected, the fragrance of wine hit him. He smiled and said, "Uncle Tang didn't stop you?"

This was a top-grade wine that was priceless. There were only three jars in the entire Prince Rui's mansion.

Shen Miao smiled. "I've drunk it before."

Xie Jingxing was suspicious. "When?"

Shen Miao didn't answer immediately. When she was the empress, she had tasted all kinds of wine at the palace banquet. Although a jar of this wine was precious, it was not to the point where she couldn't afford it.

Shen Miao patted her head. "I think I forgot to bring the wine glasses." She glanced at the rice bowls at the side and grabbed two to pour two bowlfuls of wine.

Xie Jingxing looked at her in disbelief and asked, "Shen Miao, are you an alcoholic?"

"I'm here to eat with you." Shen Miao said, "Food without wine is not as delicious."

Xie Jingxing crossed his arms and looked at her for a while. He suddenly thought of something and said, "If you didn't mention it, I would have forgotten. That day at Bixiao Restaurant, you drank a bowl of wine in front of all the guests... Shen Jiaojiao, you have to be careful in the future."

When she drank, she was charming and attractive. At that moment, she was so seductive that people couldn't take their eyes off her. At that time, Xie Jingxing was not happy. If not for his status, he would probably have carried Shen Miao and left.

He instructed his wife, "Don't drink while I'm around in the future. With me around, you can't drink too much either, especially not in front of others... Shen Jiaojiao, are you listening?"

Shen Miao put down the bowl. She had just taken a big gulp of the wine. The wine was fragrant, but when it entered her throat, it was spicy, so spicy that she was about to cry. She praised, "As expected of good wine."

Xie Jingxing said, "Did you ignore me just now?"

Shen Miao glanced at him. "Aren't you going to drink it?" She picked up the wine bowl and took another sip.

Xie Jingxing said, "Are you going to get drunk tonight? You shouldn't drink good wine like this. You need to savor it slowly."

Shen Miao glanced at him from the corner of her eye. "Don't teach me what to do."

Xie Jingxing was speechless.

He always felt that every time Shen Miao drank, she would become a different person. For example, that time when the Shen family left the capital many years ago and he was going to the northern border. Could it be that there was someone else living in Shen Miao's body who would be released as long as she drank? Xie Jingxing was really puzzled. Moreover, she usually looked like a person who restrained herself and was cautious. Once she was drunk, not only did she not have any rationality, but she also did unimaginable things..

Chapter 1008: Confession (4)

He felt that the heroic spirits of the Shen family could only be seen on Shen Miao when she was drunk.

The more mellow the wine was, the stronger it was.

Shen Miao handed the big bowl of wine to Xie Jingxing and said, "You drink too."

Xie Jingxing looked at her in confusion. He sat down at the table and took the wine from her, sipping it slowly.

Xie Jingxing had just taken a few sips when he saw Shen Miao put the bowl upside down on the table and wiped her mouth like a rough man. He asked, "Are you done drinking?"

Shen Miao cleared her throat. "I have something to tell you."

Xie Jingxing glanced at her and then at the wine in his bowl that was as bright as amber. He said, "You have to drink to be brave enough to tell me. Did you cheat on me?"

"Didn't you ask me what my secret was before?" Shen Miao said, "I'll tell you today."

Xie Jingxing paused and looked up at her.

"Do you want to hear it or not?" She asked him.

Xie Jingxing put down the wine bowl and pondered.

"Then I'll take it that you want to know. I'll tell you." Shen Miao continued without waiting for him to speak.

"Do you find it strange that I always target Prince Ding and seem to know everything that I'm not supposed to know?"

Everything she said was what Xie Jingxing had been wanting to ask.

Shen Miao continued, "In the beginning, you must have been wary of me, so you got someone to investigate me in private."

Xie Jingxing looked a little awkward. Clearly, just as Shen Miao had said, he had asked someone to investigate her.

"You must have found out nothing. You thought that there was someone smart behind me, or rather, there was an expert guiding the Shen family."

Xie Jingxing was silent. Ji Yushu's Exiled Immortal Pawnshop could find out many secrets, but about Shen Miao, there was nothing.

"Since you've investigated me, you should also know that before my parents returned to the capital in the 68th year of Ming Qi, I fell into the water once because of Prince Ding. Ever since that time, my personality has changed. For example, in the past, I was infatuated with Prince Ding, but after that, I didn't have any feelings for him."

A trace of displeasure flashed across Xie Jingxing's eyes. He was really puzzled by the fact that Shen Miao used to love Fu Xiuyi. If not for the fact that everyone in Ming Qi knew about it, he would have thought that Shen Miao was putting on a show. In terms of looks, talent, and status, although Fu Xiuyi was outstanding, he was not one of the top in the world. Shen Miao actually fell head over heels in love with Fu Xiuyi. He was speechless..

Chapter 1009: Confession (5)

"After I fell into the water that time, I started to distance myself from the second and third branches of the Shen family. I'm not as friendly to Shen Qing and Shen Yue as before. I even went against Old Madam Shen." Shen Miao said, "Do you find it strange?"

Xie Jingxing said, "People will wake up when they have enough of something." In the early years, Shen Miao was fooled because she was young. When it reached a certain point, she might realize the truth and grow up overnight.

Shen Miao shook her head. "It's not like that. After I was saved from the water,

I was bedridden for a long time. During that period, I had a very long dream." She looked at the dancing candle light on the table, and a pensive look gradually appeared on her face. "That dream was very long and detailed, as if it really happened. "

"Can you believe that kind of dream?" Shen Miao smiled. "It's like a prophecy." Xie Jingxing gradually frowned and stared at Shen Miao sharply.

"It's said that there was once a governor who sat under a tree and fell asleep. He dreamed that he was the emperor and lived a long life. When he suddenly woke up, he realized that it had only been a moment. Everything in that dream was just a dream. It's just that it felt real, so he couldn't tell dream from reality."

"My dream was longer and more bitter than the one the governor had in the story. I dreamed of the future," she said.

"I dreamed that I finally married Prince Ding, and the Shen family was tied to him. I dreamed that in the future, when the imperial court was in chaos, the princes would compete for the throne. In the end, Fu Xiuyi would win. He would ascend the throne, and I would be the empress with a glorious life ahead of me."

Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow.

"You probably think that it was a beautiful dream because dreams usually have a perfect ending. I also hope that it was a beautiful dream, but it was the most terrifying nightmare I've had in my life."

"I gave birth to a son and a daughter. They were the most sensible and cute children in the world. Then, the Daliang Dynasty became more and more powerful. Ming Qi's border was threatened, so Ming Qi borrowed troops from the State of Qin. The State of Qin took me as a hostage and kept me in the State of Qin for five years."

"I met Huangfu Hao and Ming An," Shen Miao said.

Xie Jingxing's expression gradually became serious.

"I don't like the royal family of the State of Qin. They always humiliate me. They invented a kind of game where they put an apple on my head and miss shots on purpose. Later, I secretly practiced archery. However, no matter how well I practiced, I would never get to make them the target."

"Five years passed quickly, and I returned to Ming Qi. There was a new consort called Consort Mei in the capital. She gave birth to a son called Fu Sheng."

"Fu Xiuyi doted on Consort Mei and Fu Sheng. I was neglected. Although I'm the empress, I was mocked by people."

"Fu Xiuyi started to make a move on the Shen family. Although I wanted to help, I was not allowed to get involved in politics. My brother's official career was ruined because Jing Chuchu drove him to murder someone. My mother's condition worsened and she later died of depression because of Chang Zaiqing.

My father became older and older, and his military power was snatched away. He got drunk every day. The second and third branches, on the other hand, rose step by step and became more and more powerful."

"When Consort Mei and I fight in the harem, neither of us will let the other off. It's not that I'm greedy for the position of the empress, but if I can't even keep this position, I won't be able to keep my children either."

"In the end, I lost. The Shen family was wiped out. Wanyu died of illness on the way to the the Xiongnu, and Fu Ming committed suicide after being deposed as the crown prince. In the Cold Palace, I was given a rope to hang myself to death. Then, I suddenly opened my eyes wide and found myself lying on the bed. I had a very, very long nightmare.."

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She spoke of this shocking dream indifferently with a smile on her face. This smile was a little unfathomable, as if it contained endless bitterness. However, the bitterness was too much and deep to be uttered, so she simply replaced it with a smile.

Xie Jingxing did not speak.

Shen Miao said, "Do you believe in this dream?"

Xie Jingxing asked back, "Do you believe it?"

Shen Miao smiled. "If I didn't believe it, I'm afraid what stood in front of you today would be a tomb."

"After I woke up, I was very afraid that everything that happened in my dream would happen again. I tried to find some clues to prove that it was just a nightmare. However, I later realized that it was not just a dream. The things in the dream were happening one by one."

"I reminded Su Minglang because not long after that, the Su family will be wiped out because they aroused the emperor's fear. Everyone in the Su family will be executed, and only you will go and collect the corpses for the father and son. After the Su family, it will be the Shen family's turn. I reminded the Su family just to protect myself, but I didn't expect you to notice."

At that time, after Su Minglang told Xie Jingxing about Shen Miao's reminder, Xie Jingxing was suspicious of her. The two of them had interacted many times, but they couldn't figure out what was on each other's mind.

"Then in that dream of yours, what was the ending for me?" Xie Jingxing stared at her and asked.

Shen Miao said, "You are doing well."

"The Xie family gradually declined. Later, the Marquis of Lin'an died in battle. You went to war on behalf of your father. It was said that you died tragically in the battle, but many years later, you returned to Ming Qi as Prince Rui." Shen Miao smiled. "But with troops to overthrow the emperor."

Xie Jingxing frowned. "That's it?"

"That's right." Shen Miao nodded.

"I see." He raised his eyebrows. "I thought that in that dream of yours, you and I would be also involved."

"Do you really just treat it as a dream? Or do you think I'm drunk and spouting nonsense?" Shen Miao's eyes darkened slightly as she continued, "But this is also good. I'd rather it was just a dream."

"There are some things that you won't believe, but I did dream of Jing Chuchu,

Chang Zaiaing. and the others. Because of the dream. I was already prepared to deal with them before they came. In fact, now that I think about it, many things can only be done thanks to that dream."

Xie Jingxing looked at her and smiled, but his smile was gentle and comforting. "You did very well."

"The past is in the past. I tried my best to avoid the ending in my dream, but there's one thing that can't be avoided, the death of the two children."

Xie Jingxing paused for a moment and said, "We'll have children too."

Shen Miao took a deep breath and looked at him. "You have to listen carefully to what I'm about to say."

"In that dream, Consort Mei, the mother of the new crown prince, the woman who almost controlled the entire imperial court, was called Li Mei. She was the daughter of an official Fu Xiuyi met during the Eastern Campaign. She was gentle, charming, and kind. Now, I met her again. Do you find it strange that I was cold to you when you woke up from being poisoned? Because at that time, I was very flustered. I saw Li Mei again."

"Her name is Ye Mei now."

"Do you understand what I'm saying?" she asked.

Xie Jingxing did not speak for a long time.

After an unknown period of time, he looked at Shen Miao. "So she is the enemy in your dream."

"I hated her to the core, but I couldn't kill her with my own hands. When we met again in this life, she became the daughter of the Ye family. Xie Jingxing, I can forget about my hatred, but there's one thing I have to say. Ye Mei is definitely not a kind person. For the sake of power, she will do anything. Since you owe her a favor, she will definitely make you a knife to her use. You have to be careful."

Xie Jingxing picked up the wine bowl again and finished it in one gulp.

Although he was smiling, his eyes were cold as he said, "Ye Mei, right? Fu

Xiuyi's taste in women is as awful as ever. I'm different from him."

"It doesn't matter if your dream is real or not." Xie Jingxing said, "The hatred in your dream is also hatred. The fact he betrayed you is unforgivable. Leave your hatred to me. I'll avenge you." He interrupted Shen Miao. "Don't say that you want to kill your enemy with your own hands. You're my woman. Your hatred is my hatred. In this world, the two of us will have countless enemies. One day, you can avenge me, and then we'll be even."

Shen Miao frowned. "Do you have an enemy? Who is it?"

Xie Jingxing looked at her for a while and suddenly reached out to rub her head. "You are so cute."

"How dare you!" Shen Miao said.

When she was drunk, she habitually brought out the aura of an empress. Xie

Jing paused, and Shen Miao was stunned for a moment. He stared at Shen

Miao. "Do you still want to be an empress?"

"I don't want to have that dream a second time," Shen Miao said. "I don't want to be that kind of empress a second time either," she said..