

## **Venomous 1031**

### Chapter 1031: Background (3)

Empress Xiao was smart and sensible. After she got married, she had always upheld the family motto of treating her husband as the world. In addition, Xie Yilong was also an outstanding person, and they had been getting along well for so many years. However, those women gradually started to give birth to a prince. Their children even threatened Xie Chi's status as the crown prince. Finally, Empress Xiao could not sit back anymore.

Every woman, even the weakest woman, could turn into a ferocious beast when it came to protecting their child. Moreover, Empress Xiao was not a weak white rabbit. For her to become the most outstanding girl in a family like the Xiao family, she naturally had her own strength. She began to fight back fiercely.

To be able to survive the chaotic days with Emperor Xiaowu, Empress Xiao's ability was naturally not to be underestimated. How could those delicate women who grew up in the incubator compare to her? They were destined to be humiliated. Empress Xiao won every battle. The dominance and intelligence she displayed shocked those women, and for a moment, no one dared to go against her.

However, someone as smart as Empress Xiao would also make a mistake. The more outstanding she performed, the more Emperor Xiaowu felt uncomfortable.

Emperor Xiaowu became more and more wary of her and even started to think of ways to find fault with her. At first, he only found a few opponents for Empress Xiao in the harem and watched them fight. However, towards the end, he would subconsciously side with the other. Everything Empress Xiao did was wrong. He also began to directly suppress the Xiao family without rhyme or reason.

Empress Xiao felt very sad, but in the end, she still thought that Emperor Xiaowu was her husband. No one would make a mistake at some point in their life. She just had to protect her status and let Xie Chi grow up safely and take over the throne.

Who knew that those women would have designs on Xie Chi?

At that time, Emperor Xiaowu suddenly became affectionate with Empress Xiao. Empress Xiao didn't know why, but not long after, Prime Minister Xiao suddenly took the initiative to resign.

Xie Yilong was indeed a very scheming person. Although the Xiao family was ruthless, they were not as ruthless as Xie Yilong. It wasn't easy for the Xiao family to raise a daughter who eventually became an empress. For this empress, the Xiao family did not hesitate to sacrifice themselves.

When Empress Xiao found out about this, it was already too late. She knew that Xie Yilong's sudden affection towards her was just a scheme and she felt extremely disgusted. However, she did not expect to be pregnant.

The child in her stomach was different from Xie Chi. The child came to this world because of Xie Yilong's deliberate schemes. When Empress Xiao was pregnant, she often thought that if the child was a son, she had to prevent him from becoming someone like his father. He could be ambitious and could come up with ideas to get what he wanted, but he must not use people and play with people's hearts. That was the most despicable and the most shameless thing.

After getting pregnant, Empress Xiao was very vulnerable in the harem. She did not expect someone to have designs on Xie Chi at this time.

Xie Chi was drugged.

If not for the fact that the Gao family's head and Prime Minister Xiao were old friends and the Gao family's head personally came forward to help, Xie Chi would probably not have survived that time. Although he had survived that time, the Gao family's head also said that the poison had already entered his organs and that Xie Chi would not live to be 35 years old. Moreover, this poison would affect his children. In the future, if Xie Chi had a child, the child would inevitably have a congenital deficiency.

The head of the Gao family was a divine doctor in the world and trusted by the royal family..

Chapter 1032: Background (4)

Empress Xiao did not expect that she, who was once the most outstanding daughter of the Xiao family and the empress of the Daliang Dynasty, would one day end up in such a state. In order to protect her, her family took the initiative to leave the imperial court. One of her two children was drugged, and the other was born out of a vicious scheme.

The person who drugged Xie Chi was found. She was the new consort Emperor Xiaowu took in. Empress Xiao tied that consort to the imperial garden and cut off her flesh piece by piece, watching her take her last breath. At that time, all the palace maids and eunuchs in the imperial garden almost fainted from watching the scene. However, Empress Xiao felt that she hadn't had enough.

Did Emperor Xiaowu know about this? Empress Xiao felt that after being husband and wife with Emperor Xiaowu for so many years, it was time to reevaluate him. Even if Emperor Xiaowu did not know, this consort was still brought in to deal with Empress Xiao.

On one hand, Empress Xiao was wary of Emperor Xiaowu, but on the other hand, she pretended to be depressed and in low spirits because of what happened to her son.

The fact that Xie Chi was drugged did not spread, but who knew if others would find out in the future? However, what Empress Xiao was most worried about was the future. The child in her stomach was about to come to this world. Emperor Xiaowu was deliberately distancing from Xie Chi because of the Xiao family. If anything happened to Xie Chi in the future, then the child in her stomach would take Xie Chi's place as the crown prince, but who could guarantee that her second son wouldn't end up like Xie

Chi? If it was a daughter, Empress Xiao did not want her to stay in the palace and be manipulated by others every day.

Empress Xiao was prepared to fight back. After she gave birth to her child, she wanted to seek justice for the Xiao family, Xie Chi, and the pain she had suffered. However, when her second child was just born, it would be inconvenient for her to fight with others. Her son might even be used by others to control her, so she decided to find a newborn to replace her son. The newborn could enjoy everything a prince could while her son would be sent far away.

Empress Xiao handed her swaddled child to her trusted aide and said, "If he grows up to be an outstanding man one day, tell him that he can use schemes, but he must not play with people's hearts." She looked at her child one last time and said, "Go."

From Long Ye to the capital of Ming Qi, it would take half a year. As soon as Xie Yuan came to this world, he was on the run.

In the Marquis's Residence in the capital, Princess Yuqing was about to give birth.

Empress Xiao's trusted aide originally followed Empress Xiao's orders to send Xie Yuan to an ordinary rich family to stay away from the power struggles of the imperial court. However, that day, when the trusted aide was asking around on the street, he accidentally found out that Princess Yuqing was about to give birth. The child's name had already been chosen. It was Jingxing.

The trusted aide thought that this was really a coincidence.

That night, the wind was howling, and it rained heavily in the capital. The rain washed away the blood in the courtyard, the woman's painful moans, and the baby's gradually weak cries..

Chapter 1033: Background (5)

The child born to Princess Yuqing died right after birth. The aide holding the baby made a decision that would have an unimaginable impact on the future of the world.

From then on, Xie Jingxing became the young heir of the Marquis of Lin'an and continued his life as the son of Empress Xiao and Princess Yuqing.

Not long after, the family that was originally chosen by the aide to raise Xie Jingxing was wiped out overnight. People in the Daliang Dynasty knew very well that Emperor Xiaowu had discovered it and sent people thousands of miles away to eliminate the possible threat, but because of a freak combination of factors, Xie Jingxing managed to escape this life and death calamity.

It was as if it was destined to be the case.

With Concubine Fang and her two sons causing trouble, the Xie family was also in a mess. Xie Jingxing could only rely on Xie Ding's favor to survive. However, Xie Ding's favor might not be a good thing. Xie

Ding was not in the mansion all year round. It was already difficult for a young man like Xie Jingxing to survive in the mouth of wolves. If not for the help of Empress Xiao's trusted aide, he would probably have long become ashes. Not only that, but the emperor of Ming Qi also secretly suppressed the Xie family.

Fortunately, Xie Jingxing grew up safely. He was grateful to the aide for putting him in such a dangerous environment because it taught him to be calm in face of danger. He was cynical and enjoyed riding his horse through the streets and alleys of the capital. He was mischievous and gave people a headache, but just as Empress Xiao had expected, he really grew into an indomitable man who could fight alone. He had never used other people's feelings. On the surface, he was indifferent, but he respected everyone.

What about Empress Xiao?

Over the years, Empress Xiao missed her youngest son and was heartbroken by what happened to her eldest son. She even decided to fight back.

Aren't you most afraid that this country will fall into the hands of the Xiao family? Isn't the throne what you care about the most? Then I'll take everything away from you and trample it under my feet. At that time, will you feel a trace of regret for what you did today? Let's see.

Empress Xiao was the daughter of the Xiao family and was strategically minded like a man. She was motivated by her anger, but Emperor Xiaowu had already begun to age and go downhill. The consorts in the harem had distracted him, and his ambition gradually faded because he thought that he had eliminated all threats.

Life springs from sorrow and calamity, death comes from ease and pleasure.

When Emperor Xiaowu died, only Empress Xiao was by his side. Empress Xiao said, "Your Majesty, don't worry. We're husband and wife. I won't let you be too lonely on the way to hell. I'll get all the consorts you favored and your children to accompany you apart from the crown prince."

Emperor Xiaowu's eyes widened.

"Also." Empress Xiao seemed to have thought of something. She leaned over and whispered into his ear, "Our youngest son is doing well. Back then, Your Majesty sent people to kill him in Ming Qi, but they killed the wrong person. In a few years, when the imperial court is stable, I will bring him back to claim his title."

"Have a safe journey to hell, Your Majesty. The throne is no longer yours." Empress Xiao stood in front of the bed with a gentle smile.

Emperor Xiaowu died with his eyes wide open.

After that, Empress Xiao became Empress Dowager Xiao.

Xie Chi became Emperor Yong Le.

Xie Jingxing was still in the capital of Ming Qi, exploring the world alone. He found out about his background, but he was warned that his father was hunting him down, so he could not act rashly.

Just like she said, Empress Xiao really cleaned up the harem of the Daliang

Dynasty. Those who once targeted her and her son were buried along with

Emperor Xiaowu. She said to Xie Chi, who had already become Emperor Yong Le, "I'm old and can't do much, but I can at least give you a clean harem. From now on, there will be no villains in this harem. You just have to promise me one thing. Keep this empire in your hands and never let it decline."

The Lu and Ye families were Emperor Xiaowu's trusted aides. They were extremely cunning. Because of their power, it was not easy to uproot them.

Emperor Yong Le had been secretly planning to deal with these two families.

Empress Dowager Xiao passed away two years later. When she was reading the memorial submitted by the Lu family, she suddenly fell to the ground and did not wake up again. The Gao family said that it was because she was mentally and physically exhausted and died. However, the day before yesterday, she was still asking Emperor Yong Le in good spirits if he had any ideas how they should hold the grand ceremony this year. Perhaps they could think of a way to get Xie Jingxing to return to the Daliang Dynasty once.

Life was unpredictable. In her life, she sadly did not have the chance to reunite with Xie Jingxing.

From then on, they would be separated forever..

Chapter 1034: Preparing (1)

Empress Xiao's life was very legendary. From the prime minister's daughter to the empress, she experienced the estrangement of husband and wife, the grievance of being framed, and the pain of being separated from her son. However, in the end, she succeeded in cleaning up the harem. She was the kind of person who became stronger in adversity and rose up. If she had any regrets, the first was that Xie Chi couldn't completely recover from the poison, and the second was that she could not see Xie Jingxing again.

The two brothers, Xie Chi and Xie Jingxing, were more similar to Empress Xiao. Back in Long Ye, Empress Xiao was a beauty pursued by everyone, and it was not an exaggeration to say that she was peerless. Not only did Xie Chi and Xie Jingxing inherit Empress Xiao's appearance, but they also inherited her way of doing things. Because Xie Chi was on the throne, he resembled his father in one way or another. For example, when he was playing the power game, he would rely on marriage alliances to gain an upper hand. Xie Jingxing was different. He was far away in Ming Qi and was the enemy of the royal family of Ming Qi. He did not resemble his father at all. He had indeed met Empress Xiao's expectations of him back then. Although he was not a good person, he was definitely not a despicable person either.

Shen Miao did not expect Xie Jingxing's background to be so complicated and strange. She sighed and couldn't help but admire Empress Xiao. Empress Xiao was so similar to her in her previous life. The only difference was that Empress Xiao stood until the end. However, Shen Miao knew that she could not compare to Empress Xiao, who could endure the pain of sending her child far away.

Seeing her complicated gaze, Xie Jingxing smiled indifferently and said, "Don't pity me. I've never seen her, so I naturally have no attachment to her."

He was a young man who grew up alone in the storm. He was born against the will of his biological father and had never seen his biological mother. On the contrary, he was more broad-minded than ordinary people. In his eyes, nothing was insurmountable.

However, he was indifferent to people because he did not have high hopes for them from the beginning.

Shen Miao was silent for a moment before saying, "I'll accompany you to the end."

Xie Jingxing's eyes flickered. Then, he smiled and said, "If you really pity me, bear me a child."

His evil smile instantly wiped away the sad atmosphere. Shen Miao glared at him and suddenly thought of something. She said, "The emperor's illness..." She did not continue.

Since the Gao family said that Xie Chi would not live over 35 years old, how many more years did Emperor Yong Le... have left?

"My brother is already 36 this year." Xie Jingxing said, "The diagnosis back then might not be accurate. However," his eyes turned cold, "He is indeed getting sicker and sicker."

"Do the Lu and Ye families know about this?" Shen Miao asked.

"I heard that after Emperor Xiaowu died, my mother wiped out all the people in the palace who knew about my brother's illness. Apart from the head of the Gao family, you, I, and my sister-in-law, no one else knows."

Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat. She was surprised at how ruthless and decisive Empress Xiao was.

"Then did the empress know about the illness before she married the emperor? Or after she married the emperor..." Shen Miao asked.

Xie Jingxing looked at her with a faint smile. "What exactly do you want to ask?"

Shen Miao thought that if Empress Xiande had long known that Emperor Yong Le would not live past 35 years old, would she still marry him? After all, it was not easy to be a widow at such a young age..

Chapter 1035: Gathering (2)

"If it were you, what would you do?" Xie Jingxing asked.

Shen Miao said, "When I just married you, I definitely wasn't willing to be a widow for you."

When Xie Jingxing heard this, he pulled her over and pressed her head on his chest. He smiled and said, "Oh? Do you mean that you are willing to be a widow for me now?" Without waiting for Shen Miao to answer, he said thoughtfully, "In that case, when you married me back then, you also had a feeling for me."

"No one likes someone like you." Pressed against his chest, Shen Miao couldn't breathe. Xie Jingxing said in a lazy voice, "If you like me, just say it. Don't worry. I definitely won't make you a widow at such a young age."

Shen Miao smiled instead of being angry and retorted, "Don't worry, in this world, there aren't many women who are willing to be a widow. Even if widows stay loyal and virtuous, they'll still be rumored. There is no shortage of gigolos in Long Ye." The longer she was with Xie Jingxing, the less restrained she became, and she no longer put on a dignified aura.

As expected, when he heard this, Xie Jingxing paused and stared at her intently. He said, "Are you going to look for a gigolo?" His tone was gentle, but Shen Miao felt an inexplicable chill on the back of her neck. Before she could speak, Xie Jingxing suddenly picked her up horizontally and stood up. He strode towards the bed, scaring Shen Miao so much that she screamed. Xie Jingxing said calmly, "It seems like you need to be taught a lesson."

Tie Yi, who was guarding outside, was so embarrassed by the conversation that his face turned red.

The couple was intimate for a long time before finally stopping. Shen Miao leaned against Xie Jingxing's arm and nudged him, asking, "You haven't answered me yet. Does the empress know or not?"

"She is such a smart woman. If she found out that she was deceived, the palace would be in a mess." Xie Jingxing sighed and said, "When my mother was choosing a wife for my brother, she once called my sister-in-law into the palace to talk to her about something. Needless to say, it was about my brother's illness."

Shen Miao said, "Knowing that he's sick, she was still willing to marry him. It seems like the empress really likes the emperor."

Xie Jingxing did not speak.

Empress Xiande came from a family of historians. In fact, in terms of real power, her family was inferior to many families. However, in the end, Empress Xiao still chose Empress Xiande as her daughter-in-law because Empress Xiande's family was absolutely loyal. Empress Xiande was also gentle, honest, smart, and generous.

Empress Xiande's family was loyal. As for whether Empress Xiande had feelings for Emperor Yong Le or not, it was unknown. After all, it was a luxury to have true love in the royal family. However, Empress Xiande had always been calm about the fact that Emperor Yong Le would not live past the age of 35.

Shen Miao said, "She should plan for herself."

Xie Jingxing smiled. "My sister-in-law is very smart and not greedy.."

Chapter 1036: Gathering (3)

It was best not to be greedy. The root of many tragedies was greed. Greed for power, wealth, and love.

Shen Miao thought for a moment and said, "Then how do you plan to deal with the Lu family now that Consort Jing is pregnant?"

Xie Jingxing played with Shen Miao's long hair and said casually, "What does Lu Jing's pregnancy have to do with all this? The same knife cuts bread and fingers. The Lu family thinks that they can rest easy because their daughter is pregnant, but in fact, they're wrong. When the officials find out that the bloodline of the Xie family can be continued, will they still side with the Lu family?"

Shen Miao looked at him. "That can't be all, right?"

Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow. "Why do you say so?"

"It's obvious that Consort Jing's pregnancy was an accident outside your plan. None of you expected this at first." Shen Miao said, "If Consort Jing isn't pregnant, how do you plan to deal with the Lu family?"

"Simple." Xie Jingxing said, "Ever since my brother ascended the throne, he has been planning to deal with the Lu and Ye families. For so many years, he has been searching for evidence of the Lu family secretly gathering military strength. Now that he's almost done collecting evidence, it's time to show it. At that time, wiping out the Lu family will not cause dissent. This is the first plan." Xie Jingxing said, "The second plan is that although the Lu family has a lot of military power, it's not like we don't have other generals. Those generals have almost all become my brother's men in private. Also, the Black Feather Army has been accumulating strength. It's simple. Present the evidence and force the Lu family to confess. However, Lu Zhengchun has been arrogant and will definitely not confess. He will definitely turn against the royal family, which will give us a justifiable reason to kill him."

When Shen Miao heard him say that, she thought to herself that Xie Jingxing and Emperor Yong Le were indeed brothers. Their methods of dealing with people were really direct. They were very simple and effective. Perhaps they had inherited some of Empress Xiao's characteristics.

She said, "If that's the case, why do we have to prepare for so many years? You can fight back from the beginning."

Xie Jingxing leaned closer to her ear and said, "Little girl, you have to know that the men of the Xie family don't like to take unnecessary risks. The Lu family has a deep foundation. If we make a move too early, we might not be their match. Now that the time is right, it's time to get rid of them all at once."

Shen Miao frowned and heard Xie Jingxing say, "I know you like to take gambles. Back then, when you were weak, you dared to scheme against Prince Yu. However, it's too dangerous and you might suffer. I don't like it."

Shen Miao had to admit that what Xie Jingxing said made sense. Back then, she dared to confront Prince Yu and Fu Xiuyi because she was fighting alone. Later, as the Shen family gradually became involved, she had too many things to worry about, so she couldn't be as unrestrained as before.

"However, what about the Ye family?" Shen Miao still had questions.



“Previously, my brother planned to rope in the Ye family. Anyway, the Ye family doesn’t have any children. They only have a crippled young master. He can’t do anything.” Xie Jingxing said, “But since you told me that the Ye siblings are your enemies, I naturally won’t rope them in. Becoming friends with your enemies will only bring destruction.” He said, “Don’t worry. I’ll avenge you..”

#### Chapter 1037: Gathering (4)

Shen Miao was silent for a long time before saying softly, “Thank you.” For someone to change a plan they had been preparing to carry out was not easy because they had to change everything that was related to this plan. It was troublesome and risky. However, Xie Jingxing was willing to do it for her and bear all the possible outcomes.

How lucky was she to meet such a person in this life?

Seeing that her expression was strange, Xie Jingxing hooked Shen Miao’s chin and made her look up. He clicked his tongue and said, “Well, if you really want to thank me, why don’t you repay me with your body?”

Shen Miao pushed him and scolded, “Stop being so cheeky. How do you plan to deal with the Ye family then?”

Xie Jingxing thought for a moment and said, “That’s not difficult. The Ye family is in cahoots with the Lu family. If something happens to the Lu family, the Ye family will be in trouble too. Aren’t you quite smart? Why can’t you even figure this out now?”

Shen Miao looked at him in shock. Xie Jingxing could make framing others sound so righteous. Those who did not know better would think that he was saving people. Moreover, framing the prime minister of a country was not such a simple thing.

“The Ye family is actually easier to deal with than the Lu family. The Ye family only has a wide connection in the imperial court. However, once the Lu family is in trouble and the Ye family is implicated, as long as those civil officials are not fools, they will cut ties with the Ye family. All these years, the two trusted aides left behind by Emperor Xiaowu are actually not as powerful as they used to be.”

Shen Miao thought for a moment and said, “It’s not that their strength is being worn down, but that your strength has already increased to the point where you don’t have to fear them.”

The young beast had finally grown into the king of beasts, so it was time to deal with the wolves in the forest one by one.

Xie Jingxing looked at her and teased, “Do you admire me so much?”

Shen Miao said expressionlessly, “Whatever you say.”

“In order to thank you for admiring me, I have to serve you well,” Xie Jingxing said solemnly. He turned around and pressed Shen Miao under him.

Shen Miao was speechless.

At the Ye mansion.

Ye Mei and Ye Ke were talking in the room.

Ye Maocai prided himself on being a scholar, so the furnishings in the room were naturally elegant. However, on closer look, those paintings and calligraphy were all treasures of famous artists. Even the paperweight on the table was worth a lot. It could be seen that the Ye family was indeed rich.

There were exquisite pastries on the table.

Ye Mei was wearing a bright yellow dress. This dress was top-notch in both material and workmanship. She was born outstanding, and with this dress, even the nobles in the palace were inferior to her.

Ye Ke sat opposite her. His clothes were as simple as before, but the fabric was on a different level. Clearly, in the Ye family, the siblings were doing quite well.

“Sister, what do you mean by that?” Ye Ke asked with a frown.

Ye Mei picked up the tea on the table and took a sip. She said indifferently, “Previously, when Madam Ye was looking for her daughter, she insisted that I was her daughter. It happened too quickly, and we don’t know if it’s true or not. However, she at least found a good place for us to stay. After Father and Mother died, we could no longer run the shop. Moreover, it’s much better to be an official’s children than a merchant’s children. With Prime Minister Ye as your father, your official career will be smoother..”

Chapter 1038: Gathering (5)

Ye Ke smiled bitterly. “Of course I know that, but Ye Maocai doesn’t believe in our identity at all, right?”

In the past, Ye Mei and Ye Ke did not believe that things would fall into their laps in this world. However, Madam Ye insisted that Ye Mei was her daughter who was swapped right after birth. After searching for their daughter for so many years, the Ye family finally found Ye Mei. Ye Mei thought that this could not possibly be true.

Because she and Ye Ke were a pigeon pair.

However, no matter how Ye Mei explained, Madam Ye wouldn’t listen. She even insisted on bringing Ye Ke into the Ye family because of Ye Mei.

The siblings were vigilant. Later, Ye Maocai came to see the two of them. Ye

Maocai was much more sober than Madam Ye and went straight to the point.

He said that the siblings were not Madam Ye’s children. However, because Madam Ye insisted, Ye Maocai did not want to make her sad and was willing to take them in.

Ye Mei was a smart person. Without knowing the pros and cons, she wouldn't take a risk. She thought of a way to investigate the Ye family and found out that the Ye family was now in a delicate situation in the royal family. In addition, the Ye family only had a crippled young master. Ye Maocai naturally needed a pigeon pair to prove to everyone that the Ye family could prosper forever and make them give up on the thought of devouring the Ye family.

They were just each taking what they needed. A crippled young master was not a threat at all, and all the wealth of the Ye family would eventually fall into the hands of Ye Ke. With the title of the eldest miss of the Ye family, Ye Mei could also easily marry into a rich family in the future. Even if Ye Maocai had other thoughts, the siblings were not fools. They would naturally think of ways to get what they wanted.

Therefore, Ye Mei and her brother entered the Ye family and became the children of the Ye family. Madam Ye trusted them, but Ye Maocai was wary of them. This made no difference to the Ye siblings, because the Ye family was just a springboard and a backer that could help them walk further.

Ye Mei said, "It doesn't matter if he believes our identities or not. We just have to treat him as a businessman and we are doing a deal. However, now it seems that this deal is not doing particularly well. I didn't expect things to turn out like this."

"Turned out like what?" Ye Ke was puzzled. "Sister, be more specific."

Ye Mei said, "Previously, I thought that the Ye family was powerful in Long Ye and that we didn't have to be afraid of anything. However, the Ye family is not doing as well as I thought. It seems like they can't even fend for themselves. If we get involved with them, we can live a comfortable life, but if the Ye family declines, we'll also be doomed."

When Ye Ke heard this, his expression turned a little ugly. He said, "You mean that the Ye family is in a dangerous situation now?"

"I don't know if it's dangerous or not." Ye Mei sneered. "That sly old fox, Ye Maocai, hid it well and refused to let us know the situation of the Ye family. Although Madam Ye trusts me, she trusts Ye Maocai more. It's hard to get information out of her. However, the more this is the case, the more uneasy I feel. I have a feeling that the Ye family is in for a catastrophe."

"Maybe you're thinking too much." Ye Ke thought for a moment and shook his head. "After all, Ye Maocai is the prime minister of the Daliang Dynasty. How can a catastrophe befall him? As for the Ye family being wary of us, it's probably because we haven't spent long enough together. We're in the same boat now. Otherwise, when you proposed to assassinate Princess Consort Rui back then, the Ye family wouldn't have agreed so readily. Unfortunately, Princess Consort Rui was lucky and saved by that scholar.."

Chapter 1039: Gathering (6)

"But Sister." Ye Ke looked at her. "Back then, why did you let the Ye family kill Princess Consort Rui? Is it really because you want to marry Prince Rui? I feel that this decision is rushed and a little unthoughtful."

Ye Mei paused and thought for a moment before saying, "If I say that the first time I saw her, I felt that I didn't want her to live in this world, would you believe me?"

Ye Ke was stunned, and Ye Mei was deep in thought.

When she first came to Long Ye with the Ye family, Xie Jingxing had just returned from the royal hunt with his life in danger. Ye Maocai gave her the antidote and asked her to save Prince Rui. If Ye Maocai had the antidote, then Prince Rui's injury was most likely his doing. If Ye Mei went to save Prince Rui as a member of the Ye family, it would inevitably arouse suspicion.

Ye Maocai wanted to use Ye Mei to get close to Prince Rui. With Ye Mei's beauty and the fact that she saved Prince Rui, she could smoothly marry Prince Rui.

That day, Ye Mei saw Prince Rui for the time.

Ye Mei was not into men. She was ambitious and had tricks up her sleeve. Men were tools for her to achieve her goal. If there was someone better, she would hesitate to abandon her husband for him.

Xie Jingxing was the best she had seen in her life.

He was young and powerful, and he was flirtatious and beautiful. Even when he was just lying there quietly, his noble aura still attracted people's attention. Moreover, Ye Mei also found out from Ye Maocai that Xie Jingxing was very capable. It was normal for her to want to have such a good man, and Xie Jingxing's coldness made her want to conquer him even more.

It was said that Xie Jingxing had a princess consort, but Ye Mei had never seen her before. Knowing that that woman was the daughter of a Ming Qi general, she didn't think much of it. The daughter of a general was vulgar. Without a backer in the Daliang Dynasty, Ye Mei didn't even think that she was qualified to be her opponent.

Until the moment she saw Shen Miao.

Shen Miao appeared in muddy clothes, and her hair was messy. Her face was travel-worn. However, she was standing in front of Ye Mei. Against the light, her figure was dignified and noble, like a domineering beast declaring its sovereignty.

Ye Mei was in the limelight, and Shen Miao was in a sorry state.

However, at that moment, Ye Mei had a ridiculous feeling, as if no matter how hard she tried, she could not snatch anything from the woman in front of her.

In the days that followed, Shen Miao was quite cold to her. Occasionally, Ye Mei would feel that Shen Miao had disgust and hatred towards her.

She heard that Shen Miao had parents who doted on her, a brother who cared about her, good friends, sisters, and Xie Jingxing who liked her.

The more she compared herself to Shen Miao, the more indignant Ye Mei felt. Why should Shen Miao enjoy all the good things in this world? She was not gentle and had a stubborn personality. Why should she be favored by Xie Jingxing?

What she was most indignant about was that people who were inferior to her had a better life. Ye Mei was jealous and disgusted. She loved to snatch other people's things. However, it was very difficult to snatch Shen Miao's things.

What should she do then? Just make Shen Miao disappear.

Therefore, Ye Mei told Ye Maocai that only when Shen Miao was dead could she secure the position of Princess Consort Rui.

Instead of saying that Ye Mei wanted to snatch Xie Jingxing away, it was more accurate to say that Ye Mei just couldn't stand the fact that Shen Miao was doing better than her.

Ye Maocai had always wanted Ye Mei to get close to Prince Rui. so he agreed.

However, no one expected that Shen Miao didn't die. Someone was actually willing to protect her with his life. Moreover, because of the Ye family's rash move, Xie Jingxing seemed to be suspicious and kept a close eye on the Ye family. Because of this, Ye Maocai even took his anger out on Ye Mei.

In her life, Ye Mei had never failed to get what she wanted. She used all kinds of people she could use and had always had a smooth-saving life.

However, Shen Miao made her life bumpy.

She could not snatch Shen Miao's man, nor could she snatch Shen Miao's life, nor could she snatch Shen Miao's luck..

Chapter 1040: Fu Ming (1)

"Now, I heard that Prince Rui and Princess Consort Rui are very close." Ye Ke said, "A few days ago, I heard that the two of them went out together. It's obvious that Prince Rui loves Shen Miao to the core. Speaking of which, Shen Miao is not as beautiful as you. I wonder how she made him fall in love with her." Ye Ke looked at Ye Mei. "Sister, are you still bent on marrying Prince Rui?"

Ye Mei was a little frustrated. Back then, in Qinzhou, she could use any men to her advantage and was invincible. However, facing Xie Jingxing, she felt helpless. Ye Mei could feel that the way Xie Jingxing looked at her was no different from how he looked at Lu Wan'er, no different from all the young ladies of the officials. She felt that she could not conquer Xie Jingxing at all, because Xie Yuan did not treat her as a woman.

At the thought of this, Ye Mei said ambiguously, "I'll think about it. The most important thing now is to find out what happened to the Ye family. If the Ye family is in trouble, we have to make plans to escape as soon as possible."

"Actually..." Ye Ke stammered and said, "Ye Maocai came to look for me once.

He said that he wanted you to enter the palace. '

Entering the palace? Ye Mei frowned and suddenly smiled. Her smile was flirtatious, but there was a deep meaning in it. "Ye Maocai wants me to get close to the royal family because he finds Xie Jingxing difficult to deal with?"

Ye Mei sneered and said, "The emperor is childless. There must be something fishy going on. If I enter the palace and have no children too, I won't have anyone to rely on when I get old. If the emperor dies, will I have to be buried with him? Ye Maocai only wants to suck up to the royal family and doesn't care about my life. I won't enter the palace. Let him give up on this idea."

It was not that Ye Mei had never thought of entering the palace, but she had always been good at analyzing the pros and cons. The fact that the emperor did not have a child of his own was probably due to his own problem. How long could a woman without a son live in the harem? Not to mention the harem, even in the house of a rich family, without a son, she would either die or live a miserable life. This was not what Ye Mei wanted.

Ye Ke was a little embarrassed and said, "I thought so too, so I immediately told Ye Maocai that it was impossible."

"Oh?" Ye Mei looked askance at him and said casually, "Is that really what you told him?"

Ye Ke avoided Ye Mei's gaze and said, "Sister, do you not even believe me?"

Ye Mei smiled. No one knew what that smile meant. She said, "In short, you and I have to know our place. The Ye family is not our real family. I'll think of a way to find out what exactly happened to the Ye family now and what they're planning. If the Ye family is in trouble, the two of us have to stay away from them."

"Sister, it's not that serious." Ye Ke said disapprovingly, "If it was really that serious, the Ye family would have long started to find a way out for themselves."

Ye Mei sneered. "I'm afraid that the Ye family doesn't even know that a disaster is coming."

As they spoke, they heard someone call from outside the door, "Eldest Sister, Second Brother."

Ye Ke went forward and opened the door, only to see the servant pushing Ye Hongguang outside. Ye Maocai was not bad to his crippled son. He got someone to specially make a chair for him to sit on. The chair was pushed by the servant, and he could go wherever he wanted. However, Madam Ye did not like this son at all..