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Chapter 1041: Fu Ming (2)

On the other hand, Ye Hongguang liked Ye Mei and Ye Ke very much. He was happy that he had a brother and a sister. He was also a very innocent person, like a child, and did not look like he was raised by the Ye family. Apart from

playing chess with Ye Maocai, he only read books. It was natural for him to be innocent.

Ye Mei smiled and said, "Third Brother, what's the matter?"

Ye Hongguang did not look like Ye Maocai, nor did he look like Madam Ye. He probably looked more like his biological mother, the concubine. He smiled and said, "Father asked you to go to the study, so I came over to deliver the message and give the ring puzzle to Eldest Sister. I heard that Eldest Sister is an expert at solving ring puzzles, so I brought it over."

Ye Mei took the ring puzzle and said, "When I solve it, I'll personally send it to Third Brother."

"Thank you, Eldest Sister!" Ye Hongguang looked very excited.

Ye Mei smiled and looked back at Ye Ke. They could see the gloom in each other's eyes.

At this moment, Ye Maocai wanted to see the two of them. Clearly, he had something new to tell them to do. He used the two of them as chess pieces, but how could Ye Mei and her brother be obediently manipulated by others?

It would definitely be another round of scheming.

The news of Consort Jing being pregnant spread throughout Long Ye the next day.

Emperor Yong Le had not had a child for so many years, so there were naturally all kinds of speculations. The most common one was that Emperor Yong Le was ill and could not have a child. It was also because of this that the open and secret battles in the imperial court had never stopped for so many years. However, the fact that Consort Jing was pregnant meant a lot.

Perhaps Emperor Yong Le was not ill and did it on purpose. However, now that Emperor Yong Le had "impregnated" Consort Jing, it seemed to indicate something. Therefore, the court officials began to want to send their daughters to the palace. On the other hand, some of the court officials in Long Ye who were neutral began to make a new decision. No matter what, Consort Jing's pregnancy had a huge impact on the harem of the Daliang Dynasty.

When Shen Miao told Xie Jingxing about this, she even said, "Previously, because the emperor did not have a child, the harem was quiet and there was not much conflict. However, when the news of Consort Jing's pregnancy spread, all the officials wanted to send their daughters to the palace. I'm afraid the harem will be in chaos."

The calm water was suddenly disrupted by a stone thrown into the water. That was the most terrifying thing.

Xie Jingxing sneered. "That depends on whether they can get pregnant or not."

Emperor Yong Le gave them all infertility soup. Consort Jing's pregnancy was an accident, but because of this accident, the dose of the infertility soup would definitely increase from now on.

"The Lu family is too anxious." Shen Miao rested her chin on her hand. "Before the palace could announce this news, the Lu family beat them to it. The entire Long Ye knows about it now."

"The sooner it spreads, the sooner they'll die." Xie Jingxing was putting on his outer robe. Shen Miao stood up and helped him tidy his collar. He looked down at Shen Miao and said, "However, if you're pregnant with my child, I'll make sure everyone in Long Ye knows about it."

Shen Miao glared at him and said, "If you dare to make another woman pregnant with your child."

"What'll happen then?" Xie Jingxing frowned.

Shen Miao tugged at his collar and said fiercely, "I'll make sure everyone in

Long Ye will know that Prince Rui's mansion was wiped out."

Xie Jingxing laughed out loud and held her waist. He lowered his head and whispered into her ear, "You alone are enough to exhaust me.."

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Just as Shen Miao was about to retort, Ba Jiao's voice came from outside.

"Master, Madam, the carriage is ready. Should we set off now?"

Shen Miao let go and said, "You are dead tonight!"

Shen Miao said to Ba Jiao, "Yes, we are coming."

They were going to the palace. Over the past few days, Xie Jingxing had been going to the palace frequently. He probably went to discuss with Emperor Yong Le about how to deal with the Lu family. The Lu family probably felt threatened and began to mobilize their troops. On one hand, they felt that since Consort Jing was pregnant, Emperor Yong Le would definitely not do anything to the Lu family. On the other hand, they were suspicious and firmly believed that the royal family had begun to take action.

In the letter left behind by Pei Lang, Shen Miao also guessed the current and future situation of Ming Qi while helping the Shen family escape from Fu Xiuyi's grip.

Today, Shen Miao planned to enter the palace to see Empress Xiande. Coincidentally, Xie Jingxing was also going to the palace, so the couple went together.

As soon as they arrived at the palace, Xie Jingxing went to the imperial study to see Emperor Yong Le. Shen Miao was going to see Empress Xiande, and Nanny Tao led the way. Seeing that there was carpet on the way, Shen Miao felt a little strange and asked what was going on. Nanny Tao said, "This was instructed by Consort Jing. She's afraid that she will hurt the child in her stomach if she falls. These days, everyone in the palace has been on tenterhooks. The empress is kind and can't be bothered to argue with her, but she would not stop causing a ruckus in the harem."

Shen Miao raised an eyebrow and asked, "Then what's His Majesty's attitude?"

Nanny Tao smiled strangely. "His Majesty hasn't changed his attitude towards Consort Jing because of this child. Consort Jing is angry because of this, so she is kicking up a fuss." She thought of something and said, "Today, the children of the Ye family also entered the palace. The young lady of the Ye family even went to pay Consort Jing a visit. She's probably in the Jinghua Palace. When you entered the palace just now, didn't you see the Ye family?"

The Ye family? Shen Miao shook her head. "I didn't see them." However, she was deep in thought. Why did Ye Mei and Ye Ke come to see Consort Jing? The Lu family and the Ye family were not particularly close to each other to begin with, so why would they suddenly come to see Consort Jing now? She was afraid that they might be secretly planning something.

She vaguely felt that something was wrong, but she was here to see Empress Xiande, so it was not appropriate for her to talk about this with Nanny Tao. With questions in her mind, she went to the royal garden.

Empress Xiande was not in Weiyang Palace. The summer was approaching the end, and the weather was cool. It was pleasant to enjoy the breeze in the royal garden. When Shen Miao saw Empress Xiande, she was making tea. Empress Xiande waved at Shen Miao and invited her to come and taste the tea.

"This tea is found among the tributes this year. I like it very much. Try it," Empress Xiande said with a smile. She seemed to like tea very much, and she was as mellow as good tea..

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Shen Miao picked up the teacup and took a sip. She felt that the taste was bitter, but in the bitterness, there was a trace of fragrance. It was indeed a very unique tea.

Empress Xiande asked, "How is it?"

Shen Miao put down her teacup. "The tea is top-notch."

"I don't have any hobbies. This is all I like." Empress Xiande smiled. "This tea tastes bitter, and most young girls don't like it. However, for some reason, I feel that you will like it. I think you're a little similar to me."

Empress Xiande smiled and continued, "When you went back that night, Jingxing should have told you about what happened in the past, right?"

Shen Miao was slightly stunned and said, "A little."

"Jingxing dotes on his wife, so he will naturally tell you everything." Empress Xiande smiled and said, "Then how do you feel after hearing it? What do you think of the current situation?"

After thinking for a moment, Shen Miao said, "Now that the ending of the Lu family is a foregone conclusion, the child in Consort Jing's stomach can't turn the situation around. Since His Majesty and His Highness have already made up their minds, let nature take its course."

"What about that child?" Empress Xiande took a sip of tea and asked, "Do you think we should keep this child or not?"

Shen Miao said, "This child's life doesn't have an impact on the overall situation. Whether the child lives or not, it all depends on you."

"Depends on me." Empress Xiande sighed slightly. "There has always been a thorn in my heart, but I'm not heartless enough to pull it out." She smiled sadly. "The position of the empress is really not suitable for me."

Shen Miao did not speak. At this moment, nothing she said would be right.

Empress Xiande changed the topic. "Princess Consort, there's no doubt that you did a good job as Princess Consort Rui, but if you have to bear a heavier burden and face a more complicated situation in the future, can you do it well?"

Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat. Empress Xiande seemed to be hinting at something. In the past, Shen Miao would not have thought too much about it, but Xie Jingxing had told her that Emperor Yong Le would not live past the age of 35. If Emperor Yong Le had a plan about the future after his death, Shen Miao could immediately guess what the plan was.

She composed herself and said, "Your Majesty, no one can say for sure what will happen in the future, but I will stay by his side. I will assist him no matter what he does."

Empress Xiande looked at her for a while and shook her head. "It's good that you're not ambitious, but it's not good either." She said, "Jingxing is not the emperor, so you're very lucky. However, you have to understand that one day, when you reach a certain height, there are many things that you can't control. You don't like it, but you can't show that you don't like it. You have to do that, because it's what the people of the world expect you to do."

Was Empress Xiande talking about how she felt? Shen Miao said calmly, "No, I won't. If I can't even stick to my true self, no matter how high my status is, it's meaningless. You can't control the things around you only because you are not strong enough."

When Empress Xiande heard this, she was in a daze for a long time. When she finally came back to her senses, she looked at Shen Miao deeply. That gaze was very complicated. It seemed to be that of an envious gaze and a helpless one. She said, "Maybe, you're right, but half of my life has passed. There's no time to change." She was a little tired. Shen Miao sensed that compared to the last time, Empress Xiande looked much older, not in terms of appearance though. She still looked elegant and graceful, with the virtuousness of an empress, but her gaze was filled with vicissitudes, like an old woman..

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Was it because of Consort Jing? Shen Miao thought to herself and asked, "I heard that the Ye siblings also entered the palace today and went to see Consort Jing?"

"The Ye siblings came to the palace originally to see me today, but I could tell that they had other agendas, so I let them go. The Ye family probably saw that Lu Jing was pregnant and wanted to use her." Empress Xiande's gaze was pensive. "The new daughter they found is extremely beautiful. Not only is she beautiful, but she's also very smart. Not only is she smart, but she's also ambitious. Such a woman can survive in the harem."

Shen Miao narrowed her eyes. "Ye Mei wants to enter the palace?"

At the end of her previous life, Consort Mei became the empress of Ming Qi. Now, not only had her background changed to that of the Daliang Dynasty, but even her future had changed. Could it be that she wanted to become Emperor Yong Le's woman and the empress of the Daliang Dynasty? Shen Miao felt that it was very ridiculous.

"Probably." Empress Xiande said indifferently, "However, Long Ye's harem only exists in name. If Ye Mei wants to fight for power here, she's made the wrong decision. Moreover, His Majesty doesn't intend to take in any women now."

"What if she has another way of entering the harem?" Shen Miao asked. Ye Mei was ruthless and would use unscrupulous methods to climb up. In her previous life, she had personally experienced it. No matter how she looked at it, it was impossible for Ye Mei to return empty-handed. Shen Miao did not want to underestimate her opponent, let alone make a big mistake because of her carelessness.

Empress Xiande looked at Shen Miao strangely and said, "You don't seem to like this Miss Ye very much." Then, she said in relief, "It's true that this Ye Mei is up to no good. I've been in the harem for so many years and am good at judging women. Ye Mei is too greedy. It's natural for you to be wary of her. Back then, there were rumors that you were jealous of her and targeted her. I guessed that Ye Mei was not simple. Now that I met her, it's true."

Shen Miao said, "I indeed don't like her very much."

"Is it because of Jingxing?" Empress Xiande teased, "Don't worry, Jingxing is already very smart. He won't like women smarter than him. He won't like greedy and ambitious women like Ye Mei."

Shen Miao was speechless. Empress Xiande made it sound like she was very stupid.

"Jingxing suggested to His Majesty not to get too involved with the Ye family. I

guess he did it for you. However, I don't like the Ye family to begin with. Although the Ye family are civilian officials, they don't have the morals of civil officials. Instead, they're tactful and hypocritical. Everyone in the Ye family is sly, but..." Empress Xiande seemed to have thought of something and said, "The young master of the Ye family is not bad. I spoke to him and he's as innocent as a child. Unfortunately, he's crippled and is not respected in the mansion."

Shen Miao had also heard about the crippled young master of the Ye family, but she did not know his character. When she heard Empress Xiande say that, she couldn't help but take pity on him.

Empress Xiande said, "It won't be long before the chaotic situation in Long Ye breaks out. Jingxing is often not at home, and he can't keep you safe all the time. You have to be careful."

Shen Miao said with a serious expression, "I understand."

Dealing with the Lu and Ye families would undoubtedly cause a storm in Long Ye. As Xie Jingxing's wife, she was naturally the target of everyone. Empress Xiande patted her hand. "You have to start learning these now.."

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Shen Miao nodded. As she spoke, she saw Nanny Tao walking over with a young palace maid. Nanny Tao said, "Consort Hui and Consort Ning are arguing in the garden. It's getting serious now. Your Majesty, do you want to go over and take a look?"

Over the past few days, when Consort Jing was pregnant, the other women in the palace began to lose their patience. Initially, no one had children, so it did not matter if they did not get the emperor's favor. Now, it was different. When one person had something others didn't, they would be jealous. Everyone had selfish motives, and there were many more conflicts than before. In addition, many officials had the idea of sending their daughters to the harem. The harem was no longer as peaceful as before. Every few days, there would be some trouble. Although it was not a big deal, it was still troublesome.

Empress Xiande looked displeased. No matter how good-tempered she was, she would always be annoyed with such occurrences.

"Your Majesty, go and take a look first." Shen Miao said, "Don't worry about me." She had no intention of following Empress Xiande to watch the show. This harem in Long Ye had nothing to do with her. Empress Xiande had no choice but to stand up and say to Shen Miao, "I'll go to the garden first. Rest here and drink tea. If you find it boring, take a walk around. As long as you don't go too far, it's fine."

Shen Miao had Ba Jiao and Hui Xiang by her side. They both knew martial arts, so she was not afraid of anything happening. Moreover, there were guards everywhere in the palace, so it was naturally safe.

Shen Miao nodded, and Empress Xiande walked away with Nanny Tao. Shen Miao held the teacup, reminiscing the words Empress Xiande said.

She had a feeling that there was a hidden meaning in Empress Xiande's words. Previously, she had thought about it. If Emperor Yong Le really could not live for long, who would take over the Daliang Dynasty after Emperor Yong Le died? Previously, Consort Jing was not pregnant, so he probably did not intend to let his children inherit the throne. Moreover, Emperor Yong Le was suffering from the aftereffect of the poison, so the children he had might not be healthy. This way, Xie Jingxing was the only one with the royal bloodline who was qualified to inherit the throne of the Daliang Dynasty.

Did Xie Jingxing become the emperor in her previous life? As far as Shen Miao could remember, when she died and Ming Qi was destroyed, Emperor Yong Le was still alive. Xie Jingxing was just leading troops to conquer the world.

Then, was Xie Jingxing going to be the emperor in this life? If Xie Jingxing became the emperor, she would be the empress. Since ancient times, there had never been a case where there was only one woman in the harem. She was certain that she would not tolerate her husband having another woman. Once that day came, all Shen Miao could do was cut ties with Xie Jingxing.

However, a good fate was not easy to come by. She did not want to cut off the fate that she had accumulated for two lifetimes.

She was a little frustrated. She stood up and planned to walk to the pond at the side to enjoy the breeze. Ba Jiao and Hui Xiang followed her.

Under the dense trees in the garden, the path was winding. One was connected to the other, and it sprawled out in all directions. Every corner had a new scenery, making it very elegant.

However, Shen Miao was not in the mood to appreciate the beautiful scenery.

One walked to the pond and one cow wmu [hew on her lace. was reresmng and comfortable, making her calm down.

After walking around for a while, she planned to return. She guessed that Empress Xiande would be back soon. Before she left, she casually glanced at the forest at the side.

It was this glance.

Shen Miao suddenly stopped!

She stared at the side and felt that the blood in her entire body was cold and hot. It rushed to her head and she almost lost her balance. Ba Jiao and Hui Xiang also looked to the side nervously, but they did not find anything.

Shen Miao suddenly pushed open the bushes in front of her and ran to the path at the side.

“Madam!” Ba Jiao and Hui Xiang were shocked and quickly followed.

Shen Miao ran very quickly. Looking carefully, her hands were trembling violently, and her lips were pale. Her eyes were wide open, and she was extremely nervous.

She saw it, the silhouette of the young man’s face under the shadow of the trees. He had a shy smile and a familiar expression. It was Fu Ming!

It was her son, Fu Ming!

Shen Miao ran with all her might, but the roads in the royal garden led to different places. The trees were dense, and the young man disappeared in an instant, almost making her think that she was hallucinating.

There was no path ahead. There was only a lake, a rockery, and a pavilion.

Shen Miao could not find the young man. Hui Xiang and Ba Jiao followed behind. When they caught up with Shen Miao, Shen Miao was standing rooted to the ground, deep in thought, looking in a daze.

Before the three of them could do anything, they suddenly heard a woman scream in front of them, followed by the sound of something heavy falling to the ground.

Plop!

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At the end of the rockery was a long staircase. At this moment, there was a woman lying at the bottom of the stairs. At this moment, there were already large patches of blood under the woman. Shen Miao and the two maids were stunned and went forward to check, only to be surprised to find that the woman was Consort Jing.

At this moment, Consort Jing was holding her stomach, her face covered in sweat, and her face was as pale as paper. She curled up into a ball and groaned in pain. Shen Miao looked up and saw that there were bloody handprints of someone from the top of the long stairs to the bottom. Clearly, Lu Jing had rolled down from these stairs just now.

Seeing Shen Miao, Lu Jing reached out with all her might and suddenly said,

“Save me.” Then, she fainted.

Ba Jiao asked, “Madam, this...”

“Call someone over.” Shen Miao frowned and said, “After all, she’s pregnant with a royal descendant. Moreover, if word gets out that I turned a blind eye to it, it will not do any good to Prince Rui.”

Ba Jiao nodded and quickly went out. Hui Xiang looked around and shook her head. “There’s no one else.”

“The murderer ran away a long time ago.” Shen Miao narrowed her eyes. “To be able to hurt someone so openly in the palace, this murderer is quite bold.” She looked at Consort Jing, who was on the ground, almost dead, and sighed. Shen Miao had seen women having a miscarriage in the harem. With Consort Jing like this, she was afraid that the child in her stomach could not be kept. Shen Miao did not pity Lu Jing, but she felt sorry for the unborn child. If not for the fact that the child was reincarnated into Lu Jing’s stomach, it would not have suffered this calamity. At the thought of the child’s death, Shen Miao suddenly thought of the face of the young man she saw in the forest just now. Her heart skipped a beat. If that was really Fu Ming, why did he not want to see her? If that was not Fu Ming... why did he look so similar to Fu Ming?

Shen Miao thought to herself that there were only so many people in the palace. After she was done dealing with Lu Jing’s matter, she would ask Xie Jingxing or the empress to find the young man. She did not believe that she was hallucinating because she was clear-minded.

The people Ba Jiao called over quickly arrived. When they saw Consort Jing like this, they were all shocked. Although Emperor Yong Le did not seem to care about Consort Jing being pregnant, the child in her stomach still had royal blood after all. Looking at her now, anyone with a discerning eye could tell that she was going to die.

Without saying anything, these people quickly sent Consort Jing to the Jinghua

Palace and went to inform Emperor Yong Le and Empress Xiande. Because Shen Miao was the first person to find Consort Jing, no matter if it was related to her or not, she could not leave.

Hui Xiang was a little uneasy. The matters of the royal family were the most complicated, especially when it involved the death of royal descendants. Hui Xiang even suspected that this was a trap set up for Shen Miao.

Emperor Yong Le and Empress Xiande quickly rushed over. Shen Miao realized that Xie Jingxing was not around and did not know where he was. She wanted to tell him about Fu Ming.

After Emperor Yong Le came, he asked about the ins and outs of this matter. At that time, Consort Jing did not even have a palace maid by her side. Otherwise, she would not have fallen down the stairs without anyone around to help her. She could only ask Shen Miao for help. Empress Xiande frowned and asked,

“Isn’t Consort Jing talking to Miss Ye in the Jinghua Palace? Why did she go to the royal garden? Where is Miss Ye?”

Surprisingly, none of them suspected Shen Miao at all.

Shen Miao was a little surprised. Before she could speak, screams suddenly came from the room. Right on the heels of that, a few of Consort Jing’s maids ran out and knelt down to Empress Xiande and Emperor Yong Le.

The imperial physician walked out and wiped his sweat. He said in a low voice, “Your Majesty, I’m useless. Consort Jing is dead..”

Chapter 1047: The Death of Consort Jing (2)

The room fell silent.

“Died?” It was Empress Xiande who spoke. She said, “How did Consort Jing

The old imperial physician bowed and said, “Today, she fell too heavily and had a miscarriage. Consort Jing lost too much blood, so...”

Emperor Yong Le did not look happy or sad. On the other hand, Empress Xiande said in a low voice, “Why did Consort Jing suddenly fall down for no reason? Where were the palace maids?”

The palace maids of the Jinghua Palace hurriedly knelt down and said, “Earlier, Her Highness was talking to Miss Ye, but they suddenly mentioned that they wanted to take a walk in the royal garden. Her

Highness didn't want us by her side, so we didn't follow her. However, later on, Miss Ye didn't come back, and Her Highness didn't come back either. When we saw Her Highness again, she was carried back."

Consort Jing's palace maids were also as sharp-tongued as Consort Jing. However, since something happened to Consort Jing, no matter what they said, the maids would inevitably be blamed.

Empress Xiande did not suspect Shen Miao at all and immediately asked,

"Where is Miss Ye? Someone, find Miss Ye!"

This was a serious matter. Moreover, it happened in the harem. As the head of the harem, Empress Xiande naturally had to investigate thoroughly. Emperor Yong Le did not say anything and let Empress Xiande give the order. From the beginning until now, he did not show much emotion, making people unable to guess what he was thinking.

As Shen Miao thought about where Xie Jingxing had gone at such a critical moment, she also thought about the possible explanations of Lu Jing's death. Did Ye Mei kill Lu Jing? That made no sense. Even if Ye Mei wanted to enter the harem, there was no need to kill Lu Jing. Besides, Ye Mei was the kind of person who would only use others as a knife to achieve her goal and wouldn't let her name be stained with blood. It was stupid to kill Lu Jing; it was not her style. Everyone knew that she went out with Lu Jing. Once something happened to Lu Jing, she would be the first suspect.

This puzzled Shen Miao.

Everyone in the Jinghua Palace was thinking about what was going on in their minds. Not long after, they heard a woman's panicked voice behind them.

"Consort Jing!"

Shen Miao turned around and saw that Ye Mei was brought in by a few guards. She looked a little flustered, but more than that, she was at a loss and in disbelief. She took two steps forward and was stopped by Empress Xiande's guards. Empress Xiande looked at her and said coldly, "Where did you go? Why were you nowhere to be seen just now? Before Consort Jing died, she went out with you to the garden. Why did you disappear?" Empress Xiande's tone was aggressive, and the questions were all directed at Ye Mei. Empress Xiande usually looked calm and gentle, but now that she spoke sternly, she gave off a domineering aura of the empress of a country.

Shen Miao looked at Ye Mei coldly.

Ye Mei lowered her head as if she was recalling something. She said, "Earlier, I was talking to Consort Jing in the Jinghua Palace. Consort Jing said that the weather outside is cool and that she wants to take a breather. Consort Jing's palace maids also intend to follow, but Consort Jing feels that it's inconvenient to have too many people around. Moreover, we're just taking a walk in the royal garden. There won't be any danger."

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Hearing this, everyone in the room had different expressions.

Lu Jing was arrogant, and because she was pregnant, she became even more so. Perhaps it was because Lu Jing felt jealous of Ye Mei's beauty, or perhaps it was because of other reasons, she asked Ye Mei to go out with her. Lu Jing wanted to order Ye Mei around like a maid, so she did not let her palace maid follow. This indeed seemed like what Lu Jing would do.

"Later, when I was walking around the garden with Consort Jing, Consort Jing suddenly said that it was a little cold and asked me to find a silk cloak for her. That cloak is not in the Jinghua Palace, but in the house where a low-class consort lived. I'm not familiar with the palace, so it took me a lot of time to find that small building. After I got the cloak, I didn't expect some guard to find me and say that something happened to Consort Jing." Ye Mei knelt down and said, "Before I left, Consort Jing was still fine. I really don't know what happened!" She suddenly thought of something and said, "If you don't believe me, you can send someone to look for that consort. She can testify for me. I really went to look for her to get the cloak. How can I harm Consort Jing?" Empress Xiande frowned.

Everyone knew Consort Jing's personality very well. It really seemed to be her style to order Ye Mei to get a cloak for her.

Empress Xiande said, "Nanny Tao, bring someone to look for that consort and ask her clearly. If she's lying, she will be severely punished."

Ye Mei quickly said, "It's Consort Cao."

Nanny Tao accepted the order and left.

The room immediately fell into silence again. Ye Mei knelt on the ground, her weak body trembling, and her face was filled with tears. When she smiled, she was as charming as a fox. Now, she was crying silently, looking frightened but pitiful. Her eyes were misty, and her shoulders were shaking. She was like a kitten, making people want to hug her. When she knelt down, she happened to be in a very delicate spot. Emperor Yong Le lowered his head and could see her beautiful side profile and weak figure.

Empress Xiande saw all of this and curled her lips into a faint smile. Shen Miao was stunned. She finally understood why she lost to Ye Mei in her previous life. Even in such an urgent situation, Ye Mei still used her beauty to seduce people. When Shen Miao liked someone, she would be a giver, handing out all the precious things to the person she liked. On the other hand, if Ye Mei liked someone, she would show her most beautiful side and make people give her precious things. However... Shen Miao glanced at Emperor Yong Le. Emperor Yong Le did not even look at Ye Mei.

The Xie brothers were like two boulders. Beauty alone was probably not enough to move them. Moreover, Emperor Yong Le looked like he did not care about beauty even more than Xie Jingxing.

However, before Nanny Tao could come back, the Lu family came.

Madam Lu and Master Lu were both here. The child in Consort Jing's stomach was gone, and so was Consort Jing. Apart from Consort Jing, who was already dead, the people who were the angriest about this matter were probably the Lu family. Lu Zhengchun brought Madam Lu to the Jinghua Palace aggressively. The palace servants could not stop them, and Emperor Yong Le could not be bothered to

stop them. As soon as Madam Lu entered, she sat on the ground and cried, sighing at the death of her poor daughter.

Shen Miao looked at Madam Lu as if she was looking at a clown. If she really felt sorry for her daughter, why didn't she go to see Lu Jing's corpse for the last time. Instead, she cried in front of the emperor..

Chapter 1049: The Death of Consort Jing (4)

Lu Zhengchun was born with a fierce-looking face. At this moment, he was really like a ghost from hell, making people afraid. If not for the fact that the opportunity was not right, he would probably attack the emperor.

He said, "Your Majesty, Jing and the child in her stomach were both harmed. This is not a small matter. I hope Your Majesty can uphold justice and give me an explanation!"

Shen Miao almost laughed out loud. From Lu Zhengchun's words, it seemed like he was here to interrogate Emperor Yong Le. Was he so impudent simply because he used to be a trusted aide of Emperor Xiaowu? He probably did not take Emperor Yong Le seriously from the beginning.

Emperor Yong Le said indifferently, "It's naturally a matter of great importance. General Lu, I don't need you to remind me."

Lu Zhengchun was stunned. In the past, Emperor Yong Le would always be polite to him, but now, he did not show any respect. He also knew that the royal family had started to deal with the Lu family in secret. He originally thought that with Consort Jing pregnant, the Lu family would have more leverage. Now that he lost two lives at the same time, he was furious. However, he could no longer go against Emperor Yong Le like before. The little boy who succeeded the throne back then had already become an almighty emperor. The Lu family had already begun to go downhill.

There was a kind of person in the world who bullied the weak and feared the strong. However, if you intimidated them, they would chicken out. Lu Jing was like this, and so was Lu Zhengchun.

After Madam Lu finished crying, she looked at Shen Miao and said, "When Jing was found dead, you were there. Did you see the murderer?"

Shen Miao shook her head.

Lu Zhengchun said sternly, "When you were there, Jing could still speak. Clearly, that murderer attacked not long before you arrived. How could you not see the murderer?"

Before Shen Miao could speak, Emperor Yong Le spoke first. He said, "Princess Consort just passed by and didn't see the murderer. It's not a crime to fail to see the murderer. General Lu, instead of searching for the murderer, you played the blame game. Aren't you putting the cart before the horse?"

Shen Miao did not expect Emperor Yong Le to speak up for her. After all, Emperor Yong Le had always looked down on her.

Lu Zhengchun sneered. "Your Majesty, in this world, there are many wolves wearing sheep's skin."

Empress Xiande frowned. "Princess Consort Rui won't do such a thing. I'm willing to vouch for hers."

Emperor Yong Le and Empress Xiande spoke up for Shen Miao at the same time. Lu Zhengchun could not retort. He forced a smile, but that smile was very fierce.

Shen Miao said, "Although I am the one who found Consort Jing dead, Miss Ye has been with Consort Jing before the accident. General Lu, why don't you ask her?" This matter was caused by Ye Mei, so Shen Miao was unwilling to take the blame for her.

Lu Zhengchun looked at Ye Mei, who was kneeling on the ground, and a glint flashed across his eyes, but he did not say anything.

Shen Miao understood that Lu Zhengchun looked like a rough military man, but he was also smart. Now that the Lu family was encroached by the royal family and was getting weaker and weaker, he naturally wanted to find an ally. The Ye family was the perfect ally. However, Ye Maocai was smarter than him. The Ye family had yet to decide which party to side with. Lu Zhengchun naturally hoped that the Ye family would side with him. Anyway, his daughter and grandchild were already dead, and the future was more important. Compared to his dead family, he valued potential allies more.

In the vortex of this power game, it was not rare for people to sacrifice their own flesh and blood.

As Shen Miao was thinking, she saw a person dressed as a guard walk over and walk up to Emperor Yong Le. He said, "Your Majesty, someone said that they saw the murderer who pushed Consort Jing down the stairs.."

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As soon as the guard said that, everyone was shocked. Before Emperor Yong Le and Empress Xiande could speak, Lu Zhengchun had already said, "Who is it? Did that person say who the murderer is?"

Madam Lu quickly put her hands together and said with a heartbroken expression, "The heavens have mercy. When I find that murderer, I'll definitely make him pay with his life!"

Emperor Yong Le said coldly, "Bring them in."

Shen Miao subconsciously looked at Ye Mei on the ground.

Ye Mei knelt on the ground, her back slightly hunched. She looked aggrieved and helpless, but Shen Miao noticed her hand. The long sleeve covered her palm, revealing her fingertips. Her thin fingers were really beautiful and tender. At this moment, she was rubbing the thumb and index finger gently.

Shen Miao had been in contact with Consort Mei for her entire life, so she naturally knew what every move she made represented. Shen Miao knew this very well. When Ye Mei was plotting against someone and her goal was about to be achieved, she would involuntarily do this.

Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat. Was the witness part of Ye Mei's plan? Was she going to achieve her goal? Or was Lu Jing's death really related to Ye Mei? Why?

Right on the heels of that, a creaking sound came from outside the house. This sound was like the sound of wheels rolling on the ground. Shen Miao narrowed

eyes.

A maid was pushing someone in.

The person sat on a chair with wheels. There was a blanket at his knees, and his hands were placed quietly on his knees. He seemed to be unable to walk, and the chair with wheels could be pushed forward effortlessly by the maid.

When the person was closer, one could see that the person was about 11 or 12 years old. He looked gentle. He was wearing an ivory robe and seemed to be a little shy, but there was a trace of panic in his eyes.

Shen Miao stood rooted to the ground, almost turning into a stone statue. Her eyes were instantly filled with tears, and they almost fell.

Fu Ming!

In the blink of an eye, countless memories flashed across her mind. Through the beautiful young man in the wheelchair, she seemed to have seen Fu Ming in a bright yellow robe holding a large bouquet of red plums in his hand and saying to her with a smile, "Mother, I saw that the plum trees in the courtyard had bloomed, so I collected a large bouquet. Mother, seeing this bouquet of plums everyday, you will be in a good mood."

He said, "Although Sister is no longer around, I will always be by your side."

He said, "Mother, don't worry. I'll learn diligently from the Grand Tutor. When

I become stronger in the future, no one will dare to bully you."

Now, the beautiful young man was pushed to Ye Mei, He called out softly, "Sister."

Shen Miao widened her eyes.

He was... the young master of the Ye family, Ye Hongguang, who was born to a concubine.

A member of the Ye family?

Ye Hongguang looked at Emperor Yong Le. He was a little nervous and clumsy, not knowing where he should put his hands in front of the Daliang Dynasty's emperor. He said, "Greetings, Your Majesty. Please forgive me for being unable to bow."

Emperor Yong Le waved his hand indifferently.

This seemed to be the first time Ye Hongguang had faced so many people. He was a little afraid and subconsciously rolled his chair closer to Ye Mei.

Seeing this, Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat.

Why was Fu Ming so close to Ye Mei? She suddenly had an urge to pull Fu Ming away from Ye Mei, but she couldn't... She and Fu Ming were strangers now..