

## **Venomous 1051**

### **Chapter 1051: The Death of Consort Jing (6)**

Shen Miao's gaze was so intent that even Ye Hongguang sensed it. Ye Hongguang glanced over with a curious gaze. Seeing that Shen Miao was staring at him without blinking, he lowered his head in shock and rubbed the edge of the blanket on his knees uneasily.

"Young Master Ye?" Lu Zhengchun frowned and asked, "Did you see the murderer who killed Jing?"

Ye Hongguang was stunned. When he saw Lu Zhengchun's fierce expression, he was shocked and looked at Ye Mei for help. Every time he looked at Ye Mei with a reliant gaze, Shen Miao felt like a knife was stabbing her heart.

Empress Xiande said amiably, "Hongguang, you said that you saw the person who pushed Consort Jing. Is that true?"

Empress Xiande seemed to have a good impression of Ye Hongguang, and her tone was much gentler. Ye Hongguang looked at Empress Xiande and seemed to be less afraid. He nodded.

"Then, who is that person?" Empress Xiande asked.

Ye Hongguang lowered his head timidly. He hesitated for a long time before looking up again. He looked up at Shen Miao. Then, Ye Hongguang slowly reached out and pointed at Shen Miao, saying softly, "It's her."

Shen Miao felt as if she had been struck by lightning!

Empress Xiande's expression changed and she asked sternly, "Hongguang, do you know that if you lie, you will be decapitated?"

Emperor Yong Le also said coldly, "Are you sure you saw it clearly?"

The empress's attitude made it clear that she did not believe Ye Hongguang. Ye Hongguang looked very timid, but under the empress's pressure, he became even more determined. He looked at Shen Miao and said with certainty, "It's that madam."

Shen Miao staggered, almost unable to believe her ears. Fu Ming actually called her "that madam". Her son was now close to her enemy and was testifying for her!

How ridiculous!

In the eyes of others, her action seemed to indicate that she was guilty of something.

Lu Zhengchun narrowed his eyes. Without a word, he reached out to grab Shen

Miao. Seeing this, Ba Jiao and Hui Xiang immediately stood in front of Shen Miao. No one expected Lu Zhengchun to suddenly make a move. The guard quickly protected Empress Xiande and Emperor Yong Le. Emperor Yong Le shouted, "Lu Zhengchun, are you going to rebel?"

As Lu Zhengchun fought with Ba Jiao and Hui Xiang, he said loudly, “Your Majesty, now that the murderer is in front of us, let me avenge my daughter first! Then, I’ll let you punish me.?”

Emperor Yong Le was so angry that his face turned ashen.

Ba Jiao and Hui Xiang had to consider their status and Shen Miao, but Lu Zhengchun was ruthless. The two of them were about to lose. Shen Miao looked at Ye Hongguang, who was beside Ye Mei, in a daze. Ye Hongguang seemed to be avoiding her gaze, unwilling to look at Shen Miao. Instead, he whispered something to Ye Mei.

At this moment, Lu Zhengchun’s legs suddenly went weak and he knelt on the ground. Before anyone could see what happened, they heard two gold ingots fall to the ground.

Lu Zhengchun held his knee and fell to the ground.

A calm voice sounded from outside.

“Let me see who is bullying my woman while I’m not around.”

Everyone could hear the anger in this calm voice.

Xie Jingxing appeared at the door with a gold ingot in his hand. Clearly, he had used this to injure Lu Zhengchun’s knee just now.

He strode to Shen Miao. Seeing that Shen Miao’s face was pale, he thought that she was frightened and became even angrier. He turned to look at Lu Zhengchun, who was being helped up by his subordinates, and said indifferently, “Master Lu, do you have a grudge against me?”

He was handsome and his tone was calm, but it made people shiver.

Lu Zhengchun was not to be outdone. Although he was wary of Xie Jingxing, he did not back down. He said, “Jing was killed! Young Master Ye saw with his own eyes that it was Shen Miao who killed her. It’s only right for me to avenge my daughter!”

“Young Master Ye?” Xie Jingxing glanced around the room and stopped at Ye Hongguang, who was in the wheelchair.

He slowly approached Ye Hongguang and looked down at him.

Xie Jingxing exuded an extremely oppressive aura. Ye Hongguang avoided eye contact with him uncomfortably.

Xie Jingxing looked at him with a faint smile. “Which eye of yours saw her kill someone?”

Without waiting for Ye Hongguang to answer, Xie Jingxing said indifferently, “I’ll dig out that eye..”

Chapter 1052: Edict (1)

How dare he say such a treacherous thing when Lu Zhengchun and Emperor

Yong Le were present? Lu Zhengchun was so angry that he almost fainted. Xie Jingxing was clearly asking Ye Hongguang to take back his word! How could there be such a lawless person in the world!

“Now, tell me again.” Xie Jingxing played with the gold ingot in his hand and said casually, “What did you see?”

Ye Hongguang had probably never thought that someone would dare to be arrogant in front of the emperor. Nervous, he looked at Ye Mei for help, because among everyone present, the person who was closest to him was only

Ye Mei.

However, to Ye Hongguang’s disappointment, Ye Mei did not help him. Instead, she lowered her head and avoided Ye Hongguang’s gaze. This made Ye Hongguang even more helpless.

Emperor Yong Le and Empress Xiande did not speak.

Although Lu Zhengchun was also angry with Xie Jingxing, he did not dare to make a move rashly. Moreover, it was not the time to fall out with the royal family yet. Back then, when Xie Jingxing returned to Long Ye, there were many court officials who expressed their doubts about him, and none of them had a good ending. Xie Jingxing was ruthless and vengeful. Unless it was absolutely necessary, Lu Zhengchun did not dare to go against him openly.

Ye Hongguang refused to speak. At this moment, Shen Miao calmed down. She walked forward and stood side by side with Xie Jingxing. She looked at the young man in the wheelchair and said, “Did you really see me push Consort Jing down?”

Ye Hongguang looked up at her. Shen Miao was a woman after all. Ye

Hongguang was not that afraid of her. Although his expression was still a little unnatural, he was much bolder. He hesitated for a moment and nodded firmly.

She said, “Alright, then tell me where you were at that time.”

Ye Hongguang was stunned.

“Were you on the top or the bottom of the stairs?” Shen Miao asked patiently. She softened her tone, like a gentle sister, but Ye Hongguang suddenly shrank his neck nervously because of her question.

Ye Mei, who was kneeling on the ground and not moving, trembled slightly.

Shen Miao did not give him a chance to think. She continued to ask, “Do you remember? On the top or bottom?” “Bottom,” Ye Hongguang said.

Shen Miao chuckled.

Lu Zhengchun and Madam Lu glared at her, as if they were angry that she could still chuckle at such a moment. Empress Xiande, on the other hand, relaxed slightly. Emperor Yong Le stared at Shen Miao, and Xie Jingxing crossed his arms and looked at Ye Hongguang with a faint smile.

“That’s strange.” Shen Miao said, “That staircase is very long and steep. It’s precisely because of this that Consort Jing fell to her death. How can you see me clearly from below? I’m afraid you can’t even see Consort Jing.”

Ye Hongguang was stunned. He was young and inexperienced. Today, when he saw Emperor Yong Le, he was already extremely nervous. Now that Shen Miao was questioning him aggressively, he panicked.

Ye Mei slowly clenched her fists.

Shen Miao asked, “Young Master Ye, think about it again. Did you remember wrongly? Is it on the top or the bottom?”

Ye Hongguang quickly said, “On the top. I made a mistake. It’s on the top!” He repeated affirmatively..

Chapter 1053: Edict (2)

On the ground, Ye Mei suddenly trembled.

Shen Miao was still smiling, but her eyes turned sharp. She said, “Oh? Young Master Ye, it’s not inconvenient for you to move freely. I don’t think you can climb up such a long staircase. Someone should have carried you up there. You should have your own servants by your side. Why did you say that you were the only one who saw me push Consort Jing down?”

The room fell silent.

Beads of sweat broke out on Ye Hongguang’s forehead. His face was red, and he could not speak for a moment, as if he was guilty of being exposed.

Emperor Yong Le said coldly, “Do you know the crime of deceiving the emperor?”

Ye Hongguang would be beheaded for deceiving the emperor. If he was quick-minded enough, he could come up with excuses. For example, he could say that he asked the servant to fetch something for him. However, Ye Hongguang admitted his lie so easily. Clearly, he was not familiar with doing this at all. If it were an experienced person like Ye Mei, it would be much easier for her to come up with more lies to talk her way out of the difficult situation.

The corners of Xie Jingxing’s lips curled up. “Brother, why don’t we just cut off his head and hang his corpse outside the palace gate?” He said lazily, “If anyone can accuse the royal family, we’ll be made a laughing stock.”

Xie Jingxing obviously wanted to make an example out of Ye Hongguang. However, he was not a kind person to begin with, and he had never had a good impression of the Ye family. He did not hesitate to threaten at all. This made Ye Mei’s face turn pale, and it made Lu Zhengchun’s expression very ugly.

Empress Xiande said, “Ye Hongguang, how dare you lie in the palace and slander the princess consort?”

She spoke sternly, and Ye Hongguang was so frightened that he almost cried. However, Ye Mei ignored him. He did not have anyone familiar in the palace and was very helpless.

"Young Master Ye is still young, so it's understandable that he made a mistake." Shen Miao spoke up for Ye Hongguang.

Everyone was surprised by her actions. Ye Hongguang had slandered Shen Miao. Although Shen Miao was not vicious, she would never show mercy to the people who harmed her. Back then, she had never shown mercy to the second and third branches of the Shen family, and even the royal family of Ming Qi.

Therefore, at this moment, her leniency towards Ye Hongguang was puzzling.

Xie Jingxing also frowned.

Shen Miao bent down slightly and looked at Ye Hongguang. She said gently,

"Did anyone teach you to say that?"

Ye Hongguang's body suddenly trembled. Shen Miao was close to him and could clearly see the panic flashing across his eyes.

Ye Hongguang was really not good at lying. Although he did not show it, anyone with a discerning eye could tell that he was lying. Xie Jingxing's eyes narrowed. Ye Hongguang looked up at Shen Miao and said firmly, "No one taught me."

However, he no longer insisted that Shen Miao was the murderer.

Shen Miao said, "I understand."

Empress Xiande frowned and thought for a moment before saying, "Consort

Jing's matter will be handed over to the Ministry of Justice. Since Ye Hongguang admitted that he made a mistake, his words are not to be taken seriously. The most important thing now is to search the palace thoroughly and find out the murderer. Also, we have to keep Consort Jing's corpse." In the end, she looked at the Lu couple and said, "General Lu, do you have anything else to say?" In the end, her tone was filled with mockery..

Chapter 1054: Edict (3)

Lu Zhengchun glanced at Empress Xiande and held his breath. Back then, when Emperor Yong Le doted on Consort Jing, they hoped that Consort Jing would replace Empress Xiande. However, no one could find any fault with Empress Xiande. Lu Jing tried to persuade Emperor Yong Le countless times, but in the end, Emperor Yong Le did not have the intention of deposing the empress. It was not easy for Lu Jing to be pregnant. However, at this critical moment, when the Lu family thought that they could turn the table around, Lu Jing died.

In fact, Lu Zhengchun also knew that it was too late to say anything now. However, he was indignant and hoped that Emperor Yong Le could make it up to him. Although he was angry today, he was actually not sad about his daughter's tragic death. He was just feeling sorry for his grandchild. When Xie Jingxing

suddenly appeared, Lu Zhengchun had to restrain himself. In terms of ruthlessness, Prince Rui was unmatched.

Knowing that he was destined to go back empty-handed today, Lu Zhengchun said unwillingly, "As you wish."

A trace of killing intent flashed across Emperor Yong Le's eyes.

The Lu couple left. From the time they entered the palace until they left, they

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After they left, Emperor Yong Le said, "You all can go back too."

Empress Xiande looked at Emperor Yong Le in surprise. Ye Mei and Ye Hongguang were both suspects. However, Emperor Yong Le did not seem to intend to pursue the matter. Empress Xiande was puzzled. When she saw that Emperor Yong Le was clenching his hands, she was shocked and immediately said, "That's right. Let's go back now."

Xie Jingxing frowned, but he did not say anything. He only glanced coldly at Ye Mei and the servant who was pushing Ye Hongguang. He slowly stood up and left. He said, "Since there's nothing else to do, I'll take my leave first." Xie Jingxing had never hidden his emotions in front of Emperor Yong Le. Clearly, he was not very happy with the way Emperor Yong Le handled this matter.

Shen Miao and Xie Jingxing left the Jinghua Palace together. When they walked out of the palace, they happened to meet Ye Mei and Ye Hongguang. Shen Miao was slightly stunned when she saw that Ye Hongguang suddenly ordered the servant who was pushing him to stop and turned to look at Shen Miao, as if he had something to say to her.

Xie Jingxing's expression immediately turned solemn. Now that the people of the Ye family were all classified as dangerous people by him, what if something happened to Shen Wan when she got close to them? Therefore, he followed closely, and the dagger in his sleeve quietly slipped out of its sheath.

Shen Miao watched as the young man stopped in front of her. Not far away, Ye Mei was looking over with a nervous expression. It seemed that she wanted to come over and stop Ye Hongguang, but Tie Yi and Cong Yang stopped her, so she did not dare to move at all.

Ye Hongguang looked up at her, his face red. He seemed to want to say something but hesitated. In the end, he did not say anything. He glanced at Shen Miao and pushed the wheelchair away.

Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow, as if he did not understand what Ye Hongguang meant. Shen Miao looked at his back with a complicated expression.

In the carriage, Xie Jingxing noticed that Shen Miao had been abnormally quiet, so he said, "Get the Black Feather Army to lock that kid up in the jail prison for a day or two. When he's tortured enough, he'll come clean

Chapter 1055: Edict (4)

No one would believe that it was Ye Hongguang's own idea to slander Shen Miao.

Shen Miao rolled her eyes at Xie Jingxing. "What's there to come clean about?"

Apart from Ye Mei, who else can it be?"

Ye Mei could fool others with her small tricks, but not Shen Miao.

"Then why are you not happy?" Xie Jingxing pinched her face. "When you saw that kid today, you were very strange. Is there anything I don't know?" He narrowed his eyes.

Shen Miao pushed his hand away. "Do you still remember the dream I told you about? In the dream, I had a son and a daughter."

Xie Jingxing paused and looked at her seriously.

"The first time I saw Ye Hongguang, I felt that he was too similar to the son in my dream. I actually thought he was the son in my dream. However, he stood on Ye Mei's side and helped her slander me. To be honest, I was very sad." Shen Miao said, "But later, I took a closer look and realized that he's not exactly the same as my son. They just look alike. Speaking of which, now that I think about it, they only look 70 to 80% alike. There are still many differences."

After coming back to her senses from the initial shock, Shen Miao had been paying attention to the beautiful young man. At first glance, he looked almost no different from Fu Ming, but their personalities were completely different. Because Fu Ming had never received father's love from Fu Xiuyi, he had been especially mature since he was young. Fu Ming was generous, honest, and kind. Fu Ming had a quality that an outstanding crown prince should have. However, the child in front of her was just an ordinary young master of an official. Perhaps because of his disability, he had low self-esteem. Fu Ming would not lie, and Fu Ming would not stand by Ye Mei's side, nor would he help Ye Mei deal with her. Most importantly, when Shen Miao stood in front of the child, her heart didn't fluctuate. If it was really Fu Ming, she could feel it, and her heart would not be so calm.

Ye Hongguang was not Fu Ming, but he looked very similar to Fu Mingsheng. She was almost bewitched, but she quickly regained her rationality. There was no one who understood her son better than her. This disappointed Shen Miao, but at the same time, she heaved a sigh of relief. If Fu Ming really became a member of the Ye family in this life, the Ye family would use him to deal with Shen Miao. That would be the last thing Shen Miao wanted.

"Similar?" Xie Jingxing was puzzled. "Is that why you're especially kind towards him?"

"That's probably the reason." Shen Miao said, "Looking at that face, I can't bring myself to hurt him. Moreover, you also know that the culprit is someone else. Ye Hongguang was just used by someone. I'm afraid he doesn't lie often. It's just that I'm very puzzled." Shen Miao said, "If it was really Ye Mei who did it, then why? Why did Ye Mei push Consort Jing down? This is not her style of doing things." Xie Jingxing smiled. "Or perhaps it was just an accident?"

"An accident?"

At the same time, Ye Mei and Ye Hongguang were getting into the carriage and on their way home.

Ye Hongguang had been feeling very uneasy. The servant carried him into the carriage. He sat beside Ye Mei. Ever since Ye Mei got into the carriage, she did not say a word to him. Just as Ye Hongguang was about to speak, Ye Mei suddenly said, "Third Brother, what did you say to Princess Consort?"

Ye Mei had a smile on her face. This smile was no different from usual, but for some reason, Ye Hongguang felt a little afraid. He hesitated for a moment and said softly, "I told her I'm sorry.."

Chapter 1056: Edict (5)

Ye Mei's expression changed slightly.

"Princess Consort looks like a good person." Ye Hongguang lowered his head and whispered, "She's not angry with me for slandering her like that. She's also friendly to me. She's a good person and doesn't look down on me for being a cripple... Sister, I lied and wronged a good person. I feel very bad."

"Didn't I tell you?" Ye Mei frowned and said, "If you didn't say that, the emperor and the empress would definitely suspect me. It's fine if they suspect me, but the entire Ye family will be implicated. Do you want to see Father and Mother get into trouble? The royal family are not merciful. Father and Mother are old. What if they torture them?"

Ye Mei had always been polite and friendly to Ye Hongguang, and Ye Hongguang also liked this fairy-like sister. This was the first time he was reprimanded by Ye Mei like this, and she even took her anger out on him. Ye Hongguang did not dare to retort. Ye Mei continued to say, "Besides, how do you know she was wronged?"

"Princess Consort Rui said that it's not her. The emperor and the empress also trust her." Ye Hongguang whispered, "Sister, why do you have to lie? Why don't you make them suspect you? Why do you have to insist that it was Princess Consort Rui who did it."

Ye Mei finally revealed an angry look. She looked at Ye Hongguang sinisterly. "Do you rather believe her than me, your sister?"

Ye Hongguang shook his head. "I just don't think Princess Consort is that kind of person."

The fact that Ye Hongguang kept saying he trusted Shen Miao made Ye Mei furious. Emperor Yong Le, Empress Xiande, and Prince Rui all believed in Shen Miao. Now, even Ye Hongguang believed in Shen Miao. What kind of an enchanting witchcraft did Shen Miao use to win the trust of others?

At the thought of what happened today, Ye Mei couldn't help but tremble with fear.

She did not expect Lu Jing to be so bad-tempered and stupid. Ye Mei came over to ask Lu Jing for information under Ye Maocai's instructions. Unexpectedly, Lu Jing was jealous of her and actually wanted to disfigure her.

Ye Mei was not a pushover. During the argument, she accidentally pushed Lu Jing down. She fled in a panic. She originally wanted to take advantage of the chaos to escape. Ye Maocai would definitely not help her get away with it. Ye Mei could only rely on herself. However, at this moment, she realized that



after being in Long Ye for so long, she barely knew anyone. The Ye family was the only one she could rely on.

However, her luck had always been not bad. She could always escape from a calamity. Much to her surprise, Lu Jing actually died. The dead could not give witness. She was safe for the time being.

After Ye Mei slowly calmed down, she thought of a way to bribe the unfavored consort. She knew that it was impossible for her to make a flawless alibi, so she might as well make the situation even more puzzling. She asked Ye Hongguang to testify for her. Ye Mei threatened Ye Hongguang. If he did not lie, the entire Ye family would be doomed. Ye Hongguang was timid and innocent, so he agreed in fear.

However, Ye Mei did not expect Ye Hongguang to be so useless. In the end, this scheme almost backfired, and the fear the Lu family displayed towards Xie

Jingxing made Ye Mei finally understand how terrifying it was to offend Prince Rui.

Previously, she suggested to Ye Maocai to assassinate Shen Miao. Now, she instructed Ye Hongguang to slander Shen Miao. Ye Mei felt that once Xie Jingxing found out that she was the one behind it, he would definitely not let her off..

Chapter 1057: Edict (6)

And today, although Empress Xiande and Emperor Yong Le unexpectedly let her off in the end, the more Ye Mei thought about it, the more she felt that something was wrong and she was in trouble. Ye Maocai would find out sooner or later. She accidentally killed Consort Jing and implicated the Ye family. Ye Mei really did not know what a cunning person like Ye Maocai would do.

Ye Mei was angry, afraid, and frustrated. Long Ye seemed to be her nemesis. When she was in Qinzhou, she could get whatever she wanted, but in Long Ye, she repeatedly encountered obstacles. She thought that if she got involved with the Ye family, her life would definitely be smooth-sailing in the future, but in the end, not only was the situation of the Ye family uncertain, but she also offended someone she shouldn't have.

I can't stay in Long Ye anymore. I have to leave the Ye family. This thought suddenly popped up in Ye Mei's mind.

She subconsciously glanced at Ye Hongguang. Ye Hongguang was holding the blanket on his knees with his head lowered.

Ye Mei's eyes suddenly turned cold.

It was not easy for her to escape from the Ye family and Long Ye. It was easy to get on the boat, but it was difficult to get off. Moreover, Ye Maocai was watching her every move.

However, if she continued to stay here, Ye Mei had a feeling that she would not have a good ending.

She had to discuss it with Ye Ke.

When Shen Miao and Xie Jingxing returned home, it was already late. After taking a shower and eating, Shen Miao sorted out some letters on the table and said to Xie Jingxing, "I didn't expect this to happen."

Xie Jingxing's subordinates sent a letter over, saying that they had found out what happened in the palace today. Most likely, Ye Mei killed Lu Jing by mistake. Shen Miao shook her head and said, "The Lu family probably knows that Ye Mei did it and hates her, but they won't show it."

Xie Jingxing leaned against the bed and watched her tidy up the table. He nodded.

Shen Miao asked, "Then what will happen when His Majesty finds out the truth? Will he punish Ye Mei?"

Xie Jingxing said indifferently, "We will eliminate the Ye family whether or not Ye Mei killed Lu Jing."

Shen Miao sighed. Emperor Yong Le hated the Ye family deeply and did not have any feelings towards the child in Lu Jing's stomach, so he naturally did not care. Perhaps Lu Jing's death would even make Emperor Yong Le heave a sigh of relief because if the child really came to the world, he/she would not be healthy.

The heavens had made a choice for him. Perhaps everything was destined.

"Speaking of which, when His Majesty came to Jinghua palace, you weren't there. Where did you go?" Shen Miao asked. Xie Jingxing was a very straightforward person. As long as Shen Miao asked, he would answer.

However, today, he looked at Shen Miao and did not speak.

Shen Miao was still waiting for him to answer. Seeing that he did not speak for a long time, she stopped what she was doing and saw Xie Jingxing looking at her with a smile. His gaze was very gentle, as if he was looking at something very precious.

Shen Miao was stunned. Xie Jingxing smiled. "Come here."

She was stunned. Seeing that Xie Jingxing was very insistent, she stood up and walked to the bed. She asked, "What's wrong?" Xie Jingxing grabbed her wrist and pulled her into his arms.

Shen Miao was caught off guard and lay in his arms. She struggled to get up, but Xie Jingxing did not let her move. He rested his chin on her head and said indifferently, "I once asked you if you still want to be the empress. Do you remember?"

"I remember," Shen Miao replied after a pause.

"Then I'll ask you again now," he said.

"I don't want to." Shen Miao said, "My wish is very simple. I want to protect the people I love and live well. It's good to be the empress, but I don't like it."

"Then what should we do?" He said in frustration, "I don't like it either, but I have no choice now."

"The Gao family's head said that my brother won't live for more than half a year. My brother wrote an edict to pass down the throne today."

"I don't believe in fate, but there's no time." He sighed and placed Shen Miao's hand in his palm.

"I know you don't like it, but can you tolerate it for me? At least I can promise you that I will never make you a deposed empress."

"You will become the only woman of the Daliang Dynasty's emperor. The price you have to pay is," he leaned close to Shen Miao's ear and said, "There's no way out for you in this life.."

Chapter 1058: Jin Xinming (1)

Shen Miao did not speak.

Xie Jingxing did not let go of her and locked her in his arms.

After a long time, Shen Miao looked up at him.

Xie Jingxing also stared at her. This arrogant man who seemed to not take the world to heart looked at her with nervousness in his eyes at this moment. Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat. A moment later, she suddenly chuckled.

She said, "Then what's in it for me?"

Xie Jingxing was stunned for a moment, and a trace of ecstasy appeared in his eyes. He heaved a sigh of relief and said in disbelief, "I'll give you whatever you want."

"What if what I want is also what you want?" Shen Miao asked.

Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow. "What do you want?"

"Youzhou."

"It's yours." He waved his hand, as if what Shen Miao asked for was nothing.

"Dingyuan City." Shen Miao looked at him.

"It's yours." Xie Jingxing did not even blink. "Yuzhou State, Ding Xi, Lin'an, and Luoyang."

"It's all yours!"

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However, Xie Jingxing was not someone who cared about what others thought. Shen Miao would not really snatch Xie Jingxing's dynasty. She just felt that Xie Jingxing had too much to shoulder and hoped to help him.

"If everything is mine, what do you want?" Shen Miao asked.

Xie Jingxing grabbed Shen Miao, who was about to break free, and said seriously, "I want you to not abandon me."

Outside, Cong Yang covered his ears and looked like he was in great discomfort. When Jingzhe, who was passing by, saw him like this, she went forward and said kindly, "Cong Yang, why are you trembling so violently? Are you sick?" As she spoke, she reached out to touch Cong Yang's forehead.

Cong Yang was embarrassed from listening to the conversation in the room. Suddenly, a cold hand covered his forehead and he immediately jumped up from the ground. Jingzhe was shocked. She looked at her hand. "What's wrong?"

Cong Yang looked at her as if he had seen a ghost and suddenly scurried away, leaving Jingzhe stunned on the spot.

Under the tree, Uncle Tang walked past. When he saw the tightly shut door, he smacked his lips in satisfaction and went to instruct the kitchen to make soup.

In the next few days, Xie Jingxing was really busy. Probably because Emperor Yong Le's condition had worsened, Xie Jingxing had to go and do many things himself.

Xie Jingxing was busy, and Shen Miao was not free either. What the royal family wanted to do now was to make an example of the Ye family and the Lu family, but the royal family had to make sure they would not leave an impression on the officials as cruel tyrants. Otherwise, it might arouse dissent among the officials. What Shen Miao needed to do was talk to the madams and slowly let them understand that the wise thing to do was follow the royal family so that they could go back and persuade their husband..

#### Chapter 1059: Jin Xinming (2)

Originally, the madams thought that Shen Miao was from Ming Qi after all. Ming Qi and the Daliang Dynasty were two different countries, and many customs were different. Shen Miao was the daughter of a general, so it was even more impossible for her to have any wisdom. Unexpectedly, after interacting with her, they changed their opinion about Shen Miao drastically. Not only did Shen Miao speak appropriately, but she also seemed to know a lot of things that they did not know.

From fashion, politics, to history, Shen Miao knew more than what someone her age was supposed to know.

Although her previous life in Ming Qi's harem was miserable, it still broadened her horizons. She heard many interesting anecdotes from envoys from all around the world. Shen Miao might not be able to do what Xie Jingxing could do, but she was good at persuading people to achieve her goal without losing anything.

In just a few days, those noble madams were all on good terms with Shen Miao. When they were stumped by something, they would start to ask Shen Miao for advice. Firstly, Shen Miao was Princess Consort Rui and was related to the royal family, so she must know the current attitude of the royal family more than them. Secondly, although Shen Miao was young and was even a few years younger than the daughters of some madams, she had a dignified aura that made people feel that what she said was trustworthy.

Shen Miao and Xie Jingxing were both working hard for the upcoming storm in Long Ye. Naturally, the Lu family and the Ye family wouldn't just sit back and do nothing.

The Lu family had lost a daughter. Seeing that Emperor Yong Le's attitude was getting worse and worse, they finally started to panic and started to mobilize the army they had distributed everywhere.

The Ye family had always taken a neutral stance. Now, they suddenly realized that they were forced to make a choice. It was as if they had unknowingly been dragged into the mess by the Lu family.

Shen Miao asked MO Qing to keep an eye on Ye Mei's every move. Over the past few days, because of the trouble Ye Mei caused in Long Ye Palace, Ye Maocai had been very angry. What Ye Mei did offended Emperor Yong Le and the Lu family at the same time. The Lu family was fine. Although Lu Zhengchun was arrogant and unrestrained, he was brainless. However, Emperor Yong Le was different. The young emperor already had ruthless methods. It was precisely because he did not blame Ye Mei that Ye Maocai was even more uneasy, feeling that Emperor Yong Le seemed to be planning something.

Ye Maocai took his anger out on Ye Mei, so he grounded her for many days and was quite cold to her. Ye Mei had been very aggrieved these days, and today, she was finally released. In order to compensate her, Madam Ye brought her to her jewelry shop to choose some jewelry. Unexpectedly, a noble madam suddenly dropped in on the Ye family so Madam Ye had no choice but to go back to entertain her. She asked Ye Mei to go and choose some jewelry for herself.

The shopkeeper of the jewelry shop looked like he was trying to please Ye Mei. He took out the most expensive things for Ye Mei to choose. Ye Mei looked listless and absent-minded, making the shopkeeper angry.

She was just a daughter of a merchant. Now that she was acknowledged by the Ye family, she should consider herself very lucky. However, she was still picky and even disdained these expensive jewelry.. Did she think she was a princess?

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Ye Mei did not notice the shopkeeper's expression. She had been treated coldly by Ye Maocai for the past few days and was extremely agitated. However, she also realized that the Ye family was not a place to stay for long. Ye Maocai was a person who prioritized benefits. For benefits, he could sacrifice her at any time. She originally wanted to use the Ye family to climb up, but she did not expect that she would only be treated as a chess piece. The path that Ye Maocai paved for her was not what Ye Mei wanted.

Her gaze swept across the dazzling array of jewelry, but she was thinking about how to escape. If she escaped, where could she escape to?

Just as she was thinking, two more people came to the jewelry shop. It was a man and a woman. The man was about 30 years old and was dressed richly. He had an ordinary appearance and was slightly chubby. The woman was young and was dressed colorfully. As soon as she entered, she smelled a strong fragrance. It was obvious that she was from a brothel.

The woman said sweetly, "Master, buy a golden bracelet for me."

The man smiled and said generously, "You can choose whatever you want today. I'm in a good mood."

Ye Mei thought that it must be a rich young master bringing a girl from the brothel to shop around.

The shopkeeper was already a little dissatisfied with Ye Mei's absent-mindedness. Now that there were new customers, he simply ignored Ye Mei and said to the woman. "These are all new. Miss, you can take a look."

The woman squeezed to Ye Mei's side. The strong fragrance made Ye Mei a little uncomfortable, so she turned to look at the woman. When she saw the man beside the woman, she was stunned. The man also saw her and was stunned for a moment before saying in surprise, "Mei!"

The woman who was picking jewelry looked up at Ye Mei warily. The shopkeeper also pricked up his ears, thinking to himself that this man must be old friends with Ye Mei. After all, Ye Mei was the daughter of a merchant back then.

Ye Mei looked away in a hurry and wanted to leave, but she suddenly thought of something and stopped in her tracks. She glanced at the man and suddenly said, "Let's talk in private."

The woman beside the man grabbed his arm and said, "Master, you promised me you would pick some jewelry for me."

That man was impatient. He grabbed a few banknotes from his pocket and threw them to the woman. "Pick for yourself."

After the woman took the banknote, she stopped pestering him. The man left with Ye Mei. Ye Mei put on a veil and said, "Let's find a restaurant."

In a private room in the restaurant, the man looked at Ye Mei and said curiously, "Why do you have so many guards by your side? Back then, you disappeared from Qinzhou without saying a word. I even asked someone to look for you for a long time. I didn't expect you to be here."

Ye Mei's heart was beating fast. This man was none other than her childhood sweetheart. Back then, the Li family was a merchant family in Qinzhou, and this man was the eldest son of the Jin family, Jin Xinming. The Jin family was also a merchant family, and Master Jin and Master Li were quite close. When Ye Mei was little, Jin Xinming was already a young man. Master Jin even proposed to let Ye Mei marry Jin Xinming. Ye Mei had been ambitious since she was young, and marrying a merchant was not her ultimate goal.

However, although she hated Jin Xinming very much, she was very smart and never showed it to Jin Xinming. Instead, she was very considerate and obedient, making Jin Xinming fall head over heels in love with her.

Later, after the Li couple passed away, the Jin family was entrusted to take care of a few of the Li family's shops, so Ye Mei was even more considerate towards Jin Xinming. Master Jin was planning to ask Ye Mei about her marriage. After all, the Li couple was not around, and the only person who could decide on the marriage was Ye Mei.

Ye Mei was naturally unwilling. In her heart, she would rather be an official's concubine than a merchant's wife. At this moment, the Ye family appeared. Ye Mei immediately came to Long Ye with the

Ye family. Because she hated the Jin family, she did not even tell the Jin family. Jin Xinming naturally did not know that she had come to Long Ye..