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Ye Mei shook her head and sighed. "Back then, my brother and I were taken care of by the Jin family and we lived a comfortable life. Unexpectedly, someone suddenly came looking for me and said that my biological parents were someone else. I'm actually the daughter of the Prime Minister, the Ye family. I was surprised, but they didn't give me time to ask and took me away." "Prime Minister Ye?" Jin Xinming shouted in surprise.

Ye Mei nodded and said, "But when I arrived, I realized that they had made a mistake. It's just that there's only one young master in the Ye family who's crippled, so they insisted that I be the daughter of the Ye family. I originally thought that it was not a big deal, but who knew that Prime Minister Ye was actually a beastly person? He... he wanted to use me as a bargaining chip in his official career and use my marriage to rope in others!"

Jin Xinming's heart broke when he saw her crying. Jin Xinming said angrily, "How can he do this! You're not his daughter. How dare he try to use your marriage? Damn it! Let's go and report it to the government!"

"It's useless." Ye Mei shook her head. "The officials will protect each other. Moreover, Ye Maocai has the power to do whatever he wants in Long Ye. I once wanted to write a letter to Qinzhou to ask for your help, but I was stopped. Actually, my brother and I have already been grounded by the Ye family. It's rare for us to go out like this today."

Jin Xinming was so angry that his expression was extremely ferocious. He had always liked Ye Mei. Back then, after Ye Mei and her brother disappeared,

Master Jin said that they escaped because Ye Mei did not want to marry Jin Xinming. Jin Xinming was a little angry. Now that his beloved girl was crying, how could he be angry? He was even angry with himself for not appearing early enough to save Ye Mei.

Ye Mei looked up and said, "Brother Jin, I've been missing you all the time. I only hope that one day, I can regain my freedom. Brother Jin, can you help

Jin Xinming nodded repeatedly. "Yes. What can I do?"

"Brother Jin, I don't want anything else now. I just want you to help me leave the Ye family." Ye Mei smiled with tears in her eyes and said, "If I can be with Brother Jin, I won't have to be afraid every day."

Jin Xinming's heart was beating fast. It had to be known that in the past, although Ye Mei treated him very gently, it was different from now. She had never made it clear in the past, and her attitude was unclear. However, her words now clearly showed that Ye Mei treated him as a very important person.

Although he was wild with joy, he did not lose his rationality. The Ye family was not someone like him could offend. He said, "This... the Ye family is very difficult to deal with."

Ye Mei did not speak and only looked at him with her beautiful eyes. Jin Xinming's heart skipped a beat and he said, "There's a way. Mei, do you know why I came to Long Ye?"

Ye Mei shook her head.

Jin Xinming said proudly, "I have a friend who's also a merchant. Last year, he went to Ming Qi. I heard that this year, he has established a relationship with the royal merchants in Ming Qi. He might even be able to get an official position. I thought about it. Instead of being an ordinary merchant in Qinzhou for the rest of my life, I might as well go out and make a name for myself. That friend invited me to go with him. I came to Long Ye to discuss this with that friend of mine..

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"I was originally very unwilling." Jin Xinming said, "After all, my parents are both here. However, now that I've met you, I have nothing to be afraid of. I'll definitely go to Ming Qi and settle down there. Even if I can't be an official, I will definitely make more money." He said, "The Ye family is powerful here, but if we escape to Ming Qi, the Ye family won't be able to come after us. Mei, what do you think?"

While Jin Xinming was talking, Ye Mei's mind was racing. Although she had yet to figure out some things, she still smiled and said, "Of course it's good. Brother Jin, you're really someone I can rely on. Everyone in this world is unreliable. Fortunately, you..."

She was delicate, gentle, and charming. Jin Xinming's heart skipped a beat when he saw this. He couldn't help but reach out to touch Ye Mei's small hand. Ye Mei suppressed her disgust and let Jin Xinming take advantage of her. If it were in the past, she would naturally retract her hand, but now, she had no choice but to compromise.

Shen Miao came out of a madam's mansion. Today, she also attended a tea party. Those madams had gradually been influenced by Shen Miao. Xie Jingxing said that the imperial court was much more stable now. She rubbed her neck and was about to get into the carriage when she saw a man and a woman walking out of a restaurant on the other side of the street not far away. The woman was veiled, so her face could not be seen. However, from her figure and posture, Shen Miao could tell that it was Ye Mei.

The man who spoke to Ye Mei looked to be very close to her, but this man did not look like a child of a noble family. Instead, he exuded the vulgarity of a merchant.

Shen Miao turned her body to the side. The shadow of the carriage blocked her, so Ye Mei could not see her. The man said a few more words to Ye Mei. Although he did not do anything out of line, the relationship between the two of them looked not simple. Ye Mei soon left in the carriage. The man turned around and walked in another direction.

Shen Miao thought for a moment and instructed MO Qing, "Follow that man and find out everything about him."

MO Qing had been secretly monitoring Ye Mei these days. Since this man seemed to be related to Ye Mei, Shen Miao naturally had to ask around. MO Qing accepted the order and left.

Shen Miao got into the carriage and started to think.

The man did not look like he came from a rich family. Shen Miao knew Ye Mei very well. She valued social status the most and would not talk to commoners. However, she actually went to the restaurant with this man.

Ye Mei had always been able to use everyone around her, especially men. Shen Miao thought almost immediately that Ye Mei might want to use this man to achieve something. Otherwise, she would not deign to talk to such a lowly man.

What did she want to do?

Ye Mei returned to the Ye mansion in the evening. Ye Maocai, who usually came back very late, was already in the mansion today. Seeing her enter, he stared at her and asked, "Where did you go?"

Perhaps because of the predicament the Ye family had been facing these days, Ye Maocai, who had always been calm, began to lose patience.

Ye Mei composed herself and said, "Mother asked me to go to the jewelry shop to pick a few pieces of jewelry."

"Mother?" Ye Maocai asked.

Ye Mei was extremely unhappy with his sarcastic tone. Ye Maocai clearly knew that she was not Madam Ye's daughter, but in the beginning, he was the one who wanted Ye Mei to pretend to be her daughter. Now, it was as if Ye Mei was begging the Ye family to take her in as their daughter..

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Seeing that Ye Mei did not speak, Ye Maocai asked again, "Where's the jewelry?"

Ye Mei said, "There's nothing I like, so I didn't pick any."

"You know your place well. You know that you can't take anything that's not yours." Ye Maocai suddenly changed the topic. "Who was the man you met on the street today?"

Ye Mei was stunned for a moment before anger surged out. Needless to say, it must be the guards who snitched on her. On the surface, those guards looked like they were protecting her, but in fact, they were not. Instead, they were monitoring her and telling Ye Maocai everything. Even so, Ye Mei did not dare to flare up at Ye Maocai. She said, "It's a Young Master I knew back in Qinzhou.

Jin Xinming was just a child of a merchant. Even if Ye Maocai went to investigate, he would not be able to find anything. Seeing that she was so calm, Ye Maocai relaxed and said, "It's not that I want to monitor you. There will be a big move in Long Ye soon. Since you're the daughter of the Ye family, your every move will be seen by others. If you cause any trouble for the Ye family, you and the Ye family will suffer." He pretended to be gentle and smiled. "Since you're a smart child, you should know what to do and what not to do. You're with the Ye family, so we naturally have to help each other."

After hearing what Ye Maocai said, Ye Mei's heart sank again. She was more and more certain that Ye Maocai wanted to use her to achieve something. She made up her mind and said a few more words to Ye Maocai before returning to her room.

When she returned to the room, she found that Ye Ke was already waiting for her. Seeing that she was back, Ye Ke smiled and said, "Sister, where did you go today? Why are you back so late? I've been waiting for you for a long time."

Ye Mei was frustrated and wanted to tell Ye Ke about Jin Xinming. Back in Qinzhou, Ye Ke actually wanted Jin Xinming to be his brother-in-law because the Jin family could take care of the Li family. However, at that time, Ye Mei did not like Jin Xinming. Ye Ke even persuaded her for a long time, telling her that Jin Xinming would treat her well.

If she wanted to escape to Ming Qi with Jin Xinming, she naturally had to bring Ye Ke along. However, Ye Mei was still a little uncertain about Ye Ke's attitude.

"Do you still remember Jin Xinming from the Jin family in Qinzhou?" Ye Mei asked.

"Jin Xinming?" Ye Ke looked at her suspiciously. "I remember. Why did you suddenly mention him?" Suddenly, he thought of something and was shocked. He stood up and said, "Sister, you are not going to tell me you suddenly decided to marry him, are you?"

Ye Mei frowned. "Didn't you like him back then?"

"Back then, we were merchants, but now, we're officials." Ye Ke said, "Sister, with your current status, how can Jin Xinming compare to you? If word gets out that you marry him, I'm afraid people will laugh at you."

He looked very excited. Ye Mei looked at him for a while and asked, "Then who do you think I should marry?"

"Sister, with your status, it's not an exaggeration to say that you can marry a prince, but Long Ye doesn't have a prince." He leaned closer and smiled mysteriously. "Actually, Father wants you to enter the palace. I've checked it for you. The emperor is young and handsome, and he's quite cold to the empress. If you enter the palace, with your beauty and talent, you'll be the head of the harem in no time. At that time, the two of us will be rich." Ye Ke's eyes lit up as he spoke, as if he yearned for the future he mentioned, like a person who had been digging for a long time had finally seen a treasure.

"Oh?" Ye Mei looked at him. "Do you really think so?"

"Sister, when did you become so unconfident?" Ye Ke patted his chest and said,

"Believe me, you will definitely become the most noble woman in the Daliang Dynasty. So listen to me and go to the palace. I won't harm you. After you enter the palace, you will have the support of the Ye family. Isn't this a great thing?"

Ye Mei smiled, but that smile was a little strange. She said, "Brother, you seem to be very busy these days. Can you tell me what you're busy with?"

"Father plans to find an official position for me in Long Ye." Ye Ke said happily, "He took me to see his colleagues these days!" As soon as he finished speaking, he suddenly realized something and stopped. He looked at Ye Mei in panic.

Ye Mei's expression did not change. She nodded and said, "I see.."

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see.”

Ye Ke carefully glanced at Ye Mei. Seeing that Ye Mei did not seem to have any special reaction, he heaved a sigh of relief and asked tentatively, “Sister, don’t you think it’s a good idea?”

“What do I think?” Ye Mei looked at him in surprise, then smiled. “I think it’s quite good. After entering the palace, I’ll live a rich life. Do you think I’m so stupid as to give up the wealth that’s at my fingertips?” She said, “I’ve always wanted to marry someone noble. The emperor is the most noble person in the world. There’s naturally nothing wrong with being his woman.”

As she spoke, Ye Mei returned to her usual charming self, looking like she agreed with Ye Ke very much. When Ye Ke saw this, he clapped his hands with a smile. “I knew it! Father was afraid that you wouldn’t agree and insisted that I persuade you. I knew that it was unnecessary. You are not a fool. Why would you decline?”

He let his guard down and actually told Ye Mei that he was instructed to persuade her by Ye Maocai. Ye Mei’s eyes flashed as she smiled and said, “Father probably doesn’t know me well, but you’re my brother. You naturally know me better than anyone.”

“Sister, if you enter the palace and win the favor of the emperor, don’t forget about me.” Ye Ke said, “Now that Father has already brought me into the bureaucracy, with your help in the future, my path will only become smoother and smoother. Perhaps everyone in Long Ye will listen to us. At that time, you will get whatever you want. As for that useless empress, she’s just an ornament. No one in the palace is your match.”

Ye Mei also smiled. “Of course.”

After receiving Ye Mei’s assurance, Ye Ke seemed to be very satisfied. After talking for a while, he excitedly left. After Ye Ke left, Ye Mei’s expression turned cold.

It was not surprising that Ye Maocai managed to bribe Ye Ke so quickly. What

Ye Ke looked forward to the most in his life was having a lot of power. Ye Maocai made a promise to Ye Ke, and Ye Ke was tempted. This was enough to make Ye Ke sacrifice his sister. Moreover, in Ye Ke’s eyes, entering the palace to be the emperor’s woman was probably a good thing, but he did not know that every step involved in this scheme was dangerous. This was because Emperor Yong Le was too difficult to control, and Prince Rui was even harder to deal with.

Like Ye Mei, Ye Ke was an extremely selfish person. In the face of his own interests, family was nothing.

However, how could Ye Mei be willing to pave the way for Ye Ke?

After Ye Ke left, Ye Mei stood up and paced around the room anxiously.

She understood that in some ways, Ye Ke was her enemy now.

She thought for a long time and finally made up her mind. She opened the box placed in the corner of the room. Madam Ye had made dozens of clothes for her to compensate her when she came back. They were all popular styles and the materials were top-notch. Ye Mei squatted down in front of the box and started to choose seriously.

On the other side, Shen Miao also learned the information she got from MO Qing.

“Tin Xinming?” Shen Miao asked with a frown.

“Other than the identity of the son of a merchant, there’s nothing special about him.” MO Qing said, “However, he suddenly came to Long Ye from Qinzhou. He seems to be dealing with a few businesses of the Jin family. After that, it seems like the Jin family doesn’t intend to take on any business in the next few years..”

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“Not planning to do any business anymore?” Jingzhe couldn’t help but ask,

“Then how are they going to make a living?”

Shen Miao pondered for a moment. “It seems like he’s preparing to leave.”

MO Qing was stunned and said, “Madam, you’re right. He even sold some things and turned them into banknotes. He seems to be going on a long trip and prepared a large amount of money.”

Shen Miao understood. “Go and investigate if Jin Xinming has been in contact with anyone recently. Also, find out where he’s going. From the stuff he packed, you can figure out if he’s taking a long or a short journey, and if he’s going north or south. Keep an eye on the people he’s in contact with. Also, don’t let your guard down against Ye Mei and her brother. If Jin Xinming and

Ye Mei meet in private, you have to follow them.”

MO Qing accepted the order and left.

As Jingzhe and Gu Yu sewed under the light, Gu Yu said, “Madam, but what does Miss Ye have to do with the son of a merchant? Could it be that she likes Young Master Jin, so she is planning to elope with him?”

Shen Miao smiled and shook her head. “Do you know about vines?”

“I know!” When Jingzhe heard that, she quickly said, “When I lived in the countryside, the courtyard was filled with vines. In spring, I had to pull them out one by one. If I don’t pull them out, the vines will strangle the trees to death.”

Shen Miao said, “Ye Mei is very similar to that vine.” The vines had extremely strong vitality and were everywhere. Most importantly, any man could become her “tree”. She relied on these trees to climb up, absorbing the sunlight and rain, and kept growing until she reached the highest point.

As she grew, the trees were wrapped by her and depleted of nutrients. In the end they withered. Jingzhe and Gu Yu looked at each other. After a while, Jingzhe whispered, "Is she that powerful?"

"This vine looks very strong at first glance, but it also has a fatal weakness." Shen Miao said, "Once her last 'tree' dies and there's nothing else to provide her with nutrients, she will die."

Without a doubt, Ye Mei must want something from Jin Xinming. Since the son of a merchant wanted to leave, it was obvious that Ye Mei would embark on this boat with him and leave the abyss of the Ye family.

However, how could Shen Miao let her have her way?

This time, Shen Miao would decide Ye Mei's fate for her.

For a few days in a row, Xie Jingxing did not return to the mansion. Even Tie Yi was not around. When Shen Miao asked Cong Yang, he did not know anything. She felt that the guards in the mansion were busier than usual.

Not long after, a piece of news suddenly came that Lu Zhengchun had declared rebellion and stationed his troops in Ruyang City as the base.

This news shocked the people of Long Ye. It was said that Lu Zhengchun had a lot of soldiers under him. In addition, he had been secretly recruiting troops and expanding his military strength for so many years. Ruyang City was huge, so it was a surprise that the city was occupied by him so quickly. The Lu family indeed had the courage to go against the royal family.

The guards brought by Shen Miao were all a little surprised by this news. On the other hand, Shen Miao was not flustered. This was probably what Xie Jingxing and Emperor Yong Le wanted to see. They wanted to give the Lu family an illusion that they were winning. A brute like Lu Zhengchun would naturally feel that the royal family was afraid of him and lower his guard. This way, the royal family could set up a better trap and wipe out the Lu family..

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Shen Miao was extremely confident in Xie Jingxing and did not think that the Lu family really had the ability to go against the royal family. Shen Miao was worried that there was something else going on. Although the Lu family was rebelling, they were only targeting the royal family after all. In the eyes of the people, the Lu family was just like the Xie family back then, having contributed a lot to the founding of the country. The Lu family even claimed that the royal family forced them to rebel. They said that Emperor Yong Le was involved in the death of Emperor Xiaowu back then, and that Empress Xiao murdered all the other princes just so her son could ascend the throne smoothly.

The world was in an uproar!

It was true that when Emperor Xiaowu passed away, Empress Xiao dealt with the other princes one by one without leaving any evidence. However, the people would inevitably find it suspicious, but they did not dare to voice the suspicion. Later, when Empress Dowager Xiao passed away and Emperor Yong Le

succeeded the throne, under his governance, the Daliang Dynasty prospered, so everyone gradually forgot about the past.

After being shocked by the Lu family's words, the people of the Daliang Dynasty began to waver. A small portion of the people really believed the Lu family's words, but most of the people remained suspicious. However, if an emperor could not win the hearts of the people, he was destined to be in for endless trouble.

Even if Emperor Yong Le used extreme methods to shut the mouths of the people, the rumors would still spread in the markets.

"The Lu family is too shameless," Jingzhe said. "They actually dare to slander the emperor."

Gu Yu sighed. "They're already rebelling and are going to die one way or the other. What's the point of holding back now?" She continued, "The Lu family is really ruthless. They want both sides to suffer a loss and insist on dragging the royal family into it. Even if the royal family wins, they might not win the hearts of the people in the future."

Shen Miao frowned and thought for a moment before saying, "Get me a pen and paper." She walked to the table.

Jingzhe was stunned and asked, "Madam, are you going to write a letter to Ming Qi?"

Shen Miao shook her head. "I want a very big piece of paper. It has to be even bigger than the notice of the prisoners at the city gate."

When she was writing a letter to Ming Qi or to Pei Lang in the past, Shen Miao was calm. However, today, Shen Miao looked different. She was serious, as if she was writing something that weighed more than a ton. She wrote faster and faster, finishing the entire paper almost without stopping.

Upon finishing, she put down the pen and picked up the huge white paper with both hands.

Jingzhe and Gu Yu leaned over to take a look at it at the same time and saw black words densely filling the huge piece of white paper. Shen Miao's writing was sharp like a sword that was about to jump out of the paper and stab people in the heart.

"What... is this?" The two maids could not read, but they vaguely felt that this was something very important.

"No one cares about the truth." Shen Miao said, "But everyone cares about the outcome." She dried the paper. When the ink on it was about to dry, she said to Jingzhe, "Take this and make 3,000 copies of it. Then get the guards in the mansion to post it around the city at night.." Shen Miao said, "Hurry up!"

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Gu Yu did not dare to delay and nodded. She carefully carried the paper and left.

Shen Miao looked at the two of them leave and heaved a sigh of relief.

In the world, with martial arts, one could conquer the world, and with literature, one could stabilize the world. Now that the world was conquered, it needed to be stabilized. Since the Lu family wanted to use this opportunity to cause trouble, Shen Miao might as well turn the tables and beat the Lu family in their own game. It was uncertain who could stand until the end. Not only did Shen Miao want the Lu family to lose, but she also wanted the Lu family to suffer.

That night, Xie Jingxing still did not return.

Shen Miao managed Prince Rui's mansion well. From time to time, she would go to the noble madams in the capital to calm them down. Only when she slept at night would she feel a little lonely. As she thought about Xie Jingxing, she closed her eyes and fell asleep.

The next morning, when the sun shone on every corner of the city, someone noticed something that looked like a piece of white paper stuck to his door. The person was a butcher and did not know how to read. Coincidentally, he saw his neighbor, Scholar Ma, walk past. He said, "Scholar Ma, you're a scholar. Come and read this for me."

Scholar Ma walked to the butcher's door. When he saw the words on the paper, he first sighed and said, "Good hand-writing!" Then, he leaned closer and read word by word, "To my countryman..."

In just a few days, the letter "To My Countryman" spread throughout the streets and alleys, and everyone in the Daliang Dynasty knew about it. The snow-white paper was everywhere. Most of the scholars kept it well at home and wanted to get to know the person who wrote it.

The young people in the Hanlin Academy were reading the letter.

"In the past, the dynasty was poor and weak, but it was peaceful and harmonious. Now that the dynasty is strong and prosperous, rebels wanted to destroy it. Ever since His Majesty ascended the throne, the granaries have been full, and the harvests have been bountiful. Instead of striving for a better world, the traitors wanted to ruin it. Aren't they ashamed of themselves? Aren't they embarrassed of themselves? How disloyal, heartless, and unrighteous!"

The people who were reading were surrounded by a large group of students. When they heard this, they all looked indignant. In this letter, it talked about the recent rebellion of the Lu family. First, the letter scolded the Lu family for doing such a treacherous thing, and then it said that the traitor spread a false rumor. This rumor was actually believed by many people, which was really disappointing. When Emperor Yong Le was in power, the people of the Daliang Dynasty lived in peace and harmony. The country was rich, and the people were safe. It was no less than when Emperor Xiaowu was in power. The people did not praise the emperor's achievements, but instead, they listened to the nonsense of a traitor. Aren't they ashamed? Aren't they embarrassed?

This "To My Countrymen" was brilliant and sharp. Putting aside the political opinions, it was well-written. Moreover, what it said made sense. It made people feel ashamed and reflect on themselves.

Emperor Yong Le was kind to the people and was benevolent to the officials. Since the Lu family rebelled, they were definitely not loyal people. Thinking that they once leaned towards the traitor, the people felt ashamed of themselves.

Those scholars felt that the person who wrote this letter must be a talented person. They wanted to befriend him, but unfortunately, they could not find the person who wrote it. As for the young students, they were inspired by this letter and wanted to join the army against the Lu family and personally behead the traitors..

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Therefore, no one suspected that Emperor Yong Le killed his father and usurped the throne.

Cong Yang spent the entire night posting the letters, but he did not expect so many people to resonate with the letter. He did not expect the rumor to be debunked so easily. He admired Shen Miao even more and said, "Madam, your strategy is brilliant. I've never seen these scholars so eager to please someone. If they know your identity, they will definitely be shocked."

Shen Miao smiled and said, "The Lu family is in Ruyang now. They can't control what is happening in Long Ye. At most, they can send some spies to spread rumors among the people. However, the people of the Daliang Dynasty are not fools. Between the emperor and the rebel, who do you think the people will side with?"

Cong Yang was deep in thought.

"If the Lu family is really in the right and has a justifiable cause to overthrow

Emperor Yong Le, it's useless even if I write ten letters."

Cong Yang scratched his head. "No matter what, Madam, you made a good move. When Master comes back, he will definitely be very happy. People used to think someone born to a general could not be talented, but now, you've proven them wrong."

Shen Miao didn't comment.

Was she talented? The letter "To My Countrymen" was just a letter meant to deceive the world. The human hearts were fickle. If the Lu family wanted to, they could also do it. Back then, when Fu Xiuyi ascended the throne, there were voices of suspicion. It was Pei Lang who wrote "To My Countrymen" that turned black into white and made Fu Xiuyi into a unique wise emperor in Ming

Now that she had used this trick on the Lu family, it was impossible for the Lu family to ruin the reputation of the royal family anymore.

At the same time, in a small town in the Daliang Dynasty, a man in green was passing by the street with his hands behind his back. There happened to be a school where he passed by. The teacher of the school was an old man in his sixties. He was reading with emotions, "In the past, the dynasty was poor and weak, but it was peaceful and harmonious. Now that the dynasty is strong and prosperous, rebels wanted to destroy it. Ever since His Majesty ascended the throne, the granaries have been full, and the harvests have been bountiful. Instead of striving for a better world, the traitors wanted to ruin it. Aren't they ashamed of themselves? Aren't they embarrassed of themselves? How disloyal, heartless, and unrighteous!"

The green-robed man stopped in his tracks and couldn't help but look over.

After the old man finished, he said, "This is the widely circulated 'To My Countrymen'. I only have one copy. All of you, copy it and hand it in tomorrow."

Pei Lang was stunned for a moment before he chuckled. After the letter was read, he left.

In Weiyang Palace, Empress Xiande was also holding a letter and reading it to Emperor Yong Le word by word. Emperor Yong Le sat on a chair. His face was a little pale, but his expression was unprecedentedly gentle.

"Jingxing has really married a treasure." Empress Xiande smiled and said, "We thought that a girl born to a general must be a heroine, but she's actually a scholar who can influence people with her words. Now, the academies in Longye are secretly trying to find out who wrote this, but they don't know that it's a woman."

Emperor Yong Le snorted and said, "As cunning as a fox."

"She's helping you." Empress Xiande said disapprovingly, "Thanks to her, all the rumors outside have died down. Isn't that good?"

"I don't care anyway," Emperor Yong Le said.

Empress Xiande said, "You don't care, but you have to plan for Jingxing and the others."

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Emperor Yong Le stopped talking.

After a while, Emperor Yong Le called out, "Qing Zhen."

Empress Xiande nodded and was suddenly stunned. She turned to look at Emperor Yong Le. Qing Zhen was her childhood name, but she had not heard anyone call her that for a long time.

Emperor Yong Le did not look at her. Instead, he focused on the half of the incense burning in the burner on the table and said, "Do you regret it?" Empress Qing Zhen smiled. "I've never regretted it."

"After I die, follow Jingxing. If you meet a good person, remarry." Emperor Yong Le said, "Change your name and identity. You are a good person and will live a good life."

When Empress Xiande heard this, there were tears in her eyes. She forced the tears down and looked at Emperor Yong Le. "In Your Majesty's eyes, am I that undevoted?" She seemed to have thought of something and smiled sadly. "Perhaps, in your eyes, I've never been important." With that, she stood up and said to Emperor Yong Le, "I understand. I'll do as Your Majesty instructed." Then she left.

Seeing this, Nanny Tao wanted to persuade her, but in the end, she did not.

Empress Xiande had a good personality and was rarely angry. After living with Emperor Yong Le for so many years, she had never lost her temper with him. This was the first time she lost her temper.

Emperor Yong Le looked at the burning incense. Half of the incense had turned to ashes, and the fragrance in the air would dissipate one day.

Just like human memories and emotions.

Ye Mei had been dressing up in the room for a long time.

She was beautiful to begin with. Ever since she arrived at the Ye family, she had been eating well and had become more and more beautiful, but for some reason, she did not look as rosy as before. Instead, she looked tired.

Today, she spent a long time choosing a peach-pink dress with peach blossoms embroidered on it. After dressing up carefully, she looked like a peerless beauty.

When she walked out of the door, she happened to meet Ye Ke. Ye Ke looked at her in surprise and asked, "Sister, where are you going?"

"I'm going to Miss Sun's house for tea," Ye Mei said with a smile.

Ye Ke did not suspect anything. Anyway, there were guards of the Ye family following her. Ye Mei brought the guards out. She put on the veil and indeed went to Miss Sun's mansion. Although the Su family was not a big family, they were not ordinary people either.

Ye Mei entered the Sun mansion and was led to a small room. When she entered the small room, she saw Jin Xinming, who had been waiting for a long time. When Jin Xinming saw Ye Mei, his eyes immediately lit up, and he said in a daze, "Mei, you're really getting more and more beautiful."

The more disgusted Ye Mei was, the sweeter the smile on her face. She said aggrievedly, "It wasn't easy for me to go out today. I almost thought I wouldn't be able to see you."

"If not for the fact that Brother Sun and I are old friends, I'm afraid it wouldn't be easy to meet you in the name of her sister." Jin Xinming sighed.

Ye Mei smiled and said, "It's all thanks to Brother Sun today."

She had a sweet mouth and a beautiful face, making Jin Xinming wild with joy.

Just as he was happy, he suddenly heard Ye Mei say, "Brother Jin, when will you take me away from the Ye family? I really don't want to stay in the Ye family for a moment longer."

Jin Xinming said, "We have to plan it carefully. After all, the Ye family is not a small family. We have to think of a foolproof plan."

Ye Mei sneered in her heart. There was no such thing as a foolproof plan in the world. It was probably because he had investigated the Ye family in private and knew about Ye Maocai's power that he thought better of it.

She looked up and said pitifully, "I don't want anything. I don't want the wealth of the Ye family either. I just want to live a happy life with Brother Jin..."

Not many men could resist such sweet words, especially when they came out of the mouth of a drop-dead gorgeous. Her eyes were watery, and her voice was soft. Every move she made was seductive. Jin Xinming felt his throat go dry. He saw Ye Mei lick her lips with a pitiful look.

He couldn't take it anymore and didn't continue to hold it in. He held Ye Mei's hand and said impulsively, "For you, I'm not afraid of anything." Without warning, he hugged Ye Mei tightly, saying, "Mei, if you become my woman, I'll definitely save you as soon as possible."

Ye Mei wanted to vomit. Her mind was racing. The next moment, her hands were like snakes as they wrapped around Jin Xinming's neck. She whispered into his ear, "Sure.."

Chapter 1070: The State of Qin and Ming Qj Joining Forces (1)

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As Jin Xinming stroked Ye Mei's smooth back, he said, "Mei, why don't you stay with me for a while longer? It's not dark yet. You don't have to go back so early."

Ye Mei's back was facing Jin Xinming, and a trace of anger flashed across her eyes. When she turned around, she smiled charmingly and said, "Brother Jin, if you want to be with me so badly, then take me away from the Ye family as soon as possible. Ye Maocai has been keeping a close eye on me. These days, he often urges me to enter the palace. If I enter the palace, it will never be possible between us in this life."

When Jin Xinming heard that Ye Mei was going to enter the palace, he immediately sat up straight and said, "No, you can't!"

All men wanted in their lives was money, power, and sex. After eating exquisite food, it was difficult to swallow bread. Jin Xinming was unwilling to give up Ye Mei no matter what, so he was naturally anxious.

Ye Mei leaned into his arms and said softly, "I don't want to either. I only have Brother Jin in my heart, but I have no choice now, so I want to leave as soon as possible. When Brother Jin and I reach Ming Qi, we can be a happy couple."

The scene of them living a happy life flashed across Jin Xinming's mind. He was motivated and immediately said passionately, "You're right. I'll start preparing things later today. To be safe, we'll take a boat. Although it's dangerous, it's faster than the other ways."

Ye Mei nodded. "In order to prevent Ye Maocai from being suspicious, we'll meet here in five days. Before that, Brother Jin, make arrangements well."

Jin Xinming nodded, and the two of them were intimate for a while longer. Ye Mei tidied her clothes and walked out of the door as if nothing had happened. After leaving the Sun mansion. She got into the carriage. The guards of the Ye family saw that she was fine, so they did not think too much about it. Ye Mei got into the carriage and lifted her sleeve. Her fair arms were covered in red marks.

Jin Xinming was rough and could not wait to possess Ye Mei, making her exhausted. She looked at her arm for a while before covering it.

She had always been conceited and arrogant, but today, she actually submitted to a person like Jin Xinming. All of this was caused by Ye Maocai. If not for the fact that Ye Maocai lied to her and got her on a pirate ship, she wouldn't have ended up like this. Since she was going to leave the Ye family, the Ye family had to give her something to compensate her. Otherwise, wouldn't she have wasted her precious time?

A trace of ruthlessness flashed across her eyes.

Five days later, Xie Jingxing returned.

In the battle in Ruyang City, the Lu family was completely defeated.

For so many years, the Lu family thought that they were recruiting soldiers and accumulating strength in secret, but they did not know that his opponent was doing the same. His opponent was even more diligent than him. From the day Emperor Yong Le ascended the throne, he had been planning to take the Lu family down. After so many years of planning, how could the Lu family compare to him?

The true power Emperor Yong Le revealed shocked some of the officials in the court, as if a bucket of cold water had been poured on them. They finally understood that the young emperor, who was suppressed by Emperor Xiaowu and had to rely on the support of the empress dowager, had grown into a ferocious beast at some point.

Lu Zhengchun was a lunatic. When Ruyang was taken back, he knew that the situation was irreversible. Helpless, he rushed into the house and killed his wife and daughter, including Lu Wan'er, who he had always doted on. At that time, Gao Yang and Ji Yushu were also present. They watched as Lu Wan'er slowly fell to the ground with her eyes wide open, as if she did not expect to die at the hands of her father..