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Xie Jingxing ended Lu Zhengchun's life.

When Lu Zhengchun died, he laughed crazily and shouted, "I've been invincible all my life, riding the horse through the battlefield and chopping off the heads of the enemy generals, but today, I'm going to die at the hands of a green boy! I'm indignant!"

Xie Jingxing cut off his head and said indifferently, "Ignorant."

At this point, the Lu family, which had been established in the Daliang Dynasty for a hundred years, disappeared without a trace. The remaining forces of the Lu family fled everywhere and were hunted down by the Black Feather Army one by one.

When Shen Miao heard this, she sighed. The rise and fall of an aristocratic family came too suddenly, but in fact, the sign of their fall had been perceivable for a long time. The Lu family was arrogant and wanted to rebel, so the royal family spared no effort in killing them.

Xie Jingxing said, "But when I came back, I heard that there's a letter called To My Countrymen circulating in the market..." He glanced at Shen Miao and smiled. "All the scholars wanted to get to know the writer. I wonder who the talent is."

Shen Miao held back her laughter. "I don't know."

"I have to get the Black Feather Army to look for this talent." Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow. "If it's a man, I'll befriend him, but if it's a woman, then..."

"Then what?" Shen Miao stared at him coldly, looking like if his answer didn't satisfy her, she would teach him a lesson.

Xie Jingxing said seriously, "Then I'll drag her out and execute her. I don't allow any woman to be more talented than my wife."

Shen Miao couldn't help but laugh.

Seeing her smile, Xie Jingxing's heart skipped a beat. He suddenly stood up, picked her up, walked to the bed, and put her down. Shen Miao struggled. "You haven't showered."

"Don't move. Let me hug you for a while." He turned around, pressing Shen Miao under him. Xie Jingxing hugged her and buried his face in her shoulder. Shen Miao was a little tickled by his breath, but she heard him say, "Ming Qi might be launching an attack on us."

Shen Miao was stunned and asked subconsciously, "What?"

"Before Lu Zhengchun died, he revealed my brother's illness." Xie Jingxing's voice was emotionless. He said, "It seems like Fu Xiuyi also knows about it. Fu Xiuyi won't miss this opportunity."

It turned out that before Lu Zhengchun died, he said to Xie Jingxing, "When do you think the emperor of Ming Qi will send troops if he finds out that your short-lived brother won't live to see the end of the year?"

Shen Miao was surprised. "How did Lu Zhengchun know?"

"It's hard to guard against everyone in the palace. Moreover, the palace is complicated to begin with." Xie Jingxing said, "The Lu family probably wanted to use this secret to threaten my brother, but in the end, they changed their mind and chose to tell Fu Xiuyi."

"Did he want to cooperate with the enemy country?" Shen Miao frowned. "Not really." Xie Jingxing said, "With Lu Zhengchun's personality, he probably just wanted to take my brother down."

When Shen Miao heard this, she agreed. Previously, Lu Zhengchun even posted notices everywhere saying that Emperor Yong Le had killed his father to seize the throne. At that time, he did not make the secret of Emperor Yong Le's illness public. Perhaps he wanted to keep this secret and use it as his trump card.

Shen Miao said, "That's right. It's indeed impossible for Fu Xiuyi to give up this opportunity." Fu Xiuyi was good at seizing things and opportunities that he could use. Perhaps in his opinion, once the emperor was about to die, the Daliang Dynasty would definitely be in chaos. It was best to go to war at this time. She thought for a moment and said, "It's just that Ming Qi is not qualified to go against the Daliang Dynasty yet. Fu Xiuyi must have done something in secret. He will only take action when he has enough confidence.."

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Xie Jingxing said, "Before that, let's deal with the Ye family first."

"The Ye family?" Shen Miao said, "Are you planning to wipe out the entire Ye family?"

Xie Jingxing snapped his fingers. "What's the use of keeping them? I'll keep Ye Mei and her brother and give them to you. You can do whatever you want with them."

Shen Miao took his hand. Xie Jingxing still had her red string around his wrist.

She said, "You have to be careful."

Xie Jingxing and Shen Miao's guess about Fu Xiuyi was confirmed the next day. No one expected Fu Xiuyi to be in such a hurry to make a move.

Shen Qiu's letter arrived.

Previously, the letters were all about Shen Xin and the others' daily lives. However, this letter looked very disorderly. Clearly, it was written in a hurry. It took a lot of time for this letter to reach Shen Miao.

Shen Miao and Xie Jingxing read the letter at a glance and were both silent.

Fu Xiuyi had started to make a move, not on the Daliang Dynasty, but on the Shen family.

Emperor Wen Hui was seriously ill and asked Fu Xiuyi to supervise everything in the imperial court. Fu Xiuyi fabricated evidence against the Shen family and wanted to annihilate them. When the Shen army was taken back by the Ming Qi royal family last time, it was completely changed. There were many spies planted in the army and it could no longer be used by Shen Xin.

Fu Xiuyi deceived the people of Ming Qi and attacked the Shen family. This time, Shen Xin was already prepared. He had already started to secretly team up with other court officials who were dissatisfied with the Ming Qi royal family. Although those court officials were insignificant, it was still much better than fighting alone. Secondly, Luo Lianying and Luo Liantai, who were far away in Spring City, also rushed to the capital with the Luo army. The Luo army was raised by the Luo family. In addition, they had been trained by Shen Xin in the past few years, so Shen Xin was quite familiar with the Luo army. Apart from these, there were also the people Xie Jingxing left in the capital.

At this moment, everyone in the Shen family finally knew Xie Jingxing's identity.

Although Xie Jingxing's men were not many, they were all the best ones and were extremely good at gathering information.

Fu Xiuyi probably thought that he could take down the Shen family in a short period of time, but he did not expect the Shen family to be well-prepared for this day.

In the letter, Shen Qiu said that the Shen family was now at odds with the royal family and had left the capital. Although Fu Xiuyi's men had been pursuing them relentlessly, the Shen family had never let them gain anything. Now, Shen Xin was discussing with the court officials if they should remove this bastard from the throne.

Shen Qiu did not mention the outcome of this discussion. Shen Miao also knew that the Shen family had been loyal for generations, especially Old General Shen. Now that they had become enemies with the royal family, if they really succeeded, who would be the emperor? The princes of Ming Qi were all not good people, so they might as well make themselves emperor. However, Shen Xin would definitely not have this thought.

At the end of the letter, Shen Qiu mentioned something.

The Shen family was not in the capital now, because the capital was filled with Fu Xiuyi's people. The Shen family would only be at a disadvantage. They retreated to the Hanguan Valley where they found many people from the State of Qin in the villages around it..

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The letter ended here.

Shen Miao was silent for a long time before saying, "Fu Xiuyi has started to make a move. It's very likely that he has joined forces with the State of Qin. Even if he hasn't, Fu Xiuyi must have this idea."

Xie Jingxing nodded and looked at Shen Miao. "Aren't you worried about your father?"

"It's useless to worry." Shen Miao said, "Now that I'm thousands of miles away, even if I plan, I can't control the situation. Moreover, I believe my parents and brother are not ordinary people. As long as they're not as stupid as before, they have a chance of winning."

Xie Jingxing smiled. "Actually, it's all the same."

Shen Miao looked at him and frowned. "What do you mean?"

Xie Jingxing pinched her face again and said, "If the State of Qin is involved, it can only mean one thing. They will attack the Daliang Dynasty in no time. They will definitely invade from the border. Father-in-law and I are actually on the same side."

"Father-in-law doesn't want to support a prince to be the new emperor, nor does he want to be the emperor himself. In that case, we'll swallow Ming Qi and destroy the State of Qin. The three countries will be unified. That way, he won't have to make a choice."

Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat. She had actually expected this to happen. In her previous life, not only did the Daliang Dynasty destroy the State of Qin, but they also attacked the capital and took down Ming Qi. In the future, when the three countries were unified there would only be one emperor in the world.

"But can you do it?" Shen Miao asked, "Fu Xiuyi already knows your brother's illness. Without a doubt, he will definitely spread this secret. At that time, Long Ye will be in chaos. Even if Ming Qi and the State of Qin are working together, I believe you can still defeat them, but it will be a long and tiring battle."

Xie Jingxing glanced at her. "Little girl, are you suspecting your husband's ability?"

Shen Miao paused. Even at this moment, Xie Jingxing was still in the mood to joke. She was really speechless.

"Just watch," he said.

The fall of the Lu family shocked the entire Long Ye. Because of the letter 'To My Countrymen', people changed sides and clapped their hands in joy at the fall of the Lu family. After all, the Lu family had done such a treacherous thing, so they could not blame the royal family for being heartless. However, because of this, the layout of power had changed. The fence sitters that were once on the Lu family's side began to make plans for their future.

Emperor Yong Le was definitely not a magnanimous and benevolent emperor.

When he struck, like Emperor Xiaowu, he would not show mercy. Back then,

Consort Jing was the most favored consort in the harem. However, when

Emperor Yong Le was dealing with the Lu family, he did not care about Consort Jing at all. It was even obvious that Emperor Yong Le had been secretly planning to deal with the Lu family for many years.

It was really intimidating for an emperor to have such a scheming personality. Because of this, the court officials were even more afraid of him and became much more obedient.

The Ye family, which was as famous as the Lu family, was also anxious and uneasy.

No one expected Emperor Yong Le to make such a drastic move, nor did they expect the Lu family to fall so quickly. Even Ye Maocai, who thought that he was smart all his life, suddenly felt that something was wrong. Now, he regretted not surrendering when the royal family wanted to recruit the Ye family back then. Now, he had lost this opportunity for nothing.

This was because Ye Mao realized that Emperor Yong Le had already started to deal with the Ye family..

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The Ye family was different from the Lu family. Lu Zhengchun was a general and had his own soldiers. Ye Maocai was a civil official with wide connections. But now, his connections had all collapsed with the fall of the Lu family. The Lu family had so many soldiers, but they were all wiped out by Emperor Yong Le, let alone the Ye family. He knew that Emperor Yong Le would definitely not be lenient to the Ye family and would definitely kill them all. On one hand, he was angry with the Lu family for being so arrogant back then, and on the other hand, he regretted his decision back then.

Ye Maocai started to prepare an escape plan. At the very least, he had to send

Ye Hongguang out. He was not in the mood to care about Ye Mei and Ye Ke, but Ye Hongguang was his only son. He had to leave a descendant for the Ye family.

While Ye Mao was busy, Ye Mei was also busy.

Today, she returned from the Sun mansion and had a good time with Jin

Xinming. Jin Xinming had already promised to take her away in three days.

Over the past few days, Ye Maocai had been much less strict with Ye Mei, not caring about where she went or who she saw. Not only was Ye Mei not happy because of this, but she also became more and more nervous. This was because Ye Maocai obviously couldn't even protect himself now, so he did not have time to care about her. The Ye family was probably in for a calamity.

Although Ye Mei did not know what was going on, she vaguely felt that Ye Maocai was afraid. What could he be afraid of? Naturally, he was afraid of ending up like Lu Zhengchun.

On this day, she came back a little late. As soon as she entered the house, she saw Ye Ke looking around in her room, as if he was waiting for her.

Speaking of which, Ye Mei had not seen Ye Ke for a few days. Over the past few days, she had been planning to escape to Ming Qi with Jin Xinming. From the beginning, Ye Mei didn't include Ye Ke in her escape plan.

Ye Mei would immediately abandon someone who she felt was useless and would only drag her down.

When Ye Ke saw her return, he asked, "Sister, where did you go? Why are you only back now?"

"Last time, Miss Sun asked me for a handkerchief. I just embroidered it yesterday and sent it to her today."

Ye Ke complained, "You're the daughter of the prime minister now. Why should the daughter of the Sun family order you around?"

Ye Mei ignored him and sat down at the side. Seeing that Ye Ke seemed to be anxious, she asked, "How have you been these days? Is Father still bringing you to see his colleagues?"

"Don't mention it." When Ye Ke heard this, he immediately said dejectedly, "I don't know what he's been busy with these past few days. When I asked him, he said that he had something to do. I'm very bored in the mansion." He looked at Ye Mei. "Sister, when are you going to discuss entering the palace with Father? If you enter the palace and win the favor of the emperor, the emperor will also value me. My official career can also help you, right?"

Ye Mei sneered in her heart, but she did not show it on her face. She smiled and said, "We're siblings, so I'll naturally help you." She pondered for a moment and said, "Speaking of which, your relationship with Father is closer than mine. Have you noticed anything special about Father these days?"

"Anything special?" Ye Ke was puzzled. "There's nothing special about him."

Seeing that he did not understand, Ye Mei put it another. "That's not what I mean.. For example, do you know if Father has anything precious or secret that he doesn't want others to know?"

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Ye Ke looked at Ye Mei and was stunned for a moment before saying, "Sister, what do you want to do?"

Ye Ke was ambitious but not smart enough. He was street smart, but he was easily blinded by superficial things and was too greedy.

She sighed and said, "You also know that the two of us are not really the Ye family's children after all. I heard that Father has been searching for his child in private for the past few days. It's fine if he can't find his child, but if he finds his child, what will happen to the two of us?"

Ye Ke was stunned when he heard that. He immediately fell for her lie and stammered, "Really? Father is really looking for his child?"

Ye Mei nodded.

Ye Ke's expression was twisted, mixed with anger and jealousy. He said, "How can Father do this to us? He used us and wanted to kick us away. Why?"

"That's why I'm indignant." Ye Mei said, "I'm a daughter and won't be qualified to inherit the wealth of the Ye family, but you're different. That cripple won't be able to compete with you. The Ye family will be yours in the future. How can I watch your things be taken away?"

Ye Ke was already angry. After hearing what Ye Mei said, he was almost exploding with anger. He said, "That's right. I won't allow that to happen!"

"So I thought of a way. I have to find Ye Maocai's weakness. Since he's the prime minister, he must have some secrets. If we know these secrets, we can naturally use them to threaten him."

When Ye Ke heard this, he agreed. He thought for a moment and said in frustration, "Father is usually very careful when he talks to. However..." His eyes lit up. He suddenly thought of something and said anxiously, "Once, I was in his study and saw a painting of a beauty hanging on the wall. I felt that the painting was not bad, so I touched it and was stopped by him. At that time, I guessed that there was something different about this painting."

Ye Mei asked, "And then?"

"Father told me that there are some things in that painting, but I'm not an official yet, so it's useless to give them to me. After I become an official, these things will be useful, and he will give them to me." Ye Ke spread his hands. "I can only think of this. He didn't seem to be lying, so I didn't ask further. Does this count as a secret?"

A trace of joy flashed across Ye Mei's eyes as she said, "It does."

"Then I'll think of a way to steal it!" Ye Ke immediately stood up.

"No!" Ye Mei quickly stopped him. Seeing that Ye Ke was suspicious, she said, "Since I was the one who thought of this idea, I will definitely be the one to threaten him in the end. If you threaten him, he will be dissatisfied with you. Why don't I steal it and use it to threaten him? This way, in Ye Maocai's heart, you are innocent and can still be trusted."

When Ye Ke heard this, he felt that Ye Mei was right. He clapped his hands and said, "Sister, you're so considerate!" Then, he looked at her gratefully. "Sister, you're so good to me. When I become successful in the future, I will definitely not forget you and will definitely repay you."

Ye Mei smiled and said very amiably, "I'll wait for you to 'repay' me."

After Ye Ke left, Ye Mei closed the door and her expression slowly darkened.

She had always been thinking that during the time she was in the Ye family, she did not get what she wanted. On the contrary, she had been schemed against and used by Ye Maocai. She was even forced to escape from the Ye family and had no choice but to sacrifice herself to a person like Jin Xinming.

No matter how she looked at it, this deal was not worth it.

Ye Mei had never been taken advantage of like this in her life.

Now, the Ye family was in trouble. Before the trouble came knocking at the door, she had to leave and jump on another boat. Otherwise, she would be tied up and sink with the Ye family.

However, before the Ye family sank, she had to take something from the Ye family to make up for what she had lost.

Since Jin Xinming was going to Ming Qi, one day, she would be able to climb up the social ladder and reach the peak of power. That was the life she wanted.

As the prime minister of the Daliang Dynasty, the Ye family must have some secrets hidden in the mansion. These secrets must be closely related to the Daliang Dynasty.

No country would turn away from the secrets of other countries.

The secrets were collected painstakingly by Ye Maocai, and the secrets were also the stepping stone for her to become a noble in Ming Qi..

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A few days after Xie Jingxing returned, he had to go to Ruyang again to clean up the mess.

After Xie Jingxing left, Shen Miao was in charge of everything in Prince Rui's mansion. Prince Rui was influential in Long Ye and his attitude would have a great impact on the trajectory of the situation. Many court officials were watching everything that was happening in Prince Rui's mansion. The more critical the situation was, the more Shen Miao had to make sure nothing went wrong.

The disaster brought by the Lu family was finally over. Because the Lu family started the rebellion in Ruyang, the commoners of Long Ye were not affected.

The overall situation was stable, and everything began to look no different from before, except for one family, the Ye family.

Ye Maocai had been in the imperial court for decades. When Emperor Yong Le just ascended the throne, he was still a little boy. Now that this little boy had grown into an unfathomable man, his methods were as heartless as his father's. The Ye family was cornered and was faced with an imminent doom.

Ye Maocai was not as stupid as Lu Zhengchun, nor was he as arrogant as Lu Zhengchun. The power Emperor Yong Le displayed made Ye Maocai understand that the current Ye family did not have the ability to compete with the royal family. The damage they dealt to the royal family was like a tickle, but the damage the royal dealt to them was lethal.

No one wanted to die, and no one could remain calm in the face of imminent death.

Ye Maocai had to start planning an escape for himself. He hoped to protect his only son, but if necessary, he could abandon him. However, the most important thing was that now that the royal family was watching every move of the Ye family, it was very difficult for him to escape.

On this day, when Shen Miao returned home from a madam's house, it was almost evening. The long summer had finally passed, and the early autumn was starting to manifest itself. The flowers and trees in the courtyard began to lose leaves. As soon as the leaves were swept away, when a gust of wind blew over, a few more would fall. Jingzhe had a headache cleaning the courtyard.

Shen Miao stood at the side of the courtyard. Uncle Tang happened to walk over. When he saw her, he smiled and said, "Madam, the kitchen is making soup. When the soup is ready, I'll get someone to send it to you. You have been busy these days and must be tired."



"It's nothing." Shen Miao smiled. Thinking of Xie Jingxing, who was still in Ruyang, she couldn't help but sigh.

Things were far from over. Even if the Ye family was dealt with, what about Ming Qi, which was thousands of miles away? Now, she was worried about two things. On one hand, she was wary of Ming Qi, and on the other hand, she was worried about the Daliang Dynasty. How Long could Emperor Yong Le live?

When would Fu Xiuyi and the State of Qin join forces to attack the Daliang Dynasty? If Emperor Yong Le died, in the royal family of the Daliang Dynasty, only Xie Jingxing could take on the responsibility. At the same time, she would also have to face many problems..

## Chapter 1077: Murdering (2)

Xie Jingxing was right about one thing. Time was running out. They did not have much time left to plan their schemes.

Just as she was thinking, she saw MO Qing rush in with a strange expression. Over the past few days, Shen Miao had asked MO Qing to monitor the movements of Ye Mei and her brother day and night. Ye Mei had already hooked up with Jin Xinming, and Jin Xinming was about to leave the Daliang Dynasty. Shen Miao could not let Ye Mei succeed. In some ways, Ye Mei was more troublesome than Ye Maocai.

"The emperor has issued a decree to invite Ye Maocai to the palace," MO Qing said.

Shen Miao was stunned. "To the palace?"

MO Qing nodded. "That's right. The Ye family is in chaos now, and the servants are panicking. However, the Ye mansion is tightly surrounded by people from the palace."

Shen Miao muttered to herself, "Why so quickly..."

It was obvious that Emperor Yong Le wanted to deal with the Ye family, so Shen Miao was not surprised. However, now that Xie Jingxing was in Ruyang and Emperor Yong Le was not in good health, it might be safer to carry out the plan after Xie Jingxing returned. However, on second thought. If even Shen Miao felt that Emperor Yong Le's action was too sudden and swift, it would probably be even more so to Ye Maocai. The Ye family was also a cunning bunch. If they gave the Ye family a chance to catch their breath, Ye Maocai might take advantage of the situation to escape. Now, Ye Maocai was summoned to the palace. Without him, the rest of the Ye family would just be fish on the chopping board.

She thought for a moment and said, "Go to the Ye mansion immediately with Cong Yang and Tie Yi to keep an eye on Ye Mei and her brother. If they make a move, follow them first. If they want to leave Long Ye, stop them and take them back. If they fight back, kill them."

"Is it necessary for the three of us to watch those siblings?" Cong Yang jumped down from the tree and said, "I heard that Madam Ye is not simple either. Why don't I go and keep an eye on her?"

"Don't worry about her." Shen Miao said, "Although she's smart, she's a woman after all. The information I've gathered these days is that Ye Maocai won't let Madam Ye interfere in his matters. The emperor didn't summon her to the palace because he also knew that she was not a threat. She can't do

anything alone. On the other hand, Ye Mei and her brother are very cunning. I have a feeling that they won't leave the Ye family without taking something from them. She definitely has a plan. This plan is beneficial to her. This is what you need to pay attention to the most."

Cong Yang thought for a moment and felt that what she said made sense, so he nodded. Tie Yi had always been obedient, let alone MO Qing. Just as the three of them were about to leave, Shen Miao suddenly stopped them. "By the way, if you meet that crippled young master, don't hurt him. If anyone wants to hurt him, help him."

At this moment, the Ye family was in chaos under the dark night.

No one expected the royal family to suddenly send people to "invite" Ye Maocai to the palace. Although the servants did not know what was exactly going on, they had vaguely heard some rumors these days. When Ye Maocai was taken away, he struggled, which proved the rumors the servants heard. Without hesitation, they packed their things and were about to escape. However, the mansion was sealed by imperial guards and no one was allowed to leave. They felt that there was no hope of escaping and broke down, filling the mansion with wails and sobs..

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In the chaos, Madam Ye was already packing up her things.

She originally had a trace of hope for Ye Maocai, but she was disappointed to find that she was not included in his escape plan from the beginning to the end. Husband and wife were on the same boat, but Ye Maocai decided to push her off the boat. Ye Maocai did not care about their relationship as husband and wife, so she would pretend she did not have a husband.

She searched the room seriously for banknotes and jewelry that she could take away and tried her best to pack up light clothes. She could not sit back and do nothing.

At this moment, Ye Mei and Ye Ke were the same.

Ye Ke paced back and forth in the room, his eyes filled with anxiety. From time to time, he asked Ye Mei, "Sister, do you think this is true? Is the Ye family really going to be finished? How is this possible? There were no signs of this happening at all. Perhaps the emperor invited Father to the palace just for some court matters. It's not what we think."

Ye Mei packed some banknotes. A few days ago, she had already pawned the jewelry for banknotes that could be exchanged for money in all the banks in the Daliang Dynasty. Banknotes were easy to carry, and they were indispensable. She said, "Are you still deceiving yourself? If the emperor just wanted to talk about the court affairs, why did he send so many guards to take Ye Maocai away?"

"But there was no sign at all!" Ye Ke still refused to believe Ye Mei.

"You just didn't notice it."

Ye Ke widened his eyes and stared at Ye Mei in disbelief. "What do you mean, Sister? Did you already know? Since you already knew, why didn't you tell me?"

"I'm just guessing. I don't have any evidence. If I tell you, will you believe me?" Ye Mei sneered in her heart, but on the surface, she said gently, "Besides, I'll plan things well. You're my brother after all. Now that the Ye family is in trouble, we can't let them implicate us. We have to find a chance to escape. I'll bring you along."

Ye Ke looked indignant. "I originally thought that staying in the Ye family was the best choice, but I didn't expect that not only would I not get an official position, but I would also have to escape like a stray dog. It might be better if I didn't follow the Ye family to Long Ye when I was in Qinzhou."

"That's not necessarily the case." Ye Mei put away all the banknotes. Then, she said, "Keeping ourselves alive is the most important thing. Don't wait here. Go to your room and pack up all your valuable things. These things can be used when we are escaping."

Ye Ke moved his lips, but in the end, he did not say anything. He lowered his head and walked out of Ye Mei's room.

After he left, Ye Mei stood up. A trace of gloom flashed across her eyes. She paused for a moment before quietly leaving the room.

She walked towards Ye Maocai's study.

The door of Ye Maocai's study was closed. Usually, only Ye Ke and Madam Ye would enter the study. However, Ye Maocai was a cautious person. If he really wanted to hide something, he probably wouldn't hide it in a place like the study. However, the more dangerous a place was, the safer it was. Ye Maocai might do the opposite and deliberately put it in the study to confuse people..

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However, Ye Mei had already received a hint from Ye Ke. She knew that Ye Maocai had hung a painting of a beauty in the study. There seemed to be something fishy about that painting. There was something "important" in the painting. Now that Ye Maocai had just been taken away, Ye Mei was not afraid of being discovered.

Because everyone in the Ye family was in a panic, there was no one guarding the study. It was easy for Ye Mei to enter. She quickly found the painting. The painting was hung on the wall opposite Ye Maocai's desk. Ye Mei walked over and touched it with both hands, but she realized that the painting was very flat.

Ye Mei did not give up. She looked around again, but she still did not find anything. She was a little frustrated and suspected that Ye Maocai had moved the thing in the painting to somewhere else. Ye Mei looked at the painting angrily, only to see that there was something wrong with the beauty in the painting.

The beauty in the painting stood under the peach tree with a faint smile. Her face was rosy, making her look shy. Her eyes were very cold and devoid of smiles, but they were sparkling, giving people the illusion that this painting was lifelike, making people feel a chill run down their spines.

Ye Mei's heart skipped a beat. She suddenly reached out to touch the eyes of the beauty in the painting. As expected, where her fingers touched the eyes, there was a hard bulge. She pressed hard, and with a

bang, the painting hanging on the wall suddenly caved in. She was excited and reached in to take out a box made of iron.

The box should be where Ye Maocai kept his secrets. After Ye Mei took it, she turned around and was about to leave.

At this moment, the study door suddenly creaked open. Ye Mei was stunned and saw Ye Hongguang entering in a wheelchair. Seeing Ye Mei, Ye Hongguang was stunned. "Sister?"

Ye Hongguang was very uneasy today,

All the servants in the mansion were in a panic. He, a crippled young master, did not have a high status in the mansion. Usually, with Ye Maocai protecting him, they would not go too far. However, once Ye Maocai was gone, Madam Ye would not care about him at all, let alone the servants.

Ye Hongguang was also very worried about Ye Maocai, but no one in the mansion explained the situation to him. Frustrated, he could only go to Ye Maocai's study. It was as if as long as he was in the study, he could feel Ye Maocai's presence.

Unexpectedly, as soon as he entered the study, he saw Ye Mei.

"Sister, why are you here?" Ye Hongguang asked.

Ye Mei was still holding the box in her hand. When she saw that it was Ye Hongguang, she heaved a sigh of relief and smiled. "Oh, Father asked me to come here to fetch something for him. I saw that the servants in the mansion were busy, so I came to get it myself."

"What is it?" Ye Hongguang's gaze landed on the box in Ye Mei's arms. "Is it the box you're holding?"

Ye Mei smiled and said, "That's right." She then said, "Third Brother, are you here to look for something too? Then I won't disturb you. I'll leave this room to you. Third Brother, take your time." She was about to leave when she heard him suddenly say, "Sister, don't you know that Father never lets women into his study?"

Ye Mei paused and stopped in her tracks..

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Ye Hongguang's eyes were very clear and innocent, but at this moment, they seemed to be very sharp. He said, "Sister, why did you lie? Why did you lie to

"I didn't lie to you." Ye Mei composed herself and smiled. "I told you the truth. If you don't believe me, when Father comes back, go and ask him. You'll know if I'm telling the truth or not."

Ye Hongguang continued what he left unfinished, "Is it because of this box in your arms? Is it because you want to steal something from this box? This box belongs to Father, right? Although I don't know what it is, since you came to steal it in this chaotic time, I think this thing is very important to Father." Ye Mei was stunned.

This seemingly weak young master had inherited something from Ye Maocai. Although he was inexperienced, he was undoubtedly very smart.

Ye Mei gradually clenched her fists.

"Put down this box. I can pretend that nothing happened," Ye Hongguang said.

"Third Brother." Ye Mei tried to coax him. "Father asked me to take this box. I really didn't steal it."

"Since you didn't steal it and Father asked you to take it, there's no hurry. When Father comes back, you can give it to him personally." Ye Hongguang was unwilling to back down at all.

Seeing that the agreed time with Jin Xinming was getting closer and closer, Ye

Mei panicked and said, "What if I don't?"

"Why not?" Ye Hongguang frowned. "Did you really come to steal it?"

Ye Mei was a little angry. Ye Hongguang's train of thoughts were different from ordinary people. She didn't even know how to threaten the young man in front of her. He was smart, but he was also stupid enough to think that Ye Mei would hand over the thing to him. However, he was also smart enough to tell at a glance that this box was important and even stopped Ye Mei at such a critical moment.

Seeing that Ye Mei did not move for a long time, Ye Hongguang said seriously, "If you insist on taking it away, I can only call Mother over and ask her to stop you."

Madam Ye?

Although Madam Ye was not taken seriously by Emperor Yong Le and was just a cunning woman, she was the madam of all the servants in the Ye mansion. All the servants had to listen to Madam Ye's commands. If Madam Ye found out, she would probably lose this box.

"No!" Ye Mei blurted out.

"Then put down the box."

Ye Mei said, "Third Brother, listen to me..."

"Guards!" Ye Hongguang suddenly shouted, scaring Ye Mei so much that she immediately covered his mouth. Ye Hongguang began to struggle, but he was too weak to fight back and was completely restrained by Ye Mei. As Ye Mei covered his mouth, her gaze landed on the big scissors in the wastebasket not far away.

A glint flashed across her eyes, and she suddenly had an idea. Without hesitation, she grabbed the scissors and stabbed it at Ye Hongguang's chest!

Ye Hongguang was stabbed in the chest. He kicked his legs a few times and stared at Ye Mei with his eyes wide open, as if he did not expect such a vicious woman to exist in the world. However, he no longer had the strength to shout.

Ye Mei glanced at him coldly and said, "I didn't want to kill you, but you talk too much." She turned around and left..

