

## Venomous 321

### Chapter 321: Scandal (3)

What a righteous speech! What a righteous face!

If not for the fact that she knew the true story, Shen Miao would have praised Old Madam Shen for being just and fair. Her eyes were filled with mockery as she looked at Old Madam Shen.

As expected, after Old Madam Shen finished speaking, everyone immediately revealed an expression of reverence.

"In that case, Miss Jing will have someone to rely on for the rest of her life."

"It's true that the Shen family is upright. Old Madam Shen is really respectable."

"I didn't expect Old Madam Shen to be so wise."

Half of them praised Old Madam Shen for being responsible, and the other half pitied Jing Chuchu for falling prey to a molester. As for Shen Qiu, he was almost unanimously portrayed by everyone as a shameless pervert.

At this moment, they heard a hurried cry from outside. "Chuchu! Chuchu!" They looked in the direction of the door and saw that Shen Xin and the others had arrived.

The person walking at the front was Jing Guansheng. When the madams saw him, they made way for him. Jing Guansheng stood in front of the door and did not enter. He just looked at the door in a daze, as if he had been struck by lightning.

"What's going on?" Luo Xueyan asked anxiously.

Chen Ruoqiu wiped her tears and said, "Sister-in-law, don't be anxious. It's not Qiu's fault. It's all because he's drunk that he made this horrible mistake."

On the way here, Shen Gui and Shen Wan had already heard about this. Shen Gui couldn't wait for Shen Xin to be in trouble. He immediately put on a regretful expression. "It's all my fault. I should have stopped Qiu when he was drinking. If he wasn't drunk, how could this happen?"

"Second Brother, don't blame yourself." Shen Wan sighed and said, "No one wants this to happen. Let's think about what to do now."

"What do you need to think about?" Jing Guansheng's eyes were red from anger. "Shen Qiu molested her. Naturally, she has to get the justice she deserves!"

"Watch your mouth!" Shen Xin was furious. "I watched Shen Qiu grow up and know him like the back of my hand. He won't do such a thing!"

"That's right." Luo Xueyan sneered. "When Qiu was at the border, many high officials wanted to marry their daughter to him. Any one of them is better-looking than Jing Chuchu. Is Qiu so stupid as to ruin his reputation for a girl like Jing Chuchu?"

Shen Xin was a ruthless person who killed enemies on the battlefield. Luo Xueyan was even more so. Her words made Jing Guansheng's face turn pale. As for Old Madam Shen, she was so angry that she was speechless.

However, on second thought, what they said made sense. Although Jing Chuchu was good-looking, she was not a drop-dead-gorgeous kind. It was really too much for Jing Guansheng to say that Shen Qiu molested Jing Chuchu.

Shen Miao wanted to laugh. In her previous life, Shen Xin and Luo Xueyan were also so protective of Shen Qiu. Unfortunately, with so many noble ladies here to "witness", there was no way they could turn the table.

"The evidence is right in front of you!" Jing Guansheng said angrily, "How can a weak woman like my sister force Shen Qiu? I thought Shen Qiu was a gentleman, but I didn't expect him to turn out to be a complete scoundrel. I want to send him to the government!"

If Shen Qiu was sent to the government, it meant that this matter would be made public. Old Madam Shen said angrily, "Enough!" She said gently to Jing Guansheng, "Guansheng, you're my grandnephew. You know how I've treated you these days. I like Chuchu very much. I won't let her be treated unfairly! Don't worry, I'll definitely give you an explanation!"

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"Shen Xin!" Old Madam Shen turned to look at Shen Xin and said angrily, "Qiu is the one at fault in this matter. What did your father teach you in the past? People of the Shen family have to be upright. If Qiu really did something to Chuchu, he naturally has to be responsible for her! He must marry her and take care of her for the rest of his life!"

It was Old General Shen who used to tell Shen Xin that the people of the Shen family had to be upright and honest. In the past, out of respect for Old Madam Shen, Shen Xin would not retort. However, after returning to the capital this year, his opinion about Old Madam Shen had changed drastically. When Shen Xin heard this and looked at Old Madam Shen's face, he actually felt that she was hypocritical and hateful. Shen Xin said angrily, "I told you, Qiu will never do such a thing!"

"But..." Shen Dongling, who had been hiding at the back and was completely ignored, suddenly said, "Why don't we go in to take a look? Why are we so sure that the person inside is Eldest Brother? Is Eldest Brother really inside?"

As soon as she said that, everyone was stunned.

That's right. Was the person inside really Shen Qiu? From the beginning until now, no one had gone in to take a look. All they could see outside the door was two bodies overlapping.

Chen Ruoqiu smiled and said, "Dongling, what are you talking about? Only Qiu left the banquet drunk. Who else could it be?"

"There's still Second Brother." Shen Miao said lightly, "Why is Second Brother nowhere to be seen too? Why are you so sure the man inside is my brother?"

"Sister, are you talking about me?" A sudden voice sounded. Everyone turned around and saw that not far away, Shen Qiu was dressed in fresh clothes. Beside him stood Feng Anning, looking at everyone in confusion.

"Anning!" Madam Feng was shocked and quickly pulled her to the side to reprimand her. "Why are you running around!"

"I went to the bathroom and got lost." Feng Anning said innocently, "I walked around for a long time but couldn't find my way back. I happened to meet Brother Shen, so he brought me here. What happened?"

Shen Xin and Luo Xueyan were stunned for a moment before Shen Xin laughed out loud.

Since Shen Qiu was inside, who could the man inside be?

"We've been watching for long enough." Shen Miao smiled. "Guards, go get the man and let's see who he is."

Old Madam Shen wanted to stop the guards, but it was too late. The guards around Shen Xin were all strong and trained. Before Chen Ruoqiu could speak, they rushed in and carried the man out. They looked at the crowd and answered, "Miss, it's Second Young Master!"

Shen Yuan was dressed in disheveled clothes, and his face was abnormally red. Everyone looked at Shen Gui and Old Madam Shen in unison.

Shen Miao said mockingly, "What? So it was just a misunderstanding. You all almost made my brother take the blame for nothing. You servants, be careful next time. If word gets out and my brother's reputation is ruined, you'll be sent to prison!"

"Sister, what are you talking about?" Shen Qiu scratched his head. "What blame should I take?"

"Qiu, someone wants to thrust a wife upon you." Luo Xueyan could tell that Old Madam Shen and Chen Ruoqiu were the ones who set up the trap. She was infuriated and said even more impolitely, "I knew it. Qiu is a well-behaved boy and never does anything he shouldn't."

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Feng Anning, on the other hand, was enlightened and said, "What? I've always been with Brother Shen. I can testify for him."

Hearing that, Madam Feng's expression changed and she reprimanded, "Anning, shut up!" Feng Anning stuck out her tongue playfully and stopped talking.

"Grandmother, Cousin, Second Uncle, what should we do now?" Shen Miao said as if she was in a difficult spot, but her expression was calm. Anyone could tell that she was enjoying the show.

This was absolutely a slap in the face!

Old Madam Shen was a little flustered. Since she was the one who set up the trap today, she had naturally made all the necessary preparations. However, she did not know why Shen Qiu became Shen

Yuan. However, when she saw Shen Miao's smiling face, Old Madam Shen knew that it was most likely Shen Miao's doing.

Shen Gui was stupefied. He had specially come over to watch the show because he heard that Shen Qiu had done something outrageous. One had to know that a person's reputation would also affect his career in the imperial court. Now that Shen Qiu was actually the one involved, wouldn't his official career be cut off shortly after he returned to the capital?

The young ladies were still a little confused, but the madams understood what was going on. What happened today was clearly a show put up by the Shen family. It was obvious that someone wanted to use Jing Chuchu to trick Shen Qiu. Unexpectedly, in the end, Shen Qiu became Shen Yuan. Thinking about Shen Miao's attitude from the beginning until now, it went without saying that Shen Miao was the mastermind behind it.

Everyone said that the fifth daughter of the Shen family was an idiot and was treated as a fool by people. However, from the looks of it now, no one would dare to treat her as a fool again. The person who set up the trap today probably did not expect to be beaten in their own game.

Old Madam Shen was in a difficult position. She rolled her eyes and was about to pretend to faint to smooth things over when she heard Shen Miao say, "Cousin, as her brother, you must be very sad that something like this happened to your sister. Don't worry, Grandmother said just now that she will give her the justice she deserves."

Old Madam Shen instantly stopped pretending to faint. She glared at Shen Miao and said, "Yuan is still unconscious. He's obviously schemed against. Shen Miao, don't spout nonsense!"

"Old Madam, what are you talking about?" Without waiting for Shen Miao to speak, Luo Xueyan exploded. "When people say the man inside was Qiu, you didn't speak up for him at all. Yuan is your grandson, but isn't Qiu your grandson too?"

Luo Xueyan was not afraid of falling out with Old Madam Shen. She had always been such a hot-tempered person. After hearing that, Old Madam Shen flared up, "You all have no regard for me!"

"Grandmother, let's talk about how to deal with this matter first." Shen Miao smiled faintly. Her tone was gentle and calm from the beginning to the end, making Old Madam Shen feel even more embarrassed. She said, "Grandmother, did you forget what you said just now? You said that Grandpa used to say that people of the Shen family have to be honest and upright. If you take someone's virginity, you have to be responsible for her. Second Brother has to marry Cousin!" She deliberately imitated Old Madam Shen's righteous tone. Luo Xueyan chuckled and Shen Miao looked at everyone. "All the madams, you saw it with your eyes. Grandmother has always been a trustworthy person. She always does what she says."

The surrounding madams all knew that Shen Miao was using them as a tool, but there was nothing they could do. Old Madam Shen's face turned red after being mocked by Shen Miao. She muttered incoherently to herself, "There's something fishy about this matter! There is something fishy about this matter"

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"I also think there's something fishy about this matter." Shen Miao raised an eyebrow. "So let's report it to the government. Father, your subordinates are efficient. Tell them to invite the capital magistrate over."

Before she could finish her sentence, Shen Gui shouted, "No!"

Shen Miao was surprised. "Why not?"

Shen Gui looked at her fiercely. Once this matter was reported to the government, it would soon be made public. Moreover, it was a scandal after all. What good would it do to make it known to everyone?

"Forget it." Shen Miao waved her hand, feeling a headache coming on. "We have to listen to what Cousin has got to say." She looked at Jing Guansheng, who had a dark expression, and smiled. "Cousin, you're the one who feels the most pain, right?"

Jing Guansheng did not speak.

Old Madam Shen said angrily, "Fetch a doctor first!" Jing Chuchu and Shen Yuan had not moved all this while, so Old Madam Shen was afraid that they had been drugged. It had to be known that everything that happened today was supposed to be done against Shen Qiu, but now it was Shen Yuan who suffered, but she could not even say a word about it.

Those madams and young ladies had watched enough and knew that today was just a battle between Shen Miao and the rest of the Shen family. However, in the end, Shen Miao won. They promised not to tell anyone and then bade farewell. Feng Anning winked at Shen Miao and left with Madam Feng. Shen Yue looked at the messy courtyard and was quite disappointed.

They were just a step away from destroying Shen Qiu. Why did Shen Yuan end up being the one destroyed?

Shen Xin and the others also followed Old Madam Shen to the main hall. They had to find a way to deal with this matter. In addition, this matter concerned the reputation of the Shen family, so it couldn't be dealt lightly and casually.

Shen Miao was walking in the back when someone suddenly called her. She turned around and saw Jing Guansheng walking up to her.

Shen Miao was small, and Jing Guan was slightly plump and tall. Standing in front of Shen Miao, he looked quite oppressive. The usual smile on his usually gentle face was gone, and there was only a fierce and gloomy expression. He said, "Fifth Sister, did you do this?"

"Yes," Shen Miao admitted readily.

Jing Guansheng was stunned for a moment before raising his fist at Shen Miao angrily. Jingzhe and Gu Yu quickly blocked him. Shen Miao looked at him coldly. "I did it. What can you do to me?"

"You're shameless!" Jing Guansheng roared.

"Am I the shameless one?" Shen Miao looked at him. "Cousin, are you telling me you were unaware of the matter beforehand?"

Jing Guansheng was stunned and glared at her. As Jing Chuchu's brother, how could Jing Guansheng not know what Old Madam Shen was up to? Letting Jing Chuchu become Shen Qiu's wife would also be beneficial to him, but in the end, it became Shen Yuan!

"You made your sister a bargaining chip, but now you're saying that I'm shameless. Cousin, don't you think you're too disgusting?" Shen Miao said with a gentle smile.

"You!"

"Cousin, this matter is already a done deal." Shen Miao looked at him calmly. "Cousin has already lost her virginity. It will be very difficult for her to marry into a good family in the future."

Jing Guansheng clenched his fists, but he had to admit that Shen Miao was right. If Jing Chuchu became like this, no good family would be willing to accept her in the future, let alone a rich family.

"Cousin, since we're cousins, I'll remind you." Shen Miao smiled kindly. "Actually, as long as Chuchu can marry Shen Yuan, it will still be a good match. What difference does it make whether she marries Shen Qiu or Shen Yuan?"

Jing Guansheng looked at Shen Miao without saying anything.

"Speaking of which, Shen Yuan is a promising young official and has a bright future ahead of him. Compared to Shen Yuan, he might be more outstanding. Since you're thinking of using your sister to exchange for a better future and the person on the bed has become Shen Yuan, why don't you just go with the flow? Anyway, it won't do you any harm."

She looked at her nails and said as if to no one in particular, "You have to be flexible when it comes to doing things."

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In the end, the scandal at the Shen family's banquet did not spread among the commoners. However, among the big families, it had spread like wildfire and was treated as a joke. Old Madam Shen was forced to a dead end by her own words. If she did not do what she said, she would be made a laughing stock. If she did what she said, she would ruin an outstanding grandson.

However, because of this, the first branch and Old Madam Shen had completely fallen out. The family banquet made Luo Xueyan and Shen Xin realize who were the outsiders in the Shen family. They were not people who would swallow their anger, so they decided to watch the show without offering any help.

After Shen Yuan and Jing Chuchu woke up, Jing Chuchu naturally cried terribly and said that she was dragged into the room by Shen Yuan. Shen Yuan was furious and said that he fainted for some reason. When he woke up, he was already lying on top of Jing Chuchu. He could not remember having done anything and thought that perhaps Jing Chuchu was still a virgin.

However, it did not matter if Jing Chuchu was a virgin or not. Since she was seen together with a man, her reputation had already been ruined, at least in the capital.

Perhaps it was because they were stimulated by this matter, or perhaps it was because of something else, the Jing siblings were no longer as gentle as before. They were aggressive and insisted that Shen Yuan give them an explanation. Old Madam Shen had also said before that if the plan succeeded, she could become the eldest young madam of the Shen family. Now that it turned out to be Shen Yuan, naturally, Jing Chuchu should become the second young madam of the Shen family.

Old Madam Shen naturally wouldn't let that happen. Shen Yuan was her most outstanding grandson. He deserved a much better wife than a girl from a humble family. She immediately found an excuse to decline. Without a word, Jing Guansheng brought Jing Chuchu to the government and sent a letter back to Suzhou. When the people in Suzhou heard this, they were angry that Old Madam Shen even stabbed her family in the back. They immediately set out for the capital to demand an explanation from Old Madam Shen.

Just like that, Old Madam Shen and the Jing siblings fell out completely. Old Madam Shen scolded Jing Guansheng and his sister for being ungrateful all day long. Jing Guansheng and his sister also mocked Old Madam Shen for being crazy and causing chaos in the Shen family. Shen Yuan was also very angry, but this matter had already blown up. He could not just kill Jing Chuchu. With so many madams having witnessed it, if anything happened to Jing Chuchu, everyone would suspect him. Moreover, the Jing family was not easy to deal with either.

No matter what happened outside, the west courtyard of the Shen family was always closed, and everyone inside it was happy. Shen Qiu did not get drunk that day. He was just asked to pretend to be drunk by Shen Miao. As for why Shen Yuan ended up in the same room with Jing Chuchu, Shen Qiu did not know. Although Shen Miao refused to tell him and told him not to tell Shen Xin and Luo Xueyan. Shen Qiu could vaguely guess something.

In the room, Shen Miao sat at the table and wrote a recipe for the kitchen. Shen Xin and the soldiers were all looking forward to the soup Shen Miao made. Shen Miao couldn't be bothered to make it herself, so she wrote a recipe and handed it to the kitchen. After having drunk their fill of the soup, those soldiers respected her more than Shen Qiu.

Luo Xueyan also asked, "Jiaojiao, when did you know so many recipes? Are you interested in cooking?"

Shen Miao replied vaguely. She was not a housewife kind of a woman. However, in her previous life, in order to please some people, she visited the imperial kitchen frequently and learned from the chief. However, no matter how well she cooked in the past, the people who she wanted to please had never been moved by her. Shen Miao shook her head, thinking to herself that some people knew how to be grateful, while some people only knew how to repay kindness with ingratitude.

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Bai Lu picked up the paper that Shen Miao had written and dried it before getting up to send it to the kitchen. Now that the people of the west courtyard were not eating with the people of the east courtyard, they reopened the kitchen. It was obvious that they did not trust the east courtyard.

"I heard that Young Master Jing and Old Madam quarreled again today." As Jingzhe cleaned up the paper and ink on the table for Shen Miao, she said, "It seems that the Jing family is already on the way here. Old Madam must be anxious."

"I've said everything I had to say." Shen Miao picked up her tea and took a sip. "The Jing siblings are smart. They won't let others take advantage of them for nothing."

"Young Master Jing is really ruthless." Gu Yu also said, "Now, he's threatening to report it to the government. He clearly knows that Second Young Master has just returned to the capital to take on a post. If he reports it to the government, Second Young Master's official career will be ruined. In my opinion, Second Young Master will definitely marry Miss Jing this time." At the end of her sentence, she couldn't help but sigh and suppress the joy in her heart.

Old Madam Shen was disgusting. Now that she had shot herself in the foot, how could they not feel happy?

"However..." Jingzhe asked, "Why is Miss Jing trying so hard to marry Second Young Master? Second Young Master doesn't like her and Old Madam Shen despises her. Even if she marries him, there will be no love. Isn't Miss Jing just making herself suffer?"

Shen Miao smiled. "Jing Chuchu didn't marry a person, but money. In that case, what difference does it make if she likes him or not?" In her previous life, when Jing Chuchu married Shen Qiu, Shen Qiu treated her well, but in the end, she still cheated on Shen Qiu. To Jing Chuchu, as long as she could climb up the social ladder, it did not matter who she married.

"Speaking of which." Gu Yu curled her lips. "Miss Jing wanted to harm Eldest Young Master. Shouldn't she be punished for that?"

Shen Miao opened the window and looked out. "Do you think this is the end?"

Gu Yu's eyes lit up. "Miss, you still have something up your sleeve?" The longer she stayed with Shen Miao, the more she had seen Shen Miao's methods. In the past, she would probably be surprised by Shen Miao's coldness and viciousness, but after experiencing so many things, she really did not have any pity for the other two branches of the Shen family at all.

"It's only the beginning." Shen Miao said, "Jing Chuchu schemed against my brother first. Does she think she can get away with it?"

Jingzhe and Gu Yu looked at Shen Miao with sparkling eyes. Shen Miao waved her hand and said, "Go and give Fu'er the money we promised her."

Old Madam Shen had been busy dealing with Jing Chuchu and Jing Guansheng recently, so she did not have the time to find out the truth. Sooner or later, Fu'er would be married to the one-eyed son of the butler. With money, she could think of a way to escape from the Shen family.

Gu Yu took the money and smiled. "I understand. Should I also give a portion to the maid beside Miss Jing?"

Shen Miao nodded in satisfaction. "That's right."

The dog that bit the hardest was the dog one raised by their side just like Lizi from her previous life.



However, now the lessons she learned could be used to deal with her enemies.

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Five days later, the news of Shen Yuan and Jing Chuchu's engagement spread throughout the capital.

As the most outstanding young master in the Shen family other than Shen Qiu, Shen Yuan had just returned to the capital to take on a post after a few years of training on the border. Originally, what awaited him was a bright future. There was no lack of girls with good family backgrounds and looks in the capital. It was not difficult for him to find a wife who could help him have a smooth-sailing career.

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However, in the end, Shen Yuan fell into the hands of a girl from a humble background. If it were any other rich families, they would definitely not let such a poor girl be the young madam of the family.

Everyone knew that there was something fishy going on about this unusual match. The reason why Shen Yuan married a girl from the Jing family was because he slept with her when he was drunk. The Jing family was not easy to deal with. They kept saying that they would report to the government and sue the Shen family. Marrying a poor girl was much better than losing his official career, so Shen Yuan didn't kick up too much of a fuss.

This matter was spread around the noble circle as a joke. For a few days in a row, when Shen Gui went to the imperial court, he was treated as a joke by his colleagues, let alone Shen Yuan.

This matter naturally caused them to lose a lot of reputation, but Jing Chuchu was unaffected. She sat in the room and enjoyed the snacks in boredom.

After falling out with Old Madam Shen, Jing Chuchu's gentle temperament was gone, and her true nature was exposed. She squandered Shen Yuan's money and lived a very comfortable life in the Shen mansion.

Beside her was her personal maid, Tao Yuan. Jing Chuchu did not trust the people of the Shen family, so she entrusted Tao Yuan to do everything. Tao Yuan said, "It seems like Old Master and Madam Jing will be here soon. When the time comes, the marriage will definitely be very grand. If word gets back to Suzhou, everyone in the Jing family will be proud."

Jing Chuchu smiled. "My efforts weren't in vain."

"But..." Tao Yuan was a little worried. "Now that Second Young Master Shen and Old Madam Shen treat you so badly, what if they bully you after marriage?"

"What's there to be afraid of?" Jing Chuchu opened the box of rouge in front of her and said, "I've already asked around. Second Cousin Sister is dead, and Second Aunt is crazy now and can't manage the mansion. There's only one concubine in the second branch. A concubine can't interfere in the affairs of the legitimate son. As for Shen Yuan, he is away in the imperial court all the time. At that time, I'll be alone in this gigantic courtyard and can do whatever I want."

"That's true." Tao Yuan shook her head. "But if Second Young Master takes in concubines in the future and causes trouble for Miss..."

"That's where you can come in to help." Jing Chuchu looked at Tao Yuan and said as if she was pitying her, "You've been by my side for the past few years. I think you're loyal and pretty. If that day really comes, I'll get him to take you in. Help me win him over to express your gratitude." She smiled in satisfaction. "Not everyone is lucky enough to change their fate from a maid to a concubine of a rich family."

Tao Yuan lowered her head in embarrassment and quickly said, "I... I will listen to Miss."

Jing Chuchu closed the rouge box and her gaze landed on a bracelet on the dressing table. She couldn't help but pick it up and look at it in a daze. Seeing this, Tao Yuan said in surprise, "Isn't this... the bracelet Young Master Sun gave Miss?"

"Young Master Sun..." Jing Chuchu muttered, her expression a little dazed.

"Speaking of which, Young Master Sun treats Miss very well." Tao Yuan smiled and said, "I wonder how sad he will be when he hears about Miss's engagement."

"What nonsense are you talking about?" Jing Chuchu frowned and interrupted Tao Yuan. Tao Yuan said indignantly, "I'm not wrong. Although Young Master Sun and Miss haven't seen each other much, you two hit it off at first sight. It's obvious that he really cares about Miss. Otherwise, why would he send Miss so many gifts? If not for this incident, I believe Young Master Sun will definitely marry Miss."

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Jing Chuchu was stunned for a moment, and a trace of shyness appeared on her face. She shook her head and said, "Why would a rich young master like him marry someone from a humble background like me?"

"But Young Master Sun really likes Miss." Tao Yuan's words were a little out of line, but not only was Jing Chuchu not angry, but she also seemed to be a little happy. Tao Yuan continued, "It will be great if Young Master Sun becomes the son-in-law of the Jing family. Young Master Sun loves Miss like a gem compared to Second Young Master who treats Miss like air. If you marry him, Young Master Sun will also dote on you."

"Stop talking." Jing Chuchu suddenly interrupted her. "Since I've already chosen the Shen family, there's no point in talking about Young Master Sun." As she spoke, she was actually a little sad.

Shen Yuan and Jing Chuchu were not very close to each other to begin with, and because of what happened previously, they were even more enemies with each other. At this moment, when Sun Cainan and Shen Yuan were compared side by side, Sun Cainan appeared more outstanding. He was a talented man, generous and gentle to her. It would be a lie to say that Jing Chuchu was not tempted. Moreover, people were always obsessed with what they could not get. Hearing Tao Yuan's words, Jing Chuchu felt like ants crawling on her heart, making her unable to sit tight.

“Miss...” Tao Yuan hesitated for a moment.” Miss, why don’t you go and meet Young Master Sun for one last time? Young Master Sun knows about your engagement, but he doesn’t know the inside story. It won’t be good if he misunderstands you. If you talk about it openly, he will only feel sorry for you. It’s rare to meet such a good person like Young Master Sun. He will be very sad if Miss does nothing.” Tao Yuan said, “The last time you met, Young Master Sun even said that he would give you that dragonfly gem hairpin.”

Hearing this, Jing Chuchu was tempted. What moved her the most was that Sun Cainan kept sending her gifts. To Jing Chuchu, this was enough.

After thinking for a while, Jing Chuchu made up her mind and said, “You’re right. I should explain to him.”

“However, Miss is now engaged to Second Young Master. You can’t be seen together by outsiders.” Tao Yuan said, “Why don’t you leave this to me? I’ll find a place with no one around where Miss and Young Master Sun can meet and talk freely.”

Jing Chuchu nodded.

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Shen Yuan strode into the courtyard, the veins on his forehead throbbing.

Over the past few days, he had been receiving strange gazes from everyone. In fact, it was not that others could not tell that Shen Yuan had been schemed against. After all, getting drunk and sleeping with a strange woman wasn’t really a big deal in the capital. What everyone was surprised about was that a young and smart man like Shen Yuan would actually be made a fool at home.

Especially this time, the scheme seemed to have something to do with the useless daughter of Shen Xin.

Although Fu Xiuyi did not reprimand Shen Yuan, he had been more distant from him over the past few days. The reason was very simple. Now that Shen Yuan was a trusted aide of Fu Xiuyi, one day, Shen Yuan would have to come out to openly express his loyalty to Fu Xiuyi. However, with such a scandal tarnishing his reputation, Shen Yuan also embarrassed Fu Xiuyi. For someone like Fu Xiuyi, who pursued perfection, Shen Yuan’s mistake this time was really a little infuriating.

Shen Yuan was also very aggrieved. After being treated as a joke, he still had to marry that woman, Jing Chuchu. Everyone knew that Jing Chuchu was a vulgar girl who only cared about money and not people, but he had to marry her. In the future, even if a young lady fell in love with him, she would definitely not be allowed to marry him by her family.

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He took a deep breath and stared at the person walking over.

Shen Miao and her two maids walked over from the garden. Over the past few days, she had been staying in the west courtyard and did not go out. She looked much more refreshed.

Seeing Shen Yuan, she stopped in her tracks and said, “Second Brother.”

Shen Yuan clenched his fists uncontrollably. He naturally knew that the only person in the Shen family who was capable of setting him up was Shen Miao. However, back then, the scheme was executed by the people instructed by Old Madam, so he could not interfere. Moreover, what was more important now was to appease those difficult people in the Jing family so that they wouldn't cause trouble.

However, at the thought that it was all thanks to the girl in front of him that he ended up in such a sorry state, Shen Yuan wanted to strangle Shen Miao to death.

Seeing that Shen Yuan did not speak, Shen Miao smiled. "Speaking of which, I haven't congratulated you yet on engaging Cousin. Congratulations, Second Brother, on marrying a beauty."

Everyone could hear the mockery in her words.

Shen Yuan said coldly, "Thank you, Fifth Sister." After a pause, he looked at Shen Miao. "Fifth Sister, you're really capable."

Shen Miao took the compliment. Every time she looked happy and gloating, it made people go crazy. Shen Yuan sneered. "Fifth Sister, the tallest tree in the forest will be cut down first. It's better for you to understand this as soon as possible."

"I've never wanted to be the tallest tree. Everyone knows that I'm an idiot." Shen Miao pondered for a moment. "On the other hand, Second Brother has always been outstanding. I'm probably not the one who needs to be anxious."

"Is that so?" Shen Yuan slowly asked, "Fifth Sister, do you think you've already won? Do you think that I'll lose if I marry Jing Chuchu?"

"Of course not." Shen Miao was very humble. "I know Second Brother has always been tenacious and indomitable. It's still far from the end of the game."

"Maybe it's not as far as you think." Shen Yuan suddenly smiled strangely. "It might be over soon." This strange smile made him look especially sinister. Jingzhe and Gu Yu both frowned, but Shen Miao raised her eyebrows and asked, "Second Brother, are you plotting against me again?"

"Are you afraid?"

Shen Miao nodded. "I'm not afraid of being schemed against. I'm just afraid that others won't scheme against me." Her eyes were clear and as innocent as a child's. She smiled and said, "If others don't scheme against me, how can I have a chance to beat them in their own games?"

"Then wait and see." Shen Yuan sneered. "I'm afraid you won't smile so happily when that day comes." With that, he strode away.

After he left, the smile on Shen Miao's face disappeared completely. When Jingzhe and Gu Yu saw this, they were shocked. Gu Yu asked, "Miss, is Second Young Master planning something?"

Shen Miao shook her head. Shen Yuan was the kind of person who would not bluff unless he was confident. A trace of uneasiness rose in Shen Miao's heart but she suppressed it immediately. She looked at Shen Yuan's back and said softly, "It's about time to end this game."

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In the Treasure Fragrance Chamber in the capital, there was singing and dancing, and the fragrance of women accompanied by laughter was like the best aphrodisiac, causing the passers-by to look inside with envy. However, their pockets were too empty to allow them a night with the girls.

In the tearoom, the tea in front of the table had long turned cold. Mo Qing nodded off and almost knocked over the teapot, startling him so much that his sleepiness immediately disappeared. He raised his toes and the teapot that fell to the ground landed steadily on his boots. He picked it up and placed it back on the table.

### **Chapter 330: Lust (6)**

Mo Qing heaved a sigh of relief. In this Treasure Fragrance Chamber, even the most inconspicuous cup was made by a top-grade craftsman. If it was broken, he would have to pay with money. Although Shen Miao gave him a lot of banknotes, he was only instructed to use the banknotes to see Liu Ying, not pay for broken cups.

The beauty on the bed looked at this scene and praised, "Good martial arts. It's really an eye-opener."

Mo Qing looked away from the woman's bare shoulders and was happy to see the sun rising outside the window. He had already sat through another night and could relax for another three days. As he thought about it, a relaxed smile appeared on his face and he was about to stand up and leave.

He was happy, but Liu Ying's face turned cold as she saw the joy on his face. Before he could stand up, Liu Ying sat down opposite him and said, "Young Master Mo."

Mo Qing looked at her expressionlessly.

Liu Ying sized him up. It had been more than a month since Mo Qing came to the Treasure Fragrance Chamber to patronize her. He came to see her every three days and paid a generous amount, but every time, he did nothing except sit by the window for the entire night. At first, Liu Ying thought that it was just Mo Qing playing with her. She had been taught by the bawd since very young. She knew that some men had their own strange kinks. Mo Qing was probably one of those with strange kinks. But the more he frequented her, the stranger Liu Ying felt.

Every time she saw Mo Qing heave a sigh of relief as soon as the sun rose to the sky, she would feel angry. She was not a ferocious beast. Why did Mo Qing have to avoid her like that?

"Young Master Mo, if you think that my body is dirty, you can look for other girls from the Treasure Fragrance Chamber." Liu Ying said angrily, "There will be new girls every day. They are all very clean. Young Master Mo, you don't have to waste money on me and make people misunderstand."

Mo Qing felt awkward and did not look at Liu Ying. The job Shen Miao gave him really made him feel like he was on pins and needles. He would rather go to the battlefield than stay at the brothel.

Seeing that Mo Qing was silent, Liu Ying became even angrier and said, "Young Master Mo, don't come over to see me next time! I'm not the kind of person who takes people's money for nothing!" As she spoke, she turned around and stopped looking at Mo Qing.

Mo Qing rubbed his nose and felt that nothing he said would help. Not to mention Liu Ying, even he felt like he was a fool coming here to just sit for a night. The Treasure Fragrance Chamber was not a place to drink tea. Liu Ying probably could not understand either. Without saying anything, he put down a silver ingot and left.

After Mo Qing left, Liu Ying's maid came in to clean the room. When she saw Liu Ying's unhappy face, she comforted her, "Miss, don't be angry. Young Master Mo always pays a lot." Looking at the silver on the table, Liu Ying was even angrier. This silver ingot was given to Liu Ying specially and she did not have to split it up with the bawd. She turned to look out of the window and said angrily, "Who cares about money?" However, her gaze was on the figure down below. Mo Qing pushed away the girls who were trying to pounce on him uncomfortably and trotted away.

"Young Master Mo is a good person, right?" The maid muttered.

"Who knows?" Just as Liu Ying was about to retract her gaze, she accidentally saw a person standing in the corner of the street who was looking at her.

She was slightly stunned. The person was too far away so she couldn't see his face clearly, but she could see that he was dressed in green and looked like a gentleman.

"Why?" Liu Ying gently waved the fan in her hand. "Have I become more beautiful lately? Why do all the men feel satisfied just by looking at me?"

"Miss, you've always been beautiful. Many people want to see you," the maid said sweetly.

Liu Ying pouted. "Men are really hard to understand." She closed the window with one hand.

On the other side of the street, hiding in the corner, Mo Qing stopped and frowned at the person in a green robe.

That person was looking in the direction of Liu Ying's room. When Mo Qing saw him, he found him familiar. He remembered that when he was traveling with Shen Miao, he had met that person once. Mo Qing had heard from Jingzhe that the person was Shen Miao's teacher from Guangwen Hall called Pei Lang.