

## Venomous 491

### Chapter 491 My Jiaojiao (4)

When Nanny Zhao, who was Chang Zaiqing's nanny, saw that Chang Zaiqing had returned, she quickly came forward to put a cloak on Chang Zaiqing and said worriedly, "Miss, how did it go with Third Madam Shen today?"

It was Nanny Zhao's idea to get Chang Zaiqing to enter the capital to ask the Shen family for help. If she still did not think of a way, Chang Zaiqing would really be hopeless. However, the Shen family and the Chang family had not been in touch for so many years. People were capricious. Old General Shen was willing to take care of the Chang family. Without Old General Shen around, who knew how the Shen family would treat Chang Zaiqing?

Chang Zaiqing rubbed her forehead and sat down on the soft couch in the room. "Third Madam Shen is very enthusiastic and agreed to let us stay for a while. Even if those people come to the capital, they probably won't dare to provoke the Shen family."

Only then did Nanny Zhao pat her chest and heave a sigh of relief. "Amitabha. Your father said that everyone in the Shen family has a kind heart. I was originally worried for you. I'm afraid the Shen family won't help. Now it seems that I can rest assured."

"Nanny, you're thinking too much." Chang Zaiqing sneered and looked disdainful. "There is no free lunch in the world. Even Old General Shen took care of the Chang family because my father took a knife for him back then. There's no such thing as being good to people for no reason. Third Madam Shen is so enthusiastic because she thinks I'm useful to her."

Nanny Zhao was shocked and looked at Chang Zaiqing. "Miss, do you mean that Third Madam Shen is not a good person? What should we do?"

"Nanny, don't worry." Chang Zaiqing comforted her, but his eyes were cold. "Third Madam Shen wants something from me, and I want something from her too. Although I don't know what she's up to, I... will find a way."

"But..." Nanny Zhao was still a little uneasy.

"Don't worry, Nanny." Chang Zaiqing smiled and said, "We've been through all kinds of difficulties. Now that we have a way out, what's there to be afraid of? Since the Shen family is a springboard, we naturally have to make good use of it. Third Madam Shen wants to use me, but I'm also using her."

Nanny Zhao looked at Chang Zaiqing and finally nodded.

...

The land in the capital was naturally expensive. Apart from the palace, the most expensive land was Yanqing Alley. Yanqing Alley was located in the south of the city, and not far away were the most prosperous restaurants and shops. Facing the river, the scenery was unique. The reason why the land in Yanqing Alley was expensive was not only because it was the residence of the nobles of the previous dynasty, but also because once a particularly famous Daoist who came to look at feng shui here said that this place had dragon qi. Other than the nobles, no one could suppress the dragon qi here.

The royal family of Ming Qi was not in the south of the city, so they could not build a new palace. That way, the people would have complaints, and the treasury would not be able to fork out so much money. However, who dared to live in a place with dragon qi? Wouldn't that be disrespectful to the emperor if they lived there? Even if some people were bold enough to do that, they could not fork out so much money, so Yanqing Alley was empty for many years.

At this moment, Yanqing Alley was finally occupied by the people of the State of Qin and the Daliang Dynasty. They were both nobles and had inexhaustible money. There was no place more suitable for them to live than Yanqing Alley. They could not live in the palace. If that happened, Emperor Wen Hui would probably not be able to sleep at night.

At this moment, there were soldiers guarding the mansion in the innermost part of Yanqing Alley. Although it was a mansion, it looked like a smaller palace. It was luxuriously decorated and had a huge area.

#### Chapter 492 My Jiaojiao (5)

This mansion was where Prince Rui lived. There were several mansions in Yanqing Alley. The crown prince of the State of Qin chose the mansion closest to the street, but the innermost one was chosen by Prince Rui. No one knew if it was because he wanted to keep a distance from the State of Qin. No matter what, this mansion was the most expensive one in Yanqing Alley, twice as expensive as the one taken by the crown prince of the State of Qin. Prince Rui did not even bat an eyelid. It made people think that it was true that the treasury of the Daliang Dynasty was filled with gold.

Prince Rui was also very arrogant. On the first day he lived here, he got someone to remove the plaque at the door and change it to a golden plaque to hang it up. It said: Prince Rui's mansion. It made people angry and amused. This Prince Rui came to Ming Qi to buy a mansion and hung up such a plaque. Was he really going to stay here forever?

At this moment, in the courtyard of Prince Rui's mansion, something snow-white was struggling on the ground.

"It's too fierce. It's already so fierce as a cub. Master, why would you want to keep it?" A woman in yellow squatted on the ground and played with the snow-white creature in front of her with a wooden stick. Looking at it carefully, the creature's eyes were clear and dark, making it look quite adorable. At this moment, it was scratching the woman's hand with its claws. It was a young tiger that had probably been born not long ago. It was very tender. The fur on its body was a rare light color, and the patterns were not obvious. From afar, it was like a snow-white tiger.

As the woman played with the tiger cub, she suddenly gasped and threw down the wooden stick in her hand. She said angrily, "This cub looks so docile, but it actually bites people. It really hurts. I'll tear you apart later!"

"You'd better not." Another female voice sounded. It was a woman in a slightly charming light red dress. She looked at the tiger cub on the ground and said, "Master brought this back personally. Nightingale, I'm afraid you'll be torn apart by Master before you can touch it."

The woman called Nightingale stood up. The white tiger cub excitedly went forward and bit the corner of her dress. It tried to drag her back and was kicked away by Nightingale. She walked to the woman in

red. "Huo Long, is Master crazy? Why is he raising a tiger for no reason? This tiger looks good and cute, but it's ferocious by nature. What if it hurts people by accident?"

Huo Long shrugged. "It's probably just being playful. After this white tiger was brought back, it has been eating, sleeping, and eating. It only opened its eyes for a few days, but it already knows how to bite."

"In the future, if Master takes an enormous tiger back, His Majesty will probably have a headache." Nightingale said with a bitter expression.

"Are the two of you slacking off here?" A man's sharp voice sounded. The two women turned around and saw a middle-aged man striding over. He walked to the side of the cage and picked up the bowl on the top of the cage to take a look. He looked at Nightingale and Huo Long and said unhappily, "Didn't I ask you to feed the tiger?"

"Tie Yi!" Nightingale said angrily, "When we came out of the tower jail, we thought we would be entrusted with an important task by Master. Who knew that we would be asked to take care of a tiger? We're soldiers from Black Feather Army, not nannies."

"Do whatever Master tells you to do. Don't ask so many questions." Tie Yi squatted down and fed the white tiger on the ground with a bowl. The cooked meat was cut into slices with some eggs added on it. The white tiger went forward and sniffed, eating happily.

#### Chapter 493 My Jiaojiao (6)

The tiger stopped eating after finishing half a bowl. Tie Yi put away the bowl and turned around to see Huo Long and Nightingale suddenly bowing behind him. "Master."

Xie Jingxing waved his hand and walked out of the house. The two people behind him were Ji Yushu and Gao Yang.

When Ji Yushu saw the white tiger, his eyes widened. "What's this? A dog?"

Tie Yi trembled. Gao Yang said, "Are you stupid? It's clearly spores."

Spores...

Tie Yi said, "Young Master Ji, Young Master Gao, it's... a white tiger."

"Tiger?" Ji Yushu looked at Xie Jingxing. "Third Brother, are you alright? Why are you raising a tiger now?"

Nightingale said in a crisp voice, "Young Master Ji, Master saw this on the way to the capital. A hunter wanted to sell the tiger cub's skin at a high price, so he saved it."

Gao Yang glanced at Xie Jingxing from the corner of his eye. "When did you become so kind? You don't seem to be the kind of person who would do this."

Xie Jingxing ignored the two of them. He was wearing a dark purple robe with narrow sleeves. However, no matter how gorgeous the clothes were, they could not overshadow his appearance. He slowly walked to the white tiger cub's side. When the white tiger cub saw a person suddenly appear in front of it, it opened its claws and pounced forward to bite!

Xie Jingxing grabbed the fur on the back of its neck and lifted it up.

He lifted the white tiger cub in the air. The cub seemed to be very uncomfortable in this position and kept flapping its legs. Xie Jingxing ignored it and sized it up thoughtfully.

"Is he going to kill this tiger now..." Nightingale made a beheading gesture at Huo Long. Huo Long shivered and shook her head.

In the end, Xie Jingxing looked at it for a while before pushing away the white tiger cub's legs. He smiled and said, "It's a female tiger."

Everyone was speechless.

So what if it was a female tiger? Was Xie Jingxing planning to bring it back to the Daliang Dynasty to be his wife?

The tiger cub let out a roar, but its voice was soft because it was too young. Xie Jingxing placed it on his chest and reached out to hug it. The white tiger cub lay on his chest and raised its head to roar at him non-stop.

Xie Jingxing stretched out his finger and tugged at the white tiger's whiskers to tease her. Nightingale was shocked and shouted, "Master, don't! That white tiger hates people touching its whiskers the most. It will bite!"

Before she could finish his sentence, the white tiger bit Xie Jingxing's finger. Huo Long and Tie Yi were also shocked. Ji Yushu covered his mouth with both hands and looked exaggeratedly frightened, while Gao Yang was gloating.

Xie Jingxing looked at the white tiger calmly. The white tiger looked at him for a while and suddenly seemed to be a little afraid. It opened its mouth and turned to look elsewhere. There was a faint bite mark on Xie Jingxing's finger.

"Her eyes and temper are like Shen Miao. They even have the same habit of biting people." Xie Jingxing looked down at the white tiger in his arms. He was not angry. Instead, he reached out and patted the white tiger's head.

The white tiger seemed to be a little sleepy. It yawned and stretched, but it did not struggle. It let Xie Jingxing rub its head and lay on Xie Jingxing's chest to rest.

The sun cast its warm light on the courtyard. The man in purple was gorgeous and handsome. He lowered his eyes and looked at the white tiger in his arms. His long eyelashes were slightly curled, but they could not hide his gentle and doting gaze. The white tiger's fur was extremely beautiful, and it lay obediently in his arms. The man and the tiger were as beautiful as a painting, completely different from the strange feeling of Tie Yi feeding the white tiger just now.

Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow and looked at the tiger cube, who was about to fall asleep with its eyes narrowed. He said, "I haven't named you yet. Since you two are so alike, I'll call you Jiaojiao in the future."

Ji Yushu clapped his hands. "Third Brother, why do you want to give this tiger cub such a girly name? It's too strange!" He protested. "Change her name to Tiger Tyrant, Iron Hammer, and Brother Biao!"

Gao Yang looked like he couldn't bear to watch and covered his eyes with a fan.

Xie Jingxing glanced at Ji Yushu and continued to tickle the young tiger's chin. He said indifferently, "Shut up. This is my Jiaojiao."

#### Chapter 494 Worse Than A Tiger (1)

The next day, Shen Miao received an invitation from Princess Ming An of the State of Qin, asking her to go to her mansion.

This invitation was sent by a servant. Gu Yu took it and handed it to Shen Miao. She originally thought that it was sent by Feng Anning to invite her to go out, but she did not expect it to be from Princess Ming An. Jingzhe said worriedly, "This is fake, right? How can it be from Princess Ming An? Princess Ming An doesn't have anything to do with Miss."

Gu Yu shook her head. "There's Princess's seal on it. I don't think it's fake." She looked at Shen Miao and said, "Princess Ming An made a fool of herself at the banquet. I'm afraid she wants to find a chance to take revenge. Miss, let's send this invitation back."

Jingzhe nodded repeatedly. "Yes, yes, yes. Why don't we tell Master and Madam about this and let them decide?"

Shen Miao thought for a moment and shook her head. "Don't tell anyone about this. With Father and Mother's personality, they will definitely go to question Princess Ming An. The relationship between the State of Qin and Ming Qi is sensitive to begin with. If it's just a conflict between me and Princess Ming An, it's fine. But if my father and mother are involved, I'm afraid the imperial court will also be involved. It won't be good if it backfires."

Jingzhe asked, "Miss, do you want to accept this invitation?" Jingzhe was naturally unwilling. Shen Miao was going to see a princess who had evil intentions, and the princess's mansion was not their territory. If Shen Miao was set up, no one would be able to save her in time.

"It's fine." Shen Miao said, "Since Princess Ming An sent me an invitation and the invitation is in my hands, if something really happens to me, Princess Ming An will not be able to get away with it. If Crown Prince Qin finds out, he will stop her. She won't dare to do anything to me. She's just playing a small trick. I'm not afraid."

"But..." Gu Yu was still very worried.

"No buts. Let's do that. I'll go there in two days. Don't let anyone know." After a pause, she continued, "I'll get Mo Qing to follow me. I'll leave the invitation in the mansion. If anything happens, get Bai Lu and Shuang Jiang to look for my brother with the invitation."

Jingzhe and Gu Yu were extremely unwilling, but they could only listen to Shen Miao.

In a mansion on the outermost side of Yanqing Alley where the royal family of the State of Qin was temporarily staying, Princess Ming An received a letter from a servant. She opened it and took a closer look. Suddenly, she flared up. She threw the letter on the table and said coldly, "She's really bold!"

"What's making you angry again?" A man pushed open the door and asked with a frown when he saw Princess Ming An like this.

When Princess Ming An saw him, she stood up and walked over. She handed the letter to him and said, "Brother Crown Prince, look at what Shen Miao wrote. She actually replied to me and agreed to come. She's really not afraid of death!"

"You sent her an invitation. If she doesn't accept it, you'll be unhappy. If she accepts it, you'll be unhappy too. Don't be so unreasonable." Huangfu Hao, who knew Princess Ming An very well, did not go along with her words. Instead, he poured cold water on her.

"Brother Crown Prince!" Princess Ming An stomped her feet. "Are you helping me or her? That day at the tribute banquet, she made a fool out of me. She clearly wanted to embarrass me and embarrass the State of Qin. Now, not only are you not helping the State of Qin regain its dignity, but you're also blaming me. What kind of logic is this?"

#### Chapter 495 Worse Than A Tiger (2)

Huangfu Hao glanced at Princess Ming An coldly. When he thought of what happened at the tribute banquet, his face immediately darkened. Although what Princess Ming An said was not the truth, after all, it was Princess Ming An who took the initiative to compete with Shen Miao in archery. He was not sure if Shen Miao asked Princess Ming An to bite the apple on purpose, but when this matter spread to the State of Qin, the emperor would definitely blame him. For some reason, Huangfu Hao felt that Shen Miao was very special. Everyone had to familiarize with Princess Ming An's bow for a few days before they could master it, but Shen Miao seemed to have practiced it thousands of times. When he stole glances at Shen Miao, her eyes seemed to be filled with hostility.

Ming Qi and the State of Qin were not enemies yet. Why was Shen Miao hostile to him and Princess Ming An? Before this, they did not know each other. Was it just because Princess Ming An made things difficult for her? Then Shen Miao was too unforgiving.

Seeing that Huangfu Hao was not talking and was thinking about something, Princess Ming An suddenly widened her eyes in surprise. "Crown Prince, are you bewitched by her? What's so good about that little b\*tch? Don't forget that before this, everyone knew that she was infatuated with Prince Ding. She's an out-and-out idiot. Don't be bewitched by her!"

Huangfu Hao waved his hand impatiently. "What are you talking about? And you. Don't forget what Father told us to do this time. I don't care what you want to do to Shen Miao. Don't do it in this mansion, and don't leave any evidence behind. Now that the emperor of Ming Qi has to rely on Shen Xin, if you touch Shen Miao, Shen Xin will definitely fall out with the State of Qin and the alliance with Ming Qi will be ruined. You'd better think of the bigger picture."

After being warned, Princess Ming An's expression softened. However, when she looked at him seriously, the anger in her eyes intensified. She smiled and said, "Don't worry, Brother Crown Prince. I won't cause trouble for us. I invited her over just to see what kind of person Shen Miao is. If I really want to make a move, I won't do it openly. Have you forgotten what we loved to do when we were young? We watched dogs fight each other. There are so many dogs in Ming Qi. It won't be difficult to find one to fight for us."

Huangfu Hao also smiled. "As long as you know your limits."

...

The sky gradually darkened. In the Shen family's mansion in the capital, in the dimly lit west courtyard, Chen Ruoqiu and Chang Zaiqing were talking.

Chen Ruoqiu smiled and said, "This handkerchief is embroidered with poems. It's really beautiful. At first, I didn't know what it meant to be ingenious. Now that I see Miss Chang, I completely understand."

Chang Zaiqing pursed his lips and smiled. "Madam, you flatter me. It's just that I can't help much here. I feel bad staying here for free, so I can only embroider some handkerchiefs for you. They're not worth much. I hope Madam won't mind."

"I won't mind." Chen Ruoqiu looked at the handkerchief and carefully folded it before putting it away in her sleeve. She smiled and said, "I have to hide such a good thing. Otherwise, if Yue sees it, she will try to take it from me. Whatever she likes from me, she will nag me until I give it to her. This handkerchief is exquisite. I can't bear to give it to her."

Chang Zaiqing smiled. "If Second Miss likes it, I'll embroider another one for her."

"That's good." Chen Ruoqiu also smiled. "This way, I won't have to worry about Yue taking it away from me." She smiled at Chang Zaiqing and asked, "Speaking of which, Miss Chang, have you thought about what I said to you before?"

#### Chapter 496 Worse Than A Tiger (3)

When Chen Ruoqiu was chatting with Chang Zaiqing previously, she had mentioned Shen Xin. Now, Chang Zaiqing had met everyone in the Shen family, except for the first branch that had moved out. Chen Ruoqiu suggested that since she was the daughter of Old General Shen's old subordinate and Chang Hu was Old General Shen's savior, Shen Xin would naturally not refuse to see Chang Zaiqing. Moreover, Shen Xin was the eldest son of Old General Shen. Logically speaking, it was only right for Chang Zaiqing to pay him a visit.

Hearing this, Chang Zaiqing hesitated for a moment and shook her head with a smile. "I already feel bad about disturbing Madam now. How can I disturb General Shen? Moreover, I came to the capital this time to run away from that young master who has been pestering me. As long as this matter is over, I'll leave. It's not good to let General Shen know about this."

"Miss Chang, there is one thing I don't like about you. You are being too polite." Chen Ruoqiu pretended to be angry. "The Chang family and the Shen family are so close. You're like a family to us. I heard that when you were young, Shen Xin had also seen you. You can be considered his younger sister. Why would he feel troubled to see you? If you really don't pay him a visit, I'm afraid he will be angry when he finds out."

Chang Zaiqing did not speak. Chen Ruoqiu patted her hand and said, "Besides, since you want to hide from that man in Liuzhou, it's safer for Shen Xin to protect you. He has a lot of soldiers and guards. Even if that man chases you all the way to the capital, he won't dare to challenge Shen Xin. Since I treat you as one of us, I'll tell you honestly that his place is the safest for you."

Hearing that, Chang Zaiqing's expression changed, and a hesitant expression began to appear on her face. Chen Ruoqiu continued, "Miss Chang, just treat it as being a guest to your own brother's house for a few days. What's inappropriate about that?"

Chang Zaiqing forced a smile. "After all, it's been too long. I don't know if General Shen still remembers me. Moreover, there's still Mrs. Shen, Fifth Miss, and Eldest Young Master. I'm afraid I'll disturb them if you drop in for no reason."

"Don't worry." Chen Ruoqiu smiled when she heard that. "My sister-in-law has the best personality. Because she's a heroine from a military family, she's straightforward and honest. She's not scheming and is a kind person. When she finds out what's causing to come to the capital, she will even sympathize with you. Moreover, Shen Xin doesn't have any other women in his family. It's hard for my sister-in-law to find someone to talk to. When she sees you, she'll definitely treat you very well. As for Eldest Young Master and Fifth Miss, they're both sensible children, so they won't mind."

Seeing that Chang Zaiqing was a little convinced, Chen Ruoqiu smiled and said, "How about this? If Miss Chang thinks it's not a bad idea, I'll get someone to write a letter for you and send it over. Miss Chang, go and visit him first and see what his attitude is. If he thinks it's inappropriate, just come back."

Chang Zaiqing thought for a long time and finally nodded. She smiled gratefully at Chen Ruoqiu and said, "Third Madam, thank you for thinking about me."

"Look, you're getting more and more courteous with me." Chen Ruoqiu smiled and stood up. "It's getting late, so I won't disturb you anymore. I'll get someone to send it over tomorrow after I write the letter. Miss Chang, you don't have to worry about anything. A smart girl like you will be likable everywhere."

After sending Chen Ruoqiu off, Nanny Zhao came over to clean up the table. Nanny Zhao heard what Chen Ruoqiu and Chang Zaiqing said just now. Nanny Zhao asked, "Miss, why would Third Madam Shen mention General Shen for no reason? Could it be that she wants to chase you out of the mansion?"

#### Chapter 497 Worse Than A Tiger (4)

Chang Zaiqing sneered. "At first, I didn't understand what Third Madam Shen wanted me to do, but now I understand. Third Madam Shen is very scheming and wants to use me to deal with her enemy."

Nanny Zhao was shocked. "Miss... what does Third Madam Shen want you to do?"

Chang Zaiqing sat down at the table, her expression unreadable. She was not a fool. She could tell what Chen Ruoqiu was implying. She said that only Shen Xin could protect her. If she could stay in the Shen family for the rest of her life, she would not have to worry about being pestered by the man from Liuzhou. Chen Ruoqiu said that Luo Xueyan came from a military family, was really straightforward, and was not scheming. She was indirectly saying that Luo Xueyan was stupid and easy to deal with. As for the fact Shen Xin had never taken a woman home, the hint was even more obvious. If Chang Zaiqing could become Shen Xin's woman, other than dealing with a not-so-smart Luo Xueyan, she would have nothing to worry about.

She said, "Since Third Madam Shen thinks so highly of me, I should go and see what's going on first."

"Miss, are you going to General Shen's Mansion?" Nanny Zhao was stunned for a moment. "You know what Third Madam Shen is up to, but you still want to go?"



"It's not a bad idea." Chang Zaiqing waved her hand. "Living in the Shen family is not a long-term solution. I have to plan for my future. It's fine. I'm just going to take a look. If it's a fire pit, I naturally won't jump in."

"If..." Nanny Zhao looked at her carefully.

"If it's not a fire pit." Chang Zaiqing smiled faintly and said, "I'll consider what Third Madam Shen suggested."

...

The night fell on the capital. Every house was lit up, making the city look prosperous. However, other than the palace, the most prosperous section was probably in the south of the city. There was singing and dancing everywhere in the restaurant, the sound of drinking, the laughter of women and men, and the sound of all kinds of instruments mixed together, making it sound especially dreamlike.

In Prince Rui's mansion, the lanterns were embroidered with gold thread. Once they were lit up at night, they were dazzling. Some passers-by coveted them and wanted to steal a gold thread. When they saw the fierce-looking guard at the door, they could only look away and leave.

Who would dare to steal something from the Daliang Dynasty?

The mansion was quiet, as if there was no one in it. At the end of the mansion was a huge courtyard. In the courtyard, there was a pavilion that was very exquisitely decorated. The pavilion was adjacent to a clear pond, and the water in the pond was emerald-colored. The moonlight was luminescent. If it was summer, this place would be very pleasant to stay in. Unfortunately, the weather was gradually getting colder and colder. Sitting in the pavilion, one would uncontrollably shiver with cold.

At this moment, there was a person sitting in the pavilion. His wide flowing gold and purple robe almost covered the bench he was sitting on. It was a very handsome young man. Under the gentle moonlight, his usual heroic aura gradually became gentle. He lowered his head and played with the tiger cub in his arms.

The tiger cub was pressed onto his chest by him. It twisted its head in discomfort and tried to turn around to bite the hand that was rubbing its head. Unfortunately, it was to no avail. However, the tiger cub was not discouraged and continued to bite the purple-robed young man's sleeve.

Xie Jingxing pulled out his sleeve from the cub's mouth and stared at the spot that was mostly wet by the cub's saliva. After looking at it for a while, he flicked the cub's head. The cub let out a soft cry and finally turned around, playing with Xie Jingxing's fingers with its claws.

#### Chapter 498 Worse Than A Tiger (5)

In the grass in the distance, two heads suddenly stuck out. Nightingale stared at the man and the tiger in the pavilion in disbelief. It had to be known that Xie Jingxing was seriously obsessed with cleanliness and usually did not like animals. Even people close to him were not allowed to touch his things. Now that his sleeve was stained with saliva by an animal, he actually did not mind. She said, Has Master gone crazy recently? Why does he hug a tiger all day long? He hugs it even when he's sleeping. I heard that he also hugs it when he's taking a shower today. Does he really want to bring this tiger back home to be

Princess Consort Rui? Seeing that there was no response from the person beside her, Nightingale turned around. Huo Long, say something too.

Huo Long cupped her face with both hands and looked at the person in the pavilion. Master is really good to that tiger cub. Look at how gentle he is when he looks at the tiger. I would rather turn into that tiger and sleep and bathe with Master. When Huo Long spoke about these things, she looked calm and did not feel ashamed at all. In the end, she sighed and shook her head. We are even worse than a tiger.

I think you're crazy. Nightingale looked at her with disdain.

In the pavilion, Xie Jingxing rubbed the tigers head until it was almost pressed to his chest. The tiger struggled desperately. When it struggled, it accidentally pounced on Xie Jingxings neck and licked his face.

You even stole a kiss on me. Xie Jingxing chuckled and grabbed the tigers neck with both hands to lift it up. He looked at the tiger struggling in the air and raised his eyebrows. You and her are the same.

The tiger cub looked at him, baring its fangs and brandishing its claws. Xie Jingxing kissed its head. Good girl.

In the grass, Nightingale leaned forward. Master is crazy.

I'm going to kill that tiger, Huo Long said murderously.

At this moment, Tie Yi suddenly appeared in the pavilion. Xie Jingxing put the tiger back into his arms and asked, Whats the matter?

Master, Princess Ming An sent an invitation letter to Fifth Miss Shen today.

Oh? Xie Jingxing paused carressing the tiger.

Princess Ming An invited Fifth Miss Shen to the mansion for a chat. Fifth Miss Shen accepted the invitation. She will go in two days, Tie Yi replied with a bow.

Got it. Xie Jingxing waved his hand. Tie Yi glanced at the tiger in Xie Jingxings arms and the corners of his mouth twitched. He turned around and left into the night.

Youre quite bold. Xie Jingxing placed his finger in the cubs mouth. The cub and Xie Jingxing probably became familiar with each other after eating, showering, and sleeping together. It bit his finger, but it did not really bite it.

Are you going? Xie Jingxing asked.

The white tiger cub howled and looked at him with sparkling eyes.

You are? Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow. Ok then.

In the blink of an eye, two days passed.

This morning, Shen Miao woke up early. Jingzhe and Gu Yu found clothes for her to wear. The season was gradually approaching early winter, and the winter in Ming Qi was always especially early and cold. A few days ago, it rained consecutively, so Shen Miaos thick clothes were quite damp. Gu Yu took out a

coat from under the box and said, This one is still dry. Although its a little thick, its very cold today. Miss, it wont be eye-catching if you wear it.

Shen Miao looked at the coat in Gu Yus hand. It was a snow-white coat made of fox skin. It was a rare white fox skin, and there was not a single hair on it. Even after a few years, it was still as smooth as new.

This coat was obtained when Shen Miao left the capital with Shen Xin two years ago. She stayed in a farmers house, and the next day, a coat suddenly appeared in the house. The farmer did not have this coat, and Shen Miao did not know where this thing came from. Previously, she was thinking about using it to exchange for money. Later, Shen Qiu tried his best to stop her, saying that this white fox fur coat was priceless and rare.

#### Chapter 499 Worse Than A Tiger (6)

Although she kept it, the coat really did not fit her. It was too big for Shen Miao, so it had been neglected on the bottom of the box and she had never taken it out. If not for the fact that Gu Yu took it out of the box today, Shen Miao would have forgotten about it.

She looked at the coat and thought of something. A while ago, Xie Jingxing sneaked into her bedroom at night and said that he went to see her off at the farmer's house two years ago. She did not remember what happened that day because she was drunk. Now that she thought about it, this coat should have been left behind by Xie Jingxing.

Jingzhe and Gu Yu looked at each other, not knowing what was wrong with Shen Miao. Jingzhe called out softly, "Miss?"

Shen Miao came back to her senses and looked at the coat in Gu Yu's hand. She said angrily, "Find a time to pawn it."

"But Eldest Young Master said that this skin is very good and doesn't want you to pawn it." Gu Yu found it strange.

"No matter how good the skin is, I don't want it." Shen Miao said, "Pack it up and send it to the Exiled Immortal Pawnshop. The Exiled Immortal Pawnshop collects treasures. Shopkeeper Ji will "like" this coat very much."

Seeing Shen Miao like this, Gu Yu and Jingzhe did not dare to say anything else. They shrugged and continued to find other coats for Shen Miao.

In the end, they chose a brocade coat with rabbit fur. After helping Shen Miao dress up, they found an excuse and went out. Luo Tan was easy to fool. Shen Xin and the others usually only returned in the evening from the Ministry of War. Without the eyes and ears of the other two branches of the Shen family, they were much more free now.

Mo Qing acted as the coachman again. Although Mo Qing was already Shen Qiu's subordinate, he still worked for Shen Miao. And every time, Shen Miao wouldn't let Mo Qing tell anyone about what she was up to. As a matter of fact, Mo Qing looked more like Shen Miao's subordinate. However, Mo Qing was probably used to that. Every time Shen Miao went out to do something and asked him to follow along, he would obey without a word.

However, today, after knowing where Shen Miao was going, Mo Qing was shocked. It was actually the mansion where the crown prince of the State of Qin lived. Shen Miao's performance at the tribute banquet spread throughout the capital, so Mo Qing naturally knew. Princess Ming An clearly had ill intentions. Mo Qing was very worried, but Shen Miao looked confident, so he didn't stop her.

When they arrived at Crown Prince Qin's mansion, the guards outside took the invitation letter from Shen Miao and asked her to wait outside. They said that they would go in and inform the crown prince, but they never returned.

After a long time, Jingzhe couldn't help but say, "It's been almost an hour, but these people still haven't come back yet. It's obvious that the princess of the State of Qin is deliberately making things difficult for you. It's very cold outside. If you fall sick from the cold, how are we going to explain it to Master and Madam?"

Gu Yu also said, "She's really too much. Since she took the initiative to invite Miss, why does she keep Miss waiting outside the mansion?"

Usually, the guest would be received by the host at the gate, but Princess Ming An was nowhere to be seen.

Mo Qing said, "Miss, why don't we go back?"

Shen Miao shook her head. "Since we're already here, let's wait. We have to show them what appropriate etiquette looks like."

When she was in the State of Qin, Princess Ming An liked to treat people like this. In the cold winter, early in the morning, she would send people to summon Shen Miao, saying that she wanted to discuss something with her. Then, she would keep Shen waiting in the cold garden for a few hours. Sometimes, Shen Miao would wait for an entire day without seeing her. Later, she would send a maid over to deliver a message, saying she was held back by something urgent and couldn't come. In her previous life, Shen Miao endured it. In this life, an hour was nothing.

Inside the mansion, Princess Ming An was sitting in the room. The maid was adding charcoal to the brazier. Princess Ming An picked up the tea on the table and took a sip, looking a little happy.

She asked the servant outside, "Has that b\*tch left?"

"Your Highness." The servant said, "Fifth Miss Shen's carriage is still at the entrance of the mansion."

A trace of displeasure flashed across Princess Ming An's face. "She's actually so patient." She originally thought that if she ignored Shen Miao, Shen Miao would go back in a fit of anger. This way, she could find a reason to accuse Shen Miao of being disrespectful to her.

Unexpectedly, Shen Miao was so patient. However... she smiled and said, "After waiting for so long, I think her patience is about to run out. It's not a bad idea to change the plan. Someone, send my order to invite Shen Miao in."

Chapter 500 I'll Help You (1)

The mansion where the people of the State of Qin lived had probably been renovated, and the layout was a little different from the ones in Ming Qi. As soon as Shen Miao entered, she realized that it was in the same style as the palace in the State of Qin.

The people of the State of Qin liked shiny and golden things, just like Shen Miao in the past. They probably felt that gold and silver could show off the wealth of their country. When Shen Miao first went to the State of Qin, she was very envious when she saw that the palace was so exquisitely renovated. Now that she thought about it, the preferences of the royal family of the State of Qin were really vulgar.

After being brought to the garden by the maid, Shen Miao finally saw Princess Ming An.

Princess Ming An sat at a small stone table in the garden. On the stone table was a thin handkerchief embroidered with butterflies. On it were a few plates of exquisite snacks and a pot of tea. Next to the table was a small pond. At this time of the year, the water in the pond had not frozen yet. There were many red carps shaking their heads and tails in the pond. A few maids sat at the side and fed the fish in small bowls.

Shen Miao stood in front of Princess Ming An and bowed to her.

Princess Ming An turned around.

Among the three countries, Ming Qi, the Daliang Dynasty, and the State of Qin, the Daliang Dynasty was undoubtedly the most powerful. In comparison, Ming Qi and the State of Qin were much inferior. However, compared to the State of Qin, the State of Qin was better because the State of Qin had stronger troops.

Perhaps because of this, the royal family of Ming Qi wanted to take back the military power so much. However, over the years, it had been very difficult for Ming Qi to produce outstanding generals to replace Shen Xin and Xie Ding. Therefore, Emperor Wen Hui called Shen Xin back in a hurry.

The State of Qin also knew that they could not compare to the Daliang Dynasty, but they were above Ming Qi. In front of the people of Ming Qi, the people of the State of Qin always felt a sense of superiority. This attitude was very upsetting. In Shen Miao's previous life, when she went to the State of Qin, it seemed that even the palace maids looked down on her from the bottom of their hearts. The royal family of the State of Qin did even worse. It was as if they could trample Shen Miao's dignity under their feet.

At this moment, when she saw Princess Ming An, some memories from her previous life flooded her mind.

"I invited you here today. I thought you wouldn't dare to come, but I didn't expect you to come alone. You're quite bold." Princess Ming An glanced at Shen Miao, and her gaze suddenly darkened. Today, she was wearing a red dress with gold gilt and accessorized with the best-looking hairpin from the State of Qin. However, when she saw Shen Miao wearing a simple coat and not wearing any makeup, she paled in comparison.

"Princess, you must be joking." Shen Miao's expression did not change. "Princess is a guest of Ming Qi. Since I am lucky enough to be invited, how can I refuse to come?"

Jingzhe and Gu Yu stood behind Shen Miao. Mo Qing was stopped by the guards at the door, but Shen Miao did not say anything. Shen Miao knew Princess Ming An's temper very well. Since Princess Ming An invited her here, it was impossible for her to do anything really dangerous to her. Princess Ming An would at most do something to make Shen Miao's time here humiliating. When Shen Miao came, she was already prepared.