

Venomous 541

Chapter 541 Robbery (6)

However, Chen Ruoqiu did not know any of this.

Chen Ruoqiu naturally did not know that Chang Zaiqing was very scheming. Chang Zaiqing would not take the initiative to look for Shen Wan, so it was always Shen Wan who took the initiative to look for her. When the two of them were together, they sat or stood far away from each other and looked very distant. Even if others saw them, they would not think too much about it and would not remind Chen Ruoqiu.

Another unbelievable thing was that the third miss of the Shen family, Shen Dongling, suddenly became close to Shen Yue.

Shen Yue was like Chen Ruoqiu by nature. She looked down on people with lower status than her, let alone the daughter of a concubine. They had not interacted for so many years, but for some reason, they had become close sisters in a matter of days.

In the Rosy Cloud Garden of the Shen mansion, Shen Dongling was pushing the pastry towards Shen Yue and saying with a smile, "This is a new pastry made by the kitchen. It's added with cow milk and osmanthus. Second Sister, try it too."

Shen Yue glanced at the pastry and did not reach out to take it. Instead, she sighed in frustration and said, "I'm not in the mood to eat now. I'm so angry."

Shen Dongling looked at her and said worriedly, "Second Sister, are you still worried about your marriage?"

"You don't know about this." Shen Yue said angrily, "Yesterday, I went to the minister counselor's mansion. My mother is extremely satisfied with Young Master Wang. If I'm not wrong, she wants me to marry him. I'm so anxious that my head hurts."

"Minister Counsellor?" Shen Dongling asked curiously, "Is it that young man called Wang Bi?"

"You actually know him?" Shen Yue looked at her suspiciously.

"I once heard my father mention him." Shen Dongling smiled shyly.

Shen Gui was also an official in the court, so he might indeed be friends with the Wang family. Shen Yue said, "That's right, it's him."

"I heard that Young Master Wang is very knowledgeable and has also become an official. It's only a matter of time before he makes a name for himself. Second Sister, this is a good thing. Why are you angry?" Shen Dongling asked.

"I don't like him no matter how big a name he can make for himself." Shen Yue said angrily, "If I want to marry, I have to marry someone who is born with a bright future. Who does he think he is?"

When Shen Dongling heard that, she asked tentatively, "Could it be... that Second Sister has someone you like already?"

Shen Yue was stunned for a moment before saying, "No, what nonsense are you talking about?"

Shen Dongling smiled apologetically. "I originally thought that a person like Young Master Wang is not bad. If Second Sister doesn't like him, it's because you have someone you like. It turns out that I misunderstood you. Second Sister, don't be angry with me."

Shen Yue waved her hand, but her eyes were a little absent-minded. When she thought of Fu Xiuyi, her heart couldn't help but ache. Chen Ruoqiu had told her that what Fu Xiuyi wanted to marry was someone who could help him. She was just the daughter of an ordinary civil servant, so Fu Xiuyi wouldn't marry her. However, Shen Yue still couldn't help but wonder that if Fu Xiuyi fell in love with her one day, would he forget about the pros and cons and treat her with respect? She was beautiful and smart, and her talent was well-known throughout the capital. Naturally, she had to marry a peerless man. In Ming Qi, only Fu Xiuyi was worthy of her.

She had kept her chastity for Fu Xiuyi for so long, but now she had to marry someone else. Shen Yue was extremely indignant.

Shen Yue heard Shen Dongling say softly, "Second Sister, why don't you give it a try? Actually, Young Master Wang might not be as bad as you think. After all, the Wang family and the Shen family are well-matched. Speaking of which, Young Master Wang is a good person. If Second Sister marries him, you won't suffer. Isn't that good?"

The more she said that, the more annoyed Shen Yue became. What Shen Yue wanted was never stability but glory. Only Fu Xiuyi could give her the envious gazes of everyone.

"Second Sister, don't think too much. Some people can't get such a blessing even if they beg for it. For example, me." Shen Dongling said, "If I were Second Sister, I would definitely not reject it. Instead, I would feel very happy. Isn't stability what women want the most?"

Shen Yue was a little impatient at first, but when she heard the last part, she couldn't help but pause. A strange feeling slowly rose in her heart, and she couldn't help but look at Shen Dongling. Shen Dongling's head was slightly lowered, making her look especially docile.

She seemed to be an easy person to manipulate.

A thought slowly surfaced in Shen Yue's mind.

Chapter 542 Heartbeat (1)

For the next few days, the capital was very peaceful.

Princess Ming An had also been well-behaved. Over the past few days, other than going out to walk around the streets of the capital, she did not do much.

However, under the surface, that might not be the case.

In the mansion, Princess Ming An was wearing a golden-red dress. She was eating the preserved fruits on the plate. Opposite her were two people who looked like officials. The two of them did not look angry at all at Princess Ming An's humiliation. These two people were none other than the sons of the Marquis of Lin'an, Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao.

Ever since Xie Jingxing died, Xie Ding had been in low-spirit and never went to court again. Instead, he gave his power to his two illegitimate sons and let them fend for themselves. Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao were quite capable. They were both working under Prince Ding now. Although Prince Ding did not entrust them with important tasks, he still nurtured them as his future officials. The two of them hoped to achieve something.

If there was anything that Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao hated about, it was that even if Xie Jingxing and Princess Yuqing were both dead, Xie Ding still refused to make Concubine Fang the first wife. If Concubine Fang did not change her title, the two of them would always be the sons of a concubine. The reason why Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao were eager to make a name for themselves was that they wanted to force Xie Ding to change them to legitimate sons.

Why they appeared in Huangfu Hao's mansion was because of Fu Xiuyi's instructions.

Fu Xiuyi wanted to befriend the crown prince of the State of Qin and reach some kind of agreement in private, so he naturally had to spend some effort on Huangfu Hao's sister, Princess Ming An. Thinking that Princess Ming An might not be familiar with the capital, he sent Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao to be the guide.

Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao were only Fu Xiuyi's people in private. What they usually did was to accompany the big shots. Therefore, no one would be surprised if the two of them were with Princess Ming An.

Princess Ming An had a fiery temper. Over the past few days, she had made Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao suffer quite a lot.

It was the same today.

She looked at the two people opposite her and mocked, "Don't you find it boring to follow me all day long? Do all the officials in Ming Qi like to follow the princesses of other countries?"

"My duty is to let Your Highness enjoy herself." Xie Changwu said, "If Your Highness is satisfied, I will be happy."

Princess Ming An sneered. "You're not my official. I don't need people who have nothing to do with my country. I heard that the Marquis of Lin'an once had a brilliant heir, but unfortunately, he died young. If it's him, I might consider making him my official."

The two people lying on the ground lowered their heads, but their expressions were gloomy for a moment.

Ever since Xie Jingxing died two years ago, Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao thought that they would never live in his shadow again. However, every time people mentioned the Marquis of Lin'an, the first person they thought of was still Xie Jingxing. They always said, "If that Young Marquis Xie didn't die, I'm afraid the Marquis of Lin'an would be extremely proud of his son."

However, they forgot that the two of them were also the sons of the Marquis of Lin'an, but no matter how outstanding they were, they could not surpass the heroism that Xie Jingxing left in the hearts of everyone in the world.

Xie Changchao's eyes flashed as he said, "My brother is indeed brilliant. He once had a good relationship with Fifth Miss Shen, the daughter of the mighty general. Speaking of which, they're quite fated."

Chapter 543 Heartbeat (2)

Hearing Shen Miao's name, Princess Ming An was stunned at first. Then, she frowned and said in a serious tone, "What's going on? Tell me!"

Xie Changchao looked up at Princess Ming An in surprise and said, "Princess, do you remember how Fifth Miss Shen came out first at the Ming Qi test?"

Princess Ming An's expression darkened. Xie Changchao's words reminded her of the humiliation she suffered when she competed with Shen Miao at the tribute banquet.

"At that time, after Cai Lin left the stage, my second brother wanted to challenge Fifth Miss Shen. If my second brother went on stage, he would definitely be able to defeat Fifth Miss Shen. However, at that moment, Xie Jingxing rushed out to protect Miss Shen," Xie Changchao said. He would never forget that day. He originally wanted to stand up for Cai Lin in order to win favor of Lord Cai, but he did not expect Xie Jingxing to suddenly jump out. Although Xie Jingxing looked flirtatious on the surface, he had never taken the initiative to help anyone. At that time, Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao were almost certain that Xie Jingxing had some other intentions towards Shen Miao. Otherwise, why would he help Shen Miao out?

The two of them were beaten up badly by Xie Jingxing at the test and almost became a laughing stock. Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao could never let go of the humiliation.

"I see." Hearing that, Princess Ming An sneered. "It seems like Xie Jingxing is not a good person either. Since he hooked up with that b*tch, he deserves to die!"

Xie Changchao and Xie Changwu's eyes lit up with joy. As long as they defamed Xie Jingxing and heard someone bad-mouth Xie Jingxing, they would be very happy, as if this could express their dissatisfaction.

"That Shen Miao is also an eyesore to me. If not for my brother protecting her, she would've died in my hands countless times." Princess Ming An was a little frustrated. What Prince Rui said that day in the palace still echoed in her ears.

"I want such a good girl too."

She was crazily jealous. The combination of new and old hatred made her want to tear Shen Miao into pieces. However, she was grounded by Huangfu Hao. Even if she went out, she would be surrounded by Huangfu Hao's guards and could not do anything. Now that Xie Changchao mentioned Shen Miao, the hatred grew wildly from the bottom of her heart.

Princess Ming An had been arrogant her entire life. There was nothing she couldn't get. Now that Shen Miao had become her obstacle, there was no reason for Princess Ming An to not get rid of her.

She suddenly looked at Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao.

Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao knelt on the ground. They wouldn't get up unless Princess Ming An said so. They had been like this all day and were very obedient, as if they could easily be manipulated to do anything.

She suddenly smiled. Princess Ming An picked up a pastry and looked at the exquisite patterns on it carefully. She said, "Xie Changwu, Xie Changchao. You've been with Prince Ding for a few years, right? Why are you still just an errand boy?"

Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao were stunned. They did not expect Princess Ming An to suddenly make them the center of the conversation. However, Princess Ming An was right to the point. It had to be known that they had been secretly working for Fu Xiuyi for two years, but the tasks given to them were all insignificant. They were actually no different from the servants in the palace, asked to please and serve a princess. The reason why they were not valued by Fu Xiuyi was not because they weren't worthy. Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao thought that they were very outstanding in literature and martial arts. The reason why they could not make a name for themselves until now was because they were the sons of a concubine.

Princess Ming An's words were filled with mockery. Although they did not say anything, they could not help but look angry.

Chapter 544 Heartbeat (3)

Princess Ming An said, "You really want to be promoted, right? You really want to be valued by Prince Ding, right? You really want to climb up the official ladder, right?"

The Xie brothers did not speak.

"I have a way to make the two of you get what you want," Princess Ming An said slowly.

Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao looked at each other and bowed in unison. "Princess, please enlighten us!"

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"That's me." Princess Ming An smiled. "I'm the princess of the State of Qin. Now, Prince Ding wants something from my brother, the crown prince. That's why he asked the two of you to come and please me. If I put in a good word for you in front of Prince Ding, he will naturally think highly of you two." She looked at her nails. "Isn't that what you want?"

Xie Changchao and Xie Changwu did not speak. They were sent to make Princess Ming An happy. From the beginning, they did not dare to have the thought that Princess Ming An would put in a good word for them. It had to be known that Princess Ming An was domineering and arrogant. It would be a blessing if they did not make her angry. Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao were not fools. They knew that Princess Ming An must have some conditions for an exchange, so they did not speak for a moment.

Seeing that the two of them were silent, Princess Ming An couldn't help but say, "Many people beg me to put in a good word for them, but I won't. The two of you are not related to me, so why should I help you? If you want me to, I naturally have to get something in return."

It wouldn't be appropriate if they continued to play dumb. Xie Changwu said, "Your Highness, please instruct me."

"As you know," Princess Ming An crossed her little nails and said, "I've always been very benevolent. In Ming Qi, I also want to be kind to others, but there are always some blind b*tches who want to provoke

me.” Her voice suddenly became sharp. “What I hate the most now is that little b*tch from the Shen family!”

Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao both knew about the grudge between Shen Miao and Princess Ming An. Princess Ming An would definitely not let the matter rest. However, she was in Ming Qi’s territory now, and Shen Miao was not an ordinary girl. If something really happened, Princess Ming An would be in serious trouble.

Princess Ming An looked at Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao. This was the first time her gaze was so amiable. She said, “I know the two of you are top young talents in Ming Qi and are brave. I wonder if you’re willing to help me?”

Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao were stunned. Xie Changchao asked tentatively, “Your Highness, what are your plans?”

“Don’t worry. I’m kind-hearted and don’t want her life.” Princess Ming An smiled and said, “But you have to sell her to the lowest-grade brothel in Ming Qi. When she slowly gets used to life there, I’ll think of a way to get people to save her.”

The Xie brothers gasped.

If they sold her to the lowest-grade brothel, her life would almost be destroyed. The customers in the lowest-grade brothel were all roughest hooligans and robbers. Many maids who made a mistake and were sold by their master there would die in less than a day. However, Princess Ming An specially instructed them not to let Shen Miao die. When Shen Miao was almost done being tortured to death and became a walking corpse, wouldn’t it be more painful for her to be saved at that timer? Everyone would know that the fifth miss of the Shen family had become a prostitute.

Letting the most noble lady be ravaged by the roughest and barbaric men was probably worse than death for Shen Miao.

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Xie Changwu forced a smile and said, “The guards of the Shen family are all skilled in martial arts. How can we possibly sell Fifth Miss Shen to... that place?”

“That’s your problem.” Princess Ming An returned to her high and mighty self. “How you kidnap Shen Miao will depend on your ability. Otherwise, what’s the use of having you?”

Seeing that Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao were still hesitating, Princess Ming An softened her tone and said patiently, “However, after this matter is done, I will put in a good word for you in front of Prince Ding. At least Prince Ding will find a good job for the two of you. Are you going to reject such a good deal?”

Xie Changwu and Xie Changchao looked at each other and saw conflict in each other’s eyes.

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Riches came from danger. People like them, who had been on the official path but did not make much progress, yearned for nothing more than to become successful one day. Princess Ming An had provided

the two of them with a shortcut. It seemed that in just a short period of time, they could get closer to what they dreamed of.

However, kidnapping Shen Miao was indeed not an easy task. The Shen family was a military family to begin with, and those guards were all extraordinary. Any one of the guards around Shen Miao was probably very skilled in martial arts. Moreover, once Shen Miao went missing, Shen Xin would definitely lock down the capital and impose martial law. At that time, it would still take a lot of effort to transport Shen Miao to the brothel.

If they succeeded, they would be rich and powerful. If they failed, everything they had, including their lives, would be gone. The two of them could not make up their mind.

Seeing this, Princess Ming An sneered. "Since the two of you are hesitating, pretend that I didn't say anything today. You only have one chance, and I won't give you a second chance. You can leave. You're not the only bold people in Ming Qi. I think there will definitely be people who are willing to bet on this."

"I'm willing!" Without waiting for Princess Ming An to instruct the servants, Xie Changchao was the first to shout. He pulled Xie Changwu. Seeing that Xie Changchao had already said it, Xie Changwu had no choice but to bow and say, "I'm willing to go through hell for Your Highness!"

Princess Ming An smiled and said, "Get up. If you work hard and get your job done, I won't treat you badly. I'll wait for your good news here."

After coming out of Princess Ming An's mansion and returning to the Marquis's Residence, the Xie brothers closed the door and discussed this matter in private. Xie Changwu complained, "Third Brother, you're too impatient. This matter is extremely risky. If we're not careful, we'll be doomed."

Xie Changchao disagreed with him and said, "Second Brother, the princess also said that if we don't take the job, she'll find someone else to do it. What we lack now is not ability, but opportunity. If we succeed, we'll naturally be able to rise. Isn't this what you and I both want?"

"But Shen Miao is not the daughter of an ordinary family." Xie Changwu sighed. "Even if we can kidnap Shen Miao, what will happen after that? Shen Xin will search the entire city. It's not safe for us to hide her anywhere."

Xie Changchao smiled and pointed at the room.

Xie Changwu looked at him. "You mean..."

"No matter how hard Shen Xin searches the entire city, he won't have a reason to search the residence of large families. No one will suspect that the two of us kidnapped Shen Miao. We have no grudge against Shen Miao. Why would we kidnap her?" Xie Changchao smiled. "The plan is flawless!"

Chapter 546 Heartbeat (5)

Xie Changwu, who was originally a little worried, gradually relaxed. Xie Changchao said, "It's just that we still have to think about how to kidnap Shen Miao."

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Shen Miao did not know about the agreement between the Xie brothers and Princess Ming An. The winter in the capital turned dark early. Not long after dinner, the sky darkened completely. These days, Shen Xin and the others were busy in the imperial court.

Today, she was replying to the letters under the oil lamp.

Feng Anning had invited her out many times, but because she was busy dealing with Chang Zaiqing, she had never shown up. She asked Luo Tan to accompany Feng Anning to shop around. After a few times, Feng Anning became angry and sent her a letter today, asking her to come out and shop with her two days later. If she didn't show up this time, their friendship would cease to exist.

Shen Miao thought about it and felt that Feng Anning was after all her friend. In order to maintain this "hard-won" friendship, she would go.

After writing the reply letter and handing it to Gu Yu, Gu Yu went out and closed the door. Shen Miao yawned and planned to sleep early, so she walked to the bed.

When she walked to the bed, she suddenly saw something curling up and squirming under her blanket.

Shen Miao was taken back. Just now, Gu Yu was also in the room and did not notice anything. For a moment, Shen Miao actually froze on the spot. However, after a moment of silence, she calmed down. She had already died once. What was there to be afraid of?

She immediately walked to the bed and lifted the blanket.

Under the blanket was something that looked like a big cat. Its fur was a rare snow-white color, and it was furry. With the blanket gone, the big cat was puzzled and looked up at her.

Shen Miao was stunned for a moment.

The little thing ran happily on her bed and played with her clothes. When it got closer, Shen Miao could see that it was... a white tiger?

Shen Miao was mad. Where did this white tiger come from out of nowhere?

Someone in the shadows chuckled and called out, "Jiaojiao."

Shen Miao subconsciously turned around and saw the white tiger cub standing up and running to the other side.

Under the light, his purple robe was illuminated inch by inch, and the places embroidered with golden threads and dragon patterns reflected a small and dazzling light. His face was also illuminated with a warm color by the faint yellow candle flame, making him look not so much like someone from the mortal world.

Xie Jingxing leaned over and picked up the white tiger that was biting the corner of his robe. He casually put the white tiger into his sleeve and said, "Naughty."

Shen Miao blinked and suddenly realized something. She looked at the white tiger in Xie Jingxing's sleeve and said in disbelief, "What did you call it?"

"Jiaojiao." Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow and walked over unhurriedly. He even asked, "Isn't it a good name?"

Shen Miao was so angry with Xie Jingxing using her name to name an animal that she didn't want to talk to him anymore.

Xie Jingxing had already walked to the table and sat down. He poured himself a cup of tea and said, "The tea is still warm. Thanks, it's very thoughtful of you."

Shen Miao said, "Shameless!"

How could there be such a shameless person in the world? However, Xie Jingxing actually glanced at the chrysanthemum cake on the table and said, "Tsk, you even prepared some pastries for me, but I'm not hungry. Thank you."

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That pastry was prepared by Jingzhe because she was afraid that Shen Miao would be hungry at night. Did Xie Jingxing actually think that she specially prepared it for him? Shen Miao looked at Xie Jingxing coldly.

"I've been very tired these past few days." Xie Jingxing said, "Thank you for providing a place to rest for a while."

Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat. It had been a few days since Xie Jingxing came, and she was not used to him not coming uninvited at night. She asked, "What's been keeping you busy?"

Xie Jingxing looked at her with a faint smile. "Are you trying to get information out of me again?"

Shen Miao did not comment.

"It's not fair to keep doing this." Xie Jingxing said lazily, "You know a lot of my secrets. I know nothing about you. Why don't you tell me about yourself?"

Shen Miao rolled her eyes at Xie Jingxing. Xie Jingxing had an intelligence place like the Exiled Immortal Pawnshop under him. He was informed of everything in Ming Qi, but he still said he knew nothing about Shen Miao.

"Prince Rui, if you want to know anything about me, you can go and ask Shopkeeper Ji," Shen Miao said coldly. "Shopkeeper Ji will be very happy to tell you."

"Shopkeeper Ji doesn't know anything about your romantic past." Xie Jingxing said, "Shopkeeper Ji doesn't have an answer to what I want to know. Only you can answer me."

Shen Miao asked, "What do you want to know?"

Xie Jingxing held his chin and looked at Shen Miao calmly. After a while, he suddenly said, "What do you like about Fu Xiuyi?"

Shen Miao was slightly stunned.

She had thought about Xie Jingxing asking her some tough questions. Over the years of interacting with Xie Jingxing, she clearly realized that her understanding of Xie Jingxing in her previous life was very shallow. Xie Jingxing was a smart and dangerous hunter. If she wasn't careful, she would be easily caught by the hunter.

She knew that she had revealed a lot of information and made some mistakes that made Xie Jingxing suspicious. She even expected that Xie Jingxing would ask her how she knew so much about the future, but she did not expect him to ask such an irrelevant question.

Shen Miao asked, "Why do you ask this?"

After not hearing a response for a long time, Shen Miao turned around and met his gaze.

Under the light, Xie Jingxing was staring at her intently. At this moment, his black eyes were bright like stars, even outshining the starry sky outside. However, in the brightness, there was a sharpness that locked people in place and made people unable to look away.

There seemed to be something else in that gaze.

'Why do you ask this?' He didn't answer.

When Shen Miao heard her heart beating violently, she panicked for a moment. This long-lost heartbeat coming from her chest made her helpless and confused.

In the cold winter, the dim candlelight shone warmly. The young man's gaze was sharp, as if he could see through everything. The corners of his lips slowly curled up.

The white tiger in Xie Jingxing's arms sneezed, breaking the silence in the room.

Shen Miao came back to her senses and said, "Your pet is sick." She skillfully smoothed things over.

Xie Jingxing did not go on asking either. Instead, he picked up the white tiger from his sleeve and looked at it. "You delicate little thing!" It was unknown who he was talking about.

Shen Miao took a deep breath. She felt that Xie Jingxing had a very bad intention of using her pet name to name the white tiger. At the thought of this, she was a little unhappy with the white tiger and even was displeased with Xie Jingxing.

"Since it's so delicate, ask Imperial Physician Gao to take a look at it later." Shen Miao mocked, "In any case, Imperial Physician Gao's medical skills are brilliant. He can treat animals just as well as humans.

Xie Jingxing smiled. "Jiaojiao doesn't like Imperial Physician Gao. She only likes to stick to me."

Shen Miao glared at him.

Xie Jingxing must have done it on purpose!

"Prince Rui, why aren't you leaving?" Shen Miao said, "I'm going to rest."

Xie Jingxing said with displeasure. "You can go out with Feng Anning for an entire day, but you can't even tolerate me staying here for a little while longer. How heartless." Although he said that, he still

stood up from his seat and walked to the window. Suddenly, he thought of something and turned around. "About that question I ask you just now. You can tell me the answer in the future."

He disappeared from the window.

Shen Miao walked over and closed the window. She blew out the light and went to bed.

The room fell into silence, as if all that happened just now was an illusion. However, the teacup at the table still reminded her that it was not just an illusion.

Everything was real, but...

On the bed, Shen Miao placed her hand on her chest.

The violent heartbeat just now had yet to calm down.

It was not an illusion.

Chapter 548 Dying (1)

The weather was not good for the next few days, but on the day Shen Miao went out with Feng Anning, the sun came out.

The sun was warm, and it was especially comfortable. However, even so, Shen Miao still put on the rabbit fur cloak. If she caught a cold in such weather, it would be troublesome.

Early in the morning, Feng Anning came to pick up Luo Tan and Shen Miao at the entrance of the new Shen mansion. The Feng family had always doted on Feng Anning very much. Now that Feng Anning had finished studying in Guangwen Hall and she was restless at home, she went out to shop almost every day. However, no matter how big the capital was, there would eventually be a day when she was tired of shopping. The arrival of Luo Tan made Feng Anning very happy. She was very willing to be a guide for Luo Tan and bring her to interesting places to play.

However, gradually, Feng Anning couldn't take it anymore. Luo Tan was indeed a girl from the Luo family. She ignored the jewelry and clothes shops and was only focused on the weapons shop all day long. When she saw the weapons, her eyes lit up. How could Feng Anning know anything about weapons? She complained endlessly, so she insisted on bringing Shen Miao along.

Feng Anning was wearing a cherry-colored dress and a brocade cloak, looking extremely bright in the winter. Over the years, she had become more and more beautiful. However, when she spoke, she immediately gave off an aura of an arrogant and pampered rich girl. She lifted the curtain of the carriage and said anxiously, "I'm dying of waiting. Hurry up!"

Unexpectedly, it was Shen Qiu standing outside the carriage.

Shen Qiu sent Shen Miao and Luo Tan out. He knew that Shen Miao seemed to have only one friend in the capital, Feng Anning. His memory of her was still of that bossy little girl two years ago. Unexpectedly, when the curtain of the carriage was lifted, he saw a pretty girl inside.

When the girl saw that it was him, she shrank her head and lowered her arrogant attitude. She said timidly, "Young General Shen."

Shen Qiu looked at Feng Anning and nodded as a way of greeting. He asked Shen Miao and Luo Tan to get into the carriage and left after instructing them to be careful. Because Feng Anning was the one who invited them today, the Feng family sent many guards. Shen Miao and Luo Tan did not bring any other guards, thinking that Feng Anning would send them back to the Shen mansion when the time came.

After Shen Qiu left, Feng Anning patted her chest and heaved a sigh of relief. Strangely, every time she saw Shen Qiu, Feng Anning felt instinctively afraid. Although Shen Qiu never spoke harshly to her, the powerful aura of a young general was still too intimidating. Feng Anning thought of Shen Qiu's appearance just now. After not seeing him for two years, Shen Qiu, who had been training in Spring City, had become more and more mature and handsome. Although he was still a gentle elder brother, in the eyes of outsiders, he was scary.

Luo Tan asked Feng Anning, "Eh? Why are you blushing?"

Feng Anning was stunned for a moment before touching her cheek. It was indeed surprisingly hot. She fanned her face with her hand and said, "It's stuffy and hot in this carriage."

Luo Tan did not suspect anything and said, "Are you wearing too much?" As she spoke, she thought of something. "Anning, why are you afraid of Cousin Qiu?"

"When have I ever been afraid of him?" Hearing Luo Tan say this, Feng Anning quickly retorted.

"You were obviously very afraid just now," Luo Tan said. "What's there to be embarrassed about? Cousin Qiu is a very good person. He just looks somewhat fierce. If you're even afraid of Cousin Qiu, you'll probably be frightened to death by my Brother Sa."

Feng Anning emphasized, "I'm not afraid of him!"

Chapter 549 Dying (2)

Luo Tan said, "Alright, alright, alright. If you say so."

Shen Miao, who had been watching silently, saw the redness on Feng Anning's cheeks and her heart skipped a beat.

In her previous life, because Feng Anning's family took the wrong side, Mr. Feng was also implicated. In order to protect his beloved daughter, he had no choice but to marry Feng Anning to her cousin in advance. Unexpectedly, that cousin turned out to be an awful person. After the Feng family was destroyed, he raised a mistress and had a son. How could a proud person like Feng Anning stand this humiliation? Later, she took the scissors and died with that mistress.

In this life, because of Shen Miao's interference, the forces of the Ming Qi Royal Family were evenly matched. However, no one could guarantee that the ending would not repeat again.

Shen Miao did not have any sympathy for the Feng family, but if it was Feng Anning, she wanted to help, because Feng Anning always reminded her of Wanyu.

"Why are you looking at me?" Seeing that Shen Miao was staring straight at her, Feng Anning thought that Shen Miao was still brooding over Luo Tan's words. She said angrily, "Do you also think I'm afraid of your brother?"

Luo Tan chuckled at the side. Shen Miao came back to her senses and shook her head. "No, I just think your dress is quite unique."

Women liked to hear people praise them. No matter how angry Feng Anning was, Shen Miao's words made her unable to flare up. She said proudly, "Of course. My mother asked someone to specially make this for me."

Shen Miao lowered her eyes and sighed in her heart. Forget it, everyone had their own fate. She couldn't expect everything to go her way.

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When the three of them shopped around together, it was more tiring than if there were only two. This was because Feng Anning wanted to shop at a jewelry and dress shop, and what Luo Tan wanted to see were weapons. Luo Tan and Feng Anning kept bickering, and Shen Miao felt a headache. When she went out with the two of them, she was like a mother taking her children out for fun. In the end, the two of them pointed at Shen Miao, saying that she was "like a little old woman" and "duller than a monk in a temple." In the end, Shen Miao simply ignored the two of them.

The day was especially lively. The three girls walked around and bought stuff that almost filled up the entire carriage. Feng Anning was very generous. If Shen Miao and Luo Tan liked anything, she would shout. "Buy!" If not for Shen Miao stopping her, Feng Anning would probably move the entire jewelry shop back to the mansion.

They ate, drank, and played. When the sun was about to set, everyone planned to return home. Because Shen Miao and Luo Tan were invited by Feng Anning, they didn't bring any guards. Shen Miao wanted Feng Anning to send her back. Unexpectedly, just as they went into the carriage, Feng Anning flipped through her purse and said anxiously, "I can't find the cat eye hairpin I bought just now."

Feng Anning walked around the jewelry shop in the capital for a day. The thing she was most satisfied with was a butterfly-shaped cat eye hairpin. The cat eye was a rare and transparent royal blue and was very beautiful. When Feng Anning was eating in the restaurant, she took it out and appreciated it with Shen Miao.

Shen Miao said, "Look again. It was still in your hand just now. How could it be gone?"

Feng Anning rummaged through her purse and asked her personal maids, but they all said that they did not see it. Luo Tan asked, "Could it have been left in the restaurant?"

Feng Anning said, "I don't know."

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"Why don't we go back and take a look?" Shen Miao said, "If you really left it there, the people in the restaurant will probably pick it up. I'll go with you to take a look."

Feng Anning thought for a moment and said, "I'll go myself. It's fine if I can't find it. I'm not sad about the money. It's just that it's rare to find something I like so much."

Luo Tan was a little speechless. Feng Anning was indeed rich. In fact, although the Feng family was rich, it was not to the point where they could squander money like this. The Feng family really loved Feng

Anning and they never hesitated to give her money. As a result, Feng Anning did not have a clear definition of money. When she lost something, she'd just get another one.

"I'll bring a few guards up to take a look." Feng Anning said, "Wait for me here. I'll come back soon."

Shen Miao nodded. Feng Anning left with more than half of the guards.

After Feng Anning left, only Luo Tan and Shen Miao were in the carriage. There were still four guards guarding outside. Luo Tan looked at the sky and said, "It'll probably be dark when we return home." As she spoke, she stretched and said, "I'm really tired today. I'm going to sleep in tomorrow. No one can wake me up."

At this moment, they heard the guard outside say, "Miss Shen, Miss Luo, I just found Miss Feng's hairpin."

"What?" Luo Tan was stunned. She lifted the curtain of the carriage and saw a guard outside holding a flickering gemstone hairpin. If it wasn't the cat eye hairpin that Feng Anning had lost, then what was it?

Luo Tan frowned. "Anning is really reckless. She didn't even know she dropped it on the ground."

The guard took two steps towards the carriage. Luo Tan reached out to take the hairpin.

Just as she held the hairpin, the guard suddenly pulled Luo Tan out!

Another guard of the Feng family suddenly jumped into the carriage and knocked the coachman down. He whipped the horses hard. The horses felt the pain and suddenly started galloping, running crazily on the street!

Everything happened too quickly. Before the other two guards of the Feng family could react, the carriage was already more than ten meters away!

Fortunately, Luo Tan was also on the carriage. Luo Tan reacted extremely quickly when the guard tried to pull her out. She grabbed the edge of the carriage tightly and leaned back. It was a critical moment. Seeing that he could not drag Luo Tan out of the carriage, the man did not insist. He jumped onto another horse and ran out of the city with the carriage.

There were many commoners on the street who were stunned by the rampaging carriage. Some vendors could not dodge in time and their stalls were overturned. The carriage ran extremely quickly, and Shen Miao and Luo Tan were dizzy from the sway.

At the critical moment, Luo Tan still remembered to hold Shen Miao's hand and say, "Cousin, don't be afraid. Let's jump out of the carriage and reveal our identities. There are so many people outside. They won't dare to drag us back in."

Shen Miao felt a warmth in her heart. She couldn't help but say, "It's too late. Look outside."

Luo Tan grabbed the edge of the carriage and looked out. She was stunned to realize that the street was gone. Instead, they were in a deserted alley. Luo Tan suddenly felt despair. Just now, she wanted to jump out of the carriage. At least, this could save her life. But in this narrow alley, she had nowhere to run.

