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"It's good that you still remember my name." Xie Jingxing walked forward with a smile, but the smile did not reach his eyes.

"How have you been, Xie Changchao?"

"Aren't you dead?" A look of fear began to appear on Xie Changchao's face. He said anxiously, "Didn't you get shot in the heart by ten thousand arrows on the battlefield in the Northern border and die long ago? Are you a human or a ghost? Don't come over!" He said it quickly and anxiously, trying to conceal his fear.

Xie Jingxing said, "Do you think I'm a human or a ghost?"

Xie Changchao was stunned.

The young man in front of him was dressed in gorgeous clothes and had an arrogant posture. Two years ago, Xie Jingxing was a treasure sword, but now that this treasure sword was finally unsheathed, it carried a restrained killing intent, making everyone unable to ignore the sharp edge.

Xie Changchao's gaze landed on the silver mask in Xie Jingxing's hand and his heart skipped a beat.

If Xie Jingxing was really a ghost, how could he appear as Prince Rui? Xie Changchao remembered very clearly that when Xie Jingxing had the mask on, he was clearly Prince Rui of the Daliang Dynasty. No wonder he and Xie Changwu always felt that Prince Rui was very similar, but they could not remember who. Now that he thought about it, it was undoubtedly Xie Jingxing. It was just that everyone knew that Xie Jingxing died on the battlefield two years ago. No one would associate Prince Rui with a person who had been dead for two years.

At the thought of this, Xie Changchao suddenly sneered and said, "I see. So you didn't die, but you went to seek refuge with the Daliang Dynasty. I wonder what method you used to become Prince Rui. You faked your death and betrayed the country. You're not worthy of being a descendant of the Xie family. When Father finds out about this, he will definitely be ashamed of you. Brother, you are really admirable."

Xie Jingxing chuckled, his eyes gradually turning cold. "We don't share the same bloodline. Xie Changchao, you're not qualified to be my brother."

Xie Changchao smiled disdainfully and said, "Do you really think you're Emperor Yong Le's brother just because you're Prince Rui? Xie Jingxing, you always thought that you were better than everyone else, but now you've learned to daydream."

Xie Jingxing did not comment.

Seeing this, Xie Changchao's expression slowly changed. He said, "You... are you really Prince Rui?"

"So?" Xie Jingxing stared at him. "Did I tell you not to touch my things?"

Xie Changchao was stunned. Ever since he and Xie Changwu were young, they had hated Xie Jingxing. One day, when the servants were talking, he overheard that Concubine Fang was the one who forced Princess Yuqing to death. He did not know who Princess Yuqing was, but he hated Xie Jingxing very much because Xie Ding doted on him for no reason.

Xie Jingxing always had the best things. No one dared to stop him from doing whatever he wanted. Even if he hit a prince or a young master of a minister, Xie Ding would only apologize on his behalf. Once, a tiger skin was sent over from the far north and was given to Xie Jingxing by Xie Ding. It was a very rare complete tiger skin. Xie Changchao and Xie Changwu were young and secretly went to Xie Jingxing's room to play with the tiger skin for the entire afternoon.

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Xie Changchao would never forget the expression on Xie Jingxing's face when he returned. Xie Jingxing glanced at the tiger skin that Xie Changchao and Xie Changwu had crawled on and casually asked the butler to burn it.

He said, "Don't touch my things. You are dirty."

Xie Ding scolded the two brothers, but he did not scold Xie Jingxing for making a mountain out of a molehill. From that moment on, Xie Changchao had an obsession with touching Xie Jingxing's things.

Therefore, when he heard Xie Jingxing's words, he immediately sneered. He glanced at Shen Miao in the corner and said maliciously, "Xie Jingxing, so what? I touched your woman, and you want to burn her like before? I just touched her. Don't you find her dirty?"

Shen Miao's eyes darkened. Xie Changchao indeed had the ability to make people want to kill him the moment he opened his mouth. Not to mention Xie Jingxing, even with her good temper, Shen Miao couldn't help but want to drag Xie Changchao out and kill him.

"She's different from a tiger skin." Xie Jingxing smiled. "Back then, the tiger skin was worthless to me, so I burned it. Now..."

"I think you are too dirty, so I'll burn you."

Xie Changchao first had a look of disdain on his face. Looking at Xie Jingxing's calm expression, he suddenly froze. Xie Changchao sat on the ground and took a step back. He suppressed the fear in his heart and said, "What do you want to do?"

"Xie Changchao, you haven't learned anything after so many years." Xie Jingxing seemed to be a little disappointed and sighed. "You've seen my face. Do you think I'll let you live?"

Shen Miao actually found it a little funny.

Xie Changchao was like a child in front of Xie Jingxing. No wonder Xie Jingxing was disappointed. When Xie Jingxing took off his mask, Shen Miao knew very well that it was impossible for Xie Changchao to get out alive today.

A deep fear appeared in Xie Changchao's eyes. He said, "This is the Marquis of Lin'an's mansion. If you kill me, you won't have an easy time either!"

"Don't worry." Xie Jingxing smiled. "The Marquis of Lin'an and Xie Changwu are attending a banquet today. They'll only be back at night." He said, "Since you've called me brother for so many years, I'll do you a favor. I won't let you go to hell alone. Xie Changwu will go down to keep you company. There's no need to thank me."

Xie Changchao finally seemed to believe that Xie Jingxing was serious. He stood up and was about to run out. Two years ago, he was not Xie Jingxing's match. How could he escape from Xie Jingxing now? He was kicked in the knee from behind and his throat was grabbed.

Just as Shen Miao was looking, her vision suddenly darkened.. She reached out and saw that her eyes were covered with Xie Jingxing's cloak.

Xie Jingxing covered her with a cloak and said, "Don't look."

Meanwhile, he slowly tightened the grip on Xie Changchao's throat, and the crisp sound of bones breaking could be heard clearly in the secret room.

After hearing a bang, Shen Miao lifted the cloak on her head. Xie Jingxing was wiping his hands with a handkerchief. On the ground, Xie Changchao lay on his back, his eyes wide open. Clearly, he was no longer breathing.

This was the first time Shen Miao had seen him kill someone. Seeing that his expression was calm, she couldn't help but shiver.

She handed the cloak to Xie Jingxing. Seeing this, Xie Jingxing glanced at her and looked away. "Keep it for yourself."

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Shen Miao followed his gaze and realized that when she was struggling with Xie Changchao, her clothes had been torn by him. Now that a good part of her body was exposed, even revealing her undergarment, she was stunned for a moment before wrapping herself in Xie Jingxing's cloak.

Xie Jingxing turned around and saw that Shen Miao was still buttoning the cloak, so he walked over and squatted down in front of her. He took out a ribbon from his pocket and helped Shen Miao tie it.

His hands were very good-looking, and his joints were well-defined and slender. The way he tied the cloak was deft and gentle. Shen Miao looked up at him. Xie Jingxing's eyelashes were extremely long. When they were lowered, his sharp gaze became gentle.

He was focused on tying the cloak, but his face was cold from the beginning to the end, as if he was in a bad mood, but Shen Miao did not know who angered him.

Shen Miao said, "Actually, you don't have to kill him."

She was talking about Xie Changchao. There was actually no need for Xie Jingxing to kill Xie Changchao. Xie Changchao was right. Although he was the son of a concubine, he was still Xie Ding's son. Although she did not know why Xie Jingxing stayed in Ming Qi, this would definitely cause him some unnecessary trouble.

"He saw my face. I can't let him live," Xie Jingxing said.

Shen Miao rolled her eyes in her heart. No one wanted to see Xie Jingxing's face at all. From the beginning until now, it was Xie Jingxing who took the initiative to take off his mask. Xie Jingxing simply wanted to kill Xie Changchao. Why did he have to find such a far-fetched reason?

"Don't go out so much in the future." Xie Jingxing said, "If I came any later, something would have happened to you today." When he said this, he frowned slightly, looking like he was giving a lecture.

Shen Miao was speechless for a moment. She thought for a moment and said, "How are my parents and brother now?"

"The Shen army has all been mobilized. They searched every house in the capital a few times, but to no avail." Xie Jingxing said, "No one guessed that you were kidnapped to the Marquis of Lin'an's mansion." After a pause, he continued, "Luo Tan is seriously injured and has been unconscious. Gao Yang has already gone to the Shen family to save her. I heard that she is getting better."

"Luo Tan is injured?" Shen Miao was stunned. "Why is she seriously injured?"

"She was stabbed." Xie Jingxing turned to look at Shen Miao. "Don't you know?"

Shen Miao shook her head. "At that time, I was knocked unconscious. I don't even know what happened after that." After a moment of silence, Shen Miao suddenly thought of something and looked at Xie Jingxing. "Luo Tan was injured and unconscious. Then how did you find me here?"

Xie Jingxing was a little puzzled. "What do you mean?"

Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat. Luo Tan was seriously injured, so it was naturally impossible for her to see Xie Jingxing, nor was it possible for her to deliver a message to Xie Jingxing. Then, did Xie Jingxing come to her rescue on his own accord?

Shen Miao felt a little complicated.

On the other hand, Xie Jingxing's eyes narrowed. He suddenly approached Shen Miao and placed his hands beside her, almost hugging her. He smiled and said, "From what you say, you asked Luo Tan to look for me? To ask me for help?"

Shen Miao pushed him away. She knew that Xie Jingxing was smart and couldn't hide it from him, so she said, "I just think that you have the ability to save me. Besides, with your status, no one can stop from doing anything." She emphasized, "I asked Luo Tan to look for you and tell you that if you save me, I'll pay you accordingly."

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"Pay me?" Xie Jingxing said indifferently, "The Shen family offered ten thousand taels of gold for your whereabouts, but I didn't care. There's a lot of money in the treasury of the Daliang Dynasty. What can you pay me with?"

Shen Miao gritted her teeth. "As long as you don't ask me to marry you, everything is fine."

Xie Jingxing raised his eyebrows at her and sighed. "So that's what's on your mind? Are you reminding me of the fact that you want to marry me? Women have to be reserved. It's not good for you to be like this."

Shen Miao looked away.

"Forget it." Xie Jingxing said, "Saving someone is just a small matter to me. I won't make things difficult for you. What I want is simple." He stared at Shen Miao and said with a faint smile, "Writing poetry, playing the Guqin, making pastries and clothes for me. That's all for now."

Shen Miao was speechless.

She said, "Change to something else."

"I only want these." Xie Jingxing rejected Shen Miao. As if feeling that the ground was a little cold, he pulled Shen Miao up.

"I can't send you back to the Shen mansion now. You've been missing for a total of three days. Rumors are spreading outside. If you go back now, people will inevitably suspect you." Xie Jingxing said, "I'll get someone to send you to the princess's mansion. Auntie Rong will help you."

Shen Miao was stunned. She looked at Xie Jingxing and asked, "Princess Rong Xin also knows your identity?"

Xie Jingxing shook his head. "In Ming Qi, you're the only one who knows."

Shen Miao fell silent. Xie Jingxing looked at Xie Changchao's corpse on the ground, and a trace of disgust flashed across his eyes. He suddenly said, "However, in order to save you today, I killed someone and inevitably caused trouble. This all started because of you. From now on, we're on the same boat. You're my ally, understand?"

"I don't think I've agreed." Shen Miao was angry.

"As long as I agree, it's enough." Xie Jingxing snapped his fingers and two men in black walked in.

"Move it back." Xie Jingxing kicked Xie Changchao's corpse with his foot.

Shen Miao was surprised. "Why do you want his corpse?"

Xie Jingxing raised an eyebrow. "It's still useful."

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It had been a long time since a guest came to the princess's mansion.

Ever since the news of Xie Jingxing dying on the battlefield two years ago, Princess Rong Xin had been seriously ill. Later, after she recovered from her illness, she seemed to have her spirits and rarely attended even the royal family's banquets. She left the princess's mansion less and less often and even refused to see anyone who came to visit. Everyone knew that this was because of Xie Jingxing's death. Princess Rong Xin had no children and treated her nephew as her son. When Xie Jingxing was alive, he would go to the princess's mansion every few days. Later, when Xie Jingxing died in battle, Princess Rong Xin hadn't had any guests.

Today, a guest dropped in on Princess Rong Xin.

The maid who was sweeping the floor outside was an old servant of the princess's mansion. She could tell at a glance that the girl sitting in the carriage had come to the princess's mansion two years ago. At that time, Princess Rong Xin even treated her very warmly. Shen, Shen, what was her name again? The maid couldn't remember. However, not long after, Princess Rong Xin's personal maid rushed out and welcomed the female guest and the guard in.

Seeing this, the remaining maids gathered together and whispered, "Which family is that girl from? Princess hasn't seen any guests in the past two years. It's weird that someone suddenly came."

"From the looks of it, Princess seems to be very eager to see this guest. This female guest probably has some friendship with the princess in the past."

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"She came here two years ago. At that time, Princess's personal maid, Lu Xi, sent her back home. Her surname is Shen."

One of the maids suddenly patted her head and said, "I remember that girl's name. Isn't that Shen Miao, the daughter of the mighty general?"

Everyone widened their eyes, then they became puzzled.

They naturally knew Shen Miao. Recently, there had been a lot of commotion in the capital. Shen Miao had been missing for three days and Shen Xin was even willing to offer ten thousand taels of gold for anyone who could provide useful clues. Everyone guessed that Shen Miao must have met with misfortune, but they did not expect Shen Miao to actually appear in the princess's mansion.

What was Shen Miao doing here?

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Shen Miao sat in the main hall. The maids came over to serve her tea and snacks. She could feel some gazes lingering on her and sizing her up. Shen Miao accepted it calmly. It was normal for them to be surprised to see her in the princess's mansion.

However, she had no choice. Just as Xie Jingxing had said, if she returned to the mansion alone now, she would arouse suspicion. She had to find a person with a high status and a convincing voice to vouch for her. Previously, at the Lantern Festival, Princess Rong Xin helped her once. This time, she still needed Princess Rong Xin's help.

Everyone knew that Princess Rong Xin was an upright person and was fair. With Princess Rong Xin vouching for her, no one would suspect anything.

A moment later, footsteps came from behind. Shen Miao turned around and saw Princess Rong Xin walking over slowly.

Shen Miao was shocked.

The person who came was wearing a thin robe and a cloak. She probably had makeup on her face, but it could not hide her age and haggardness. The last time Shen Miao saw Princess Rong Xin two years ago, she was still a lively woman. Now, she looked as if her soul had been taken away.

Shen Miao stood up and bowed to Princess Rong Xin.

When Princess Rong Xin saw her, she looked nostalgic. She smiled and said, "I haven't seen you for two years. Back then, General Shen left in a hurry, so I didn't have time to get someone to send you some farewell gifts. When you returned to the capital, I caught a cold and didn't go to the tribute banquet. I didn't have the chance to see you." She sat down at the table and gestured for Shen Miao to sit down too.

Shen Miao nodded slightly. "I'm the one who should come and visit you."

Princess Rong Xin smiled at her. "You've been a beauty since you were young, and now you're even more outstanding. If my nephew is still alive..." Her voice slowly lowered, and a trace of pain flashed across her eyes.

Shen Miao did not know what to say.

Princess Rong Xin chuckled again and continued, "I always bring up these sad memories that make people unhappy. I try to not think about it, but in the end, it always comes back to my mind. I'm really sorry if I put you in a bad mood."

Shen Miao was a little surprised that someone as stubborn as Princess Rong Xin would apologize to someone. However, Shen Miao was mostly sympathetic. In Princess Rong Xin's eyes, her nephew, who had accompanied her for many years, died miserably on the battlefield. It wasn't hard to imagine how heart-broken she was.

Princess Rong Xin smiled and said, "I've heard about what happened to you. Don't worry, I helped you two years ago, and I'll help you this time."

Shen Miao only said that she was kidnapped by someone near the Marquis of Lin'an's mansion and was saved by Xie Jingxing's former guard. Because Xie Jingxing's guard had seen Shen Miao before, he helped her. However, if she returned to the Shen mansion so rashly, it would probably cause rumors and she wanted to ask Princess Rong Xin for help.

As long as Shen Miao mentioned Xie Jingxing, Princess Rong Xin would always become especially tolerant. In addition, that so-called guard of Xie Jingxing really had a token given to him by Xie Jingxing. After Princess Rong Xin saw it with her own eyes, she no longer doubted Shen Miao's story. In addition, she had a good impression of Shen Miao to begin with, so she naturally agreed.

"Thank you, Your Highness." Shen Miao said, "I'm really sorry for troubling you again and again."

"No trouble, no trouble." Princess Rong Xin smiled and said, "When Jingxing was around, he always liked to look for me whenever he caused trouble. Every trouble he caused was horrendous. I didn't see him feel guilty at all. I originally thought when I turned old, it would be my turn to cause trouble for him. Unexpectedly..." Princess Rong Xin's smile became sad. "Now, I want him to cause trouble for me, but it's no longer possible..."

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Luo Tan woke up once at night.

Shen Xin and the others were searching for Shen Miao in the capital. Luo Ling was taking care of Luo Tan with Gao Yang in the mansion when he suddenly received a report from his subordinates that they seemed to have seen a suspicious person sneaking around in the west of the city. Thinking that it might be related to Shen Miao, Luo Ling entrusted Luo Tan to Gao Yang and rushed to the west of the city with his subordinates.

Only Luo Tan and Gao Yang were left in the room.

When Luo Tan woke up, there were only two maids taking care of her in the room. It was Shen Miao's Bai Lu and Shuang Jiang. Seeing that she was awake, they were pleasantly surprised and said, "Miss Luo, you're finally awake."

Luo Tan felt that her body was a little heavy. She lifted the blanket and saw that there was a white cloth wrapped under her inner shirt. Seeing this, Bai Lu thought that Luo Tan was worried that the wound would leave a scar in the future, so she comforted her, "Miss Luo, you were lucky to have survived a calamity. That day, the wound was very deep, but it frightened Master and Madam. They called many doctors in a row but to no avail. Fortunately, Imperial Physician Gao from the palace is very skilled. He left a prescription. As long as you do as the prescription says, the scar will go away very quickly."

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Luo Tan rubbed her forehead and asked, "How many days have I been unconscious?"

"Miss, you've been unconscious for almost three days," Shuang Jiang said.

"Three days?" Luo Tan was shocked. She suddenly thought of something and asked anxiously, "Where's my little cousin? Have you found her?"

Bai Lu and Shuang Jiang shook their heads with sad expressions.

Luo Tan's heart sank. She said, "How are Aunt and Uncle now?"

"The city has been sealed off. Master and Madam are out all day searching for Miss, but there's no news." Shuang Jiang said, "I wonder how Miss is doing now."

"It's been three days. Why isn't there any news after three days? It's not like those kidnappers know witchcraft. How can they make people disappear?" Luo Tan said excitedly.

Luo Tan clenched her fists, feeling extremely anxious. At that time, she remembered watching the two kidnappers knock Shen Miao unconscious and bring her into the carriage. Then... Luo Tan's heart skipped a beat as she suddenly remembered what Shen Miao told her in the carriage.

"Remember, if you successfully escape, think of a way to send a message to Prince Rui. Tell him that you have a deal to make, and that you'll talk about the price later."

In the carriage, Shen Miao told Luo Tan that if anything happened, she must look for Prince Rui. Although Luo Tan did not understand why Shen Miao and Prince Rui were friends in private, during the two years in Spring City, Luo Tan knew Shen Miao very well. She would not do anything unnecessary. Luo Tan stood up and wanted to walk out. Seeing this, Bai Lu and Shuang Jiang were shocked and quickly came over to support her. "Miss Luo, what are you trying to do? We'll do it. Miss Luo, you're not fully recovered yet. Don't let your wound reopen."

When Luo Tan stood up, she felt weak. Perhaps because she had been lying on the bed for too long, her legs were weak, which made her, who had always felt that she was strong, a little angry. She said, "I have something to do. Don't worry about me."

Before she could finish her sentence, she heard an unfamiliar male voice coming from outside. "Where are you going?"

Luo Tan looked up and saw a young man walking in from outside the house. This man was dressed in white and looked like a gentleman. He took out a fan from his waist and asked again, "Where are you going?"

Luo Tan frowned. "Who is he?"

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Shuang Jiang quickly said, "This is Imperial Physician Gao from the palace. He's the one who cured you. He's living in the mansion now just so that he can give you acupuncture and change the dressing."

Luo Tan frowned. Although Luo Tan was a little manly and lacked the delicateness of a woman, she liked beautiful things just like all the other women. Normally, Luo Tan would stop to appreciate this handsome young man in front of her. However, now that Shen Miao was in danger, she was not in the mood to do anything else. She said, "Doctor Gao, I have something to do."

Gao Yang glanced at Luo Tan again. The girl's skin was not as fair and delicate as the women in the capital. It was a healthy wheat color. Even though she was weak, she was like a vibrant plant standing there. This was the first time Gao Yang had seen someone so energetic after being stabbed three days ago. Thinking of the bloody wound on Luo Tan's body on the first day, Gao Yang couldn't help but feel awed. It was rare for an ordinary man to withstand such an injury, but Luo Tan, a girl, lasted until she was found. Her desire to live was very strong.

Gao Yang considered himself to have an eye for beauty, but he did not like a scheming and ruthless tigress like Shen Miao. He also did not like Luo Tan, who was rough, strong, and unyielding. He immediately said, "General Shen and Mrs. Shen invited me to treat you. I treated you, but if you run around and cause your wound to worsen, I can't bear the consequence, so please don't move around."

Luo Tan was anxious, but she could only answer him with patience, "I have something to do. I'll definitely explain it to Aunt and Uncle later. This has nothing to do with you, okay?"

"No." Gao Yang said, "As an imperial physician, I have to be responsible for my patient." He emphasized the word "imperial physician", hoping that Luo Tan would understand that he was different from those doctors in the city.

Luo Tan did not notice his emphasis, so she said angrily, "You're just a doctor. What right do you have to ground me?"

"Firstly, I'm an imperial physician. Secondly, before Luo Ling left, he entrusted you to me. If you really have something to do, I can run an errand for you."

Luo Tan bit her lips. At that time, Shen Miao told her not to tell anyone about Prince Rui. Luo Tan had always been stubborn. In addition, Prince Rui's identity was sensitive. She knew that no matter what, she could not let anyone else know, not even Shen Miao's maids. She glared at Gao Yang.

"Miss, it's better for you to drink the medicine first. After drinking the medicine, you'll naturally get better soon and be able to do important things," Gao Yang said with a smile.

Luo Tan asked Bai Lu to bring her the medicine bowl and drank it all in one go, looking quite manly. She put down the bowl and said to Gao Yang, "Are you satisfied?"

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"I'm impressed." Gao Yang cupped his hands at Luo Tan. The medicine was bitter. Since Luo Tan was seriously injured, the medicine was even more bitter. Even the smell made one feel uncomfortable, but Luo Tan drank it without batting an eyelid.

Luo Tan said, "I'm going to rest. Doctor Gao, please leave. Bai Lu, Shuang Jiang, you girls can leave too. I can't sleep with someone in the room. It's noisy."

Gao Yang left with the two maids with a smile.

After everyone left, Luo Tan stood up and ran to the window to look out. Bai Lu and Shuang Jiang were sweeping the courtyard on the other side. She quickly took out her outer clothes and cloak from the closet and put them on. After thinking for a moment, she grabbed the few bottles of medicine on the table and moved the stool to the window, ready to jump out.

In the past, when she was in Spring City, Luo Tan and Luo Qian had practiced sneaking out of the mansion to have fun to the point of perfection. In the end, even if Luo Liantai locked the two of them in the room, Luo Tan and Luo Qian would still be able to find a way to sneak out and do whatever they wanted.

Therefore, Luo Tan really wasn't worried about being grounded in the Shen mansion. The most important thing now was to quickly go to see Prince Rui. Luo Tan believed Shen Miao's words without a doubt. She felt that as long as she found Prince Rui, she would definitely be able to save Shen Miao.

However, the wound on her waist had indeed not healed yet. It hurt whenever Luo Tan moved. However, Luo Tan couldn't care less at this moment. She pressed one hand on the wound and successfully jumped out of the window. She tiptoed to a corner of the courtyard and pushed away the weeds by the wall, revealing a dog hole. She crawled through it without hesitation.

Luo Tan did all of this extremely skilfully, but she did not see the white figure standing far away, looking at her with a dumbfounded expression.

Gao Yang could not believe his eyes.

Even if the Luo family was a family of generals, even if the people of Spring City were valiant, even if... Luo Tan was still an official's daughter. Gao Yang thought that Shen Miao was already a weirdo in Ming Qi, but he did not expect Shen Miao's cousin to be no different.

Luo Tan was about to go crazy.

When she went out, she was afraid of alerting others, so she didn't use the Shen family's carriage. This way, she could only walk over herself. Although Prince Rui's mansion was not far from the Shen mansion, it was still too long for someone like her who was just saved from the brink of death.

However, Luo Tan did not give up.

The perseverance of the descendants of the Luo family was never to be underestimated. Luo Sui had taught them since they were young that they should never give up. Therefore, although Luo Tan felt dizzy and had a difficult time walking, she never thought of giving up halfway.

Gao Yang watched from afar. At first, he was fanning himself as if he was watching a show, but gradually, his hand paused in midair.

The girl's entire body was wrapped in a cloak. She was trembling uncontrollably. Every two steps, she had to stop and rest against the wall. No one knew better than Gao Yang how serious Luo Tan's injuries were. Just now in the Shen mansion, although Gao Yang had the intention of teasing Luo Tan, he meant it when he said if Luo Tan moved around, her wound would reopen. He could almost imagine the dripping sweat on Luo Tan's forehead.

However, what was surprising was that Luo Tan did not stop. Every time Luo Tan stopped in her tracks, Gao Yang thought she was going to give up, but she would always pull herself together and continue. This made Gao Yang very curious. He wanted to see what Luo Tan was up to.

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This short journey seemed to be especially long. Luo Tan missed the time when she could jump around. When she saw the words "Prince Rui's Mansion", her legs went weak and she almost knelt down.

In the end, she did not kneel down because a pair of hands helped her up from behind.

Luo Tan turned around and saw Gao Yang.

"Are you following me?" Luo Tan shook off his hand and said angrily.

"Yes." Gao Yang admitted readily and asked, "You went through so much trouble just to come to Prince Rui's mansion? Why are you looking for Prince Rui?" Gao Yang had probably guessed the purpose of Luo Tan's visit. He had never heard Xie Jingxing mention Luo Tan, so the only connection between Luo Tan and Xie Jingxing was Shen Miao. Luo Tan probably came to look for Xie Jingxing because of Shen Miao.

Luo Tan looked at Gao Yang warily, feeling very anxious. She did not expect to meet Gao Yang at this time. She was half frustrated and half angry. This person looked like a decent person, but he actually did such a despicable thing. She was angry with herself being weak at this moment. Otherwise, she would've noticed Gao Yang following her.

Luo Tan thought to herself that the relationship between Shen Miao and Prince Rui must not be known to a third person. Moreover, Gao Yang came from the palace. What if he went back and reported it to Emperor Wen Hui?

"Do you know Prince Rui?" Gao Yang asked her.

"How can I know Prince Rui?!" Luo Tan retorted firmly. "Prince Rui is noble. I'm just the daughter of an ordinary official. How can I know him?"

"Then why are you looking for him?" Gao Yang continued to ask.

Luo Tan stammered, "Because, because..." She glanced at Gao Yang's face and suddenly had an idea. She shouted, "I heard from people that Prince Rui is a peerless and beautiful man, so I wanted to see him!"

When Gao Yang heard this, he burst out laughing.

"What are you laughing at?"

"You came all the way here just to see his face?" Gao Yang asked.

Luo Tan said righteously, "What do you know? It's rare to find a good-looking person in the world. If there is, of course I have to catch a glimpse of him."

Gao Yang shook his head. "Well, I'm also very good-looking. Miss, why don't you want to take a glimpse of me? Why did you have to come here?"

Luo Tan said, "Doctor Gao, you should take a closer look at yourself in the mirror." She said, "I'm not gonna waste time with you anymore. I want to see Prince Rui." As she spoke, she went up the stairs and arrived at the door of Prince Rui's mansion. She said innocently, "Please inform Prince Rui that I have something important to tell him."

Gao Yang followed closely behind and gave the two guards a look. The guards naturally knew Gao Yang, so they immediately opened the door and said, "I'll bring the two of you in to wait."

Luo Tan looked at Gao Yang. "What are you doing here?"

Gao Yang said, "I also want to see his face. If you don't let me come along, I can only return to the Shen mansion. When Mrs. Shen and General Shen ask me later..."

"Wait!" Luo Tan glared at him and said, "Come in with me."

The two guards looked at each other, confused by the scene in front of them. They originally thought that Young Master Gao had brought a girl to Prince Rui's mansion. Now, why did it look like... that girl had brought Young Master Gao to Prince Rui's mansion?

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Gao Yang and Luo Tan waited in the main hall for a moment. Half an hour later, Prince Rui, who was wearing a mask, appeared.

Luo Tan was anxious. If it were in the past, when she was in such close contact with Prince Rui for the first time, she would definitely open her eyes and see what kind of person Prince Rui was. However, the current situation was urgent. Every moment she waited, Shen Miao might be in more danger. She glanced at Gao Yang, who was still drinking tea, and said to Prince Rui, "Prince Rui, can we talk in private?"

Prince Rui nodded slightly. Luo Tan was secretly delighted, thinking that Prince Rui was not as unapproachable as the rumors said.

After entering the adjacent room, Luo Tan knelt down without a word and said, "Prince Rui, please save my cousin!" She told him what Shen Miao had taught her to say and added in the end, "Since my cousin trusts you so much, I also believe that you will be able to save her. Although I can't take anything out to pay you now, if you find my cousin, the Shen family will definitely reward you handsomely. Please save her!"

She kowtowed on the ground.

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"I hear you," Prince Rui said.

Luo Tan felt that something was amiss, but she could not tell what it was. She subconsciously said, "Prince Rui, does it mean you agreed to save my cousin?"

Prince Rui nodded slightly.

"Thank you, Prince Rui!" Luo Tan kowtowed to him again in joy and was about to stand up. Unexpectedly, as soon as she stood up, she felt her vision go dark and she suddenly fell to the ground and fainted.

Prince Rui was shocked and subconsciously reached out to grab her, shouting, "Guards! Gao Yang!"

Gao Yang came in from outside and was shocked at first. He quickly walked forward and grabbed Luo Tan's arm to take her pulse. A moment later, he put down his hand and sighed. "She's too weak. Make her a bowl of ginseng soup and pour it down her throat. When she wakes up, I'll send her back."

Two maids came in from outside and helped the unconscious Luo Tan to the bed. Gao Yang and Prince Rui walked out of the room. Prince Rui suddenly took the silver mask off his face. "I'm suffocating. Why did you ask me to pretend to be Third Brother?"

This person was not Xie Jingxing, but Ji Yushu.

"I don't know when he'll be back. We can't let Luo Tan stay here until it's dark. When the Shen family comes looking for her, it'll be hard to explain. Anyway, Xie Jingxing has already gone to find out where Shen Miao is. Just pretend to be him and let her leave early," Gao Yang said.

Ji Yushu took a deep breath. "I can't do this anymore. This is the first time someone has knelt down and kowtowed to me in my life. I can't take this. When she got down on her knees just now, my heart was about to jump out. Fortunately, I didn't make a mistake. Otherwise, if Third Brother finds out that I pretended to be him, he will definitely beat me up."

Gao Yang said, "Fortunately, she's stupid."

"Are you saying that my acting was bad?" Ji Yushu said angrily, "She even knelt down and kowtowed. It's enough to show how excellent my acting was."

Gao Yang waved his hand. "I can't be bothered to talk to you."

“But why did she call you Doctor Gao?” Ji Yushu said suspiciously, “Are you no longer in the palace and have opened a clinic to be a doctor?”

Gao Yang was speechless.