

Venomous 871

Chapter 871 Farewell (6)

Luo Xueyan wiped her tears and said, "Jiaojiao, you have to write letters back!"

The curtain of the carriage was lowered, and the guards of the long procession walked forward one after another, carrying the heavy dowry.

At the front, Xie Jingxing sat upright on his horse. From time to time, he would talk to Shen Miao through the curtain of the carriage.

It was a few months' journey from Ming Qi to the Daliang Dynasty. In her previous life, she had also gone out of the city gate of the capital and traveled to the State of Qin. However, the carriage she was in was not as comfortable as the one she was in now. At that time, she brought very few servants and palace maids.

For some reason, Shen Miao felt happy.

In the evening, it was time to find a place to rest outside. Just as she was thinking, the procession suddenly stopped.

Shen Miao's heart tightened. There were often bandits on the road outside the city. Could it be that they had encountered bandits? However, on second thought, she didn't think so. Xie Jingxing's subordinates were skilled in martial arts and there were a lot of them. They would probably be able to beat the bandits.

Curious, she put down the veil and lifted the curtain of the carriage. Before Jingzhe and Gu Yu could react, Shen Miao had already jumped out of the carriage.

Xie Jingxing stopped his horse in front. In the middle of the road, a person wearing a black bamboo hat was holding the reins and blocking the way.

He said, "Hey, are you going to leave without giving me a red packet of wedding money?"

It was Su Mingfeng's voice. He was probably wearing a cloak to hide his face.

Shen Miao was slightly stunned, but Xie Jingxing had already gotten off the horse and walked up to Su Mingfeng. Su Mingfeng took out a letter and suddenly slapped it on Xie Jingxing's chest. He said in a low voice, "My congratulatory gift. This letter came out of the Princess' mansion, but I intercepted it."

"I know it already." Xie Jingxing smiled. "But thank you anyway."

Su Mingfeng was stunned for a moment before his voice became angry. "You knew it already? Oh right, you are Prince Rui and you have eyes everywhere. I'm afraid you probably know everything that happens in the princess' mansion. Even if I didn't intercept this letter yesterday, you still have a way to get it."

Xie Jingxing did not comment.

"You!" Su Mingfeng grabbed Xie Jingxing's collar and was about to hit him. Jingzhe and Gu Yu were shocked, but Tie Yi and the others did not rush up to stop him.

Su Mingfeng suddenly let go and said angrily, "You bastard!"

Xie Jingxing raised his eyebrows. "I'm very happy that you're willing to send me off."

Su Mingfeng was silent. A moment later, he said, "This is the last time."

"This is the last time I'm here to send you off." He looked up. "I can't be loyal to both of you and my country, but this time, I still choose to be loyal to you. After this, we won't be brothers anymore."

He continued, "The two of us will eventually reach the point of crossing swords with each other. When we meet again, we'll be enemies and will no longer be friends." He said seriously, "However, for now, you're still my brother."

There were some things in the world that made people feel helpless. Fate, by a freak combination of factors, would always turn the person closest to you into a stranger. If people wanted something, they had to give up other things.

Looking at the two of them, Shen Miao seemed to have seen two young men running through the streets and alleys of the capital and sparring with each other on the training ground.

Su Mingfeng slowly clenched his fists and placed them in front of Xie Jingxing.

This was something the two of them often did when they were young. The boys in the capital often used this gesture as a testament to their brotherhood. When Su Mingfeng was young, he felt that this gesture was very cool, so he asked Xie Jingxing to do it too. Later, when he grew up, he felt that this gesture was stupid and cheesy, so he didn't do it often.

Xie Jingxing looked at him and suddenly smiled. He reached out to fist bump him.

Su Mingfeng looked up and laughed. "How satisfying!"

He suddenly got on the horse and said to Xie Jingxing, "After today, the two of us are no longer brothers. However, now that the sun has yet to set and the moon has yet to rise, you and I are still good brothers." He pulled the rein, and the horse neighed. Su Mingfeng turned around and left.

"I hope that from now on, you won't have to worry about food and clothing, and you'll have many children and grandchildren. You'll have a long life!"

The voice of the young man trailed off as he galloped into the afterglow of the setting sun, leaving only a blurry figure in the distance.

Xie Jingxing smiled, but his eyes gradually turned cold. He got on the horse again.

He shouted, "Let's go!"

Chapter 872 Concealment (1)

It had been more than a month since Shen Miao left the capital.

In the past month or so, there had been a lot of discussions about this marriage in the capital. When the storyteller in the inn talked about the grand occasion of Prince Rui marrying a consort that day, the inn was always crowded with customers.

After all, such a grand marriage was unheard of in the history of Ming Qi.

After Shen Miao and Prince Rui left, two things happened in the capital.

One thing was that the Exiled Immortal Pawnshop, which had been open in the capital for many years, suddenly closed. All the shops and buildings under the Exiled Immortal Pawnshop were sold off at a low price overnight. It was said that the shopkeeper of the Exiled Immortal Pawnshop had an emergency and needed money, so he suddenly left.

It was only after the new owner appeared that the commoners realized that no one had seen what the shopkeeper of the Exiled Immortal Pawnshop looked like.

The second thing was that after his daughter got married, the mighty general, Shen Xin, was promoted to be in charge of the entire imperial army.

On the surface, it looked like he was promoted, but in fact, that was not the case. It was just an empty post. Moreover, Shen Xin had always been training the Shen army, and the Shen army listened to his command. On the other hand, the imperial army served the royal family. Could Shen Xin really be able to discipline them?

Therefore, everyone with eyes and brains knew that Emperor Wen Hui was wary of Shen Xin. Shen Miao had married into the Daliang Dynasty, and Shen Xin doted on his daughter. The relationship between the Daliang Dynasty and Ming Qi was unstable now. If Shen Xin secretly sided with the Daliang Dynasty, he would do something bad to Ming Qi.

Although Shen Xin had been a general in Ming Qi for so many years and was loyal, it couldn't stop the emperor from being paranoid.

The people felt bad for Shen Xin. The royal family was really too heartless. It was clearly a marriage granted by Emperor Wen Hui, but now, because of this marriage, Shen Xin had to bear unreasonable punishment. It was really infuriating.

Emperor Wen Hui did not care about the opinion of the people. He was trying his best to please the emperor of the State of Qin. For some reason, the Daliang Dynasty always made him feel uneasy. At least if he joined forces with the State of Qin, he would be able to enjoy peace during the time he was alive.

Prince Ding also had not been very happy recently.

Fu Xiuyi said with a dark expression, "It's been a month, but you still haven't found Pei Lang. Does he know how to fly? Whether he's alive or dead, I want to see his corpse. If you can't find him, don't come back."

The subordinates below nodded. Fu Xiuyi waved his hand in frustration. "Get lost!"

The few of them retreated in fear.

He sat down on the chair and pressed his forehead, looking a little tired.

The person who saved Pei Lang set fire to his dungeon. Many people in the dungeon were useful to him, but they were all burned to ashes. One could imagine how angry Fu Xiuyi was.

What made him the most angry was that there was no trace of Pei Lang at all. Fu Xiuyi thought that he had eyes and ears all over the capital, but he could not even find a person. This could only mean that Pei Lang was more capable than him. Having such an opponent couldn't make him happy.

Chapter 873 Concealment (2)

Fu Xiuyi had always suspected that the person behind Pei Lang was from the Shen family, but after investigating, he found that it wasn't the case. If not the Shen family, who could it be?

"Your Highness, there's no news of Pei Lang in the capital. Could it be because Pei Lang has already left the city?" The aide asked.

"That's impossible." Fu Xiuyi said, "I have people guarding the city gate. Everyone who left the city these days has to be investigated. It's impossible for Pei Lang to leave unnoticed."

The aide frowned when he heard that, not knowing what to say.

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"However, there are people who didn't have to be investigated." Fu Xiuyi suddenly said, "That day, when Prince Rui's wedding procession left the city, no one stopped them."

The aide's eyes lit up. "Could Pei Lang have mixed in with Prince Rui's people and walked out?"

Fu Xiuyi sneered. "Everyone under Prince Rui is strictly selected. How can he sneak in? Moreover, Pei Lang and Prince Rui are not friends. How can he..." He suddenly stopped.

At this moment, Fu Xiuyi suddenly thought of something. All along, he had treated Pei Lang as a member of the Shen family, and the person in charge of the Shen family was Shen Xin. However, he had neglected one thing. In fact, from the looks of it, the one who was in the way of his great cause had always been Shen Miao.

If Pei Lang was not loyal to the Shen family but Shen Miao alone, everything would make sense.

Pei Lang was Shen Miao's man and Shen Miao was now Princess Consort Rui. For the sake of Shen Miao, Prince Rui might help Pei Lang this time.

In that case, Pei Lang and Prince Rui were related.

Fu Xiuyi suddenly stood up. The more he thought about it, the more he felt that this was the case. In the entire capital, the only person who had the ability to burn down his dungeon without anyone knowing and escape unscathed was Prince Rui.

"Damn it!" Fu Xiuyi slammed the table. He had always wanted to know what secrets Prince Rui was hiding. However, the night before Shen Miao got married, the spies he sent never returned. They must have been discovered and killed. Otherwise, he would know what the secret Prince Rui was hiding was.

Just as he was feeling vexed, he saw a guard rush in from outside. This guard was trusted by Fu Xiuyi. He quickly walked forward and took out a letter from his pocket. "A letter came out of the princess's mansion. It was sent to the palace. I intercepted this letter and made a copy. Your Highness, please take a look."

Fu Xiuyi's heart skipped a beat and he quickly took the letter. Princess Rong Xin was also acting very abnormally whenever Prince Rui was concerned. Fu Xiuyi wanted to investigate, but ever since Prince Rui and Shen Miao left the capital, neither Princess Rong Xin nor the Earl of Pingnan had done anything special, making him unable to find anything.

Princess Rong Xin had been alone for many years and was not very close to the Emperor Wen Hui. It was rare for her to enter the palace, let alone take the initiative to write a letter.

Fu Xiuyi took out the letter from the envelope and couldn't wait to read it. At first, he only looked a little anxious, but as time passed, his expression changed.

He seemed to be extremely shocked and angry, and even his facial features were a little distorted. Seeing him like this, the guard did not even dare to breathe loudly. A moment later, Fu Xiuyi suddenly placed one hand on the table and flipped it over.

Chapter 874 Concealment (3)

The tea spilled on the ground, and the guard and trusted aides were all shocked. Fu Xiuyi was a person who did not show his emotions. Although he would occasionally be angry, it was never to such an extent. It seemed to be the first time they had seen him lose his composure like this.

Fu Xiuyi slapped the letter hard on the guard's face. The guard hurriedly took it and was stunned after reading.

In the letter, Princess Rong Xin mentioned something about Prince Rui. Everyone knew that back then, because Princess Rong Xin and Princess Yuqing were very close, she even took good care of Xie Jingxing, who was born to Princess Yuqing. She even fell out with the Marquis of Lin'an for Xie Jingxing. Two years ago, Xie Jingxing died on the battlefield, causing Princess Rong Xin to be in great grief.

Princess Rong Xin naturally knew Xie Jingxing well. In this letter, Princess Rong Xin suggested something sensational. She felt that Prince Rui and Xie Jingxing were very similar.

When people heard that Prince Rui looked similar to a person who had been dead for more than two years, they would most likely find it ridiculous. However, Fu Xiuyi had been paying attention to Princess Rong Xin for so long and had long discovered that Princess Rong Xin was unusual. Needless to say, Fu Xiuyi was almost certain that what Princess Rong Xin said was the truth.

There was no doubt that Prince Rui, who came from the Daliang Dynasty, was Xie Jingxing.

The guard almost lost his grip on the letter. Xie Jingxing was Prince Rui? What did that mean? It meant that Xie Jingxing had the entire Ming Qi wrapped around his finger and fooled everyone. If Xie Jingxing had already been in contact with the Daliang Dynasty when he was still the heir of the Marquis of Lin'an, then the Daliang Dynasty probably knew everything that happened in Ming Qi.

"Your, Your Highness..." The guard looked at Fu Xiuyi, a trace of fear flashing across his eyes.

Fu Xiuyi slowly calmed down, but on closer look, his hands seemed to be trembling.

"Since Xie Jingxing is not dead, what happened to the Xie army on the northern border must have been exposed..." he said slowly.

There were people from the royal family in the Xie army, and Xie Ding's trusted aide had stabbed Xie Jingxing in the back. Since Xie Jingxing was not dead, he must have found out the scheme in advance. Then why was Xie Jingxing here to pay tribute to Ming Qi this time? Was he here to take revenge?

Fu Xiuyi held the table to stabilize his wobbling body.

The trusted aide was also extremely at a loss. He paused for a moment before saying, "Since the Princess has already sent this letter to the palace, His Majesty will take action after reading it."

"It's useless." Fu Xiuyi interrupted him. "Xie Jingxing has already left the capital for more than a month. My father is afraid of the Daliang Dynasty and won't go against them openly. If Xie Jingxing hasn't left yet, we can expose him to cause an uproar among the people. Unfortunately, it's too late now."

The aide also sighed. "Why didn't the Princess send this letter earlier? If we were informed earlier, we wouldn't be so helpless."

Fu Xiuyi glanced at him, as if he was unhappy with his aide's stupidity. The aide panicked under his gaze and heard Fu Xiuyi say, "Idiot. Princess must have thought of a way to inform my father before. Perhaps she already did it the night before the wedding. However, in the end, the letter was intercepted by Xie Jingxing."

Although he tried his best to hold back his anger, he could not hide the anger in his eyes. "Xie Jingxing... is hiding it too well!"

"Then the Shen family..." The aide asked.

"Continue to keep an eye on them." Fu Xiuyi sneered. "I want to see if the Shen family knows anything about Xie Jingxing's identity or if they've been pretending to be stupid for so many years."

At this moment, no one in the Shen family knew that something like this had happened in Prince Ding's mansion.

Chapter 875 Concealment (4)

Ever since Shen Xin took on the new post, he did not go to the Ministry of War every day. Shen Qiu was still in his old position and was a small leader in the garrison with Luo Ling.

Luo Xueyan said to Shen Xin, "Why don't we ask His Majesty to allow us to go back to Spring City?" Luo Xueyan sighed. "At least in Spring City, we won't waste time like this."

Shen Xin shook his head. "His Majesty asked us to stay in the capital so that he can keep an eye on us. He won't let us return to Spring City. Only when we are in the capital can he have something to threaten Jiaojiao."

Luo Xueyan vaguely felt that Shen Xin was hinting at something. Just as she was about to ask, she heard Shen Xin continue with a sigh, "Besides, there's no news of Tan's whereabouts yet. If we really go back, how can we explain it to her family?"

"That's true." At the mention of this, Luo Xueyan felt a headache coming on. "I've already sent someone to send a letter to Jiaojiao. I don't know if he can make it in time. It takes time for that person to make a round trip. I feel uneasy that there's no news yet."

On the day Shen Miao left the capital, Luo Tan did not come to send her off. She said that it was because Shen Miao refused to bring her to the Daliang Dynasty, so she was sulking, and she did not want to see the farewell scene with her own eyes. Luo Tan had always been a little willful, and everyone was helpless. After Shen Miao left the capital that day, it was already evening when everyone returned. Luo Tan's maid said that Luo Tan was already asleep. Luo Xueyan thought that Luo Tan was unhappy, so she did not disturb her.

The next day, at noon, Luo Tan still refused to go out with the excuse that she was not feeling well. Luo Xueyan finally realized that something was wrong. When she went to look for her again, she saw Luo Tan's maid kneeling down and begging for mercy with a letter in her hand.

Luo Tan left a letter and followed her cousin to the Daliang Dynasty.

Luo Xueyan was shocked and quickly sent someone to chase after Luo Tan. However, Shen Miao and Prince Rui traveled very fast, and she did not know when the person would catch up. There was no news for a month, and Shen Xin and Luo Xueyan were still worried about this.

"I just hope that when the letter reaches Jingxing, he can get some reliable people to send Tan back," Luo Xueyan said.

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It was evening, and the wedding procession had to stop to rest. Shen Miao was arranged to stay in a farmer's house, but Luo Tan was not having a good time.

She mixed in among the servants. Growing up in the Luo army, she didn't have the temperament of a girl. After she disguised herself, no one could tell that she was a girl. However, every night, she had to put up with a lot. The servants were not like Shen Miao, who had a room of her own. Instead, they had to cram together in a shed.

Chapter 876 Concealment (5)

She didn't mind sleeping on the floor or on a plank. The only thing she could not tolerate was sleeping with more than ten unfamiliar men. At night, she could hear snoring, and there were all kinds of strange smells. From time to time, men would put their legs on her. Luo Tan felt horrible. If Luo Liantai and Madam Ma found out, they would probably break her legs.

What terrified Luo Tan the most was... taking a shower.

No matter how rough she was usually, it was impossible for her to not take a shower for more than ten days like these men. She could not tolerate jumping into the water with all the men every time they came across a lake. Previously, there were a few times when she was almost pushed down into the lake, scaring Luo Tan so much that she almost screamed. In the end, she had an idea and said that she had very ugly scars on her body and did not want to be seen in front of everyone. Although those men felt that she was too sissy, they did not force her.

Today, there happened to be a hot spring behind this farmhouse. The water in the hot spring looked very clear. In the evening, the men had already gone into the water to take a shower, but she did not. Now that it was dark outside, Luo Tan sneaked out with her clothes.

She walked a long distance to the lake in the dark and looked around. It was already late at night, and everyone was sound asleep. Even if some people woke up in the middle of the night to go to the toilet, they would not come all the way here. Luo Tan was relieved. She took off her clothes and went into the water.

The hot spring water was very warm and comfortable. It had been a long time since Luo Tan took such a blissful shower. In the past few days, she always snuck out to burn firewood to heat up water to take a shower at night while no one was around, which was very troublesome. However, at this moment, she felt extremely happy.

As she looked at the moon in the sky, she thought to herself, "It's been more than a month. It seems like they've given up on fetching me back. Even if they catch up with me and persuade me to go back, I won't agree. In that case, why don't I confess to Shen Miao? My little cousin has a sharp tongue but a soft heart. She won't really do anything to me. This way, I can sleep in her room and won't have to take a shower like a thief."

Just as she was thinking, she suddenly heard footsteps approaching from afar. Luo Tan was shocked. The footsteps were already very close, so she could only pick up the clothes by the rock and sink into the water.

Luo Tan knew how to swim, but it was not easy to bury her head in the water. The footsteps stopped at the edge of the hot spring, but they did not leave for a long time. Gradually, Luo Tan felt that it was extremely difficult to breathe. She wanted to surface, but she was only wearing an undergarment.

Luo Tan was stubborn just like the rest of the Luo family. When that person stopped at the edge of the hot spring and did not leave, Luo Tan hid in the water and refused to surface. However, as time passed, Luo Tan's eyes became blurry and her mind was blank. She felt that she was probably going to die here before she could see what the Daliang Dynasty looked like...

She heard someone say vaguely above her, "You're quite good at holding your breath. Are you planning to suffocate yourself to death?"

Luo Tan's heart skipped a beat. She couldn't hold it in anymore and suddenly jumped out of the water. However, she was still rational. She only stuck her head out of the water, but her body was hidden under it. Fortunately, the hot spring water was steaming, so her body couldn't be seen.

"Tsk." That person said, "I thought you could last longer."

Chapter 877 Concealment (6)

Luo Tan glared at that person, but when she saw his face clearly, she was suddenly stunned and said in a daze, "Doctor Gao?"

The young man squatting on the lake with a pink lantern in his hand and looking at her with a smile was Gao Yang. It was such a cold day, but he was still in the mood to gently fan himself with his folding fan.

"Why are you here?" Luo Tan couldn't help but ask.

Gao Yang smiled and did not speak.

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Luo Tan muttered in her heart. Could it be that he was treating patients in such a remote place? She asked, "Doctor Gao, are you coming all the way here to treat people? Is the money given by the imperial court very little so that you have to moonlight as a country doctor? Why are you working so hard?" Her words were filled with sympathy.

Gao Yang laughed out loud. After a while, he said, "It's not what you think."

Luo Tan looked at him. "Then why are you here?"

Gao Yang stared at her calmly. "Why are you here?"

"Me?" Luo Tan said matter-of-factly, "I'm accompanying my little cousin to the Daliang Dynasty."

Gao Yang pretended to look surprised and said, "Oh, I met someone a few days ago. He seemed to have come out of the Shen family. He brought a letter to Princess Consort Rui, but he didn't know where she was and asked me for directions."

Luo Tan was shocked. "Did you take him to see my little cousin?"

Gao Yang shrugged. "No. I saw that he was travel-worn and very tired, so I let him rest first. We'll go to see her when he's rested enough."

Luo Tan heaved a sigh of relief, then became nervous. "Doctor Gao, don't let that person see Princess Consort Rui."

"Why?"

"... He's a bad person," Luo Tan said. "He wants to frame me! Please don't."

Gao Yang smiled. "Frame you? Frame you for sneaking into the wedding procession and going to the Daliang Dynasty?"

"You..." After saying "you" a few times, Luo Tan stared at Gao Yang and was speechless.

"What should I do?" Gao Yang looked a little conflicted. "If I take this person to see Princess Consort Rui, you would be sent back to the capital immediately."

Luo Tan blurted out, "No!" It was not easy for her to follow the procession for so long and sleep with those rough men for a month, but all her efforts were about to be in vain at this moment. She was indignant! She looked at Gao Yang determinedly. "What should I do to make you keep it a secret for me?"

Gao Yang said, "That's the right attitude. If you had said that earlier, I wouldn't have wasted my time with you."

Luo Tan was speechless.

Why did she feel that Gao Yang had been waiting for her to say this all along?

"What do you want me to do?" Luo Tan asked.

Gao Yang glanced at her and said, "Come out first."

Only then did Luo Tan remember that she was still in the water, talking to Gao Yang. Although her body could not be seen, she still felt embarrassed and her cheeks turned red. Fortunately, it was dark now, so Gao Yang could not notice.

She said, "My clothes are all wet. I can't get out of the water. Help me find some clothes." Just now, in order to hide, she grabbed all her clothes and dove into the water.

Gao Yang thought for a moment and started to take off his clothes. Luo Tan was shocked. "What do you want to do?"

Gao Yang took off his clothes and slowly handed them to her. "I'm just giving you some clothes to wear. What are you thinking?"

"Turn around!" Luo Tan felt that Gao Yang was especially annoying today. If she bickered with him, she would only embarrass herself.

Gao Yang turned around and said, "There's nothing to see anyway."

Luo Tan did not hear this. She came out of the water and hid behind a rock. She quickly put on Gao Yang's clothes. Gao Yang's clothes were a little too big for her, but she couldn't care less now.

After putting it on, Luo Tan said to Gao Yang, "You can turn around now."

Only then did Gao Yang turn around with a smile.

"Tell me, what are your conditions to keep it a secret?" Luo Tan asked.

"How have you slept these past few days?" Gao Yang asked a question.

"I've been sleeping with everyone," Luo Tan replied matter-of-factly.

"You'll sleep in my room from now on."

"Why should I?" Luo Tan was angry. "Men and women shouldn't be too close!"

"Are you a woman?" Gao Yang smiled.

"I'm not a woman, and you're not a man either," Luo Tan immediately retorted.

Gao Yang said faintly, "The person who came to deliver the letter is still in my room..."

"Sleep, sleep, sleep!" Luo Tan quickly said, "I'll go to sleep in your room immediately!"

Gao Yang waved his fan and left, followed by Luo Tan.

Why did she feel that Gao Yang seemed to have changed into a different person from a pushover.

It was as if he had revealed his true nature.

Chapter 878 Bridal Chamber (1)

Although the journey was long, three months later, they safely arrived at the Daliang Dynasty.

Xie Jingxing's team was quite fast. If it were an ordinary person, it would probably take them more than half a year to reach the Daliang Dynasty.

In her previous life and this life, Shen Miao had never been to the Daliang Dynasty. In her impression, the Daliang Dynasty was a very rich country. She heard that Long Ye was also very prosperous. When Fu Ming was studying, he even told her that one day, he also wanted to see how prosperous Long Ye was and if the Daliang Dynasty was as peaceful as the books said.

However, time could not be reversed. Fu Ming and Wanyu had already turned to dust, but she managed to set foot in Long Ye with Fu Ming's wish.

Over the past few days, Shen Miao had already changed out of her wedding dress. Xie Jingxing had specially prepared clothes for her. When they arrived at the city gate of Long Ye, the guards let them in without even looking at the token. The grand procession attracted all the commoners to gather on the street.

The commoners shouted, "Prince Rui brought the princess consort back!"

Shen Miao's heart skipped a beat. Xie Jingxing married her in Ming Qi, but the people here seemed to know the whole story and were not surprised at all. Xie Jingxing must have thought of a way to spread this news to the Daliang Dynasty long ago.

Just as she was thinking, the curtain of the carriage was lifted. Xie Jingxing said, "Do you want to see the scenery of Long Ye?"

At this moment, he had already taken off his mask. In the Daliang Dynasty, there was probably no need for him to hide his identity, and his expression was different from when he was in Ming Qi. His lazy and cynical attitude dissipated, replaced by sharpness and seriousness.

Shen Miao looked out.

Just like in the books, the scenery in Long Ye was different from that in the capital. Although the capital was also lively, it was only so for rich families. So what if there were restaurants everywhere? How could ordinary families afford to dine there? On the streets of Long Ye, the people coming and going were all smiling.

Shen Miao noticed that the fabric of the clothes these people were wearing was not bad, and they looked very healthy. Everyone looked like they were doing well. Shen Miao thought to herself that it was really not an exaggeration to say that the people of the Daliang Dynasty lived in harmony.

Long Ye was very big and the shops and restaurants were grand. Shen Miao had been to the State of Qin, but the State of Qin was not as interesting as Long Ye.

Even though she had seen the world, she still couldn't help but look around curiously.

Seeing her like this, Xie Jingxing raised his eyebrows and said, "There's no hurry. When I have time, I'll take you out to play. Long Ye is not small. You have to take your time to familiarize yourself with this place."

He did not deliberately lower his voice. Some commoners who were close to him looked at Shen Miao curiously and said, "His Highness is very good to the princess consort. He actually dotes on her so much."

“No wonder His Majesty didn’t agree to the marriages arranged by His Majesty. It turns out that he already has a crush on the princess consort.”

“Princess Consort is also very beautiful. They look very compatible.”

“It won’t be long before she gives birth to an heir.”

When Shen Miao heard these discussions, her face instantly turned red. The people of Long Ye seemed to be very kind. Even the discussions were mostly congratulations or praises. Shen Miao was a little absent-minded. All along, she had always felt that human nature was evil. People always commented on things they did not know, but they did not know that those comments were enough to ruin a person’s life. She was from Ming Qi after all. She thought that it would definitely be like before, attracting a lot of criticism, but she did not hear anything negative about her. She was a little surprised, but at the same time, she was touched.

Chapter 879 Bridal Chamber (2)

At the back of the procession, Ji Yushu said to Gao Yang, “Third Brother has put in a lot of effort. In order to make the people of Long Ye accept Shen Miao, he has been spreading good words for a long time.”

“No man can resist the charms of a beautiful woman.” Gao Yang waved his fan and sighed.

“It’s just that His Majesty must be furious. Also, the ladies of those families are deeply in love with Third Brother. I’m afraid Sister-in-law will be pestered this time.”

“What’s there to be afraid of?” Gao Yang said, “Shen Miao is not an ordinary person.” With that, he said sadly, “Now that we’re back where we came from, I actually miss the days in Ming Qi.”

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“Who doesn’t?” Ji Yushu also sighed and patted Gao Yang’s shoulder. He said in a sad tone, “Let’s go.”

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The palace of the Daliang Dynasty took up a lot of space. There were golden glazed tiles and red wall pillars. The royal family probably liked gold and red. The entire palace looked very majestic.

The stone lion at the door was mighty and imposing. On the dragon throne made of gold, a golden dragon was circling. The dragon head was on the back of the throne, embedded with two red gems. The dragon tail was wrapped around the armrest, and the scales were carved vividly, as if it was about to soar into the sky from the dragon throne in the next moment.

At this moment, there was no one in the empty hall except for the man sitting on the dragon throne. He sat upright and dignified. However, for some reason, at this moment, when the sun was about to set and the lanterns in the palace were not lit, his dignified figure looked especially lonely.

Tap, tap, tap. Footsteps sounded in the hall. A woman slowly walked over, dragging her long dress and wearing a nine-phoenix crown. She had a gentle smile and walked towards the man sitting on the dragon throne.

She said, “Your Majesty, you’re sitting here alone again.”

Only then did the man look up and say, "Empress, what brought you here?"

Empress Xiande said with a smile, "Your Majesty, what's troubling you?"

"Jingxing came back today." Emperor Yong Le rubbed his forehead. "He even brought back that woman from Ming Qi. I told him countless times to stay away from that woman. Not only did he not listen, but he even married that woman and brought her back."

"Your Majesty, don't you like Shen Miao?" Empress Xiande's voice was gentle.

"Those who are not of our clan will not be loyal," Emperor Yong Le said.

If she was not from the Daliang Dynasty, she would naturally not be loyal to the Daliang Dynasty.

"You don't like Shen Miao, but Jingxing does." Empress Xiande said, "Otherwise, he wouldn't have married Shen Miao back to Long Ye from so far away. He wouldn't have given 99 betrothal gifts, nor would he have spread good words for Shen Miao among the people." After a pause, she continued, "And he wouldn't have disobeyed you time and time again.:

"I think he's married to an enchantress!" Emperor Yong Le said in a low voice, but there was suppressed anger in his voice.

"Maybe Shen Miao is really something." Empress Xiande comforted him. "Jingxing always has his own ideas. Your Majesty has chosen so many beauties for him, but he doesn't like any of them. Now that he's willing to do this for Shen Miao, there must be a reason. Your Majesty, don't you want to trust Jingxing this time?"

"It's not that I don't trust him, but I don't trust Shen Miao!" Emperor Yong Le said.

"But Your Majesty has no choice, right?"

Emperor Yong Le looked at her unhappily. "Empress, are you saying that I'm incapable?"

"Of course not." Empress Xiande smiled. "You have always been unable to harden your heart towards Jingxing. That's why Jingxing is so unbridled. He knows that you won't really punish him."

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"You're right." After a while, Emperor Yong Le replied, "But time is running out."

"It doesn't matter who Jingxing marries. I don't want to control him, but he can't bring back a variable. That woman's identity is too special. If Jingxing listens to her, it might change the situation in the future. I won't allow such a thing to happen."

"There's no time." Emperor Yong Le's voice was deep. "For the sake of the country and the great cause, I can sacrifice anything and be ruthless."

He continued, "Let the two of them come to the palace tomorrow. I want to see what kind of woman bewitched him. I want to remind him not to forget his identity just because he stayed in Ming Qi for two years."

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With that, he stood up and walked down the long stairs, walking out of the quiet hall. Empress Xiande frowned slightly.

Empress Xiande stood rooted to the ground, her eyes filled with sadness. A moment later, she sighed and walked out.

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There was only one prince in the Daliang Dynasty, and that was Prince Rui, Emperor Yong Le's biological brother. This Prince Rui's identity was very mysterious. It was said that he had been traveling around the world with a master since he was young, so almost no one had seen him. Even Eunuch Deng, who had been with Emperor Yong Le for the longest time, knew nothing about him.

Two years ago, there was suddenly news that Prince Rui had returned to Long Ye. At the altar, the people were able to see Prince Rui's face. He was indeed peerlessly handsome, causing all the ladies in Long Ye to fall head over heels for him.

However, at first, everyone was suspicious of Prince Rui's sudden appearance. They wondered if he was an imposter. However, later on, they thought that the royal family was meticulous, so they probably wouldn't make such a mistake. Moreover, Prince Rui looked like the empress dowager and Emperor Yong Le.

After Prince Rui returned to Long Ye, he reinstated his status as a prince and went to imperial court with the officials. Some of the officials objected, saying that Prince Rui had not been involved in the state affairs for so many years and knew nothing about the situation in the Daliang Dynasty. How could they let him participate in the matters of the imperial court? Emperor Yong Le was very angry and even punished a few officials who made a fuss. However, most of the officials objected. Emperor Yong Le could not punish them one by one.

Later, Prince Rui settled a few difficult matters that the imperial court had been dragging on for a long time. Therefore, the objections gradually subsided. The officials could no longer say that he knew nothing about the state affairs. He clearly knew a lot. He had not been in Long Ye for so many years and had not participated in the state affairs, but he was capable.

In short, in the eyes of the people of the Daliang Dynasty, Prince Rui was a good-looking, good-tempered, and capable young man. Most importantly, he was very rich.

For example, Prince Rui's mansion was as gorgeous as the palace.

Emperor Yong Le was very tolerant of his younger brother, so he did not blame Prince Rui for being extravagant. However, the commoners passing by would occasionally stare at the door of Prince Rui's mansion and wonder who would be so lucky as to marry Prince Rui.

Unexpectedly, Prince Rui actually married a girl from Ming Qi.