

Indulgence 1051

Chapter 1051: Marriage Settled (3)

Xu Xinmo looked at Zhu Yue and nodded.

Zhu Yan was dumbfounded watching from the side.

Where do these two get their confidence from, not seeing the several maids and guards by their side?

In the shadows, there were also several experts escorting them.

Their demeanor was so noble one glance would identify them as a daughter of the heavens, not to be provoked.

Where do these two get their courage from?

They must be blind.

However, it's also good this way. She'd first see what these two were up to, and then go to Yun... no, Han Jinnian to curry favor, maybe she could gain her goodwill.

This would make her path in the Capital City much smoother in the future.

However, before Zhu Yan could take action, she heard that His Highness Prince Rui had invited Princess Lin'an, Princess of Loyal Commandery, Princess Linping, and Princess Lin'an to the Han Family to propose marriage, intending to marry Han Jinnian.

These individuals, any one of them pulled out carelessly, were members of the royal family, remarkable figures, not to mention the Princess of Loyal Commandery.

She was the Emperor's own aunt, the direct sister of the previous Emperor, the eldest legitimate daughter of the Grand Empress Dowager, born with matchless dignity, she was a legend in her own lifetime.

Four great figures came together for a marriage proposal.

The Han Family rejected it.

"Is the Han Family crazy?"

Zhu Yan listened to the servants and maids discussing over there.

"How dare Han Jinnian?"

"Yes, Prince Rui..."

Zhu Yan's face turned slightly pale as she leaned against a pillar, unable to regain her senses for a long time.

It's different, everything is different now.

At least this Yun Family is not the same, it's a mess unlike before.

The second master and the third master voluntarily left the family, which never happened before.

The separation of second master and Mrs. Han, making Yun Jinnian become Han Jinnian, that never happened either.

Prince Rui's marriage proposal, that also never happened.

Let alone Han Jinnian's younger brother...

"Why is it like this?" Zhu Yan murmured softly.

Imperial Palace

The Emperor was actually satisfied upon learning Han Jinnian had rejected Chu Yu.

Thus, he agreed to a marriage betrothal in the great hall.

"Your Majesty!" Chu Yu called out softly.

"What's the matter?"

"I still ask Your Majesty to wait until I successfully propose before issuing an Imperial Decree!"

The Emperor looked at Chu Yu and waved his hand in agreement.

That day was another auspicious day.

The Princess of Loyal Commandery, Princess of Loyal Commandery, Princess Linping, and Princess Lin'an again visited, accompanied by Chu Yu and two grand and majestic geese.

Many people thought this marriage proposal wouldn't succeed, but unexpectedly the Han Family agreed.

"Agreed!"

Many in the Capital City rejoiced, while many others felt disappointed.

The officials waiting for Chu Yu's marriage couldn't help but shed tears.

They all went to kneel before their ancestors, chanting, "Oh previous Emperor, I've finally waited for this day!"

The current Emperor was arrogant and extravagant, with no concern for the people's lives.

Recently many areas have been hit by drought, with countless victims, and civil grievances have risen, some even rebelled, causing instability at the borders. The Great Zhou Kingdom launched an invasion, resulting in the loss of several cities, yet the Emperor neither convened ministers for discussion nor focused on matters of state, only caring about his own body.

Such a person is unfit to be Emperor.

Many in the court have been dissatisfied for a long time, alongside numerous spreading rumors accusing the Emperor of usurping the throne, poisoning the previous Emperor and Empress Dowager, with the death of the Empress said to be the Emperor's way of making room for the Noble Consort by poisoning her.

More importantly, eunuchs who served the Empress Dowager in the public testified that the Emperor not only poisoned the Empress Dowager but also withheld the burial items she specified to be buried with, their account was credible and hard to disbelieve.

There were some tomb robbers who robbed the Huang Mausoleum, directly excavating the Empress Dowager's tomb.

"Inside there is not only a lack of accompanying Buddha Beads, but also there are no burial items!"

Chapter 1052: Imperial Wedding (4)

There are even rumors that the late Emperor intended to pass the throne to Prince Rui, with a royal decree in the hands of the Princess Regent.

Moreover, Prince Rui had distributed plenty of grain to the common people during the great drought in the early years of the Great Zhou Kingdom.

Now, the Great Zhou has developed into a state where people only recognize Prince Rui and not the Emperor.

To ordinary people, whoever treats them well is who they remember; they don't care who becomes Emperor.

Many vassal kings have accused the Emperor of being disloyal, unrighteous, unkind and unfilial, declaring him unworthy of being Emperor.

Petitions demanding the Emperor's abdication flew to the Emperor's desk like snowflakes.

"Nonsense!"

The Emperor shouted angrily and overturned his desk.

"All of you are forcing me, aren't you?!" The Emperor shouted in anger, spitting out a mouthful of blood and fainting.

The Emperor fell seriously ill due to poisoning, and appointed the Fifth Prince, Chu Liange, to oversee the state affairs.

However, Chu Liange was still young, the ministers beneath him were restless, and few were willing to follow him. Every task was a struggle. Yun Chen was loyal to him, but Yun Chen had no talents, no people, and no money, and many things simply couldn't be achieved.

Chu Liange grew increasingly depressed and unhappy, and even fell into drinking heavily.

Only in drunkenness did he feel liberated and could enter that dream.

"Your Majesty, the Empress is requesting an audience!"

Chu Liange, dressed in his imperial robe, looked up, his eyes and brows filled with joy, "Please, let her in quickly!"

As that radiant, stunningly beautiful woman approached, Chu Liange quickly tempered his smile, afraid of scaring her with his eagerness.

After all, she was always timid, and even a slight rustle of wind could frighten her.

He wanted to see her face clearly but couldn't, only a few words lingered in his mind: stunningly beautiful, delicate and lovely, she admired him in her heart and was willing to do anything for him.

"..."

Chu Liange awoke startled.

"Your Highness, Prince Rui's wedding is in a few days. Her Highness Duchess De sent me to ask if the gift is ready?"

Chu Liange was momentarily dazed, "It's already prepared!"

It was already September.

There was supposed to be an auspicious day earlier, but at that time it was the height of summer. Prince Rui couldn't bear for his future princess to suffer from the heat, so he insisted on delaying the wedding date!

This deep affection made countless women under heaven envious.

September eighteenth

was a very auspicious day, suitable for marriage.

It's said to be a once-in-a-century auspicious day. Not only Prince Rui, but many families in the Capital City were holding weddings, though all modestly. After all, who would dare to go against Prince Rui.

Early in the morning, Jinnian was pulled out of bed to bathe and dress up.

Several sisters...

Yes, half-sisters.

Three of them, one by one, charming and spirited, looked at her with reddened eyes.

"I'm not even crying, what are you crying for!"

Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi heard this, and tears turned in their eyes. They quickly wiped them with handkerchiefs, adding makeup to Jinnian.

"Stop crying. Even if I'm married, I'll still be your sister. If your husbands bully you, come to me. As Prince Rui's princess, I can still handle them!"

With Jinnian's words, Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi immediately burst into tears.

With countless words to say and much gratitude, they couldn't utter a single word.

"Alright, alright, if you keep crying, so will I. When Mother comes, I'll say it was you who upset me, and see if she doesn't scold you!" Jinnian threatened.

The three finally laughed out loud.

The stepmother never looked them directly in the eye, let alone scold them.

"That's more like it. Stop crying and stay at home. When I come back, we'll talk properly, and I'll take you to stay at the Wang Residence for a while!"

Jinnian quite liked the glutinous rice dumplings they brought back.

Small, rosy, truly adorable.

After marrying Chu Yu, she must have a child soon, a child of their own!

Chapter 1053: Sending Sister Off to Marriage (5

Thinking of this, Jinnian smiled.

The ladies and young women who came to add to the bridal dowry sighed upon seeing her. Such a good person she once was, how could she have fallen ill?

It's a pity she lost her memory.

Otherwise, with her kindness, if someone needed something and came to her, she would always help a little. But now, it seems she can't anymore.

Mrs. Han looked at Jinnian, holding her hand, "After you marry, you must get along well with His Highness. Always put him first, but don't compromise yourself. If the servants won't listen to you, don't show them any mercy; just punish or sell them off directly. Nothing is more important than holding His Highness's heart!"

Jinnian chuckled, "Mother, don't worry, I will!"

However, she was too lazy to manage those trivial matters; whoever wants to manage them can.

She only cared about living happily.

Mrs. Han watched, her eyes suddenly reddened, "Jinnian, if it were possible, I really wouldn't want you to marry!"

"Then I won't marry!"

"Don't talk nonsense!"

The joyful matron entered, "The groom has arrived, making urging poems in the front now!"

The group of noble relatives and a batch of profligate young men who came with Chu Yu indeed had some skills, but with Han Tianci leading, Feng Wushuang and Liao Shijie following, and a bunch of scholars who weren't ordinary, the gate was bustling.

Only now did everyone realize that Prince Rui was indeed so knowledgeable.

In the end, seeing the auspicious hour had arrived, Chu Yu was anxious, quickly saying, "Little brother-in-law, don't worry. I will certainly treat Jinnian well in the future, listening to her wishes in all matters. I promise never to forget this life and this world!"

Only then did Han Tianci open the gate.

Feng Wushuang, seeing Chu Yu in his bridal attire being escorted to the side courtyard to bid farewell with Jinnian to Mrs. Han and Han Xuzi, felt his eyes slightly sting.

This life, when they meet again, the times may be few.

But it's quite good that she returned safely.

No more words, just wishing her happiness and health, he will quietly protect her!

Jinnian was covered with a red veil, first bidding farewell to her mother and grandfather, carried out by Tianci.

"Sister..."

"Hmm?"

Han Tianci's eyes were slightly red, "You must be happy. If he dares to bully you, just tell me, I'll beat him up for you!"

Jinnian smiled, "Does any time count?"

"It counts!"

Jinnian laughed, "Good, if he treats me badly, I'll tell you, you can beat him fiercely, especially targeting his face, so he can't face others!"

"Sister's words are very true!"

Han Tianci carried Jinnian onto the bridal sedan, unable to help but say to Chu Yu, "Your Highness, I have only one sister, and the Han family has just this one legitimate daughter. If she doesn't do well, please bear with her!"

Chu Yu looked at Han Tianci.

Even at just twelve years old, he bore the heavy responsibility of the family.

The family obviously followed his arrangements and orders in everything.

He nodded slightly, "Rest assured, she is my treasure, my one and only treasure in this life. I will surely cherish her greatly!"

Han Tianci remained silent.

He turned his head away, eyes reddened.

He knew from then on, his sister would no longer belong solely to him.

Watching the wedding party fade away, Tianci turned to see his grandfather's reddened eyes and his mother's tear-stained face, wiped his own face, and invited everyone to go inside for the feast.

The main feast at the Prince Rui Residence was set for the evening, so the Han Family's feast was held at noon.

Originally thinking not many guests would come, unexpectedly, more came than anticipated. Fortunately, everything was well-prepared; even with more people, there was enough food, no one would be laughed at...

Chapter 1054: Wedding Ceremony (6)

Across the alley from the Han Residence

The slender Dai Hanbo slowly turned around, wiped away the sorrow from his face, left the city, and headed towards Huguo Temple.

Now that his life's wishes were fulfilled, he had no more attachments, and it seemed fitting to spend the rest of his life with the serenity of the ancient temple.

Han Tianci, along with some of his cousins and siblings from the Han Family, were to escort the bride, so they waited until the last dowry cart left the Han Residence before they too set out.

People expected a plentiful dowry, yet contrary to assumptions, there were only a hundred and twenty carts, aligning precisely with the precedent for a Princess, with not one extra.

How wealthy Han Jinnian was, everyone in the Capital City knew it. Where did all her money go?

Officials of all ranks brought their families to the Prince Rui Residence to attend the celebration banquet. As the Prime Minister, the Yun Family naturally attended. Mrs. He, as the Prime Minister's wife, was courted by many and took the opportunity to inquire about family backgrounds, hoping to find a suitable match for her two daughters.

Old Madam Yun brought Xu Xinmo, Zhu Yan, and Zhu Yue, surrounded by many old ladies who praised the three for their beauty. However, Zhu Yan knew these ladies held minimal noble titles, as those of true status and high esteem were in another room, sipping tea, awaiting the bride's arrival.

Eventually, hearing the crackling of firecrackers, everyone knew, "The bridal procession has returned, let's go see the excitement!"

"Let's go!" Old Madam Yun responded, taking Xu Xinmo by the hand.

Now she found herself with a headache.

Xu Xinmo's marriage prospects had not materialized. She hoped to match Xu Xinmo with the Fifth Prince's residence, yet had never found the opportunity to discuss it with her son.

Even if she couldn't become the main wife, she could at least be a Concubine.

Leading the group from the other side was the Grand Princess Zhending, followed by Princess Lin'an and Princess Linping, along with the Loyal Commandery Princess and several Commandery Princesses, Princesses, and Imperial Concubines.

Old Madam Yun's group quickly stepped aside.

The Grand Princess Zhending did not even spare a glance.

Old Madam Yun's face slightly changed.

After the Grand Princess Zhending walked away, several old ladies commented, "The Grand Princess Zhending truly carries herself with grace!"

"Indeed, she is the chief wedding officiant today!" The Grand Princess Zhending...

Zhu Yan's face changed dramatically.

In a previous life, wasn't the Grand Princess Zhending already dead?

She had passed away many years ago.

Furthermore, in a previous life, His Highness Prince Rui was not even married at this time.

And it certainly wasn't to Yun Jinnian...

Why was there such a significant change?

Zhu Yan couldn't understand it and could only follow the crowd to the front courtyard.

By the time they arrived, several layers of people had already gathered inside and out.

The maids in the front held baskets, and as Chu Yu led Jinnian inside, they began scattering flower petals.

The fragrant rose petals were deeply red and incredibly beautiful.

"It's truly romantic!"

"Yes, it's so enviable!"

Zhu Yan watched, pursed her lips, and looked around, finally spotting Chu Liange among the nobles and imperial family.

But he no longer appeared as the spirited figure of before; he now seemed somewhat desolate.

Zhu Yan's gaze was so intense and focused that when Chu Liange looked over, he saw Zhu Yan, slightly furrowed his brow, and turned his head away.

"First bow to Heaven and Earth!"

"Second bow to the departed Emperor!"

"Husband and wife bow to each other!"

"The ceremony is complete, escort them to the bridal chamber!"

The newlyweds were ushered into the bridal chamber amidst a throng of attendants.

Jinnian sat on the bridal bed, listening to the noise outside the red bridal veil, and then she felt the veil being lifted.

Her first sight was the exquisitely handsome Chu Yu, looking at her with a smile, and she returned the smile.

"Little Aunt-in-law is truly beautiful!"

"Is this an immortal descended to earth?"

Chu Yu looked over with a smile, causing everyone to burst into laughter, "His Highness is indeed protective!"

"Stop teasing, go drink your wine, I'll join shortly!"

Chapter 1055: Thoughtful and Considerate (7

"Ah, haha, good, good, good, let's hurry, let's go drink first!"

Chu Renzhi and Chu Zhaowei laughed and stepped back.

In the end, only they knew how many were truly happy and how many were pretending to be.

The matron of honor served them the ceremonial wine and then left, closing the door behind her.

Chu Yu looked at Jinnian and giggled.

Jinnian softly said, "Could you please help me take off this Phoenix Crown? I'm feeling very dizzy!"

"Of course!"

Chu Yu carefully removed the Phoenix Crown for Jinnian, then had a maid bring water to wash her face and hands, being meticulous and gentle.

Jinnian leaned against the bedhead, feeling a bit weak.

"Are you feeling unwell?"

"I'm a little hungry, I want to eat porridge!" Jinnian pitifully said, looking at Chu Yu with hopeful eyes.

Chu Yu chuckled, "I'll have the maid bring it for you, it's kept warm in the kitchen. Would you like plain porridge, meat porridge, or bird's nest porridge?"

"Plain porridge with some small pickles!"

"Alright!"

Chu Yu immediately got up to instruct the maid to fetch it, then personally helped Jinnian change her clothes, noticing she seemed listless.

He knew Zhou Yunshen's medicine was too harsh, harming her body's core.

It seemed fine, but when tired, she would become listless.

And she could fall into a drowsy sleep.

"Jinnian!"

"Hmm?"

"Don't sleep yet, have some porridge before you sleep!"

"Alright!"

When the porridge was brought in, Chu Yu fed her half a bowl, and Jinnian leaned against the bedhead and fell asleep.

Chu Yu had hot water brought in, carefully washed Jinnian's face, hands, and feet, letting her sleep peacefully.

His expression remained calm, without the slightest displeasure or discontent.

He had Hemei and Henuan keep watch in the room, with the Wang Residence maids outside.

If people with intentions wanted to inquire, they could learn that the bride was sleeping due to exhaustion...

But was it really just exhaustion?

Sudden amnesia, forgetting past events, perhaps she had fallen seriously ill.

Some couldn't help but look at the Grand Princess of the Nation, who sighed and said, "It's all for this old body of mine. Jinnian is a good child!"

Beyond that, there were no words, but everyone else dared not delve deeper.

This matter, since Prince Rui had not said much, those outsiders had even less to say.

"Uncle, congratulations!" Chu Liange came forward with a drink.

Earlier, seeing the bride, he had an inexplicable feeling that she should have been his bride.

Chu Yu looked at Chu Liange, nodding slightly.

They clinked glasses and drank in one go.

No more words were exchanged.

Others came by to toast, but Chu Yu didn't refuse any and drank many under the table, yet remained quite sober.

And very angry.

Zhou Yunshen, that bastard, talked about love. He didn't deserve to speak of love. If it were real love, he wouldn't have let Jinnian take such a harsh medicine, damaging her body.

The army invaded...

Very well, after dealing with the Emperor, he would deal with him!

Yuwen Xuan approached with a playful smile, "Little Uncle!"

Chu Yu clinked a glass with him, "Make sure to enjoy yourself!"

"Sure, sure!"

Chu Yu was genuinely happy. Jinnian was alive and well, back by his side, now his wife. From now on, he could rightfully protect her, treat her well, and no one could make an issue out of her reputation.

Returning to the bridal chamber

Jinnian was still sleeping, and Chu Yu smelled the fragrance of the bridal chamber. Even though there was no bride to welcome him, he still felt blissful, his whole being light as air.

"Prince..." Hemei softly called.

Glancing at the still-sleeping Jinnian.

Chu Yu waved his hand, "It's alright, you keep a careful watch. I'll tidy up myself, and meanwhile, prepare a bowl of sobering soup and some light meals. Keep porridge and soup ready in the kitchen as well, so it's convenient for the Princess when she wakes up!"

"Understood!"

Chapter 1056: Life After Marriage (8)

Chu Yu went to the bathhouse himself, washed with hot water, got dressed, and came out with his hair loose, finding that the bridal chamber was missing two maids, and even Jinnian was nowhere to be seen.

He hesitated for a moment and then heard voices and the sound of water from elsewhere, realizing that Jinnian had awakened and gone to bathe and groom herself.

He sat aside and casually picked up a book, flipping through it, but what was written in it he didn't actually read at all.

His mind wandered to those enchanting scenes.

When Jinnian finished bathing, she came out with her hair loose and saw Chu Yu pretending to read a book, only to find he was holding it upside down.

Jinnian chuckled, "Is this book interesting?"

"Interesting!"

"Are you sure?"

"I..." Chu Yu wanted to say he was sure, only to discover the book was upside down, and then he chuckled.

Jinnian walked to Chu Yu, took the book from him, glanced at it, "You're actually looking at my Medical Books, when did you start wanting to study medicine?"

"Haha, I just got the wrong one, got the wrong one!"

Jinnian laughed, took a towel from the side to wipe Chu Yu's hair.

"Prince!"

"Hmm?"

"Are you hungry? Want a bite to eat, and tonight..."

Upon hearing this, Chu Yu felt a surge of warmth throughout his body, sat up straight, and swallowed his saliva, "What do you say?"

"As for me..." Jinnian thought seriously for a moment.

"If you want, I suppose I can oblige you, but... ah..."

Before Jinnian finished speaking, she was embraced by Chu Yu and rolled onto the bed.

Chu Yu gazed at Jinnian seriously, his fingers gently tracing Jinnian's face, Jinnian's brows and eyes, then kissed her gently and cherishly.

Jinnian loved this atmosphere, loved the focus in Chu Yu's eyes.

She nodded slightly and softly kissed Chu Yu's thin lips.

"Prepare water!"

Chu Yu commanded in a deep voice, then carried Jinnian to the bathhouse.

In just a short while, the bathtub was filled with hot water, Chu Yu tested the temperature, it was just right.

Only then did he lower Jinnian into it.

Jinnian sighed contentedly, her body sinking into the water, Chu Yu quickly held her.

He joined her in the bathtub as well.

Chu Yu noticed Jinnian's hair was still wet, and gently used his right hand to tenderly comb through Jinnian's hair with his fingers.

Until it dried.

Watching the person sleeping soundly on the bed, Chu Yu took a deep look, then began to tidy himself up. Once finished, he sat by the bed, gently lay down.

Slipped into the same quilt, holding her tightly.

At first, his hands behaved, not daring to move, but slowly became less restrained.

Jinnian, in a sleepy daze, raised her hand to pat him, shifted her body to the side, and whispered low, "No more fooling around, if you do, I won't pay attention to you!"

Chu Yu chuckled, "No more fooling, sleep!"

And closed his eyes to sleep deeply.

The day was already bright, the maids moved around quietly outside, Chu Yu awoke early, while Jinnian was still in sweet slumber.

Originally, they were to enter the palace to express gratitude, but the Grand Princess had spoken, tea would be served at the Prince Rui Residence, with her, Lin'an, Linping, and some other Princes and Princesses present.

The Emperor was greatly displeased in his heart...

Chapter 1057: Family Reunion (9)

However, as it stands now, the Emperor himself is not in good health, and there's no Empress in the palace. Even if the Noble Consort gains favor, she's still just a concubine.

It's unheard of for a proper Princess to pay respect to a concubine.

One can only swallow this resentment.

The Princess, however, is very pleased with Chu Yu and Jinnian sleeping late.

If they had risen early, it would mean nothing happened last night, and that would be a worrying sign.

"Princess, it's sent from the bridal chamber!"

The Princess sees a matron holding a tray, on it is a piece of neatly folded white satin, with several spots of dark red on top.

The Princess squints her eyes with satisfaction, "Take it down and store it properly!"

"Yes!"

Jinnian woke up late in the morning, opened her eyes slowly, and noticed the unfamiliar decorations. She rubbed her eyes, and turned to see Chu Yu lying beside her. She was startled.

"You..."

After being stunned for a while, she suddenly remembered she was married.

Last night, they truly became husband and wife.

Her face turned crimson with embarrassment.

"Awake!" Chu Yu gently whispered.

Jinnian nodded.

She pulled the blanket to cover herself.

Chu Yu smiled, "I'll go freshen up first. If you want to sleep a bit more, feel free to do so!"

Jinnian nodded.

She couldn't wait for Chu Yu to leave.

With Chu Yu here, she didn't dare to move carelessly.

Chu Yu got out of bed to freshen up on the side and went into the inner room.

Jinnian slowly sat up, only to feel a soreness in her back and waist, her whole body appeared as if it had been crushed by something heavy, feeling pain and ache.

"Hemei!"

"Little..." Hemei paused, "Princess!"

"Help me massage my waist, it's terribly sore!" Jinnian said sweetly, flipping over to lie on the bed.

Hemei hurried to massage Jinnian. Jinnian hummed a couple of times and indulged in the comfort.

When the person massaging changed, she didn't even notice, just continued to sweetly hum, "Gentler, a little harder!"

Only when she felt comfortable did she softly say, "That's good!"

Turning her head, she was surprised to see Chu Yu, "Why is it you? Where's Hemei?"

"She's rather clumsy; I'll massage you in the future!"

Jinnian burst out laughing, "Alright!"

After tidying up and having a little congee, Jinnian was accompanied by Chu Yu to pay formal tea respects to the Princess.

"I'm not that delicate, you don't have to hold me!" Jinnian smiled, her eyes and brows filled with joy.

And a faint happiness.

"I'd rather hold you; I'd feel pain if you fell!"

The Princess saw the two approaching hand in hand, her smile growing more satisfied, looking at Princess Lin'an beside her, noticing her complex expression, she didn't say much.

What's past is past; now that Chu Yu first extended an olive branch to Princess Lin'an, and Princess Lin'an accepted it, bygones become insignificant.

During the tea ceremony, they properly knelt down.

The Princess's eyes suddenly welled up, taking out several silk boxes, "These are meeting gifts from Ayu's mother and his father to his wife, you, and later Ayu will take you to meet his mother. She's a very gentle lady, and certainly will like you!"

"Thank you, Aunt!"

"Good child, stand up!"

After formally exchanging greetings and receiving the meeting gifts, they sat aside for a conversation.

All suggesting Jinnian to engage often in social gatherings, get together with everyone occasionally, listen to opera, drink tea, appreciate flowers, and such.

Jinnian agreed with a smile.

After sitting for a while, she followed Chu Yu back to the bridal chamber.

Just as they sat down, Anyi approached, whispered a few words in Chu Yu's ear, and Chu Yu signaled Anyi to leave before speaking to Jinnian, "I have some matters to attend to, I might not be back for dinner. You eat first, I'll try to return early. Tomorrow we'll visit your family, and the gifts I've already asked someone to prepare, no need to worry. You can also visit Jinfeng, Junjun is now walking and speaks in a cute, baby-like voice. You'll surely like him!"

Chapter 1058: Return to Ning in Three Days (10)

Jinnian looked at Chu Yu, lowered her eyes and thought for a moment before saying, "Don't worry about me, just focus on what you need to do. Just one thing, don't forget to eat, and come back when you're done!"

Hearing this, Chu Yu's heart softened immeasurably.

Nodding, "I'm leaving now!"

If he didn't leave, he would be reluctant to go.

But he had no choice but to leave.

For the sake of peaceful days in the future, it was better to handle many things early.

Watching Chu Yu leave, Jinnian lazily said, "Hemei, I'm going to take a nap. If you want something to eat, tell the kitchen. Don't be hard on yourselves!"

Jinnian thought again and said, "If Junjun and the others come, remember to wake me up!"

"Yes!"

Jinnian quickly fell asleep leaning against the noble consort's couch.

This body usually had no major problems, not much different from a healthy person, but after getting tired, she would become drowsy.

Hemei took a look and took a deep breath.

When Princess Jinfeng came over with Junjun and learned that Jinnian was sleeping, "Don't disturb her, let her sleep. Just let her know we were here; we have plenty of time to spend together in the future, no rush now!"

Princess Jinfeng was aware of Jinnian's health.

Given their long-standing friendship, she wouldn't blame Jinnian for anything.

In this world, life was not easy for women.

When Jinnian woke up again, it was already late at night. Chu Yu hadn't returned yet, so she asked Hemei to bring up some food.

After eating, Jinnian walked around the courtyard for a while, then drank some soothing medicine and went back to sleep.

Near dawn, Chu Yu returned. After freshening up, he lay next to Jinnian for a while.

The sky brightened completely.

"Jinnian, get up or you'll miss the auspicious time!"

The three-day return visit also required attention to the auspicious time.

Jinnian got up groggily and washed up.

Sitting with Chu Yu to have breakfast.

She was still somewhat unaccustomed to this kind of interaction and couldn't remember how she used to get along with Chu Yu, only feeling that it should be comfortable.

"Did you sleep well last night?"

Jinnian nodded, continuing to eat from her bowl.

Chu Yu placed a steamed bun in Jinnian's bowl, "Try it, it's quite fresh and the taste is excellent!"

Jinnian nodded.

Taking small bites, after finishing, she glanced at Chu Yu and put down her chopsticks.

After rinsing her mouth, she left the house with Chu Yu.

The butler had already prepared everything, bowing neatly, "Prince, Princess!"

"Hmm!"

Chu Yu waved his hand, holding Jinnian as they boarded the carriage.

The Han Family had been ready for a long time, just waiting for Jinnian, the esteemed aunt, to return home.

Mrs. Han had sent Meng out several times, hoping to be the first to greet them at the gate.

"Aunt, the young lady and her husband are coming, they're almost at the gate!"

Mrs. Han smiled, got up and walked toward the main gate, just in time to see Chu Yu helping Jinnian off the carriage.

That cautious demeanor, Mrs. Han found satisfactory.

"Mother!"

Jinnian called out.

Stepping forward and holding Mrs. Han's hand, "Mother, I'm back!"

Still with a gentle smile, "Come, let's go inside. Your grandfather and Tianci are at the medicinal plant garden; a plant of unknown type is blooming there!"

"Then I'll go take a look too!" Jinnian said, reaching out to pull Chu Yu along, "Prince, let's go see it too. That medicinal plant looks interesting growing among the Duanchang Grass; it should be a very good herb!"

Chu Yu nodded.

Glanced at Mrs. Han.

Mrs. Han smiled, "You two go ahead. I'll check the kitchen; today our family will have a good gathering, no need for formalities!"

"Mother, then we're going over there!" Jinnian said, pulling Chu Yu along.

Compared to before, she was livelier and more vibrant.

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Xiaoxiao, she let her go.

"Go call Zimo and the others, they should come to the hall for dinner soon, bring the children too, Jinnian likes children!"

Before, she had never paid attention to these three concubines' daughters, but later, because of Jinnian, these three concubines' daughters showed some heart, and as long as they were good, she didn't mind treating them a bit better.

Over there, Han Tianci and Han Xuze, the grandfather and grandson, were studying herbs.

When Jinnian and Chu Yu arrived, Han Tianci smiled and said, "Sister, come quickly, this herb has bloomed!"

Jinnian stepped forward for a look, "The flower looks really nice, and it smells fragrant, especially refreshing to smell!"

"Refreshing?"

"Yes, the smell makes me feel invigorated, and I feel a lot lighter!" Jinnian said, stepping forward to take a deep sniff.

Han Xuze and Han Tianci exchanged glances and then asked Chu Yu, "Brother-in-law, what do you think?"

Chu Yu shook his head, "I don't feel anything!"

None of them felt anything, only Jinnian thought it was great.

Han Xuze hurriedly said, "Jinnian, why don't you wait for a while on the side, and come back later to smell it again!"

"Alright!"

Jinnian then pulled Chu Yu to stroll around other courtyards.

Chu Yu couldn't help but ask several times, "How does it feel?"

"Nothing much!"

After going around once, when they returned, she smelled it again, and the feeling was very apparent, "I really feel refreshed and pleased!"

Han Xuzi suddenly laughed, "Maybe this herb can thoroughly improve Jinnian's health!"

"Grandfather, then I won't go anywhere, I'll just stay home, okay!"

"That won't do, you'd better return to the Wang Residence for now. Once these flowers bloom and have seeds, I'll cultivate another pot for you and see if the herb can be ingested and is beneficial for your health!" Han Xuzi said with a slight sigh, "It's a pity you've lost your memory, otherwise, with your intelligence, you'd be able to create an even better prescription. Grandfather is old now, not as capable!"

"How could it be, grandfather is not old at all, grandfather is full of vigor now. Grandfather, let's go to the mountains to dig herbs another day!"

"Alright, another day the three of us will go, take two servants, disguise ourselves, and go quietly, without taking too many unnecessary people!"

"Okay!"

Chu Yu smiled lightly.

What he hoped for was simply for Jinnian to be happy, accompanying and protecting her always.

If you want to go to the mountains, just go.

Just send more people to protect secretly.

Sitting together as a family, they were quite happy and joyous. Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, Yun Qingzhi's children were not very old, the oldest being Yun Qingqing's son, three and a half months old, Yun Zuomo and Yun Qingzhi's daughters were two months old and one and a half months old respectively.

All were born in the Capital City, and they hadn't even seen their fathers.

At the time, they returned home for Jinnian, and with such intent, Jinnian would naturally keep them in her heart and treat them well.

"Master, Aunt, Lady Liao is here!"

Mrs. Han was startled and smiled, "Quickly invite her in!"

Yun Zihan came in holding a child and smiled, "Looks like I'm late!"

"Not late, not late!" Mrs. Han said, stepping forward to hold the child.

This child was chubby, when Yun Jinnian was abducted, Yun Zihan was worried and gave birth prematurely, it was very dangerous, fortunately, Han Xuzi made a trip, otherwise the mother and child might have been lost.

Yun Zihan sat down next to Jinnian, seeing Jinnian in good spirits, she was relieved.

Under the maid's service, she picked up pastries to eat, "The pastries here at Aunt's place are really delicious, did Aunt make them herself?"

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"You have a sharp tongue!" Yun Zuomo teased.

"Of course, what Aunt made is not available anywhere else!"

Jinnian burst into laughter, "Then second sister, you should eat more!"

"Mm-hmm, Jinnian is the nicest to me!"

The sisters were genuinely getting along, eating and drinking happily, while the children were looked after by the maid and nurse, eventually being carried back inside.

Now that Jinnian was married, Yun Zuomo and her companions were also preparing to leave. Unsure when they would meet again, they naturally cherished the joy of the moment.

Jinnian also enjoyed this kind of warm and harmonious interaction.

Eating cakes, they were especially chatty.

Chu Yu came by twice, seeing Jinnian in high spirits, he decided to invite Yun Zuomo and the others to stay at the Wang Residence for a few days, also preparing lavish gifts for when they left.

This indirectly brought them honor in their husbands' families.

With a sister as the Princess, and having such good relations, those husbands seeking bright futures would surely treat them better.

And treat the children better.

Lunchtime was lavish, and Liao Shijie even came over. Now, he and Chu Yu could be considered brothers-in-law, and since Chu Yu had originally introduced him, the men, not wanting to interrupt the sisters' chatter, set up a table in the next room, eating, drinking, and talking.

Liao Shijie tried several times to discuss court matters, but Chu Yu interrupted him each time.

Chu Yu understood clearly that Liao Shijie and Feng Wushuang supported him mainly because of Jinnian.

Some things were understood tacitly without words.

On the day of the visit back home, one could either stay the night or leave the next day.

Chu Yu had other matters to attend to, so naturally he couldn't leave Jinnian alone, and had to take her back home.

Jinnian left in high spirits because it was already agreed that they'd gather at the Wang Residence the following day, inviting Dai Hanmi and the others over for a lively time together.

So, she left happily with Chu Yu.

Mrs. Han couldn't help but sigh as she watched.

But she was still happy,

her daughter living well, Chu Yu staying by her side—what could be better than that?

In the carriage, Jinnian leaned against Chu Yu, giggling foolishly.

"What are you laughing at?"

"I think I must have gotten along well with them before, and with sister Dai and the others too!"

Chu Yu held Jinnian tightly, pulling a cloak over her, "They treat you as well as ever, you can keep in touch, but be wary of others—especially the three aunts. The eldest aunt can be trusted, but you must be careful of the other two!"

Jinnian looked up at Chu Yu, giggling uncontrollably.

Seeing her joyful, Chu Yu leaned down and gave her a light kiss, "I'll come home early tonight, will you wait for me?"

"No, I plan to sleep early!"

"Really don't want to wait? I'll be more gentle this time, not as bold as the first time!"

Jinnian quickly covered Chu Yu's mouth, "Don't talk nonsense, I'll wait for you. Moreover, I'll ask the kitchen to make a pot of chicken soup, alright? I want some too!"

"Alright, if you want anything, just ask. If the servants delay, tell me, and I'll make sure they're dealt with!"

"Yes, my wise prince!"

When they returned to the Wang Residence, Chu Yu intended to escort Jinnian back, but she refused, "I'm going to see Jinfeng and have dinner with her. Make sure you eat too, don't go hungry, okay?"

"Alright, go ahead!"

Jinnian went to find Jinfeng, playing with Junjun.

Mrs. Yuan was attending on the side.

Jinnian loved children, and after thinking for a moment, she said, "Princess, there are rumors outside that Junjun is the Prince's child..."