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Chapter 45: Heartache

"Does the Fourth Miss not like it? His Highness said that if the Fourth Miss does not like it, I should go and exchange it for something else immediately!"

"No, I like it!" Yun Jinnian hurriedly said.

She never had the chance to wear such fabrics and styles when she was with the Yun Family.

Basically, it was Yun Muyou and her three sisters and Xu Xinmo who had them, and all the other illegitimate daughters were dressed even better than her.

"It's good that the Fourth Miss likes it. By the way, would the Fourth Miss like to choose a set to change into?"

"Not for now, by the way, what's your name?"

"This servant's name is Si Qin. It was Si Ju who had just gone to meet the Fourth Miss's sister!" Si Qin said, smiling with her eyes narrowed.

"Si Ju's martial arts are so impressive, do you know them as well?"

"Serving by the princess's side, this servant certainly knows martial arts!"

Yun Jinnian bit her lip, hesitating for a moment before grabbing Si Qin's sleeve, "Si Qin, can you teach me martial arts?"

"Ah..."

"Just the basic self-defense would be fine, it won't bother you too much!" Yun Jinnian hurriedly said, fearing that Si Qin would refuse to teach her.

Her acquaintances were limited, and even fewer knew martial arts.

"Why does the Fourth Miss want to learn martial arts?"

"Unforeseen calamities may arise, and I just want to be prepared for anything. If I encounter villains, I could at least save myself!"

Si Qin thought about it, and that did make sense.

"If the Fourth Miss doesn't mind, then this servant shall teach the Fourth Miss. I happen to have a set of fists here that is rather gentle, suitable for the Fourth Miss to practice!"

"Si Qin, thank you!"

Si Qin smiled.

Princess Jinfeng learned from Luoyi and Luo'er about Yun Jinnian's miserable life these past years and sighed continuously, "No wonder she is so composed, she's had such a difficult life, it's too pitiable!"

Luoyi and Luo'er also felt that a prestigious family like the Yun Family, a family of scholars and nobility, shouldn't treat a legitimate daughter like this. Even if she were illegitimate, such harsh treatment would not be acceptable.

It was almost like they wanted to work her to death.

However, Xu Xinmo did indeed try to harm Yun Jinnian several times seriously.

"Tell me, what does the Yun Family rely on to act so unbridled? Has that old pious woman gone blind or is her heart covered in lard, to bully Jinnian like that? You two, go and teach that old pious woman a harsh lesson tonight!"

"At the princess's command?" Luoyi asked in a quiet voice.

"Shave the old pious woman's head clean and write 'cheap person' on her forehead!"

Luoyi and Luo'er exchanged glances.

The princess's move was quite vicious.

The matriarch of the Yun Family probably wouldn't dare to leave the house for a long time.

"Yes!"

When Si Ju conveyed the message to Yingci'an, she also brought a plate of pastries, "These are given to the Fourth Miss by my master. The Fourth Miss asked me to bring them to you. Moreover, my master is very fond of the Fourth Miss and wishes to keep the Fourth Miss for some time. You must remember to behave and not wander around or speak recklessly, understand?"

Si Ju spoke coldly and sternly.

Mrs. Yuan only worried about Yun Jinnian and had no appetite for pastries.

Ming Yang and Ru Yue hastily agreed.

Seeing Si Ju's expensive clothing and recalling what they heard at Niannian Garden about Yingci'an, it seemed that Yun Jinnian had made plans long ago.

Why else would she choose the distant and austere Yingci'an over so many other temples?

Early in the morning of the fourth day of the second month

When the old madam of the Yun Family got up, she felt an unbearable piercing pain on her head. Reaching her hand to touch it, she found it was completely bare.

"Ah..."

With a scream, she fainted.

Yun Chen came to look and was both angry and anxious, and also felt sorry for her. However, someone from the Prince Rui Residence had already spread the news, and Yun Chen was so anxious he broke out in a rash and didn't have time to care for the old madam, leaving Mrs. He to look after her.

After a great deal of trouble and going through several connections, he finally presented a small White Jade Guanyin statue and a box of pearls. The silver was returned in full, which settled matters with the Prince Rui Residence.

As for Chu Yu, after seeing the White Jade Guanyin, he pondered for a while and then presented it to the Emperor. The Emperor found the carving of the Jade Guanyin to be extremely exquisite and placed it in Duobao Pavilion of the Imperial Study for his appreciation.