

Indulgence 831

Chapter 831: Malicious Person

The scorching hot hand rubbed against her delicate skin.

Yun Jinnian exclaimed in surprise and came back to her senses.

Chu Yu also was startled and woke up suddenly, his eyes blurry, filled with desire as he looked at Yun Jinnian.

Yun Jinnian's eyes glittered, as if they were teary.

"I..." Chu Yu wanted to explain.

But such matters, he was reluctant to talk about.

Unable to control himself, desiring her, he didn't want to explain much.

He turned over and lay beside Yun Jinnian, panting heavily.

Yun Jinnian also took deep breaths, in and out.

"Jinnian!"

"Hmm?"

..." Chu Yu opened his mouth, but hesitated, not speaking.

Yun Jinnian turned over, gently leaning against Chu Yu's side, wrapping her arm around his waist, and whispered, "I am happy and willing, and I have feelings!"

After all, being a woman, she buried her face by Chu Yu's armpit right after speaking, too hot with embarrassment to say another word.

Chu Yu was stunned for a moment, then suddenly started laughing, "hehehehe".

He sat up, took off Yun Jinnian's shoes and outer garments, placed her in the quilt, held her and lay down together, "Sleep, I'll leave after you fall asleep!"

Yun Jinnian thought she wouldn't be able to sleep, but unexpectedly, she soon drifted off.

Chu Yu kept his promise, waiting until Yun Jinnian was asleep, kissed her forehead, tucked in her quilt gently, then left the bedroom quietly.

However, in the dark, a pair of eyes were staring at Niannian Garden!

In Princess Ning'an Residence.

Qu Mianke was sitting on a chair, poking a small figurine with a needle.

The back of the figurine had the three characters "Yun Jinnian".

She was extremely furious.

Her cousin dared to give the Feng Wu Jiu Tian gold and jade treasure lamp to Yun Jinnian in front of everyone.

"Bitch, bitch!"

It must be Yun Jinnian seducing her cousin.

It must be.

Otherwise, why would Yun Jinnian's return not be disliked by her cousin, while as soon as Yun Jinnian came back, her cousin sent her out of the Prince Rui Residence.

It must be this bitch causing trouble among them.

"Bitch, bitch!"

Qu Mianke cursed, her eyes filled with anger, malice, and coldness.

The maids around her were silent as cicadas in the winter, not daring to say a word.

It was only after Qu Mianke had vented her anger that she spoke indifferently, "Go check for me, I want everything about this bitch's life from childhood. Not a single detail should be missing!"

"Yes!"

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"Ah!" Yun Jinnian yawned gracefully and slowly sat up.

Thinking about everything that happened last night, she touched her chest.

It seemed like she could still feel Chu Yu's warm hand, his breath.

Her face instantly blushed.

"Miss?" Hemei called softly from outside the room.

"I'm up, come in!"

Hemei brought in hot water, saw the food box, bowls, spoons, and the things Yaniang had sent all untouched on the table, and immediately understood.

"Miss, you freshen up first, I'll take this food box away!"

"Alright!"

After freshening up, Yun Jinnian put on her clothes, styled a beautiful and exquisite bun, and sat at the table, eating small bites.

"Hemei, did my father stay at Qingjue Academy last night?"

"No, Second Master left later, he went to Aunt Xi's courtyard!"

Yun Jinnian paused with her chopsticks, then continued to eat slowly.

After breakfast, she called in Nanny An, "Nanny An, take some time to inventory all the Palace rewards, it's time to reclaim the items lent out as well!"

She's not running a charity, giving everything away.

In fact, she'd rather give it to beggars than to let those people take advantage of her!

Nanny An smiled, "Miss, rest assured, I know what to do!"

As for Mrs. He, she wasn't even worth considering.

Chapter 832: The Plot Unfolds

Yun Jinnian nodded.

She did believe in the abilities of Nanny An.

Therefore, since Nanny An dared to lend it to Mrs. He in the first place, she believed she could get it back.

After breakfast, Yun Jinnian first went to pay her respects to Mrs. Han.

Seeing that the three half-brothers, half-sisters, and several concubines were all present, after paying her respects, Yun Jinnian took the three half-brothers and half-sisters to Niannian Garden to choose lanterns.

As for the ones Chu Yu had sent her, she had already had them put away, not wanting others to see them too much.

The three half-brothers and half-sisters were quite tactful, casually picking a few before accompanying Yun Jinnian for a chat.

But Xu Xinmo did not come.

Instead, it was Xu Xinmo's maid who came, "Commandery Princess, Commandery Princess, please go and see my lady!"

"Hemei, go check what's going on," Yun Jinnian said aloud.

Hemei walked out of the small hall, looking at Xu Xinmo's maid.

Unfamiliar and unfamiliar, "What's the matter?"

"Back to Sister Hemei, my lady is ill, she's muddle-headed right now, talking nonsense, Commandery Princess has excellent medical skills, please go see my lady!"

Yun Jinnian slightly frowned upon hearing this.

Fell ill for no apparent reason?

But she still said indifferently, "Alright!"

She asked someone to take Yun Kuan, Yun He, and Yun Mu back. After all, they were young; what if something happened?

Instead, she took Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi along.

They weren't young anymore; they should gain more experience.

"Do you understand what I mean?" Yun Jinnian asked softly.

"Understand!" Yun Zuomo replied quietly.

"Good, if you understand, follow me!"

Along the way, the maids and matrons were all very curious.

Yun Jinnian's kindness towards her half-brothers and half-sisters upon returning made the people in the mansion feel astonished, always thinking Yun Jinnian was scheming something.

They finally arrived at Yicai Garden.

Yun Jinnian felt a stuffiness in her chest, pursed her lips, but still stepped into the courtyard.

"Greetings to the Commandery Princess, I wish the Commandery Princess peace and well!"

Xu Xinmo's wet nurse, Mrs. Hu.

Yun Jinnian cast her a casual glance.

Plump and fair-skinned, well-maintained, and dressed well, she seemed to hold a significant position in Yicai Garden.

"Hmm!"

Yun Jinnian responded, stepping into the small hall.

Xu Xinmo's room was truly luxurious, with everything that could be displayed laid out.

"So it's Princess Yijia, the servant greets you!"

A matron came out.

At first glance, Yun Jinnian didn't like her.

Unlike plump Mrs. Hu, Granny Jin was very thin.

Those eyes made Yun Jinnian inexplicably think of Zhu Yan.

The same hidden malice, the same insatiable greed, the same terrifying demeanor.

"Hmm!" She responded before asking, "How is Xinmo?"

"She's ill. Everyone says the Commandery Princess has unparalleled medical skills. If the Commandery Princess could see my lady, that would be really..." Granny Jin continued on with her lengthy speech.

"Enough!" Yun Jinnian interrupted her.

She stepped into the bedroom.

Xu Xinmo was lying on the bed, her face pale, muttering nonsense, her hands flailing around.

Yun Jinnian sat on the stool by the bed, reaching out to hold Xu Xinmo's hand to check her pulse.

Unexpectedly, Xu Xinmo's strength was immense, her hand clawing at Yun Jinnian's wrist.

Yun Jinnian quickly withdrew her hand, stood up, and stepped back, angrily shouting, "Quickly restrain her, what if she injures herself?"

Granny Jin seemed disappointed but still stepped forward to hold Xu Xinmo's hand.

Only then did Yun Jinnian sit by the bed, ready to check Xu Xinmo's pulse, but she spoke lightly, "You must hold her tightly, otherwise the pulse reading won't be accurate. It's said to miss by a mile, mislead by a thousand miles; if the medicine is prescribed wrongly, it could be fatal!"

Chapter 833: Those Thoughts

Yun Jinnian finished speaking and glanced at Granny Jin, then thought for a moment and added, "Hemei, Henuan, you two have more strength, come hold Xinmo's wrist tightly!"

She then turned to Granny Jin, "You are old, let these two maids do it instead!"

Granny Jin opened her mouth.

She couldn't possibly say that the goal was for the grip to be weak, allowing Xu Xinmo to scratch Yun Jinnian and get some of Yun Jinnian's blood!

Hemei and Henuan immediately stepped forward.

Granny Jin had no choice but to stand up and watched as Hemei and Henuan, like two strongmen, restrained Xu Xinmo so forcefully she couldn't move.

Yun Jinnian slowly opened the medical kit and took out a damp cloth to carefully wipe her hands.

Granny Jin looked at the medical kit.

On the top layer was a jade box, inside it were stacks of snow-white cloths, and in one compartment were silver needles and a set of thin, sharp surgical knives, neatly organized.

Even though Granny Jin didn't understand much, she could see that this set of knives was quite valuable.

And below the box, there should be various emergency medicines. Although she didn't know what they were, they were items Yun Jinnian always brought when visiting patients, unlikely to be ordinary goods!

Yun Jinnian paid no heed to Granny Jin's thoughts, gently raised her hand to feel Xu Xinmo's pulse.

"Hm?" Yun Jinnian murmured softly.

"Commandery Princess, how is my young lady?" Mrs. Hu asked.

"By the pulse, my cousin is not in serious trouble, just has an excessive heart fire, making it difficult for me to prescribe medicine!" Yun Jinnian said, withdrawing her hand.

Taking the cloth to wipe her hands.

"Hemei, Henuan, you may let go now!"

"Yes!"

As soon as Hemei and Henuan released their grip, Xu Xinmo began to struggle again, but her wrist was bruised.

Granny Jin and Mrs. Hu felt a pang of heartache.

"You two have too much strength, see you've bruised Xinmo's wrist!"

Taking out a porcelain bottle from the medical kit, she handed it to Mrs. Hu, "Apply this to Xinmo's wrist, it will treat the bruises!" Then she added, "It would be better to have Aunt bring a note to invite an Imperial Physician for a check-up!"

"Thank you, Commandery Princess!" Mrs. Hu took the porcelain bottle.

"Since there's nothing else, I will take my leave now!" Yun Jinnian said, then exited the bedroom.

Hemei followed Yun Jinnian, Henuan carrying the medical kit behind.

Once the master and maids walked away, Granny Jin angrily shouted, "Damn it!"

She turned towards the bed where Xu Xinmo lay, muttering a few words, then pointed a finger at her forehead. Xu Xinmo stopped struggling, slowly opened her eyes and asked, "Granny, did it work?"

Granny Jin shook her head.

Xu Xinmo was deeply disappointed, then felt intense pain in her wrist. She lifted it to see, "Why is it so bruised?"

"I was supposed to restrain you, but your good cousin said my grip wasn't strong enough and asked her two maids to do it!" Granny Jin said, filled with fury.

Xu Xinmo was also overwhelmed with anger, "I knew she was up to no good, today she deliberately had her maids bully me!"

All that friendliness was just an act for others.

Yun Jinnian is about to come of age, and once she does, marriage talks will begin. No wonder she takes the second house's concubine-born children out, she's trying to use her half-siblings to build a good reputation.

"Such clever scheming!" Xu Xinmo said angrily.

Granny Jin also felt that Yun Jinnian must be planning something, "Don't worry, if it doesn't work this time, we'll come up with something else. I heard that a man entered Niannian Garden last night and left just before dawn!"

Xu Xinmo exclaimed, "Really?"

"Absolutely true!"

Xu Xinmo was ecstatic, "Did you see who it was?"

If she finds out who it was, she'll make sure Yun Jinnian is notorious. Forget about marrying a good man, she wouldn't even be able to stay in the Capital City!

Chapter 834: Countermeasures

Granny Jin shook her head.

Xu Xinmo felt a surge of disappointment.

Granny Jin gently rubbed the bruise on Xu Xinmo's wrist, slowly saying, "Since she has no sense of shame, this presents us with an opportunity. But whether to expose her or use this to blackmail her, we need to think carefully!"

"What does Granny think?" Xu Xinmo asked softly.

"Blackmailing her is unreliable. After all, she is a Commandery Princess. It's better to expose her and make her lose all face. Perhaps she might even lose her position!"

Smiling silently for a long while, she finally said, "But that has to wait. For now, I still need her to lead me!"

Otherwise, she wouldn't be able to enter those prestigious families.

Let alone getting to know the Princes!

"Silly child, if that way doesn't work, we can take the route of the Young Madam!"

"Yes, my cousin's aunt is a Noble Consort. Though the Crown Prince is married, if I interact more with the Princes, I can definitely win their favor!"

Xu Xinmo was very confident in herself.

Even Granny Jin nodded seriously.

Yun Jinnian and her companions left Yicai Garden. She stopped and turned to look at the plaque of the garden before returning to Niannian Garden without any change in her expression.

"Miss?" Hemei called softly.

"Go and invite Nanny An over!"

"Yes!"

Soon, Nanny An arrived, "Miss, what is it?"

"Nanny An, you are well-experienced. Tell me, what can one's blood be used for?"

"This..." Nanny An pondered for a moment before saying, "In the palace before, some concubines had people who knew foul practices. They would use worn clothes or hair for their rituals. If they were sorcerers, they might use blood for their magic!"

"No wonder, as soon as I entered Yicai Garden, I felt uncomfortable. Xu Xinmo kept acting crazy, clawing frantically, almost scratching the back of my hand several times!"

Upon hearing this, Nanny An was startled, "So, there is someone skilled in sorcery around Miss Xu?"

"Yes!"

Yun Jinnian responded.

She fully understood that the person the Master of Sorcery mentioned was none other than Granny Jin beside Xu Xinmo.

A malicious old woman and a shameless Xu Xinmo who disowns her kin!

"In the future, make sure all my belongings are kept securely, especially my fallen hair. It must not fall into Xu Xinmo's hands!"

Nanny An nodded and added, "Commandery Princess, from now on, everyone should address you by your title!"

"Why?"

"Because the title Commandery Princess represents your status and position. You earned this title yourself, so why not use it? It can serve as a deterrent in many situations!"

A Commandery Princess with a title and land is far more significant than a casually conferred title.

This, Nanny An knew very well from her many years in the Imperial Palace.

"Nanny, you are absolutely right. Please inform the people of Niannian Garden to follow the protocol from now on!"

"Yes!"

Nanny An responded, feeling excited inside.

She had always wanted to prove herself, but Yun Jinnian was often away, and even when she was home, it was Mrs. Yuan who made the decisions.

If Mrs. Yuan were a difficult person, she might have fought back, but Mrs. Yuan was gentle and kind-hearted, never oppressing anyone, which left Nanny An with nothing to do, content to be a carefree person.

But now, with Mrs. Yuan away and Yun Jinnian appointing her as the head butler nanny of Niannian Garden, she naturally wanted to give her best effort.

"By the way, Nanny, did you go to Nuanxin Academy today?"

"I did, but Lady did not see me. Her maid Tianmi told me to return, saying Lady knows well what's going on!"

Chapter 835: Mrs. He's Response

Understood the situation?

Yun Jinnian laughed softly.

Nanny An raised her hand and slapped her own mouth, "Look at this mouth, I should refer to myself as a servant!"

"Nanny, there is no one else here, it's alright!"

"You are kind, Commandery Princess, but now I am indeed your servant and should lead by example!"

Nanny An said, bowing slightly to Yun Jinnian, "Does the Commandery Princess have any other orders? If not, I'll head over to Nuanxin Academy!"

"You go ahead, I'm fine!"

Nanny An bowed slightly and left Niannian Garden.

Yun Jinnian watched, her lips curving into a smile.

Wants to shirk responsibility, Mrs. He is dreaming, if this matter escalates, Mrs. He wouldn't be able to stay in the Capital City.

Nuanxin Academy

Mrs. He heavily placed the teacup on the table, "She's here again?"

"Yes, Lady!" Tianmi replied softly.

She is already in her twenties, the Master doesn't want her to serve, and the Lady doesn't let her marry out, just delaying her until she becomes an old maid.

Thinking of Ming Yang who married out, Tianmi felt unspeakably distressed.

But in front of Mrs. He, she dared not show any emotions.

"What a bother, it's just a few items, and she keeps coming back, isn't it annoying!" Mrs. He complained and looked at Tianmi, "Go and let her in!"

Old servant!

Tianmi immediately responded, went outside to call Nanny An.

"Thank you!"

Tianmi had dealings with Nanny An in private, Nanny An took care of Niannian Garden and had silver in her hands, Tianmi received many benefits.

This time she naturally reminded, "The Lady is in a bad mood!"

Nanny An heard this, smiled at Tianmi, and then regained her composure.

Following her into the small hall, Mrs. He was sitting on the Arhat bed, coldly looking at Nanny An, "Did your master send you?"

"Lady, the Commandery Princess doesn't know that I lent items to you without permission, I beg you to return the items, this morning I heard the Commandery Princess say that in the next few days, she will fetch some things to move to the Princess Residence!"

Mrs. He's face turned green with anger when she heard this.

But she quickly figured it out, the things rewarded by the palace all have marks, Yun Jinnian has a ledger, and the palace's internal affairs office has one too, it's impossible to hide.

If they are not returned, she would be humiliated.

"You go back first, I'll personally return the items to your master tomorrow afternoon!"

"Thank you, Lady, this servant takes her leave!"

Nanny An left Nuanxin Academy.

Mrs. He immediately ordered someone to prepare a carriage, she was going to the Marquess Yuanshen Residence to check if that blue and white jade vase had been returned.

She shouldn't have let Muyou take that vase back in the first place.

Now going to retrieve it, who knows what her in-laws would think.

"Tianmi, go to the storeroom and get a few beautiful and exquisite jade vases, and a few bolts of top-quality fabric, two ginsengs, and two Lingzhi mushrooms!"

Mrs. He was afraid that if she took too few items, she wouldn't be able to retrieve the blue and white jade vase.

"Yes!"

Tianmi thought Yun Muyou was smart, knowing well that the blue and white jade vase belonged to Yun Jinnian, yet insisting on taking it back to the Marquess Yuanshen Residence and refusing to return it.

Mrs. He quickly took a carriage to the Marquess Yuanshen Residence.

Nanny An went back to Niannian Garden and reported to Yun Jinnian, Yun Jinnian then dismissed Nanny An.

Now that things are mostly settled, it's time for her to enter the palace.

Expressing gratitude, explaining the reason to the Emperor, and then she could move to the Princess Residence.

Mrs. He urgently arrived at the Marquess Yuanshen Residence.

Yun Muyou was having a nap, learning that Mrs. He had arrived, she was overjoyed and welcomed Mrs. He into the warm hall, "Mother, why are you here?"

Chapter 836: Mother and Daughter's Thoughts

"Ah!"

Mrs. He sighed.

"Mother, what's wrong?" Yun Muyou asked softly.

She was a bit worried.

She had already used up most of her dowry, and there wasn't much silver left in her hands now.

Weng Jianrui was doing business outside, but she didn't know if he was making any money.

She had asked several times, but Weng Jianrui was always vague.

"There is something," said Mrs. He.

"What is it, that you came personally?" Yun Muyou asked.

In her heart, she feared Mrs. He came to borrow money.

"Where is the blue and white jade vase you brought last time? Bring it over, I'll take it back!"

Upon hearing this, Yun Muyou's face slightly changed, "Did my fourth sister ask for it?"

"No, it was her nanny An Mama who lent it to me. Jinnian didn't know about it back then, now that she has returned, it's reasonable to take some things back to the Princess Residence. Hurry and bring the vase!"

"Mother, the vase is not with me currently!"

"What?" Mrs. He raised her voice.

She looked at Yun Muyou incredulously, "Then, where did you put it? Is it broken?"

If it was broken, what would she do? That blue and white jade vase was valuable and rare in the market; even if it was put on sale, someone would buy it for a million taels of silver.

"No, the vase is still intact, but I placed it in the Marquess' study. To get it back, I'll need to talk to him!"

"That's good, don't worry. To prevent any difficulty on your part, I specially brought two exquisite vases, although they don't compare with that blue and white jade vase, they are still valuable. Plus, there are ginseng and lingzhi; send half to your mother-in-law, and keep the rest for yourself. You should also nourish yourself occasionally!" Mrs. He said, feeling worried as Yun Muyou still hadn't had a child.

"Mother, don't worry, I am in good health!"

"If you are in good health, why haven't you had a child yet?"

Yun Muyou's face flushed red instantly, "Mother, the Marquess cherishes me because I'm young and childbearing could be dangerous, so he wants to wait for two years!"

"Really?" Mrs. He asked urgently.

"Of course it's true. Mother's worries are unfounded, the Marquess treats me exceptionally well!"

Mrs. He thought carefully. Indeed, Weng Jianrui treated Yun Muyou well, always accommodating her, and visiting her every time she returned to her mother's home.

She finally felt relieved, "That's good. But you are not young anymore, you should start planning for this!"

"Yes, I'll listen to you, mother!"

Yun Muyou said, blushing.

Mrs. He felt it was inappropriate to stay longer, so she said to Yun Muyou, "I'll head back first, let the Marquess send the vase later!"

"How can that be? Since I brought the vase here, I should be the one to return it. Don't worry mother, I'll visit home tomorrow. Now that Jinnian is back, a Commandery Princess and soon to come of age, I as

her elder sister should go and see her!" Yun Muyou said, approaching Mrs. He, "Mother, what do you think about matching Fourth Sister with the Marquess' second brother?"

Mrs. He gasped, "Are you saying?"

Weng Jianxun?

That young man indeed looks good, tall and handsome, articulate, but lacks accomplishments and hasn't secured a good position.

She originally had thoughts of matching her niece with Weng Jianxun.

"Mother, Jinnian's personality is soft and easy to manipulate, and she has a wealthy background. If she becomes my sister-in-law, she would surely listen to me in everything. What do you think?"

"It could be good, but listen, Muyou, Jinnian today is not the same as Yun Jinnian of the past. Judging by how she treats the concubines and gives face to the maids, she's definitely not easily controlled. You must think it through carefully if you have such intentions!"

Chapter 837: Sincere or Insincere

Mrs. He urged Yun Muyou, hoping Yun Jinnian wouldn't provoke Yun Jinnian, especially at this time.

"Mother, don't worry, I understand it all!"

Having become the Marchioness, she faced numerous matters and had learned to endure.

She naturally wasn't as naive and ignorant as when she was in the boudoir.

"It's good that you understand. It's getting late; I'll go see your mother-in-law and then head back!"

"Alright, I'll accompany you!"

The mother and daughter went to see Old Madam Wu.

Though called Old Madam, she was still young. Seeing Mrs. He, she was warm, considerate, and polite.

She didn't ask Mrs. He why she came and also saw her off warmly without questioning Yun Muyou.

But soon enough, Old Madam Wu figured out Mrs. He's purpose.

"I didn't expect this!"

When the vase was brought back initially, she said nothing, thinking it could be retained, but now it seemed it had to be returned.

"Forget it, forget it, it wasn't ours to begin with, it should be returned!"

Of course, Mrs. He had brought many things too.

When Weng Jianrui returned, holding Yun Muyou, he asked, "Your mother came to the residence, why didn't you keep her a bit longer, maybe have a meal before leaving!"

"There are many matters in the Yun Residence too, how could Mother have time to stay for a meal? By the way, she said she wanted to take back the blue and white Jade Pendant!"

"?" Weng Jianrui was puzzled.

"That vase belonged to the fourth younger sister. Mother borrowed it from Nanny An back then, I found it beautiful and brought it back, now it's time to return it!"

Weng Jianrui pressed his lips, "Then just return it. When are you going? I'll go with you!"

"I'll go tomorrow morning; you don't need to come, just pick me up after lunch!" Yun Muyou said, leaning against Weng Jianrui's embrace, "Fourth Sister has excellent medical skills and knows many distinguished people. If she could help a bit, your position would definitely rise a level!"

Weng Jianrui remained silent.

His thoughts were already elsewhere, not really listening to what Yun Muyou was saying.

Eventually, he nodded, indicating he understood.

Yun Residence

Yun Jinnian sent Hemei out to announce she would visit the palace to see the Emperor tomorrow.

Hemei returned soon, "Commandery Princess!"

"How did it go?"

"Eunuch De by the Empress's side saw me and said you should enter the palace tomorrow!"

Yun Jinnian nodded, indicating she understood.

In the afternoon, Eunuch De personally brought the Vermilion Carriages over.

"This servant greets the Commandery Princess!"

"Eunuch De, no need for formalities!"

"Today, this servant is here by order to deliver the Vermilion Carriages for the Commandery Princess to use when entering the palace tomorrow!"

"Thank you for your trouble, Eunuch De!" Yun Jinnian gestured to Hemei, and Hemei promptly handed over a pouch.

"Thank you for the reward, Commandery Princess!"

After Eunuch De left, Yun Jinnian went to see the Vermilion Carriages. Unexpectedly, she encountered her three younger half-brothers and three younger half-sisters, inviting them to join her.

The Commandery Princess-level carriage was indeed spacious, grand, and luxurious, every part exquisitely detailed.

"Sister, can Mumu ride in this carriage in the future?" Yun Mu asked softly.

Yun Jinnian smiled at Yun Mu, "Of course you can!"

"Sister, I want to ride too!"

"Hehe wants to ride too!"

Yun Jinnian patted their heads, "After I return from the palace, I'll take you to the Princess Residence with me!"

"Thank you, Sister!"

The children's innocence was kind, their smiles pure and beautiful.

They remembered Yun Jinnian was their sister, who treated them well and could take them out to play, something their own mothers couldn't do, hence, they felt particularly close to Yun Jinnian.

Chapter 838 An Enlightening Remark

Hemei and Henuan laughed upon hearing this, "Miss, don't worry, just give the order and we will go up fiercely!"

Yun Jinnian smiled.

Concubine Xi slowly walked over, looking at Yun Jinnian with a half-smile, "So it's the fourth Miss. Where are you going?"

Yun Jinnian looked at Concubine Xi's haughty demeanor and smiled.

"Concubine Xi, is it?"

"That's me!" replied Concubine Xi.

She still had some haughtiness.

"First, you do not salute the Commandery Princess, nor do you use respectful language. Second, as a concubine, a lowly servant, you dare to refer to yourself as 'I'!" Yun Jinnian's voice was cold.

Concubine Xi's face immediately turned red.

She had heard that Yun Jinnian had a soft temperament and came today to test it out on purpose.

However, she found the rumors to be completely untrustworthy.

Just as she was about to speak, Yun Jinnian had already enunciated, "Hemei, teach her well, show her what it means to be a concubine in a noble family!"

Yun Jinnian finished speaking and walked away.

Hemei then stepped forward, kicking Concubine Xi at the back of her knees, causing her to kneel heavily on the ground.

"Ah..."

"Concubine..." the maid Dongjuan beside Concubine Xi screamed.

She wanted to step forward to support Concubine Xi but was frightened into a daze by Hemei's gaze.

Concubine Xi wanted to get up but found that she had no strength in her knees and couldn't stand up at all.

Hemei spoke calmly, "Concubine Xi, in the future, when you see my lady, you must bow like this!" Saying this, she demonstrated a standard posture.

And continued, "And you must refer to yourself as 'this servant'!"

After Hemei finished speaking, she looked at Concubine Xi's face, which had turned pale several times, "Alright, Concubine Xi should remember now. I will go and catch up with the Commandery Princess!"

She chased after Yun Jinnian.

Dongjuan hurriedly tried to help Concubine Xi, "Concubine?"

"Get lost!"

Concubine Xi pushed Dongjuan away with one hand.

Her face was pale with anger, her teeth trembling.

Dongjuan fell backward but did not dare to cry out. She quickly climbed back to Concubine Xi's side, "Concubine, let me help you up!"

This time, Concubine Xi did not push Dongjuan away, letting her support her to stand up.

"Let's go back!"

Good, very good, Yun Jinnian.

Just you wait.

However, Yun Jinnian being so arrogant could actually be beneficial. The more she appeared tyrannical and bullied her, the more Second Master would take her side.

By then, it would just be a matter of time before Mrs. Han is dismissed.

Concubine Xi returned to the courtyard with grievances. Yun Qi was not there, so she said to Dongjuan, "When the Second Master returns, you know what to say, right?"

"Yes!"

Dongjuan replied.

Concubine Xi claimed she was unwell and sent Dongjuan to ask permission from Mrs. Han to call for a doctor.

Yun Jinnian arrived at Qingjue Academy.

"Mother!"

"What did you bring?"

"I bought some pastries from Xufuji and brought some for you!" Yun Jinnian said, leaning against Mrs. Han, "Others have some too!"

"Did everyone get some?"

"Yes, everyone received some!"

Mrs. Han instantly understood Yun Jinnian's intentions, "That's good then, come inside, it's cold outside!"

"Alright!"

The two entered the small hall together. Then Yun Jinnian said to Mrs. Han, "Mother, earlier on the way here, I met Concubine Xi. I had Hemei teach her some manners!"

Mrs. Han thought of the person she saw at the main gate yesterday, "Indeed, she should be properly taught, but in the future, let me handle such matters!"

"I'll listen to you, mother!"

Mrs. Han smiled gently.

She took a piece of pastry and started eating, "Xufuji's pastries are truly delicious!"

"If you like them, Mother, I'll buy some and bring them back every time I go out!"

"Alright, but don't just buy a few pieces. Buy more, and also get some for the maids and old women in Niannian Garden and Qingjue Academy!"

Yun Jinnian had money, and Mrs. Han did not make her save any.

Chapter 839: Consort Yue's Scheme

If even the most basic filial piety is forgotten, how can one speak of achieving greatness and fame?

Both Concubine Lian and Concubine Rou's faces turned red instantly.

The three children were close to Yun Jinnian, which made them happy and naturally thoughtful. But as Nanny An said, if the children only became close to Yun Jinnian and not them, it would truly be a loss.

Besides, whose idea was it for Nanny An to say these words?

Yun Jinnian's?

"Thank you, Nanny An, for your teachings!"

"I dare not teach, so I will take my leave!"

Yun Muyou arrived at the Yun Residence, learned that Yun Jinnian had entered the palace, and didn't mind. She chatted with Wang Yanran, then visited the old madam of the Yun family, flattered and pleased her, and then went to see Xu Xinmo, and met Mrs. Han.

To sum up, she would definitely wait until Yun Jinnian returned.

Uncle Cheng was driving the horse carriage and couldn't help but laugh, "Commandery Princess, this Vermilion Carriage is truly impressive. Not only is it spacious and bright, but the rainproof design is also excellent, and these two horses are extremely robust!"

Yun Jinnian smiled upon hearing this.

"Uncle Cheng, if you like it, we can go to Huguo Temple and stay for a couple of days where you can drive to your heart's content!"

"Thank you so much, Commandery Princess!"

The horse carriage stopped at the palace gate, and Yun Jinnian handed over her token.

"This servant greets the Commandery Princess. By order of the Empress, I am here to wait for you!" The young eunuch had a sweet mouth.

And he was well-behaved. Yun Jinnian slightly smiled, got off the carriage, and led Hemei and Henuan into the palace.

They boarded the sedan chair.

Headed straight to Weiyang Palace.

"Empress, Princess Yijia has arrived!" whispered Shaoyao.

The Empress smiled softly upon hearing this, "Let her in!"

The Princess personally appointed by the Emperor and also a close friend of Mimi, it was really a pity about Bobo. Who knows where he went and when he'll return?

She never expected Yun Jinnian and Prince Rui...

In the end, it was Bobo who didn't have this good fortune.

"Yes!"

Shaoyao exited the main hall, curtsied to Yun Jinnian, "This servant greets Princess Yijia!"

"Sister Shaoyao, no need for such formalities!"

"Commandery Princess, the Empress invites you in!"

"Okay!"

Entering Weiyang Palace.

The Empress didn't seem much different from a year ago, still young and beautiful, dignified and gentle.

"Your Grace!"

"Please sit!"

"Thank you, Your Grace!"

After Yun Jinnian sat down, the Empress asked, "How is your mother's health?"

"Thank you for your concern, Your Grace. She is almost fully recovered!"

"That's good to hear!"

The Empress wouldn't say much beyond that, trusting that Yun Jinnian understood.

After finishing her tea, Yun Jinnian stood up, "Your Grace, I shall go pay my respects to the Emperor now!"

"Very well, I will have Eunuch De take you there!"

"Thank you, Your Grace!"

The Empress's actions were to show her favor, but also to prevent any trouble.

Eunuch De led Yun Jinnian to Yangxin Hall.

The Emperor, upon learning that Yun Jinnian would come to the palace, had been waiting for a long time.

"Emperor, why has Princess Yijia not arrived yet?" Noble Consort Le asked softly.

"Don't worry, beloved consort. She has already entered the palace and will be here soon. After waiting so many days, what's a little longer?"

"It's true, but Your Majesty, I..." Noble Consort Le glanced at her belly as she spoke.

She secretly hated Princess Zhong again.

Though she had destroyed Princess Zhong's favorite grandson, this matter was far from over.

Noble Consort Wei and the Second Prince, she would not spare any of them.

Today, Princess Yijia entered the palace, and it was said that she was as beautiful as a fairy. If the Second Prince offended Yun Jinnian and made her heartbroken or did something foolish, would the Emperor punish the Second Prince?

Chapter 840: Worlds Apart

Consort Le quickly came up with a plan.

"Your Majesty, don't you think that Princess Yijia is already of marriageable age? Could it be that she has someone in mind?"

The Emperor responded, "You would have to ask Princess Yijia about that!"

He had heard that during the Lantern Festival, Princess Yijia received a precious lantern from Prince Rui at Huiquan Tower.

They had traveled to Nanjiang together and returned together, having met many times during this period. Could there be a clandestine affair?

Thinking of this, the Emperor felt it was necessary to test Yun Jinnian's feelings towards Chu Yu.

"Then I will secretly ask her in a while!"

"Granted!"

Consort Le smiled, her heart brimming with joy.

But as she watched Yun Jinnian walking in gracefully, clad in blue, her whole demeanor meticulous and free from any flirtations, she felt... something indescribable.

Yun Jinnian at this moment was truly a rare beauty on earth, meant only for admiration and not for desecration.

A stiff smile formed on her face.

Such a woman, why doesn't she enter the palace? If she enters the palace...

No, Yun Jinnian must not be allowed to enter the palace. If she does, there would be no place for Consort Le.

She looked at the Emperor, noticing the deep, unexplainable meaning in his eyes as he gazed at Yun Jinnian.

Consort Le felt a chill in her heart.

She knew all too well that the Emperor was a lecher.

Thus, she understood the Emperor's gaze towards Yun Jinnian held a ferocious desire to possess.

"Oh my, could this be Princess Yijia? She is truly beautiful!" Consort Le said loudly.

This snapped the Emperor back to reality.

Yun Jinnian stepped forward, "Your servant greets Your Majesty, greets Consort Le!"

"No need for such formalities!" the Emperor replied warmly.

From early on, he had thought Yun Jinnian was a beauty of the mortal world. He hadn't expected her to become even more charming after a year.

Her once sorrowful appearance now seemed more rounded, embodying more fortune and gentleness.

She was even more pleasing to the eye now.

Such a dignified and submissive temperament was in stark contrast to Consort Le.

If only...

"Thank you, Your Majesty!"

Yun Jinnian spoke softly.

She had expected to be scrutinized but this time felt like needles on her back.

"Take a seat!" the Emperor commanded, and Eunuch Hai immediately brought a stool over, placing it beside Yun Jinnian.

Yun Jinnian bowed in gratitude again before sitting down.

"Is your mother feeling better now?" the Emperor asked.

"Replies to Your Majesty, my mother's health is mostly recovered!"

"Hmm, and matters outside the palace, are they settled?" the Emperor continued.

Yun Jinnian pressed her lips together, "Most matters are settled. I was thinking of tearing down the two large courtyards to plant medicinal herbs, which would benefit the people greatly!"

"Don't you like the grand mansion your aunt gave you?" the Emperor was surprised.

"I do like it, but as a doctor, I should bring more blessings to those who are ill. One day, I had something to do in the Outer City and saw people who couldn't afford medical treatment or medicine. My heart

was moved. Having the Commandery Princess Residence is sufficient. If those two mansions could be torn down to plant common medicinal herbs and then given to those in need, it would be a wonderful thing. Your Majesty, what do you think?"

The Emperor was slightly taken aback.

He hadn't expected Yun Jinnian to have such a magnanimous heart.

"It is indeed a good deed. By the way, have you visited the Princess Residence yet?"

"Not yet. I plan to visit it after giving thanks today."

"Ahahaha, then you should go and have a look. You might get a pleasant surprise!" the Emperor said, laughing heartily.

He wondered what Yun Jinnian's thoughts would be when she saw those people?