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Chapter 931: True Wisdom and False Wisdom

Listening to Xu Xinmo's words, Grandma Jin nearly spat out a mouthful of old blood.

That wretched old woman Yun raised Xu Xinmo to be a shallow girl who's never seen the world, always coveting trifles.

How could someone like this become the Empress? Even with a Phoenix destiny, what good could it do? Could the future Emperor really be a fool?

I really don't know what she's thinking!

"You silly girl, the old madam is still sick, and you're not by her side serving her, only thinking of going out to play. What will others say?"

Xu Xinmo was puzzled.

Grandma Jin explained again, "This is your opportunity to show good behavior. You might be able to sweet-talk your grandmother into giving you the storeroom key. Once you have the key, you can take whatever you want inside!"

Xu Xinmo suddenly understood.

"Yes, why didn't I think of that!"

"So tomorrow, let Yun Jinnian and the others go out, and you stay to show some filial piety to the old madam!" Grandma Jin advised.

Xu Xinmo nodded, "Yes, yes, thank goodness Grandma reminded me!"

Grandma Jin smiled, but grew increasingly worried in her heart.

Could Xu Xinmo really become the Empress?

Not to mention her already dim destiny, Yun Jinnian's ever-flourishing steps are wisdom, five Xu Xinmos can't compare to one Yun Jinnian.

"Grandma, I'm going over to grandmother's!" Xu Xinmo finished speaking and delightfully took the maid to Cixin Academy.

The old madam Yun, upon seeing Xu Xinmo, thought of her as the future Empress, feeling slightly better.

But as she was ill, neither grandson nor granddaughter was by her side to care for her, let alone son or daughter-in-law. A room full of maids and grannies, her heart grew increasingly blocked.

"Grandmother, you must get better soon. Once you recover, we'll go to Huguo Temple to burn incense and pray for blessings, and you'll surely live a long life!"

Everyone wishes for longevity, and so does the old madam Yun.

Upon hearing Xu Xinmo's words, she nodded in agreement.

The next day

Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, Yun Qingzhi all got up early, tidied up, and went to Niannian Garden to wait for Yun Jinnian.

Looking at the three charming half-sisters, Yun Jinnian smiled slightly, "You all came really early!"

"Good morning, sister!"

"Did you have breakfast?" Yun Jinnian asked.

Yun Zuomo slightly shook her head.

Last night, excited and restless, she couldn't sleep, let alone think about breakfast.

"Then sit down and eat with us!"

Yun Jinnian was very casual, not intentionally displaying anything.

With the three half-sisters, she was also calm, not overly concerned whether today's meaning could come true.

"In a moment, keep your eyes sharp and may you all choose a satisfactory husband!"

As Yun Jinnian finished speaking, the three half-sisters were already blushing, not daring to look straight at Yun Jinnian.

They also realized how incredible it was for Yun Jinnian to plan for them as a grown young lady, and it's a great blessing.

They must not be too greedy.

"Thank you, sister!" Yun Zuomo spoke softly, somewhat shyly.

Yun Jinnian smiled silently.

After breakfast, the four of them left the residence together.

Upon finding out, Mrs. He sneered coldly, "Let her be, I didn't expect Yun Jinnian to actually take three of them out alone, so find out what they are up to!"

Mrs. Han didn't bother to care.

Mrs. He always felt something wasn't quite right, but news from Niannian Garden was usually hard to gather.

Even Qingjue Academy was airtight, like an iron barrel.

Tianmi responded.

Stepping out of Nuanxin Academy, she let out a breath of relief.

A bit annoyed with Mrs. He, unwilling for her to act as the main wife's concubine, so when doing things, she was also not too earnest...

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After walking around outside, I returned to Nuanxin Academy, "Madam, there's no news from Niannian Garden, but the Commandery Princess has probably gone to the Liao Residence!"

Speaking of the Liao Residence, Mrs. He thought of Yun Zihan.

A concubine's daughter who, after getting married, has never returned home since her mother, Aunt Cui, passed away, as if she doesn't have a family to return to.

It's just as well she doesn't come back, or she'd be another mouth to feed.

She wants to see what kind of achievement Liao Shijie can produce.

Useless fellow!

It was the first time for Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi to visit Yun Zihan's house, so they were a bit nervous.

When they arrived at the Liao Residence, Yun Zihan, heavily pregnant, was waiting at the second gate, while Liao Shijie greeted Yun Jinnian and the other three at the main gate, and together they headed to the backyard.

"Second sister, how are you feeling?" Yun Jinnian asked with concern.

"I'm doing well, just been hoping for Fourth Sister to visit!" Liao Shijie whispered.

By not addressing her as Commandery Princess and calling her Fourth Sister, it brought them closer.

"It's my fault for not visiting second sister more often!"

Liao Shijie smiled, "Fourth Sister, you have many things to attend to, your second sister understands. When you have time, just visit her more often!"

"Brother-in-law is absolutely right!"

Yun Zihan looked at the approaching Yun Jinnian, Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi and smiled, "Fourth Sister, Fifth Sister, Sixth Sister, Seventh Sister!"

"Second Sister!"

Yun Jinnian bowed respectfully.

Even though she became the Commandery Princess, she still respected Yun Zihan.

She never forgot the help and care Yun Zihan had given her before.

"How can I accept such courtesy from you!" Yun Zihan said, hurriedly supporting Yun Jinnian.

Then she looked at the three of Yun Zuomo and laughed, "This is your brother-in-law's cousin, Chuxi!"

Xun Chuxi recognized Yun Jinnian, and as she had already agreed on a marriage, her cousin bought her a two-entry house and a manor in the Outer City as a dowry.

Her future husband was still a scholar, which made her happy, and she wore a smile all day long, looking even prettier.

"Hello, everyone!" She then looked at Yun Jinnian, "Commandery Princess!"

Yun Jinnian also smiled, calling out, "Cousin Chuxi!"

Xun Chuxi smiled even more brightly.

The three of Yun Zuomo quickly followed, "Cousin Chuxi!"

"Hehehe!"

"Let's go inside and talk!" Yun Zihan said with a smile.

She was genuinely kind to Yun Jinnian, and treated Xun Chuxi well too, even to Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi, showing much compassion.

She deeply understood the difficulties of being a concubine's daughter.

Especially when neither the legitimate mother nor the father cared, and the grandmother wasn't kind, it was even harder.

"Yes, let's listen to second sister!"

Together, they headed to the garden pavilion.

Because Feng Wushuang once earned a living by selling paintings and even became the top scholar, those pedantic scholars quickly followed suit, drawing paintings to sell at the bookstore run by Feng Wushuang and Liao Shijie. Life was completely manageable for them, and those who painted and wrote well had saved up quite a bit of silver, with some even buying houses in the Outer City. The houses weren't big, but at least they had a foothold in the Capital City, enough to call it home.

Liao Shijie sought out those among them who had good business sense and temperament.

After all, since Yun Jinnian had entrusted him with the task, he had to take it seriously.

Together, they arrived at the garden pavilion, where the stone table inside was already set with Xufuji pastries and floral tea made by Xun Chuxi.

"Try this, it's floral tea made by Chuxi, it tastes quite good!"

After thanking, Yun Jinnian took a sip from the teacup, "Mm, the taste is really nice!"

Xun Chuxi immediately beamed with joy.

The minds of Yun Zuomo and the other two were not on the tea or pastries, and they couldn't taste anything special, but then they heard a maid say, "Master Feng and a few young masters are coming over!"

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Yun Jinnian remained calm, her thoughts elsewhere.

Xun Chuxi thought of her beloved also coming and hurriedly sat up straight.

Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi nearly couldn't hold their teacups, their bodies stiff, wanting to look towards the door but not daring to.

Very much conflicted.

Faces blushing deeply.

Yun Jinnian observed and exchanged a smile with Yun Zihan.

As the eldest sister, not counting the main branch, she should consider for her three half-sisters.

After each paid respects, not only were Yun Zuomo and the others shy, but even the young gentlemen blushed, sneaking glances at Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingzhi, and Yun Qingqing, afraid of being noticed, quickly averting their gaze.

Feng Wushuang hoped Yun Jinnian was there for matchmaking too, but he knew she wasn't.

On the day of Yun Jinnian's coming-of-age ceremony, he had somewhat seen the truth.

He quietly hid his admiration in his heart.

Besides love, he also felt grateful to Yun Jinnian.

Without her, he wouldn't be where he is today.

"Jinnian, let's take a walk in the garden!" Yun Zihan suggested.

Staying here with everyone blushing, how would they even look at each other?

It would be better to spread out and let fate take its course.

"Alright!"

After a few girls got up and left, Feng Wushuang and Liao Shijie exchanged a smile.

Liao Shijie then said, "Why don't you all hurry up and go!"

The young gentlemen exchanged glances, smiled, and then left the pavilion together.

Yun Zihan instructed the three half-sisters to walk separately and took Yun Jinnian and Xun Chuxi back to the room.

Xun Chuxi couldn't sit still and went to the kitchen to prepare lunch.

The two sisters sat together talking.

"I didn't expect you to help Zuomo and the others!" Yun Zihan was very moved.

Although Yun Jinnian was cold, her heart was warm.

She never bullied the three half-sisters, and now that she was dealing with them, she was indeed a qualified elder sister.

Yun Jinnian smiled, "I'm just offering a little help, nothing more than that!"

"You just say that, but honestly, aside from Su Aunt and Hua Aunt back then, Zuomo and the others are quite good!"

Those years were really difficult.

But now it's all good, they've all made it through.

Thinking of this, Yun Zihan held Yun Jinnian's hand, "And you? What are your plans?"

She thought Feng Wushuang wasn't bad.

Feng Old Madam was also wonderful, gentle, and didn't meddle in affairs, focusing on being a carefree old lady.

If Yun Jinnian really married Feng Wushuang, she would be happy too.

"Just like this, Second Sister needn't worry about me, I have someone in mind already!" Yun Jinnian spoke softly.

"Is it His Highness Rui Wang?"

"Yes!"

Yun Jinnian didn't want to hide from Yun Zihan.

Yun Zihan thought of the genteel and handsome Chu Yu and looked at the elegant and unmatched Yun Jinnian, saying with a smile, "That's great, you are well-matched and will surely be happy!"

"Thank you, Second Sister!"

No ridicule, no sarcasm.

A simple yet sincere blessing.

"We are sisters, in this life and hopefully the next, Jinnian, you must be happy and you have to be, no matter who the man worthy of marrying you is, you must be happy, let those who once humiliated you see, that you, Yun Jinnian, stand high above them!"

As Yun Zihan said this, her eyes couldn't help but redden.

She felt aggrieved and resentful that she couldn't go to Yun Jinnian's coming-of-age ceremony and personally watch her hair being pinned.

That regret is everlasting.

How could she not feel aggrieved and resentful.

"Second Sister, rest assured, I certainly will be!"

Returning to the garden.

Yun Zuomo and the other two walked separately, and so did several young scholars, with Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi all looking nice and having the same status, there was nothing much to choose from.

Chapter 934:

Look upon one's own fortune, whom can you encounter, who can you converse with; this lifetime is more or less decided in this way.

But with Yun Zihan as a gem in the forefront, and with Liao Shijie and Yun Jinnian matchmaking, the character of the three gentlemen was trusted.

Very soon, they met together.

Those gentlemen who didn't encounter anyone quickly returned, feeling disappointed but not resentful.

Even if they aren't family through marriage with Liao Shijie, they are still friends.

Also, they might not succeed; they might fancy the young ladies, but the young ladies might not fancy them, and thus opportunities arise!

Feng Wushuang and Liao Shijie warmly greeted the returning people and talked about the matters needing attention for the imperial exams; after all, there were only few months left.

Marrying is hoped to have someone to manage trivial matters, if not, there are still servants and elder women.

Perhaps after success in the imperial exams, there might be something better.

Perhaps it is fate, Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingzhi, and Yun Qingqing are all fond of the gentlemen they encountered, and the other party also quite liked them.

Love at first sight is not out of the question.

Each then sat down to talk about their own hobbies and habits; Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi are all daughters of concubines, who had no real status in the family and rarely encountered men.

Let alone came into contact.

The three, although daughters of concubines, whenever given a chance to learn, worked earnestly and were not shallow girls.

They gathered courage to tell the other party their names, asked for the other's name, and shyly went to find Yun Jinnian.

Meeting the three concubine sisters again, seeing their faces flushed.

"Became successful?" Yun Jinnian teased.

The three shyly lowered their heads.

Yun Jinnian glanced at Yun Zihan, Yun Zihan had a maid convey the intentions of the three to Liao Shijie, and also asked the gentlemen about their intentions.

If the other side is willing, they can interact further.

Then, after obtaining the consent of Yun Qi and Mrs. Han, the man can invite a matchmaker to come and discuss the marriage.

After lunch, Liao Shijie arranged opportunities for several people to interact; compared to the earlier awkwardness, they were much more relaxed.

On the way back, the faces of the three from Yun Zuomo were still red, as if about to drip blood.

"Are you happy?"

"Yes!"

Yun Jinnian smiled.

The people were chosen by them, their character estimated by Liao Shijie and Feng Wushuang, thinking it wouldn't be too bad; even if the imperial exams are unsatisfactory, she would ask Chu Yu to help them start from being a Magistrate, if they're truly capable, one day they could certainly rise up.

"Since you are all happy, then prepare the dowry properly!"

Actually, the dowry for daughters of concubines won't be much, but also not too little.

What should be there, must be there.

"Elder sister!" Yun Zuomo called softly.

"Hmm?"

"Thank you!"

Yun Jinnian smiled, "No need, I just helped you a little. Your future path still has to be walked by yourselves; whether happiness or hardship, you must bring them yourselves!"

"Though the words are like this, without elder sister, perhaps we would have been sold by Aunt!"

Sold to be a concubine to a seventy or eighty-year-old man; to a widower with flaws to be a second wife, with stepchildren and stepdaughters, some even older than them; this life would really be ruined.

In the Yun Family, they've seen too many such sordid things.

Lady He's character, they know too well.

Even Yun Zihan can be sold, and dare she covet Yun Zihan's bridal gifts, what else is there that she wouldn't do?

Yun Jinnian patted Yun Zuomo's shoulder, "She won't have this chance!"

Lady He's shamelessness, Yun Jinnian has long experienced.

And she believes, if she'd ignore it, the three from Yun Zuomo indeed won't have good marriages, this seems to have been the case in the previous life.

Chapter 935:

Under the eaves, one cannot help but bow.

Without parents or elder brothers to assist, and with no money at hand, what can a concubine who cannot step out of the main gate or side gate do?

Uncle Chen drove the carriage, heading towards the Yun Family with a clatter.

He was stopped by someone on the street.

"Commandery Princess, it's the eldest young master!"

Yun Jinnian frowned slightly.

Yun Zhen?

She gently lifted the carriage curtain, "Brother?"

Yun Zhen quickly saluted Yun Jinnian, "Fourth Sister!"

"Brother, do you have something to discuss?"

Yun Zhen looked at Yun Jinnian inside the carriage and glanced at Yun Zuomo and the others. After a moment of hesitation, he said, "I left in a hurry and didn't bring enough money. I wonder if Fourth Sister could lend some Silver?"

Lend money?

Yun Jinnian was surprised.

Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi were also astonished.

Would Yun Zhen go out without money?

Mrs. He would endure anyone's grievances but never her son's.

"How much does Brother need?"

"However much Fourth Sister can spare; I'll return it when we are back home!" Yun Zhen said.

Yun Jinnian nodded, allowing Hemei to hand the purse to Yun Qi. "Brother, use it for emergencies. If it's not enough, tell me an address, and I'll ask Aunt to send more!"

Yun Qi opened the purse and saw several ten-thousand tael silver notes, quickly saying, "It's enough!"

Unexpectedly, Yun Jinnian brought so much money when going out.

"That's good!"

After greeting Yun Zhen, Yun Jinnian instructed Uncle Chen to set off.

Watching the departing carriage, Yun Zhen felt a myriad of emotions.

He thought Yun Jinnian wouldn't lend it, but she did, without even glancing at how much.

It was quite a surprise.

With the money, Yun Zhen hurried to the brothel, redeeming a miserable woman and rented her a small courtyard, buying her maids and matrons to serve her.

In the carriage,

Yun Zuomo was puzzled, "Sister, why did you give Brother the money without checking how much was in the purse?"

"Though I don't know how much money is in the purse, Hemei certainly does!" Yun Jinnian smiled.

Hemei is shrewd and would definitely know the amount.

Besides, they hadn't spent a single penny today.

Yun Jinnian initially intended to go back directly, but she recalled Yun Zihan's words.

Life is hard for a concubine's daughter.

With a sigh, "Uncle Chen, let's go to Qiaoshi Pavilion!"

"Yes!"

Uncle Chen responded, never asking why.

Heading straight for Qiaoshi Pavilion.

Arriving at Qiaoshi Pavilion, Yun Jinnian led her three half-sisters directly upstairs, with the shopkeeper being exceedingly courteous.

"Bring out all the jewelry suitable for young ladies!"

"Yes!"

The shopkeeper hurried off.

The attendant served tea.

Yun Zuomo and the others were somewhat reserved but envied how Yun Jinnian was surrounded and valued.

Moreover, they had never dared dream that one day Yun Jinnian would take them to such a place like Qiaoshi Pavilion.

Even if they bought nothing, it felt exhilarating and joyful.

"Take your time browsing later. If you like something, keep it; it's my gift to you!"

"Sister!"

Yun Zuomo called softly.

Yun Jinnian had already given them so many things.

A lifetime of happiness, a box full of silver notes, and things never seen before nor dared imagined.

They dared not ask for more.

"Just take it if I give it; I dislike people who are overly sentimental!"

Yun Jinnian said, rising and walking to the window, gazing at the street outside.

Her thoughts drifted.

For some reason, she suddenly remembered she had never met Dai Hanbo, nor had Dai Hanmi ever mentioned him.

Chapter 936: This Eldest Sister Is Excellent

Yun Jinnian rarely paid much attention to Dai Hanbo, but because of Dai Hanmi, she also remembered Dai Hanbo treated her quite well.

At least she called Dai Hanbo "Third Brother."

"Sister!"

Yun Zuomo walked to Yun Jinnian's side and called softly, somewhat worried.

Yun Jinnian turned back and smiled at Yun Zuomo, "No worries, go choose some things, pick some grand ones, you can wear them out later!"

"All gold?"

"Of course not, also pick some jade ones, but still choose according to what you like!"

"Thank you, sister!"

Yun Jinnian smiled gently, reaching out to pat Yun Zuomo's head, "Go ahead!"

Sister was still the same sister, but Yun Zuomo knew something was different.

She smiled sweetly and nodded heavily, just as the shopkeeper brought in many accessories, despite worrying about Yun Jinnian, she could only smile and go pick.

Yun Qingzhi and Yun Qingqing, being concubine-born daughters, were naturally observant and could tell Yun Jinnian was in low spirits. They silently looked towards Yun Zuomo, who slightly shook her head.

Though puzzled, they listened obediently and chose accessories.

The accessories at Qiaoshi Pavilion are not only expensive but primarily exquisite and beautiful, worthy of their high price.

Later they will need to socialize outside, naturally picking those that are elegant and timeless, ones worn for ten or eight years won't go out of style, even if outdated, they won't lose value.

But such items are outrageously priced.

Being concubine daughters, they had no income other than monthly silver; though their father gave some pocket money these two years, after buying necessary items and making several pouches for Yun Jinnian to reward her servants when she marries.

Though Yun Jinnian provided silver money for their dowries, and so much of it, they didn't dare use it.

Looking at the truly exquisite and beautiful items before them, they hesitated to take them.

Feeling everything looked appealing.

Yun Jinnian turned back and saw her three concubine sisters touching one thing, then another, uncertain whether to take them,

She smiled, composed herself, and stepped forward, casually flipping through them, "This one, this one, keep them all!"

Yun Jinnian casually pointed to over ten items, all extremely beautiful and precious.

The shopkeeper beamed widely, "Commandery Princess has a keen eye!"

"Shopkeeper, you overpraise me. I came today to buy some accessories for my three sisters, something more mature!"

"Eh?" The shopkeeper was puzzled.

Yun Jinnian smiled slightly, "For after they marry!"

The shopkeeper was momentarily stunned, then clasped his fist towards Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi, "Congratulations to the three young ladies!"

But usually, it's the legitimate mother who takes concubine daughters shopping, and only very good legitimate mothers take concubine daughters out. Generally, when concubine daughters marry, how many can come out to choose wedding accessories?

Not to mention being brought out by the legitimate sister.

Nonetheless, news about the Yun Family had already spread far and wide. Princess Yijia's mother was believed to be the legitimate mother of these three, who didn't manage affairs, but their legitimate sister was genuinely excellent.

Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi blushed shyly, not daring to lift their heads.

The shopkeeper chuckled, quickly ordered more items brought out, and Yun Jinnian saw them all as good, and took them all.

The shopkeeper became increasingly pleased.

Truly, few are as generous as Princess Yijia.

"Shopkeeper!"

"Hmm?"

"Can you make Phoenix Crowns here?"

Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi looked at Yun Jinnian in surprise, seeing her seriousness, their eyes reddened instantly, lowering their heads to wipe tears secretly.

The shopkeeper was also astonished.

This legitimate sister's actions are truly unparalleled under heaven.

Chapter 937: Have You Really Thought It Through?

As the shopkeeper of Qiaoshi Pavilion, he not only knows about the Yun Family's matters but also knows quite a bit about the Yun Family's second household, thanks to the chatty wives who come here to buy jewelry.

"Shopkeeper, I'm asking you a question!"

The shopkeeper quickly responded, "Yes, yes!"

Yun Jinnian pointed at Yun Zuomo and the other two, "Make one for each of the three, I'll send someone to deliver the pearls!"

"Alright, alright!"

"Please calculate the silver, and I will send someone to pay later!"

The shopkeeper nodded and immediately went to calculate the silver.

Yun Jinnian looked at her three younger sisters, "Leave the Phoenix Crowns to Qiaoshi Pavilion, and the bridal attire as well. You don't need to rush; in your spare time, you can make two sets of clothes and shoes for your future husbands!"

The three of them blushed even more when they thought of the men they had met earlier, their future husbands.

"Yes, elder sister!"

They accepted, not without conscience, but with increasing gratitude.

They wished to do something but didn't know what to do?

Yun Jinnian had everything.

After buying the items and settling the silver, Yun Jinnian took the three to Jinshang Pavilion to buy bridal gowns.

The wedding gowns at Jinshang Pavilion aren't cheap, costing tens of thousands of taels of silver for a set, but Yun Jinnian smiled and bought them.

Just as they were about to leave, they saw Chu Yu accompanying Princess Jinfeng into Jinshang Pavilion.

"Jinnian!"

Princess Jinfeng joyfully called out softly.

Chu Yu also smiled.

He knew Yun Jinnian was at Qiaoshi Pavilion, most likely looking for suitable matches for Yun Zuomo and the other two, and after buying jewelry, they would certainly be at Jinshang Pavilion, which is why he brought Jinfeng over.

Unexpectedly, they arrived just in time.

Yun Jinnian looked at Chu Yu and also smiled slightly, "Greetings, Your Highness, greetings, Princess!"

"No need for formalities!" Chu Yu said.

But Princess Jinfeng stepped forward and took Yun Jinnian's hand, "Jinnian, accompany me to continue looking around!"

"Alright!"

Yun Jinnian agreed.

Princess Jinfeng then turned to Yun Zuomo and the other two, "Someone, send these three back to the Yun Family!"

"Yes!"

Si Qin and Si Ju responded.

Uncle Cheng sent Yun Zuomo and the other two back, accompanied by Si Ju.

"Si Qin, also inform the Yun Family that this princess will personally send Jinnian back later!"

"Yes!"

Although Yun Zuomo and the other two were sent back to the Yun Family, they were still very happy.

Without anyone else around, Princess Jinfeng and Chu Yu took Yun Jinnian to Huiquan Tower, but once they reached Huiquan Tower, Chu Yu left, leaving many witnesses.

Princess Jinfeng happily linked arms with Yun Jinnian and led her to the third floor, where a table of delicious dishes was already prepared.

Sitting Yun Jinnian down, Princess Jinfeng finally said, "At last, we can have a proper conversation!"

"How have you been, Princess?" Yun Jinnian asked softly.

She knew Princess Jinfeng had followed Leng Bingham to Dongwu Country, and she originally thought she wouldn't return for a long time.

Unexpectedly, she came back so soon.

"I'm doing really well, truly!" Princess Jinfeng said, turning her head to take a deep breath before turning back to look at Yun Jinnian, "Jinnian, when can I bring Nuannuan back?"

"Anytime, just, Princess, have you thought it through?"

Once she brings the child back, how will she explain it to the outside world? What is the child's status, where did they come from? What will happen when the child grows up?

"I've been back for a while, and I've thought about it long enough, there should be an answer!"

Since she's decided not to marry in this lifetime, having her own flesh and blood by her side, and since she's fond of this child, she can live with it for a lifetime!

Seeing Princess Jinfeng's look of loss, Yun Jinnian sighed, "Are you sure about this?"

Chapter 938: Cried Heartily

This is the second time someone has asked her if she has thought it through.

The first time was from her own brother.

Princess Jinfeng slightly nodded.

Her brother did not agree with her degrading herself to become a concubine for Leng Bingham.

Yet she couldn't lower herself to become a concubine for Leng Bingham either.

Yun Jinnian took a deep breath, "Princess, as a woman, only by loving yourself, maintaining self-respect and self-love, can you shine bright and make the person you like both love and respect you!"

"Love is not just about giving, following, or having to win; it also involves understanding, tolerance, and letting go!"

"You bore him a child, and though there's no credit, there is hardship. You followed him to Dongwu, filled with affection and righteousness, yet he still doesn't cherish you, cannot see your efforts, and refuses to fight for you. Such a man does not deserve your love, nor your following!"

Upon hearing this, Princess Jinfeng burst into tears.

She didn't want this either.

But when love runs deep, what else can she do but follow?

"The future is long, and you have many choices. You will definitely meet someone who can make you happy, make you laugh, and treat you like a treasure, not let you wander aimlessly. Even if you cry, they will be tears of happiness and joy!"

Instead of this current grievance and heartache.

Unable to see the path ahead, how should she proceed?

Chasing all the way to Dongwu Country, how much courage was needed then, just like secretly giving birth to Nuannuan back then, if not for Leng Bingham, she wouldn't have dared.

Firstly, afraid of gossip, secondly, afraid of Chu Yu.

Though pampered by the late emperor beyond measure, she truly feared Chu Yu.

So when she learned Leng Bingham was to marry a wife, and she could only be a concubine, she quarreled with him.

What did Leng Bingham say at that time?

She had forgotten the original tone of those words, but combining them implied that she willingly followed him, who could she blame?

At that moment, Leng Bingham was so unfamiliar, so leaving her at a loss.

All her courage and perseverance collapsed in an instant.

If he had even the slightest affection for her, he wouldn't talk about her like this.

So she returned, listened to her brother's advice, and decided never to go to Dongwu again.

"Wuuu..."

Yun Jinnian sighed, hugging Princess Jinfeng, letting her cry, letting out all grievances and resentment, and to become once again the arrogant and domineering Princess Jinfeng of the past, rather than living without dignity for a man.

Just like her previous life, so silly, so foolish.

Chu Yu in the next room, listening to his sister cry, felt indescribable emotions.

But he utterly hated Leng Binghan.

No matter what Leng Binghan was thinking, at this moment, he decided he will never forgive Leng Binghan in the future.

Nor would he let him see his sister again.

Until the crying turned hoarse, Princess Jinfeng finally looked up while sobbing, gratefully gazing at Yun Jinnian, "Thank you, Jinnian, I feel much better now!"

Crying in front of her brother felt like she was wronged.

It also felt repressed.

Crying in front of Yun Jinnian meant she was truly saying goodbye to the past.

"That's good!"

Yun Jinnian got up, took the teapot and poured tea for Princess Jinfeng, "Soothes your throat, and tidy up your tearful face. Your brother will surely come in a while!"

"Mm!"

Princess Jinfeng responded.

Only then did Yun Jinnian help her wash her face, let Hemei and Henuan come in, and opened the window to let the air circulate in the room.

Saying a few amusing remarks, Princess Jinfeng finally broke into a smile.

"I don't know since when you could even tell jokes!"

Chapter 939: Persuasion Successful

Yun Jinnian paused slightly.

The former Princess Jinfeng was bold, youthful, lively, and carefree.

Yet she became so insecure because of Leng Bingham.

At that time, she had nothing to rely on and lived cautiously, but thanks to Chu Yu's secret help, memories of her previous life, and the love from everyone in the Wangyue Sect, she became gentle and carefree.

She gradually came to terms with her past life.

She no longer harbored hatred or resentment towards some people.

So, what is there left to understand?

A woman marrying is truly like a reincarnation.

"Princess, you're joking!"

Princess Jinfeng looked at Yun Jinnian's rosy face, filled with admiration.

However, she did not feel jealousy.

She knew that if she wanted, she could also live a good life.

"I'm not joking with you, just watch. I'll live very well, even if I don't marry, even if I have a child out of wedlock, even if I live with a child in the future. I will still be the most powerful princess in Tianchu Country besides the Grand Princess who stabilizes the nation!"

Princess Jinfeng declared confidently.

Yun Jinnian grew worried, advising, "Princess, do you really plan to live alone with Nuannuan? Have you thought about what Nuannuan will do in the future? If you have a child out of wedlock, who's the father? Outsiders will gossip about him. Princess, if you truly care about Nuannuan, don't rush, give him a true family, let him walk out with a dignified identity and avoid gossip, wouldn't that be better?"

"..."

Princess Jinfeng was puzzled, looking at Yun Jinnian.

"Princess, why not wait a little longer? Ayu and I will marry soon. After we get married, we will prepare to have children. By then, whether single or double births, we can claim the child is unhealthy and needs to be raised outside for a few years. Who will know how many I have truly born, and whether Nuannuan is actually mine!"

Yun Jinnian spoke, watching Princess Jinfeng ponder.

She continued, "Nephew resembling the uncle, this arrangement is best for Nuannuan!"

"I can marry, too!" Princess Jinfeng spoke.

She couldn't let Yun Jinnian bear all the burden.

"Princess, whom do you plan to marry, and can you truly accept that person?"

Yun Jinnian remained skeptical.

Princess Jinfeng herself couldn't do it.

Thus, having Nuannuan become her and Chu Yu's son was most appropriate.

"Has your brother agreed?"

"Yes!"

Princess Jinfeng wanted to cry but held it back.

She understood that the initial decision was so impulsive.

She admitted her mistake, a tremendous blunder.

A single decision, followed by so many tails to clean up.

"Jinnian, I was wrong!"

"Recognizing and correcting a mistake is the greatest virtue!"

Yun Jinnian gently murmured.

The private room's door was opened, and Chu Yu stepped inside, saying, "Jinnian is right. Since you recognize your mistakes, live your life well!"

"Yes, I will listen to my brother and my future sister-in-law!"

Yun Jinnian immediately blushed deeply.

She glared at Princess Jinfeng, turned her head away, and ignored her.

Chu Yu also laughed.

This was good.

Though he couldn't marry Yun Jinnian with grandeur, he could do it with joy and celebration.

Even if it was unconventional, who dared to say anything against it?

In short, he would not wrong Yun Jinnian.

"Alright, let's eat. Aren't you hungry?"

Yun Jinnian shook her head, Princess Jinfeng also shook her head.

Chu Yu laughed, "Seems like I'm the only one hungry!"

"I'm willing to accompany my brother to eat, but I wonder if the future sister-in-law is willing!" Princess Jinfeng teased.

Yun Jinnian cast a glance at Princess Jinfeng, then walked over to sit beside Chu Yu.

Chu Yu smiled and poured wine for the two closest and dearest women, "Come, I toast you both!"

Yun Jinnian picked up her wine glass and exchanged a smile with Princess Jinfeng.

They drank their wine.

Then discussed some matters.

The marriage between Yun Jinnian and Chu Yu would soon be on the agenda.

However, Yun Jinnian decided to propose marriage after Yun Zuomo and others married, and Chu Yu agreed.

Yun Zuomo and the others returned to the Yun Family, escorted by a lady-in-waiting from Princess Jinfeng's side, bringing along quite a few things. It was indeed a highly dignified affair.

Aunt Su looked at each luscious box, took a deep breath, and then said, "Zimo!"

"Aunt?"

"Kneel down!"

Chapter 940: Self-Awareness

Yun Zuomo did not ask why and obediently knelt down.

Concubine Su, with tears, said, "Zimo, today you swear here that no matter what happens in the future, you must not forget because of whom you were able to leave the Yun Family and marry with dignity, instead of being sold at a high price by the Lady to be someone's concubine or wed to an old man as a second wife!"

"Aunt?"

Yun Zuomo whispered.

She, of course, knew all this.

"Zimo, don't think Aunt is just trying to scare you. You haven't been like your Aunt, who hasn't stepped out of the Yun Residence for over ten years. You don't know what the world outside has become, spending a lifetime cooped up in the courtyard, even dying without anyone knowing, casually wrapped and discarded!"

These, Yun Zuomo understood and realized.

Especially if it weren't for Yun Jinnian, she could never marry openly and honorably in her lifetime.

The legitimate mother didn't care, and the eldest aunt, with her kind appearance but malicious heart, would certainly sell her far away to earn a substantial amount of silver for Yun Musi and Yun Mulan's dowries.

Especially after seeing her second sister Yun Zihan's happiness, she finally understood that this legitimate sister Yun Jinnian was cold on the outside but warm on the inside.

Touching words she wouldn't say, but if she did, she would see them through to the end.

This legitimate sister was a kind-hearted person.

How fortunate she was.

"Aunt, I understand, I truly understand!"

Concubine Su nodded, "Since you understand, I won't say much more, but remember, no matter what happens in the future, always remember everything she did for you today, never forget!"

"Yes, Aunt, today I swear here, I'll never forget the kindness of my legitimate sister. If she ever needs it, I'll spare no effort, even at the risk of my life, to help her accomplish anything!"

Upon hearing this, Concubine Su felt a faint ache in her heart seeing Yun Zuomo's earnest expression.

Thinking back to the time when she was in front of the Lady, the Lady said in a year or two, she would find a solid family for her to marry, and she could still serve at her side. Her man was a shopkeeper outside, and their children could play with Yun Jinnian in the future.

That she would live a smooth and content life forever.

But she was blinded by Yun Qi's gentleness and manipulated by a few words from the old madam, so she took the opportunity to climb into bed.

At that time, the Lady only glanced at her coldly, saying that she would surely regret what she did that day.

Since then, the Lady never spoke a word to her.

After many things happened, she had no one by her side, no one believed what she said, with no way whatsoever.

Taking a deep breath, she helped Yun Zuomo up, "Good child!"

Then asked about meeting the suitor, Yun Zuomo blushed and nodded slightly.

"Have you taken a liking?"

"Hmm?"

"What's his name? How does he look?" Concubine Su asked eagerly.

Yun Zuomo smiled lightly, "His last name is Kang, first name is Mingju, he's already a successful candidate, waiting for the autumn imperial exam, and he's quite confident!"

Concubine Su smiled, "If only I could take a look at him!"

"Should I ask Sister?" Yun Zuomo quickly said.

In her heart, Yun Jinnian could do anything.

Concubine Su shook her head, "You can't trouble the Commandery Princess all the time. She can help you once or twice, but certainly not too many times, especially not for me!"

Yun Jinnian didn't mind Yun Zuomo because they shared the same father.

Yun Zuomo immediately understood.

"Aunt, I was greedy; I'll remember this in the future!"

"As long as you remember, from now on, don't always go out. You should start making clothes and shoes for your future husband. I think your wedding will be in May, you can prepare what you need when you're out then!" Concubine Su said, and added, "Your father seems to be preparing a dowry for you!"