

## Indulgence 941

### Chapter 941: Clear Rejection

"..."

Yun Zuomo was stunned.

Dowry?

Father prepared a dowry for her? Suddenly remembered yesterday Yun Jinnian went to the study.

"It was sister who pleaded with father, to give us dignity!"

Aunt Su nodded with relief, "The fact that you thought of this shows you've grown up!"

Yun Qi was indifferent, all his affection was given to Han Shuniang and Yun Jinnian, towards the three concubine daughters, he truly paid no attention.

The three illegitimate sons, those were women he himself brought into bed, so he had already prepared a retreat for them, not a lot of money, but as long as they didn't indulge extravagantly, they wouldn't starve in the Capital City.

Even if they sold things to live elsewhere, they could live well.

"Auntie, I want to do something for sister, but I don't know what. Can you help me think of something?"

Aunt Su thought seriously, "Commandery Princess has everything, and wherever she marries, the family will definitely have high status. Just as your needlework is quite good, make more pouches so she can reward servants in the future!"

Yun Zuomo nodded.

Although much has been done already, these things are never too much.

"But you are about to get married, the wedding gown..."

"Sister has already ordered wedding gowns for the three of us at Jinshang Pavilion, and ordered Phoenix Crowns for us at Qiaoshi Pavilion!"

Aunt Su was completely stunned upon hearing this.

After a long while, she said, "Go talk to the Commandery Princess, tell her I want to kowtow to her!"

Yun Zuomo hesitated for a moment, then gently nodded, "I'll give it a try!"

Regardless of success or failure, it must be tried to know.

Sister is kind-hearted, she will likely consider Auntie.

Huiquan Tower

After calming Princess Jinfeng, Yun Jinnian still insisted Nuannuan was Chu Yu's child, even if an illegitimate child.

Reputation is not important for men, but for Princess Jinfeng, it's extremely critical.

Finally agreed that a woman under Chu Yu would carry the child to Prince Rui Residence, plea for Chu Yu's responsibility, for the sake of the child, Chu Yu accepted the mother and child into the residence, Princess Jinfeng quite liked the child and often brought him along.

This was the best outcome.

"I support Jinnian!" Chu Yu spoke solemnly.

A man in his twenties already bears responsibility.

No longer the reckless state of being a teenager, unrestrained, only seeking his own joy and happiness.

"But..." Princess Jinfeng hesitated.

What will happen to Yun Jinnian in the future? Not even married over yet, already having an illegitimate eldest son!

"No buts, follow Jinnian's decision!" Chu Yu finally decided.

After eating, Yun Jinnian and Princess Jinfeng left Huiquan Tower, Princess Jinfeng personally sent Yun Jinnian back to the Yun Residence.

Upon arriving at Yun Residence, Princess Jinfeng got off the carriage with Yun Jinnian, holding Yun Jinnian's hand, "So much to say, not knowing where to start, just one thing, I apologize to you!"

After speaking, she turned and got back on the carriage.

"Let's go!"

The carriage sped away.

Yun Jinnian watched, taking a deep breath, and turned back to the Yun Residence.

All the way maids and servants continuously saluted, respectfully, "Greetings Commandery Princess!"

Yun Jinnian smiled faintly, and at the second gate saw Yun Zuomo.

"Sister!"

"Why are you here?"

"I'm here waiting for sister's return, Auntie wants to kowtow to you!" Yun Zuomo said, nervously clutching her handkerchief.

Yun Jinnian looked at Yun Zuomo, she seemed to have been waiting a long time, sweat was on her forehead.

"No need, if it were for the sake of your Auntie's face, I would absolutely not care about your life or death. The reason I care, first is for old ties, second is because we share the same father, they are inherited bloodlines!" She took out a handkerchief to wipe the sweat off Yun Zuomo's forehead, "Go back, don't bother with these efforts, you will be busy in the coming days, don't walk around unnecessarily, lest you invite jealousy!"

#### Chapter 942: The Elder's Demise

Yun Zuomo felt a sudden chill and warmth in her heart, and could only nod obediently.

Watching Yun Jinnian leave, she turned around and went back to her own small courtyard.

Returning to Niannian Garden, Yun Jinnian finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"Get some water!"

"Yes!"

Ru Yue immediately fetched some water into the room to assist Yun Jinnian in washing up.

After freshening up, Yun Jinnian took a sip of water and then lay down to sleep deeply on the bed.

"Mom, Mom..."

"Momo!"

"Mom, are you abandoning Momo?"

"No?"

"Mom, you're abandoning Momo. Momo is leaving, and will never return to be by Mom's side again!"

"Momo..."

Yun Jinnian called softly and chased after her.

But Momo ran so fast that she couldn't catch up.

Suddenly, she became very anxious and woke up in a panic.

Gasping for breath, she clutched her chest, feeling a sharp pain.

It had been a long time since she had a nightmare, a long time since she dreamed of Momo.

The bedroom door was pushed open, and Henuan hurriedly walked to the bedside, "Commandery Princess, Elder Chen has passed away, and now several lords and young masters of the Chen family have gone to attend to the funeral rites. The Elder Residence has already hung white banners, and the servants have started notifying the various residences of the death. What do you think?"

Upon hearing this, Yun Jinnian's eyes turned slightly red, "You go get ready. I will go see Chen Sister and accompany her!"

Though she felt relieved, Elder Chen did not live much longer.

Sister Chen probably detests Chu Renzhi deeply and never wishes to see him again in this life.

"Yes!"

Soon, Yun Jinnian was dressed in pale white clothes, simply adorned with silver ornaments, and headed to the Chen Residence.

At the entrance of the Chen Residence, there were already many carriages. After the masters alighted, their attendants drove the carriages away.

Lady Chen, along with several sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters, all clad in mourning attire, knelt to welcome guests.

Several butlers and head maids led people to one side.

"Princess Yijia has arrived!"

Yun Jinnian first spotted Chen Danyan, who was kneeling behind Lady Chen, and saw that she had cried herself into a mess, not knowing how to console her.

If it were the Old Lady Yun who passed away, she would not cry.

After paying respects, she followed the head maid to the inner courtyard, waiting for Elder Chen's coffin to return. After offering incense, she could then go home.

Dai Hanmi also came with Marchioness Zhuangyong.

They held hands, feeling somewhat conflicted.

"What's the matter?" Yun Jinnian asked softly.

Dai Hanmi hesitated for a moment before speaking quietly, "Second sister-in-law gave birth; it's a boy!"

With Elder Chen's passing, the second young mistress of the Dai Family gave birth to a son.

This child...

"It's a blessing!"

Dai Hanmi was slightly surprised but suddenly understood.

People believe in reincarnation.

"Let's hope so!"

Mrs. He arrived a bit late; although there were many people, no one paid her any attention. Mrs. Han hardly ever went out and did not come. Mrs. He waited until the Old Lady of Marquess Yuanshen arrived, and only then did she manage a few words.

Feeling chilled to the bone, as if pulled out from an ice cellar.

Cold, penetrating to the core.

As night fell, Elder Chen's coffin was brought back, accompanied by mournful suona, gongs, and piano music, which made people shed tears.

At the main entrance, the cries were deafening; two of Elder Chen's daughters had already cried themselves unconscious.

Yun Jinnian and Dai Hanmi stood at a distance, holding hands tightly.

"Jinnian, I'm feeling terrible!"

Thinking of grandmother's old age, perhaps...

She quickly said, "Jinnian, when you have time, can you go to the Marquis Residence to see grandmother?"

Yun Jinnian nodded slightly, "Sure, I will definitely go in a few days. Rest assured, the Old Lady is healthy; as long as she is carefully tended to, doesn't get angry or upset, she still has some years ahead!"

Chapter 943: Princess Heartbroken (Part 1)

Yun Jinnian's comfort made Dai Hanmi feel very much at ease.

But thinking about her grandmother who always worried about her third brother, while he remained out of contact, not knowing where he had gone, she felt somewhat anxious.

If next time she knew where her third brother was, she would definitely tell him that Jinnian had returned.

Her third brother admired Jinnian deeply, with such profound, genuine, and pure love.

If he knew Jinnian had returned, he would surely come back too.

"Thank you, Jinnian!"

"It was my duty!"

After Elder Chen was settled, Chu Yu and Princess Jinfeng came to mourn, accompanied by the Grand Princess of the Kingdom, several Marquesses, Marchionesses, as well as the family's grandchildren. Apart from a few very young children, even the concubines' daughters had come.

"Bow once!"

"Bow twice!"

"Bow thrice!"

"Family members, please return the gesture!"

The Grand Princess of the Kingdom offered incense and said to Elder Chen, "Condolences during this difficult time!"

"Thank you, Your Highness!"

"No need for formalities, I shall go see Lady Chen!" said the Grand Princess of the Kingdom, proceeding with a maid to meet Lady Chen.

Lady Chen, although sad, was not overly sorrowful.

At least in the final days, she was joyful.

The old gentleman was joyful too.

"Your Highness Princess!"

"Lady Chen, please accept my condolences!" said the Grand Princess of the Kingdom, holding Lady Chen's hand.

"Your Highness Princess, actually I am not sorrowful. When the old gentleman passed, he held my hand and said that in the next life we would still be husband and wife. Although he seldom accompanied me over the years, he treated me extremely well, unlike others with numerous concubines; he only had three concubines. As they aged slightly, even the chamber maids disappeared, his heart solely with me. Although not as enduring as the Princess and the Duke, with emotions as solid as gold, 'a lifetime with one person,' he is like the bright moon in the sky. I am fortunate to have accompanied him for many years!"

Such words, Lady Chen couldn't speak to others; they would ridicule her.

But the Grand Princess of the Kingdom wouldn't; the Princess understood her.

The Grand Princess of the Kingdom nodded slightly, "That you can think this way puts me at ease. Henceforth, enjoy being Lady Chen, spoiling your grandchildren. When we have time, we shall gather, as we age, there are fewer genuine conversations!"

"Alright!"

Once everything was said, the two fell silent.

Lady Chen also shed tears.

Claiming not to be sad, not to be hurt, were all lies.

The Grand Princess of the Kingdom felt sorrow as well, recalling when the Duke passed, she endured for several days before finally shedding tears.

From then on, in this world, there would never be another man who didn't treat her as a Princess but as a woman, a woman in need of care and love.

The night had fully settled, and the Elder Residence had prepared tofu meal, with simple dishes and two bowls of tofu.

Though the taste was fine, no one ate much; after a brief meal, incense was offered, and each returned home.

Before leaving, Yun Jinnian didn't speak to Chen Danyan but gently hugged her, providing comfort.

Elder Chen was not kept in repose for long.

After seven days, he was to be buried.

During these days, every morning various family heads and spouses went to offer incense to Elder Chen.

The Emperor even suspended court affairs for several days, and the day before Elder Chen's burial, visited the Chen Family to mourn, accompanied by the Empress, Noble Consort Wang, Noble Consort Wei, Consort Le, Prince, and Princess.

After mourning, they returned to the palace.

On the day Elder Chen was buried, the sky was clear and blue.

The funeral procession was lengthy, white banners fluttering, with many families setting up wine offerings along the roadside, almost filling the entire street.

The Yun Family was naturally no exception.

Chapter 944: Marriage Decided

All the members of the Yun Family were present.

The people from the Chen Family were all haggard, and Chen Danyan was no exception.

Yun Jinnian looked on with deep concern...

After the funeral of Elder Chen, May arrived in a flash.

May 5th, Dragon Boat Festival.

Eating zongzi, watching dragon boat races, wearing multicolored cords, Yun Jinnian received many zongzi and multicolored cords, and on the sixth of May, she returned the favor by sending back two Snow Lotus Detoxification Pills.

Unexpectedly, she received gifts in return.

"Commandery Princess, will you send back gifts again?" Hemei asked with a smile.

Yun Jinnian was taken aback, then shook her head slightly.

On May 10th, Yun Qi met with Kang Ju, Qin Xiulian, and Mu Hanqi. After a conversation, Yun Qi could see that the three were knowledgeable and talented.

"Yes, invite the matchmaker to bring up the proposal!"

Thus, he approved the marriages of Yun Zuomo with Kang Ju, Yun Qingqing with Qin Xiulian, and Yun Qingzhi with Mu Hanqi.

The three were overjoyed.

They were all from poor families, and when they arrived in the Capital City, they almost couldn't even afford to eat. It was Liao Shijie who took them in, giving them a place to stay.

Also, because of Feng Wushuang, they realized that calligraphy and selling paintings are not undignified or shameful, so they began painting and selling their works, unexpectedly finding success. They earned enough silver to buy a house in the Outer City, not very big, but it offered freedom and tranquility. They hired a few maids, older servants, and pages, and with people managing the household for them, they could invite friends over for tea and meals, and study together, benefiting in many ways.

The only thing missing was a romantic companion to share their achievements with.

Therefore, Liao Shijie tentatively suggested it, and not only them but many others were intrigued.

They were lucky enough to meet their future wives first at the Liao Residence.

With Yun Zihan as a shining example and the presence of the Commandery Princess, everyone was very happy.

Now they had the approval of their future father-in-law.

Respectfully, they responded, "Yes!"

The marriages of Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi were arranged quickly, and Mrs. He fell ill upon hearing this.

She had already planned to wait for the three to grow a little older and then sell them for a good price, but Yun Qi had acted first.

Enraged, she smashed several teacups, "Find out what on earth is going on?"

Tianmi nodded slightly.

She returned shortly with news, "Madam, it is said that it was the Commandery Princess and the Second Miss who matched them, with the selections made by the Second Master-in-law and Master Feng together!"

Nowadays, Feng Wushuang is the Minister of Rites and an official of the second rank.

Young in age, it seems only a matter of time before he enters the cabinet as the prime minister.

"Wretch, wretched woman!"

Mrs. He grew increasingly resentful, wishing she could strangle Yun Jinnian to death.

Xu Xinmo, however, used the marriage of the three Yun girls as a joke to tell Old Madam Yun, "Grandmother, what was Cousin thinking, finding such families for Cousin Sisters, and Second Uncle even agreed!"

Too unexpected.

Old Madam Yun sighed softly, "I had thought they might marry into prestigious families to provide you with some support, but now it seems that won't be the case!"

But carefully considering it, actually marrying the three Yun girls to aspiring scholars isn't bad. Though their family backgrounds are humble, if they have real knowledge and someone to sponsor them, there's no fear they can't achieve greatness in the future!

"Grandmother, you always think of me!"

She's already fourteen and will turn fifteen next year, reaching marriageable age, yet no one from the Xu Family has come to take her back, nor did they even acknowledge her birthday, which infuriated her.

Old Madam Yun chuckled. After carefully taking care of her health these days, she had become much healthier and more spirited.

Holding Xu Xinmo's hand, "Silly child, you're Grandmother's direct granddaughter, who else would I cherish if not you!"

#### Chapter 945: Married and Returning Home

But how much love and how much use there is in this, only the old Lady Yun knows in her heart. How much can others know?

Xu Xinmo smiled, her eyebrows curved.

Considered a pretty lady, but she cannot compare to Yun Jinnian.

Whether it's bearing, appearance, or dealing with people, one is a pearl, the other is a fish eye.

Days pass quickly, whether willingly or not, on May 28th, Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingzhi, and Yun Qingqing were all married.

Because the Empress Dowager and Elder Chen passed away, the nation mourned. Even for weddings, it was very low-key, especially for a lesser-known daughter like Yun Zuomo. Just a few simple tables were set, inviting only family, not outsiders.

Kang Ju, Qin Xiulian, and Mu Hanqi were friends, and the people around them were the same, so they decided to marry together.

The courtyards were rented, and the three main courtyards were decorated very festively.

Though somewhat crude, at this moment the hearts were true.

It's said that a moment of a good time is worth a thousand gold coins, but there was no room disruptions. After congratulations, they each left.

Niannian Garden

Yun Jinnian leaned on the Chaise Longue, gently shaking a fan in her hand.

"Is the Commandery Princess not happy?" Hemei asked softly.

"How could I not be, a heart matter has been resolved; I am delighted!"

The three stepsisters didn't have much dowry, but at least they wished for justice and married as primary wives.

Then what about her?

Yun Jinnian knew her marriage would not be smooth. Her medical skills could save too many people, and her grandfather had such status, bearing too much. The Emperor would not allow her to marry Chu Yu.

If she wants her desires fulfilled, she's afraid it won't be easy.

Three days later, Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi returned home with their respective husbands.

Yun Jinnian dressed up, wore a golden phoenix hairpin, and waited in the hall.

"Greetings, sister!"

Yun Zuomo slightly bowed.

Newly a young wife, she showed both youth and beauty.

She was already seven points beautiful; at this moment, she became nine points.

The one point lacking was poise and confidence.

Kang Ju also clasped his hands, calling, "Sister!"

Yun Jinnian nodded, "Mm!"

She knew, after today, whether Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingzhi, or Yun Qingqing, none would step into the Yun Family's gates again.

Even as for Aunt Su and Aunt Hua, they would likely be sent away, as for where she wouldn't ask nor care.

From now on, with her three stepsisters, she would keep her distance, avoiding them when possible.

Qin Xiulian whom Yun Qingqing married was also good, Mu Hanqi whom Yun Qingzhi married was quite good too.

After a simple meeting, Yun Qi asked Yun Zuomo and the others to take their husbands to meet Aunt Su and Aunt Hua.

Yun Jinnian accompanied Mrs. Han back to Qingjue Academy, the mother and daughter talking as they walked.

As for the people of the main house, they spoke a few words briefly and left early.

Now, the Yun Family's atmosphere was very strange.

Yun Chen was like this, Mrs. He was too, even several young masters and misses were the same.

Aunt Su had been waiting at the courtyard gate early on, smiling broadly when she saw Yun Zuomo and Kang Ju approaching.

"Mistress, Master!"

"Aunt!" Yun Zuomo softly called.

Kang Ju also called softly, "Aunt!"

"Good, good, let's head inside and talk!"

Yun Zuomo married decently, and as a primary wife, Aunt Su had no more demands.

Aunt Hua looked at the two sons-in-law, also extremely pleased.

She showed warmth and concern, feeling more favor towards Yun Jinnian.

For the future, she had no more expectations.

Accompanied by ancient bulbs and Buddhist light, it's quite good!

Chapter 946: That Little Thought

In the blink of an eye, June arrived, and a carriage left the Yun Residence, carrying not much but the two mistresses, Aunt Su and Aunt Hua.

The carriage left the city and directly headed towards Yingci'an.

This was the final destination for Aunt Su and Aunt Hua, which Yun Qi had agreed to.

As for their attendants, they were all dismissed the last day of May, each given a servitude contract and a hundred taels of silver, and if unwilling, they would be sold off.

Given the choice to become good citizens with a hundred taels of silver, who would wish to be sold? Naturally, they gladly left the Yun Family.

Aunt He did not inquire about the actions of the second branch at all because Yun Muyou had a miscarriage.

She was busy visiting Yun Muyou.

Yun Chen wanted to ask, but, thinking that the relationship with Yun Qi wasn't very good and pondering about dividing the family estate, he didn't inquire.

Inside the carriage

Aunt Su held Aunt Hua's hand and asked softly, "Are you afraid?"

Aunt Hua shook her head.

How could she be afraid, when her heart had never been as calm, peaceful, and content as this moment? Whence comes fear?

"It's better this way, at least we can see the outside world, which is far better than being trapped in that small mansion!"

"Indeed, that's the truth!"

The two shared a smile.

Having been confined without ever stepping out for so many years, even going to a nunnery was gladly accepted.

Moreover, the most important thing was that their daughters were married, and as the primary wives, which settled a worry for them.

The only regret was that they couldn't kneel before Mrs. Han upon departure.

The one person they owed the most never forgave them.

Niannian Garden

"Commandery Princess, Aunt Su and Aunt Hua have already left!" Hemei spoke quietly.

Yun Jinnian nodded slightly, "I know!"

It's better that they've gone; hereafter, under the silent candle and solitary Buddha, it's freer compared to the confined Yun Residence.

Marquess Yuanshen's Residence

Mrs. He looked at the pale Yun Muyou and asked with care, "How did you end up with a miscarriage?"

"I accidentally fell!" Yun Muyou said, and then burst into tears.

She had been very careful, but still she fell.

"Where were your maidservants? What were they doing?"

"The Marquess personally gave each one fifty lashings, and now they're confined in the woodshed!" Yun Muyou spoke, thinking of Weng Jianrui's kindness towards her, her heart felt slightly better.

"Since the Marquess values you so much, just settle down and take care of your health, then when you're well, give him a big, healthy boy!"

"Mm!"

Mrs. He spoke of the situation about Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi, "Now the three of them are married, Aunt Su and Aunt Hua have been sent to Yingci'an too, there will be less expenses for the house. Your father is considering dividing the family estate!"

"Dividing the estate?" Yun Muyou asked softly.

"Yes, now your second uncle is becoming more improper, and your third uncle..." Mrs. He paused slightly, "He's no longer considered your third uncle now!"

Yun Bi had asked to be removed from the family registry, and the old madam actually agreed.

What happened during that time, after several inquiries, she never found out.

"Mother, if father wants to divide the estate, let him. If the house lacks the second uncle's family, I'd be more willing to visit a few more times!" Yun Muyou said.

However, deep down she was insanely jealous of Yun Jinnian.

If she had as much gold, silver, jewels as Yun Jinnian, she wouldn't be as stingy as Yun Jinnian, only caring for herself and ignoring siblings.

"That's what I think too, but if your father doesn't bring it up, I can't mention it!"

The bond between husband and wife had always been thin, and now with Ming Liu added, Yun Chen seemed enchanted by Ming Liu's charm, raising him up frequently, even suggesting that Ming Liu help with the housekeeping, putting her in a very passive position.

Chapter 947: Too Hypocritical

"Mother, let's not talk about this. Listen to me now!"

Mrs. He saw Yun Muyou speak seriously and sat up straight. "What is it?"

"It's about Yun Jinnian. That day, mother-in-law mentioned she wanted to arrange a marriage for my younger brother with Jinnian. But Jinnian is a Commandery Princess granted by the Emperor; she wouldn't marry over just like that. So mother, we need to find a way!"

"This..."

Mrs. He fell silent.

Yun Jinnian is protected by experts; it's not easy to do anything to her.

"Muyou, mother thinks this is hard to accomplish!"

Yun Muyou smiled, "Mother, don't worry. Just find a way to get her to go to Huguo Temple for a pilgrimage on the fifteenth of June, and leave the rest to me!"

Seeing her daughter speaking confidently, Mrs. He pondered for a moment, then asked softly, "Are you sure?"

"Mother, don't worry!"

She isn't sure, but she secretly contacted someone who is.

Even though she doesn't know who sent the person, they managed to quietly enter Marquess Yuanshen's Residence and left her a silver note worth ten thousand taels.

She was initially scared and didn't dare to hide it from the Marquess. However, the Marquess supported her in doing this.

The mother and daughter discussed quietly again, and finally, Mrs. He returned to the Yun Family, feeling assured as Yun Muyou seemed in good spirits despite losing her child, and Weng Jianrui was considerate towards her.

Mrs. He returned to the Yun Family and went straight to Cixin Academy.

The Old Lady Yun had been sick and well repeatedly; these days, she's in good spirits.

When Mrs. He arrived, Ming Liu was attending to her.

Mrs. He looked and felt uneasy.

She wanted to turn and leave but thought about Yun Muyou and the she needed to discuss, so she entered the small hall. "Is the Old Lady feeling better?"

"Much better!"

Ming Liu quickly saluted, "Maid greets Lady!"

"Hmm!" Mrs. He responded indifferently, not sparing a glance at Ming Liu.

Ming Liu withdrew indifferently to one side.

Seeing Mrs. He like this, she felt amused inside.

"The weather has been rather nice recently; does the Old Lady wish to go out for a walk?" Mrs. He asked tentatively.

Upon hearing this, the Old Lady Yun looked out the window.

The weather was indeed good and hadn't turned hot yet. After hesitating a moment, she said, "Speaking of, I promised Xinmo earlier to go to Huguo Temple for a pilgrimage, but I've been unwell and delayed until now. Just as the weather has been nice these days, you go prepare, and we will leave for Huguo Temple the day after tomorrow!"

"Will we stay for a few days?" Mrs. He asked.

Knowing how long they would stay would help her prepare the things.

"We should stay for three to five days. Inform Jinnian to accompany me!"

Upon hearing this, Mrs. He was secretly pleased while maintaining a composed facade. "Yes!"

When a prominent family travels, they bring many maids, old servants, and guards; there's a lot to prepare.

But since Yun Jinnian would be going too, Mrs. He personally went to Niannian Garden.

"Commandery Princess, Lady has arrived!"

Mrs. He?

Yun Jinnian was slightly surprised, "Invite her in!"

Hemei invited Mrs. He into the small hall, and Mrs. He entered, smiling warmly. "Jinnian, are you reading?"

"Aunt, please sit!" Yun Jinnian smiled slightly.

Serene, distant.

Mrs. He wasn't pleased at heart, but considering Yun Jinnian was about to suffer, she didn't mind, "You've always been good and sensible!"

No one visits the Three Treasures Hall for no reason; when the weasel pays respects to the chicken, it means no good.

Seeing Mrs. He's insincere demeanor, Yun Jinnian knew she meant no good and asked blandly, "What brings you here, Aunt?"

Chapter 948: Discussing Countermeasures

Mrs. He heard the words and inexplicably felt guilty.

She always felt that in front of Yun Jinnian, she couldn't hide anything.

She whispered, "It's nothing major, just that your grandmother wants to go to Huguo Temple to offer incense the day after tomorrow and wants you to go too!"

"Just me?" Yun Jinnian asked softly.

She pondered Mrs. He's thoughts, and her grandmother's thoughts.

"Of course not, Xinmo, Mu Si, and Mu Lan are also going, I might go too, will your mother be going?"

"I'll have to ask my mother over there!"

Yun Jinnian believed that, given her mother's temperament, she probably wouldn't want to go.

"Then go ask her, I've delivered the message, so I'll go handle my chores first!"

Going to offer incense at Huguo Temple requires quite a lot to prepare, inside and out, only she is managing things. Although she has a daughter-in-law, ever since the miscarriage, Wang Yanran has been despondent and doesn't manage anything, just staying in her courtyard, who knows what she's doing?

"Fine, I'll see you off, aunt!"

Yun Jinnian escorted Mrs. He out of Niannian Garden, then told Hemei, "Go investigate what she said at Marquess Yuanshen's Residence and with Yun Muyou? What is Grandmother planning?"

She felt there was something fishy about the sudden trip to Huguo Temple.

"Yes!"

Hemei responded and immediately went to arrange it.

Yun Jinnian tidied up a bit and went to Qingjue Academy.

Suddenly, with three fewer girls in the residence, and two fewer mistresses, it seemed much more peaceful.

Madam Rou and Madam Lian were no longer strolling in the garden.

Over the past few days, Madam Xi hasn't felt well and seems to be pregnant!

"Commandery Princess!"

Yun Jinnian looked up when she heard the voice.

It was Ming Liu, Madam Liu.

Ming Liu quickly walked up to Yun Jinnian, slightly bowed, "This concubine greets the Commandery Princess!"

"No need for formalities, Madam Liu," Yun Jinnian said indifferently.

Grace and elegance.

Ming Liu slightly squinted her eyes; who would have thought that the once timid young lady would soar to become a Commandery Princess.

"Is the Commandery Princess going to see the Second Lady?"

"Yes!"

Ming Liu opened her mouth wanting to say something but didn't know how to start, so she quickly stepped aside, "Please, Commandery Princess!"

"Hmm!"

Yun Jinnian acknowledged with a sound and walked away.

Ming Liu watched Yun Jinnian walking away, pursing her lips.

Once thought being a concubine was good, at least one is a mistress, but after truly becoming a concubine, she realized it wasn't so.

But now having boarded this ship, getting off is hard!

When Yun Jinnian reached Qingjue Academy, Mrs. Han was studying a new pot of bonsai.

Having not been properly cared for in a long time, it didn't look good.

She was thinking about how to start.

"Mother!"

Mrs. Han looked up and smiled at Yun Jinnian, "You're here, come and see how to trim this bonsai to make it look nice!"

"Alright!"

Yun Jinnian stepped forward, accompanying Mrs. Han to prune the bonsai, speaking blandly, "Mother, earlier Lady came to Niannian Garden, saying we are going to Huguo Temple the day after tomorrow, are you going?"

Mrs. Han paused slightly, thought for a moment before speaking, "These people are up to no good, if I go with you it will only burden you, you just go by yourself and be careful of everything. Oh, right, your second sister is about to give birth, if you have time, go see her and check her pulse to see if the baby's position is correct!"

"Mm, then I'll go tomorrow!"

"Arrange it however you like, but there's no rush, once you return from Huguo Temple, your marriage will also need to be discussed!"

In this Yun Family, she truly couldn't stay any longer.

Yun Jinnian thought she would feel embarrassed, but unexpectedly nodded calmly, "Mm, thank you, Mother!"

"Silly child!"

Chapter 949: Be Lenient to Those Who Confess

Your own children are always the best.

Mrs. Han reached out to tidy Yun Jinnian's clothes, "Take more people with you, and don't trust them easily. If they dare to harm you, return it tenfold, a hundredfold!"

Yun Jinnian nodded slightly, "Mother, don't worry, I understand!"

"It's good that you understand!"

The mother and daughter talked for a while, then Yun Jinnian went back to Niannian Garden.

Watching Yun Jinnian's back, Mrs. Han felt an inexplicable sadness, "She's good at everything, except she's too soft-hearted!"

Little did she know that being kind and soft-hearted to these people in the Yun Family would only bring herself a loss.

Bai Que put the scissors away and softly advised, "Madam, rest assured, the Commandery Princess knows what's going on. If these people act up, they will erase even the last bit of care the Commandery Princess has for them. Later, when Madam settles things, there won't be anything to worry about!"

Mrs. Han smiled faintly, "You make a good point, let them act as they will!"

She just needed to keep an eye on them.

Yun Jinnian returned to Niannian Garden and asked Hemei to gather many things suitable for children to give to Yun Zihan.

"Second sister is becoming a mother for the first time, I don't know if she's prepared everything!"

Now that Nuannuan is returning to the Prince Rui Residence, the nanny is free. If she's willing to go to second sister's place, it would be nice for her to take care of second sister for a while.

"Commandery Princess, don't worry. Even if the second aunt doesn't understand, our second uncle is extremely keen to learn!" teased Shi Jiayu.

She had been to the Liao Residence twice, and Liao Shijie truly treated Yun Zihan exceedingly well.

Yun Jinnian smiled silently.

After packing several large boxes, Yun Jinnian personally checked them again, then went to the study to read the Medical Books.

She read all afternoon, had dinner, freshened up, and went to bed early.

The next day, she took a carriage to the Liao Residence.

Liao Shijie was about to take his big exam soon, but since Yun Zihan was almost due, he stubbornly refused to study, accompanying Yun Zihan around the house every day.

Seeing Yun Jinnian, Yun Zihan's eyes squinted with joy.

Already looking quite good, she had become more plump, appearing very fortunate. Along with Liao Shijie's genuine care, she was cherished like a treasure, with happiness written all over her face, making one feel delighted.

"Second sister, brother-in-law!"

Yun Zihan smiled, and Liao Shijie also started to smile.

"Fourth sister!" Yun Zihan reached out to Yun Jinnian.

Without hesitation, Yun Jinnian took Yun Zihan's hand, and Liao Shijie said with a smile, "You sisters chat slowly, I'll go take a look in the kitchen!" With that, he stepped away.

"Second brother-in-law, he's..."

Yun Jinnian was somewhat bewildered.

"Ignore him, lately he's been acting strange. He keeps going to the kitchen every day, watching over what I eat and drink, not allowing me to consume too much, really!" Though complaining, the words were filled with happiness.

"It's said that a gentleman stays away from the kitchen, as brother-in-law does this, he must be deeply in love with second sister. Second sister is truly blessed, I feel envious looking at you!"

"What are you envious about? You're so great, you'll definitely be happier than me in the future!"

Yun Zihan was deeply convinced of this.

Anyone with a brain would cherish Yun Jinnian like a treasure if they had her.

It's just a pity for Feng Wushuang's devoted heart.

"Ah..."

A soft sigh.

That day, the things that the Old Madam Feng told her, she didn't know how to tell Yun Jinnian.

"Second sister, why are you sighing?"

"Jinnian, do you have someone you like?" Yun Zihan tested the waters.

If not...

"I do!"

"..."

Yun Jinnian looked at Yun Zihan, smiled, and continued, "I have known him for many years, and he has always treated me well. Without him, I might not be where I am today. In this world, I will marry no one but him!"

Chapter 950: Three Brothers-in-law

Yun Zihan was stunned for a moment and asked quickly, "How does he feel about you?"

"He has waited for me for many years and vows to marry no one but me!"

All these years, maintaining his honor and integrity—if this isn't true love, who would believe it?

If this is deception, then she would rather be deceived for a lifetime.

Moreover, if in the end, he no longer loves her, she wouldn't blame or hate him.

"That's truly wonderful!" Yun Zihan said, then suddenly thought of someone, "Could it be..."

The Prince Rui.

If it's the Prince Rui, then everything makes perfect sense.

"Second sister guessed right!" Yun Jinnian said, her face flushed, both bashful and shy.

"That's indeed wonderful!"

No matter what, Yun Zihan was still happy for Yun Jinnian.

In the world of love, nothing is more beautiful than mutual affection.

Yun Jinnian smiled and changed the topic, "Second sister, shall I feel your pulse?"

"Okay!"

Yun Jinnian took Yun Zihan's pulse, "Second sister's pulse is very calm, it should be within these few days of childbirth, but if it's a few days later, it's also fine. Are the wet nurse and midwife all ready? When the time comes and labor starts, send someone to call me, and I'll come over!"

"Everything is ready, but I'm planning to nurse the child myself, so I didn't hire a wet nurse. Your brother-in-law has already asked Brother Feng to invite an Imperial Physician, you're so busy..." Yun Zihan feared Yun Jinnian might misunderstand and added, "You're still a young girl yet to be married, it's not quite proper for you to come over!"

"Second sister, don't overthink it, I have assisted in deliveries before, so I have some experience!"

"Since you say that, refusing further would be ungrateful, but you must promise me not to enter the delivery room unless absolutely necessary!"

"Alright!"

The two sisters talked about other matters, and inevitably mentioned the plans to go to incense tomorrow.

"I always feel that they don't have good intentions, if you can avoid it, don't go!" Yun Zihan said worriedly.

"Don't worry, second sister, if they really act against me, I won't be merciful and let them go. Before, I thought about marrying off Zimo and the other two, but now they have left this pit of fire, I will no longer have any misgivings!"

Yun Zihan nodded slightly.

But in her heart, she was still anxious.

"In any case, it can't hurt to bring more people along!"

"Sister is right!"

As the two were speaking, they learned that Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingzhi, and Yun Qingqing had also come, Yun Zihan smiled and said, "They didn't just come to see me, but to thank you as well!"

"Second sister indeed guessed right!" Yun Zuomo smiled as she walked over.

Yun Jinnian looked upon hearing this. After getting married and managing their own households, Yun Zuomo, Yun Qingqing, and Yun Qingzhi all appeared in excellent spirits, their faces glowing with happiness and confidence.

The past shyness and insecurity were gone.

Their already pleasant appearances brightened even more.

"Second sister, fourth sister!" Yun Zuomo was the first to pay respects.

Yun Zihan smiled warmly.

Yun Jinnian spoke calmly, "Amongst sisters, there's no need for such formalities, please sit down!"

"Thank you, sister!"

After sitting down, Yun Jinnian inquired a few questions and learned that they were living quite well, feeling somewhat relieved.

She also learned that their husbands accompanied them, and her smile deepened.

"Seeing you all happy, I am at ease!"

There's no need to say more, it's all clear in their hearts.

During lunch, Kang Ju, Qin Xiulian, and Mu Hanqi solemnly toasted Yun Jinnian, "Thank you, fourth aunt!"

Yun Jinnian smiled and lightly clinked glasses with them, accepting their gratitude.

While drinking, she cast a glance at Yun Zuomo and the other two, their eyes slightly red, yet their expressions were filled with emotion.