

Indulgence 961

Chapter 961: Too Calm

Chu Yu received the news, stunned for a moment before finding his voice, looking at the little maid in front of him.

He knew she was someone from Yun Jinnian's side, like Hemei and Henuan.

Only Yun Jinnian habitually went out with Hemei and Henuan.

Hongdou still wanted to say something, but the figure of Prince Rui, Chu Yu, was already gone.

Anyi quickly said, "You go back first. The master will arrange everything!"

"Yes!" Hongdou responded, and returned to the Yun Family.

Henuan was unconscious, Hemei was severely injured and feverish, muttering "Commandery Princess, run! Commandery Princess, don't!"

Two hours later, Chu Yu appeared at the Niannian Garden of the Yun Family.

Standing by Hemei's bedside for a moment, he was finally certain that Yun Jinnian had been abducted, and it wasn't a joke.

Leaving the room, he felt a metallic taste in his throat and spat out a mouthful of blood.

"Good, very good, Zhou Yunshen, Chu Xiao, Yun Family, you're all great!" Chu Yu growled in hatred.

Zhou Yunshen, a Crown Prince from another country, absolutely could not have abducted Yun Jinnian.

If the Emperor didn't intervene, not only Chu Yu wouldn't believe it, but no one else would either.

Anyi thought Chu Yu would panic, go mad, but he didn't.

He didn't even send anyone to investigate.

Chu Yu left the Yun Residence and went straight to the Princess Residence, not through the main entrance, but sneaking in directly.

The Commandery Princess was chanting scriptures, and as Chu Yu sneaked in, the Hidden Guard lurking in the shadows immediately emerged.

Seeing Chu Yu, one of them said coldly, "Prince Rui, please don't make things difficult for us!"

"I am here to see my aunt!"

"Prince Rui, please wait a moment!"

After a while, the Hidden Guard came out, "Prince Rui, please!"

Chu Yu stepped into the chapel, the Commandery Princess still kneeling on the mat, the Buddha Beads in her hand continuously turning.

"Why have you come?"

"Aunt!" Chu Yu called out once, and heavily knelt down.

The Commandery Princess turned back at the sound, looked at Chu Yu kneeling on the ground, her aging eyes full of disbelief.

"Why are you doing this?"

"Jinnian has been abducted!"

Chu Yu's voice was light, yet upon hearing this, the Commandery Princess crushed the Buddha Beads in her hand.

Shock, anger, and astonishment intertwined, after a long while, she said, "So, you plan to take away what your father left with me?"

"Yes!" Chu Yu replied solemnly.

"Then do you know, by taking these things, you will have no retreat!" The Commandery Princess said solemnly.

Standing up, she looked down at Chu Yu.

"Chu Xiao is treacherous, colluding with Zhou Yunshen of the Great Zhou Kingdom, letting Zhou Yunshen abduct Jinnian, I can tolerate no more!" Chu Yu said coldly, still kneeling, his body upright.

The Commandery Princess took a deep breath, "Do you have evidence?"

"I do, Eunuch Hai is my father's man!"

The Commandery Princess instantly understood.

"Have you seen him?"

"Yes!"

The Commandery Princess looked at Chu Yu, helplessly whispering, "I thought you would never come to ask for these things in your lifetime, but now..."

After pausing, she continued, "Fine, fine, come with me!"

"Yes!"

After leaving the Princess Residence, Chu Yu went to the Han Family, learning that Han Tianci and Feng Wushuang had been out for several days and hadn't returned, he deeply closed his eyes.

Neither the Emperor nor Zhou Yunshen needed to worry, they had already arranged everything in the shadows.

And there must be a traitor by Yun Jinnian's side, otherwise, the Hidden Guard could not have failed to protect her.

Those people's martial arts were known to be strong.

"Prince Rui, my lady invites you inside!"

Chapter 962: Winning People's Hearts

Chu Yu did not expect Mrs. Han to be at the Han Residence, but when he saw her, he suddenly understood why Yun Qi and Yun Bi were constantly remembering her.

In a red dress, adorned with luxurious hairpins, exuding a rebellious charm.

"Auntie!"

Mrs. Han looked at Chu Yu and nodded slightly, "Jinnian is missing. I have no peace of mind. Tell me what's going on!"

"I have received news that Jinnian was abducted by the current emperor and the Crown Prince of the Great Zhou Kingdom. At this moment, she should be on her way to the Great Zhou Kingdom!" Chu Yu said word by word.

"Why didn't you go after them?"

"If I chase them, they will flee in panic and end up harming Jinnian!"

Mrs. Han nodded slightly, "You are right in that, but now that Tianci and my father are not at the residence, the token to mobilize the Hidden Guard is partly in Jinnian's hand and partly with Tianci. As for the Moonwatching Sect, it seems that only you or Tianci can mobilize support now. All I can do is not be a burden. As for the rest, I rely on you!"

"Rest assured, Auntie. I understand!"

Regarding the Moonwatching Sect, Chu Yu was not influential enough to mobilize anyone, but he still needed to inform them. Multiple allies must come together to save Jinnian before she leaves Tianchu Country.

Mrs. Han nodded slightly, "Go about your business. If there is any news, I will have someone notify you!"

"Likewise!"

Just as Chu Yu left, Liao Shijie arrived at the Han Residence.

Mrs. Han looked at Liao Shijie, "Why are you here? Has Zihan given birth?"

Liao Shijie explained his purpose, and Mrs. Han, shocked and touched, said, "Zihan must be worried about Jinnian. Go back and tell her Jinnian is unharmed..."

Liao Shijie noticed Mrs. Han hesitating and with a troubled expression, cautiously asked, "Aunt, has something happened?"

"Jinnian has been abducted!"

Liao Shijie was immensely shocked and urgently asked, "When did this happen?"

"Last night!"

"The Yun Family is really shameless!"

Mrs. Han sneered, "More than shameless, utterly despicable!"

"What do you plan to do, Aunt? Is there anything I can do?"

"I can do little, and you need not worry. Stay peacefully with Zihan. Once she gives birth, focus on your studies. Passing the exams this year is of utmost importance. It's her first childbirth; are there any elders from your family coming?"

Liao Shijie shook his head.

Mrs. Han could not help but feel sorry for Yun Zihan.

Although without elders, it might be more comfortable, many times there's also a sense of unease.

"When it's time for her to give birth, send word to me, and also have Jinnian's nursemaid, who is kind-hearted and competent, go over first. I'll send you a couple of reliable maidservants. Childbirth is life-threatening; one cannot afford to be careless!" Mrs. Han instructed softly.

Liao Shijie was truly touched.

There is indeed a difference.

When it's his sister-in-law giving birth, she was the legitimate wife with legitimate sons, and his mother didn't come to the Capital City.

He could understand, and didn't expect much.

But Mrs. Han, after Jinnian went missing, still cared about Yun Zihan, which deeply touched Liao Shijie.

Saluting Mrs. Han with a fist, "Thank you, Aunt!"

"Mm, you should go back first. I will have Mrs. Yuan sent over soon. Remember not to speak too much to Zihan; she is pregnant and must avoid overthinking!"

"Yes!"

Mrs. Han asked Bai Que to escort Liao Shijie, and Liao Shijie couldn't help but advise a few words. Bai Que immediately shed tears, "The madam has already cried several times this morning, and now she is just holding on. It is rare for Second Aunt to care, and Second Uncle is righteous!"

Chapter 963: Assassination of the Emperor

Liao Shijie nodded and departed first.

As soon as Liao Shijie left, Bai Que wiped away her tears.

She prepared some more items, all were medicinal herbs, fabrics suitable for baby clothes, and clothes made for Nuannuan, which hadn't been worn yet. She packed them all up for Mrs. Yuan to take.

Altogether, it filled up one carriage.

Liao Shijie was about to take the imperial examinations soon. Judging by his words and actions, he was very confident about it, and since Feng Wushuang was his friend, he would naturally teach him some things to pay attention to for the exams. Mrs. Han was convinced that Liao Shijie would definitely excel this time.

Never mind winning the top honors, but obtaining second or third place was definitely within reach.

Liao Shijie and Yun Chen were not close at all, so she naturally wanted to win him over to use against Yun Chen in the future.

Even if she couldn't deal with him, it would be enough to disgust Yun Chen.

Liao Shijie did not go home directly but went to the Feng Residence to see Old Madam Feng, not mentioning that Yun Jinnian had been abducted, only saying he had urgent matters to discuss with Feng Wushuang.

Although Old Madam Feng did not manage affairs, she was certainly a clever person. "Don't be anxious, I'll send someone to find Wushuang right away and have him go directly to the Liao Family to find you!"

"Thank you, Old Madam!"

Old Madam Feng smiled and had the Head Maid see Liao Shijie out.

She was extremely puzzled.

"I've met this Liao Shijie several times, and he has always been very steady. Why is he in such a hurry today?"

At the same time, the Eldest Princess of the Zhen Kingdom was going to the Summer Resort to escape the heat, fearing she might feel unwell, she took Yun Jinnian with her, and none of her granddaughters accompanied her, leaving in quite a hurry.

In the Imperial Palace.

The Emperor was attacked after court dismissal.

Three assassins, all highly skilled in martial arts, were involved, with one particularly adept at throwing knives as a secret weapon, causing countless deaths and injuries with a single strike.

The Emperor, Chu Xiao, also knew martial arts, but he had neglected it after ascending the throne. Seeing these formidable assassins, he was so frightened that he staggered back and fell.

"Your Majesty..."

Eunuch Hai shielded the Emperor as they retreated, he too was injured by the throwing knives, yet he still managed to escort the Emperor to safety.

The three assassins, surrounded by countless guards, still managed to escape.

The Emperor was truly enraged and filled with hatred.

"Your Majesty, this old servant..." Eunuch Hai had not finished his sentence before fainting.

"Summon the Imperial Physician..." The Emperor's words trailed off as his head spun, and he realized he had no feeling in his arm.

Looking sideways, he saw his dragon robe was torn and the blood oozing from it was black.

Poison!

The throwing knife was poisoned.

"Summon the Imperial Physician, summon the Imperial Physician!"

After roaring, the Emperor's back was drenched in cold sweat.

Out of fear.

Yun Jinnian had just been abducted last night, and now someone had come to the palace with an assassination using poison...

What kind of poison was this? What harm would it do to the body?

The more the Emperor thought about it, the more frightened he became, and the more he regretted it.

Very soon, the Imperial Physicians arrived, and after taking his pulse, each of them looked worried and troubled.

"How is it?"

"Replying to Your Majesty, this minister is incompetent!"

After one Imperial Physician stepped back, another came forward, still unable to detoxify the poison.

Concubine Le rushed over, "Your Majesty..."

Seeing the Emperor's arm wound wasn't very large, but blood continued to flow from it, Concubine Le felt fear rising in her heart.

If the Emperor died, her own fate would be dire.

"Why are you crying, I am not dead yet!" The Emperor shouted angrily.

Concubine Le immediately fell silent.

The Imperial Physicians from the Imperial Medical Bureau gathered around, but ultimately could not detoxify the poison and could only suppress it.

The Emperor took a deep breath, "Prescribe the medicine!"

Concubine Le looked at the Emperor, then at the Imperial Physicians, and said softly, "Your Majesty, summon Princess Yijia to the palace!"

The Emperor immediately glared angrily at Concubine Le.

If Yun Jinnian were still in the Capital City, would he need to be so afraid?

But Yun Jinnian was given as a gift to Zhou Yunshen, and now he might have already left the Capital City. As for which direction, how would he know...

Chapter 964: Tianci Takes Charge

"Withdraw!"

A grim voice uttered.

The anger was no longer controllable.

Consort Le was startled. This was the first time since entering the palace that the Emperor had shown her such displeasure, especially reprimanding her in front of everyone, leaving her embarrassed.

She bit her lip tightly, let out a sob, and walked away.

The Emperor, having been poisoned, was already irritable, not to mention having no idea what kind of poison it was or which remedy to use.

He closed his eyes in a despairing motion.

If only he had known, he wouldn't have collaborated with Zhou Yunshen. He had several sons who were unwed; he could offer them the position of principal wife or even tempt them with the position of Crown Princess Consort. Surely, she wouldn't be unmovable.

But now, Zhou Yunshen had long since taken her somewhere unknown, and he couldn't even retrieve her if he wanted.

And at this moment.

Zhou Yunshen looked at Chu Yu, smiling warmly, "What brings Your Highness Prince Rui here?"

"I came to see the Crown Prince. It seems the Crown Prince has been in the Capital City for quite some time, doesn't he miss the Empress of the Great Zhou Kingdom?" Chu Yu spoke solemnly.

"Of course, I miss her. That's why I shall return in a few days!"

"Then let me escort His Highness the Crown Prince!"

"To be escorted by Prince Rui is a blessing cultivated over several lifetimes for me!"

Chu Yu looked at Zhou Yunshen, sneering.

So what if she was abducted? Jinnian's heart was with him. As long as he gave Jinnian the opportunity, she would surely return.

Zhou Yunshen was overjoyed, smiling with exceptional warmth.

The two were of equal height, but Zhou Yunshen was slender, while Chu Yu was full of strength; one gentle, the other stern.

Both were dragons and phoenixes among men.

If not for Yun Jinnian, they might have become friends, but from this moment on, they were enemies, relentless ones.

"The Crown Prince had best prepare well for the return to the Great Zhou Kingdom!" Chu Yu said, then turned and left.

Watching Chu Yu leave, Teng Fei stepped forward and called softly, "Master!"

"Gather the things, we're going back!"

"Yes!"

If Chu Yu wanted to follow, let him. He hadn't planned to make Yun Jinnian appear in public anytime soon, and Yun Jinnian probably wouldn't have a chance in one or two years' time either.

He could afford to wait, but as for Chu Yu, that was uncertain.

This time, Han Tianci went out with Feng Wushuang on an errand and learned a lot of things, making him very happy along the way.

Just as they returned to the city gates, he saw members of the Han Family.

"Young Master, please hurry and come back with us. Something major has happened!"

Han Tianci's face immediately turned cold, and he turned and said to Feng Wushuang, "Brother Feng, there is an urgent matter at home. I must go back first!"

Feng Wushuang pondered slightly, "I'll go with you!"

"Alright!"

Returning to the Han Family, Mrs. Han saw Feng Wushuang and didn't hide anything, directly informing them both that Yun Jinnian had been abducted.

Feng Wushuang did not speak, but his hand in his sleeve clenched suddenly, his fingernails digging into his palm, instantly drawing blood.

Han Tianci, however, stood up and smashed the table in front of him with one blow, took a deep breath, and said to Feng Wushuang, "Brother Feng, I won't be seeing you off. Once we retrieve Sister, I will hold a banquet to thank you!"

"Alright!"

Feng Wushuang intended to help Han Tianci, but seeing Han Tianci's demeanor, it was clear he didn't need assistance.

Han Tianci indeed did not need his help.

And at an extremely fast pace, he found the Jade Pendant Yun Jinnian left for him and, at the age of ten, took over all the Hidden Guards of the Han Family, becoming the new head of the Han Family.

After taking charge of the Han Family, the first order he issued was to secretly search for Yun Jinnian at all costs!

After arranging the Han Family, Han Tianci went to a small medicinal shop in the Capital City and tossed a Jade Pendant onto the counter.

The Shopkeeper, slightly startled at first, suddenly became extremely cautious. "Revered one, please follow me to the inner chamber for a discussion!"

Chapter 965: Heartache for Tianci

Han Tianci nodded slightly and followed into the inner chamber.

The shopkeeper immediately paid his respects, "I beg your pardon, the Lord of Law!"

The old Lord of Law had already given his orders, and the next Lord of Law had been decided. The shopkeeper hadn't expected Han Tianci to come with the Jade Pendant.

Han Tianci looked at the shopkeeper and nodded slightly, "No need for formalities!"

"Thank you, Lord of Law!"

The shopkeeper had seen Han Tianci once before. At that time, Tianci was very lively and cheerful, not at all like his current cold and indifferent self.

It was as if he had grown up overnight.

"What instructions does the Lord of Law have for us?"

"The Saintess has been kidnapped. I came to inform you!"

The shopkeeper was utterly shocked.

He was all too aware of what the Saintess meant to the Moon-Watching Sect.

"When did this happen?"

"Last night!"

The shopkeeper paused silently, "Was the Saintess carrying the Spiritual Poisonous Insect?"

"Never leaves her side!"

The Spiritual Poisonous Insect needs to drink blood, and Yun Jinnian carries it wherever she goes.

"Good, good, I will prepare immediately. Lord of Law, please wait a moment!"

Han Tianci gestured with his hand.

He sat down in a chair.

A maid served tea and then retreated.

Han Tianci had no intention of drinking tea. He sat formally and upright.

Zhengwen and Zhengwu stood guard outside the door.

In the minds of the two young servants, the master was first, and the Saintess was second. Although anxious, they still stood calmly.

Soon, the shopkeeper returned with five men behind him.

"Lord of Law, all five have taken the young Poisonous Insects. Follow them, and you will find the Spiritual Poisonous Insect!"

"Mm!"

Han Tianci responded and stood up to walk outside.

The five men quickly attempted to follow, but Han Tianci spoke coldly, "You go to the Han Family first!"

"Yes!"

With a collective response, the five quickly disappeared.

After Han Tianci left with Zhengwen and Zhengwu, he went directly to the Prince Rui Residence.

Chu Yu saw Han Tianci, and they exchanged glances.

Both appeared calm, without a hint of panic or fear, but their red eyes betrayed their concern.

"Brother Chu!"

"Have a seat, let's carefully discuss what we should do next!"

Although they had fought and argued in the past, they both cared deeply for the same person, Yun Jinnian.

Han Tianci sat down and said, "Brother Chu, I plan to find the Spiritual Poisonous Insect first, and then I'll look for my sister!"

"Why?"

"Because only the Spiritual Poisonous Insect can lead us to my sister!"

Chu Yu was silent.

After pondering for a moment, he said, "If I am correct, Jinnian has been taken to the Great Zhou Kingdom, but there will certainly be twists and turns along the way, and I cannot and dare not pursue them. Tianci, I must keep an eye on Zhou Yunshen, so I'll leave the task of finding the Spiritual Poisonous Insect to you!"

Han Tianci nodded, "Brother Chu, don't worry, I will find the Spiritual Poisonous Insect quickly and then search for my sister!"

"Good!"

They discussed some more matters, and Han Tianci then stood up to leave.

Chu Yu stood as well, silently.

After a few steps, Han Tianci spoke quietly, "Brother Chu, if my sister comes back but..."

Took a deep breath.

Han Tianci continued, "If my sister is no longer pure, would you still treat her the same?"

"I would!"

If in his youth, he would have minded.

But after this experience, he cared about everything else; as long as Yun Jinnian was by his side, it was enough for him.

The bright red stain truly did not represent much.

If her heart was with him, he was willing to accept her, always the same and never failing her.

Upon hearing this, Han Tianci smiled slightly, "Thank you, Brother Chu!"

"That's only right!"

Chu Yu was deeply concerned for Han Tianci.

Chapter 966: True Breakup

In the past, Yun Jinnian always took care of everything for him, never asking him how he wanted to do things. Tianci could always learn whatever he liked, and Yun Jinnian silently supported him without urging or lecturing him, using love to subtly influence Tianci to willingly learn.

But because Jinnian was kidnapped, Tianci grew up overnight.

No longer the carefree child under the protection of his sister's wings, he became a responsible little man, a good man standing tall.

Han Tianci visited the Han Family, spoke a few words with Mrs. Han, and then set off with someone.

Mrs. Han sat in the living room for a moment before saying, "Someone come!"

"Aunt?"

"Gather all the maids, old servants, and young servants in the house; we are going to the Yun Family to move things. I, your aunt, will divorce Yun Qi!"

No more waiting.

No more enduring!

"Yes!"

A group of people swaggered towards the Yun Residence. It was not yet dark, attracting countless glances.

"What's going on?"

"Who knows, the affairs of wealthy families are best for us commoners to stay out of!"

Yun Residence

Yun Chen learned that the Grand Madam Yun and Mrs. He colluded with outsiders to kidnap Yun Jinnian and was so frightened by Yun Qi that he wet his pants, standing there with a face as dark as the bottom of a pot.

He took several deep breaths before saying to the Grand Madam Yun on the bed, "Mother, let's split the family!"

"No, no splitting, I want to sever the mother-son relationship with him. From now on, I'll regard it as if I never gave birth to this beast!" the Grand Madam Yun shrieked.

Her whole body was trembling.

Those people were all old hands serving beside her.

They say to hit the dog is to see the owner, but at that time, Yun Qi didn't treat her as a mother, nor did he consider himself a son.

At that time, not killing his old mother was still for that little wench Yun Jinnian.

Yun Chen remained silent.

"Since the Grand Madam has this idea, I couldn't wish for more!" Yun Qi's cold voice came from outside.

As eerie as a ghost from hell.

The Grand Madam Yun shivered for no reason, instantly filled with fear.

Screamed, "Get out, get out of here!"

How miserable she was to give birth to such heartless and ungrateful offspring.

"I will naturally leave, but before I go, I have one more thing to do. I believe the Grand Madam will fulfill my wish!" Yun Qi said, looking at Yun Chen, "Lord Yun, what do you say?"

Lord Yun.

Blood brothers had become Lord Yun.

"Ha!" Yun Chen sneered.

This was his brother, his own brother.

"What do you want to do?"

Yun Qi looked at Yun Chen, "Nothing much, I want a divorce from Mrs. Han, so naturally, I have to return her dowry, and Jinnian also belongs to her. Since Jinnian belongs to her, the things awarded to Jinnian from the palace naturally have to be taken away!"

The Grand Madam Yun was truly infuriated to laughter.

Looking at Yun Qi, she let out a cold laugh, "You are really something, really something, how could I have given birth to such a heartless and ungrateful creature, take them, take them all away, do you think I care for those things!"

"Since you don't care, that's really great!" Yun Qi said, turning to leave.

The Grand Madam Yun watched Yun Qi's silhouette, and suddenly burst into tears.

This son was truly filial in his early years. Whatever good things he had, he would think of this old mother. Later, after marrying his wife, he spent his days revolving around his wife but still didn't forget this old mother.

But his heart gradually shifted.

The son she painstakingly raised just went off to care deeply for others, how could she be willing?

How could she be willing?

So she schemed against Concubine Su and Concubine Hua.

And even found a servant to ruin Mrs. Han's reputation, but didn't expect to drag the third son into it.

Looking back now, Yun Qi and Mrs. Han probably knew the truth long ago, didn't they?

Chapter 967: Successful Divorce (Part 3)

The old lady of the Yun Family couldn't articulate her thoughts, she just felt so bitter.

Her whole body felt limp, she couldn't muster any strength, nor did she want to speak, feeling an overwhelming panic.

She always felt that her future days would not get any better.

She waved her hand, signaling Yun Chen to leave.

Yun Chen glanced at the old lady of the Yun Family, instructed the maid to take good care of her, and then stepped out of Cixin Academy.

He stopped and turned to look at the plaque, suddenly laughed mockingly.

Cixin, hehe...

If only mourning for three years weren't necessary before one's mother dies, it would be better if they were already dead!

Mrs. Han met Yun Qi in Qingjue Academy, where Yun Qi handed her the separation letter.

Mrs. Han opened it and immediately burst into tears.

"Yun Qi, why do you..."

Taking all the blame on himself, clearing her of any wrongdoing completely.

"Shuniang, I let you down, I broke my promises, now we have to part, I hope you can be happy in the future, meet someone better than me, who truly treats you as their lifeblood, not like me, always thinking about this and that, and in the end gained nothing!" Yun Qi said, crying out loud.

Who said men don't cry easily?

Just not reached the point of heartbreak.

At this moment, Yun Qi was heartbroken.

Mrs. Han looked at Yun Qi, took a deep breath, her eyes reddened.

What led them to this point was not only the actions of the old hag, but also their own pride.

If years ago, they had been brave enough to move out, there wouldn't have been so many issues.

But hindsight is priceless, there is no medicine for regret in the world.

Someone was packing things over there, and even though she didn't want some of the things anymore, Mrs. Han didn't want to give them to the Yun Family for free. She could give them away to others or lock them in the warehouse, perhaps they would be worth more in the future.

Box after box was carried out of Niannian Garden, nothing was left untouched, not even the bed. They packed like that for a whole night, and in the morning, they began to move things.

Along the way, a woman scattered copper coins, "My mistress has separated from the second master of the Yun Family, from now on has no relation to the Yun Family!"

Back then, she came with a dowry procession for ten miles, now she returns to her maiden family with a dowry procession for ten miles.

Passersby eagerly picked up the money, and it wasn't just copper coins, there was also small silver coins.

For a time, all of the Capital City knew that the second master of the Yun Family had separated.

From then on, the Yun Family had one less second mistress, but the Han Family gained one Mrs. Han.

But, truthfully, no one looked down on Mrs. Han, on the contrary, more people admired her.

Admiring Mrs. Han for finally realizing and leaving the pit of fire that was the Yun Family.

More people speculated about the Princess Yijia? Would she leave the Yun Family together with Mrs. Han?

However, everyone didn't have to wait long. In the afternoon, Yun Qi was expelled from the Yun Clan, leaving the Yun Family with several concubines and illegitimate children.

He personally crossed out Yun Jinnian's name from the Yun Family genealogy, from then on Yun Jinnian was no longer a member of the Yun Family.

Many thought after Mrs. Han's separation, she would fall into silence.

Unexpectedly, various households sent gifts to the Han Family, leaving people astonished and confused.

Mrs. Han cleverly returned the gifts, with a simple, exquisite little brocade box containing a Snow Lotus Pill.

Ladies of various households were overjoyed and sent gifts in return.

With these exchanges, Mrs. Han's reputation rose.

Mrs. Han changed Yun Jinnian's name and requested her to be entered into the Han Family genealogy.

The Han Family under Han Xuzy was already thinly populated, now having an eldest legitimate daughter was more valuable than Han Tianci, who was unknown to whom he was born or where he was brought from.

The Clan Leader of the Han Family didn't hesitate and wrote under Han Xuzy a legitimate eldest granddaughter, Jinnian!

From then on, the Han Family had an additional Han Jinnian!

But regardless of being Han Jinnian or Yun Jinnian, she was missing, no one knew where she went or when she disappeared.

Mrs. Han found Chu Yu, who was frantic with worry.

He knew very well that there were only a few people in this world who could abduct Jinnian, and if he kept an eye on these few people, he would be able to find her.

Chapter 968: Who Am I?

Who am I?

Where am I?

A young woman in pink clothing sat up from the bed, looking out the window.

The sky was a blank whiteness; it seemed to be snowing.

"Cough, cough!"

She gently coughed.

Immediately, someone pushed the door open and came in; it was a woman dressed in a sleeveless jacket.

She appeared very clever and composed.

"Miss, you have awakened!"

Miss?

The young woman in pink was utterly bewildered.

"Miss, I am Chong Ling, you don't remember me?" Chong Ling asked tentatively.

Her heart felt slightly at ease.

It seemed the medicine sent by the lord was indeed effective.

The young woman in pink shook her head.

The maid is Chong Ling, then who is she?

"I..."

"Miss, do you need some water?" Chong Ling asked quickly.

The young woman in pink shook her head, her stunningly beautiful face faintly frowned.

"Then do you need to use the restroom?"

The young woman in pink nodded slightly.

"Let me assist you, Miss!"

Chong Ling helped the young woman in pink to the restroom, and afterward the young woman leaned against the bed. Chong Ling further asked, "Miss, what's wrong with you? Is your head uncomfortable?"

The young woman in pink nodded.

"Miss, you please wait a moment; the doctor will be here soon. You fell from the stairs the other day and hit your head; the doctor said it would be uncomfortable and that you might even lose your memory!"

"..."

The young woman in pink frowned.

Fell down the stairs? Memory loss?

"Miss, don't..." Chong Ling exclaimed in surprise.

"Who am I?" The young woman in pink spoke softly.

Her gaze was clear and distant.

"Miss, your given name, the maid dares not say!" Chong Ling spoke with much hesitation.

"Why?"

"Because you never allowed anyone to say it, and the lord also forbade us from mentioning it!"

The young woman in pink frowned deeper.

An elderly maid came in from outside, overjoyed upon seeing the awakened young woman, "Oh my goodness, Miss, you're finally awake; scared your nanny to death!"

"Nanny?"

"Yes, Miss, do you not remember your nanny?"

The young woman in pink shook her head.

She really remembered nothing.

Her mind was a blank void.

"This..." The nanny appeared incredulous and also immensely saddened, "It's all my fault; I shouldn't have gone to get the cloak for you that day, causing you to fall down the stairs and hit your head, boohoo..." the elderly maid said, crying.

"Who am I?" The young woman in pink spoke heavily.

She truly disliked the sound of crying from the nanny.

Although her crying was sincere, still...

She inexplicably disliked it.

"Miss, you are the legitimate young lady of the third household of the Marquis Residence!" The nanny said, wiping away her tears with a handkerchief.

"The legitimate young lady of the third household of the Marquis Residence?"

"Indeed!"

"Then what is my name? Where are my parents? Where am I now? I..." The young woman in pink became a bit anxious. Without deep thinking, her head hurt immensely.

She reached up to feel and indeed found a large bump.

Swollen, and just touching it hurt drastically.

"Miss, don't rush, don't rush; whatever you wish to know, just ask the nanny, and I'll tell you everything!"

"Okay!" The young woman in pink nodded.

"Miss is the legitimate young lady of the third household of the Marquis Residence, named..." The nanny said, swallowing saliva before continuing, "Generally, the lord doesn't allow this name to be mentioned outwardly!"

"No matter, go ahead and say it. If father asks, I know how to respond!"

"That's good then!" The nanny said, taking a deep breath, seemingly deciding resolutely, she leaned close to the young woman in pink and seriously said, "Miss's surname is Nalan, the given name is Jinlian, fourteen years of age this year, right now the lord is preparing to take Miss back to the Marquis Residence in the Imperial Capital to celebrate the New Year!"

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Nalan Jinlian?

Fourteen years old?

The legitimate daughter of the third lord of the Fuwei Marquis Residence.

Nalan Jinlian...

Nalan Jinlian slightly nodded, "And then?"

"Also, Madam has been praying in the temple for years, and the Lord has kept a mistress outside, producing an illegitimate daughter and son, who will soon accompany us back to the Imperial Capital!"

Nalan Jinlian remained silent.

The nurse added, "That day, Miss found out about this, got agitated and anxious, and that's why she fell from the stairs and hit her head!"

Nalan Jinlian nodded, indicating she understood, and then asked, "Did Mother or Father come to see me?"

"The Lord came, he still cares deeply for Miss, but Madam has been staying in the temple for years and has not visited!"

Nalan Jinlian lowered her eyes.

She pressed her lips together.

"What is the name of the place I am living in now? Who are the maids around me? How much money do I have at hand? How many days until we return to the Imperial Capital?" Nalan Jinlian asked lightly.

"In response to Miss, we are currently living in the Lotus Garden. I am Miss's nurse, and the maids below call me Qin Mama. There are two head maids and four little maids in the Lotus Garden, along with two rough maids. The head maids are Chong Ling and Chunqiu, both specifically chosen for Miss by the Lord from outside, and they know some martial arts. The four little maids are Danmei, Qianju, Qing Zhu, and Xianglan. Among the rough maids, one is surnamed Chen, the other is surnamed Ni!"

While Qin Mama was talking, Chong Ling quickly poured her some water.

Qin Mama took a sip, then continued, "Over the years, the Lord has given Miss a lot of Silver, totaling two to three million taels, but there are not many pearl hairpins and jewelry. The clothes from the past that Miss did not want to wear were given away, leaving only a few sets. However, we will soon return to the Imperial Capital, where the clothes will undoubtedly be more beautiful and exquisite!"

Nalan Jinlian nodded.

That makes sense.

Seeing Nalan Jinlian nod, Qin Mama smiled, "Miss, we will set off for the Capital City in ten days. Do you want to buy some things to show respect to the old Madame? Also, the two aunts and a few sisters at home? Should preparations be made for the brothers and sisters?"

"My head hurts, so I won't go out. For the brothers, prepare the Four Treasures of the Study, and for the sisters, prepare gold hairpins and jewelry. Nurse, take care of these, and it's best to ask Father how many people are in the Marquis Residence so we don't prepare too little and offend anyone!"

"What Miss says is very true!" Qin Mama said with a smile.

Just then, Chunqiu brought in the medicine, "Miss, your medicine is ready!"

Nalan Jinlian looked at Chunqiu, "Are you Chunqiu?"

"In response to Miss, yes!" Chunqiu said, looking questioningly at Chong Ling and Qin Mama.

Qin Mama took the medicine bowl and carefully fed Nalan Jinlian the medicine.

As the medicine touched her lips, Nalan Jinlian felt a sense of familiarity. Chong Ling called Chunqiu outside and they spoke in hushed tones.

Nalan Jinlian overheard a few words, mostly about how she hit her head and forgot some things.

Listening to the two maids talking outside, Nalan Jinlian lowered her eyes again and slowly drank the bowl of medicine.

Qin Mama quickly handed Nalan Jinlian a candied fruit to suck on.

"Miss, rest for a moment. I'll go check in the kitchen to see if the porridge is ready for you!"

Nalan Jinlian nodded.

Not knowing anything about the past, she did not appear frightened or anxious.

Chong Ling, Chunqiu, and Qin Mama treated her well, so Nalan Jinlian had no doubts about her identity.

After drinking half a bowl of chicken shredded congee, Nalan Jinlian reclined on the bed, and Chong Ling took a miscellaneous book and read to her.

Chapter 970: Father

Chong Ling's voice was calm and indifferent, reading with little emotion, even when reaching the loss of those romantic tales, still remained quite tranquil.

Nalan Jinlian looked and then started to smile with pursed lips.

"Miss, Master is here!"

Chong Ling hurriedly put away the miscellaneous notes and stood up respectfully waiting.

A middle-aged man in a brocade jacket stepped in, holding a brocade box in his hand,

"Jinlian is awake!" His voice was gentle, full of pity and affection.

Nalan Jinlian sat up straight, softly called out, "Father!"

"Good child, is your health better?"

"Much better, thank you for your concern, Father!"

Nalan Bo handed the brocade box to Nalan Jinlian, "Open it and see!"

"Alright!"

Nalan Jinlian received the brocade box and opened it, inside was a set of purple jade golden filigree flower hairpins, truly exquisite and splendid, tightly beautiful.

Nalan Jinlian liked it very much at first glance.

"Do you like it?"

"I like it, thank you, Father!"

Nalan Bo laughed, "You've been talking about wanting a set of purple jade hairpins, now that you've got it, you can't keep pestering Father anymore!"

Nalan Jinlian laughed, "Father is good to daughter, so daughter naturally has to pester Father. Father, once I'm recovered, will you take me out shopping?"

She didn't know why, she just wanted to be wilful.

Nalan Bo laughed and stood up, reaching out to rub the top of Nalan Jinlian's head, "Alright, once you're better, I'll take you out for a stroll. We're going back to the Imperial Capital, and won't be coming here anymore, we'll go out to buy some things to take back, for your cousins, after all, there's still one and a half months until the New Year. We'll walk slowly, passing bustling towns, Father will take you to broaden your horizons!"

Is this what Father really is like?

Nalan Jinlian smiled, tugged on Nalan Bo's sleeve and said coquettishly, "Father, will you come to my place for dinner tonight? I want to dine with Father!"

"Alright, let the kitchen make a few dishes that are easily digestible, tell your nursemaid what you want to eat, but don't make it too greasy, understand?"

"Alright!"

The father and daughter talked for a while more, and then Nalan Bo got up to leave.

Nalan Jinlian watched him go, then asked Chong Ling, "Was Father always good to me before?"

"Miss is the eldest legitimate daughter, Master is naturally very good to Miss!" Chong Ling said.

Nalan Jinlian fell silent.

After a good while, she finally said, "Chong Ling, go to the kitchen and instruct them to make some good dishes for evening, also prepare a pot of wine, heat it up for Father to drink tonight!"

After pausing, she added, "For Mother, she prefers vegetarian dishes, prepare some fresh vegetarian dishes to bring to her!"

Chong Ling stood by listening, responded with a smile.

"Are there fresh vegetables now? I really want to eat greens!"

"Yes, Zhuangzi just sent a basket of greens, Master instructed them to save it for Miss, yet Miss herself wants to eat them!" Chong Ling said, bowing and retreating.

Nalan Jinlian leaned against the screen and closed her eyes.

She was unfamiliar with this place, but not afraid.

She was the legitimate daughter; even without Mother managing for her, Father treated her well, at least seems well so far.

As for those half-siblings, unless they are particularly difficult, she wouldn't trouble them.

"Chunqiu!"

"At your service!"

"Do I visit Mother often?"

"Miss, Madam does not favor you, so you seldom visit her!"

Nalan Jinlian silently pondered over the words.

Only after a long time did she say, "I'm tired, let me rest for a while!"

"Yes!"

Chunqiu covered Nalan Jinlian with a blanket, and picked up needlework slowly stitching by her side.

From time to time, she glanced towards the bed.

When Chong Ling came back, seeing Nalan Jinlian seemed to be asleep, called Chunqiu out to talk.