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Chapter 131 Metamorphosis

Noble Lady Shi listened to what Xin Lin had to say, still with some confusion in her eyes.

"Noble Lady Shi, why do you think you have been able to live well with your child all these years?"

Xin Lin asked in return.

"Isn't it because the Emperor has regards for me or the friendship with my father?"

Noble Lady Shi hesitated.

Xin Lin shook her head.

"Since ancient times, emperors have been heartless. If he truly cherished General Shi's friendship, he would not have ordered his family seized and driven the old General to death. If he had the slightest bit of affection for you, he would not have believed the rumors and doubted that the child was his own flesh and blood. What he truly fears are those loyal subordinates behind the old General."

Xin Lin analyzed.

General Shi, a veteran of three dynasties, held high prestige in the military.

Those he personally brought up now occupy high positions in the court.

By driving General Shi to death, Emperor Longteng has already violated the interests of those people; if he were to execute Noble Lady Shi and her son as well, those people would surely be enraged.

However, as long as Noble Lady Shi and her son are alive, they are like a chip in Emperor Longteng's hand, which he could use to keep those people in check should they act.

The way of the monarch, the way of the Superior, lies in maintaining a balance of power.

As a modern Female Soldier King, Xin Lin understood this very well.

Yet, for a vulnerable woman like Noble Lady Shi, it was very difficult to comprehend.

"The Emperor, he..."

After hearing this, Noble Lady Shi's complexion turned ever paler.

She still harbored a glimmer of hope, believing that the Emperor at least had some affection for her and her son.

"Noble, this time, if you can successfully take Little Xinzhuo back to the Imperial Palace, you must remember that to accompany a monarch is like accompanying a tiger. Only by firmly establishing your position can you survive in the cutthroat Imperial Palace."

Xin Lin said earnestly.

Noble Lady Shi was lost for words for a long moment.

Past events, like fleeting shadows, passed through Noble Lady Shi's mind.

She thought of her father dying in injustice, herself holding the infant prince and being driven out of the Imperial Palace.

The Emperor didn't even want to spare them a glance. Over the years, had it not been for pawning some jewelry, she and her son would have starved to death.

Now, the Empress is aggressively making life difficult for them, not willing to give mother and son a way out. And her, as both a daughter and a mother, the only thing she knew to do was curse her fate and others.

Xin Lin's arrival made Noble Lady Shi realize that she should not and could not run. Even if she fled to the ends of the earth, the Empress would not let them go.

After a long time, Noble Lady Shi raised her head and took hold of Xin Lin's hand.

"Little Lin, help us."

"Noble, rest assured, from now on, your affairs are my affairs, and we all have to stand firm in Purple Cloud City. However, you must listen to me; we cannot act rashly, or we will only startle the snake."

Xin Lin said thoughtfully.

Although Noble Lady Shi has the support of General Shi's loyal subordinates, it is still not enough to confront the Empress directly.

Especially since times have changed; General Shi has been dead for many years, and it is uncertain how many people are still willing to help the Shi family mother and son. It's even difficult for Xin Lin herself to meet these people, let alone get them to support Noble Lady Shi.

"First, we need to find a place to settle down. You need to disguise yourself. Then, think back carefully, which of General Shi's loyal subordinates are still there. As long as we can make contact with one, there will be a way."

Xin Lin took the mother and son to purchase some new clothes in town and slightly altered Noble Lady Shi's appearance. The three of them then settled down in an inconspicuous inn in the city.