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Chapter 671 The Crazy Madam Of Duke Xing

Shao Wanru had already arrived in the yard. As soon as she sat down, she was summoned by Madam of Duke Xing. She slowly drank a cup of tea and went to Madam of Duke Xing's yard with Yujie and Qing'er.

The moment she entered the yard, she saw a few rough old maids waiting outside the main room and looking at her fiercely.

When they entered the room, there were another two old maids waiting inside.

Madam of Duke Xing, who was sitting on the top, had been waiting with a livid face and fuming with anger. When she saw Shao Wanru coming in, she slammed her hand on the table and shouted angrily, "Someone comes to take down this girl who has framed her Big sister and beat her 20 times."

Thinking of the message from Shao Yanru that she had fainted again, Madam of Duke Xing was so angry that her eyes were full of madness.

Her beautiful daughter had been carefully brought up, but now fell into such a situation. How could she not hate Shao Wanru so much that she wanted to beat Shao Wanru to death?

Two rough old maids in the room were about to step forward.

Qing'er and Yujie hurriedly warded them off in front of her.

Shao Wanru sneered and looked up at Madam of Duke Xing, who was so angry that she lost her mind. She said, "Second Madam, what do you mean? I don't know how I offend you to the extent that you want to take my life. At least, I am the offspring of Great Elder Princess. Not anyone can take my life as he wants!"

It was quite blunt to call her Second Madam!

The two rough old maids looked at each other and involuntarily stopped.

They obeyed Madam of Duke Xing, but they couldn't gamble their lives. Just now, they only thought that Madam was the master of the backyard, but they didn't think that the Fifth Miss was not only related to Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Beat her! If something happens, I will take responsibility. This is Duke Xing's Mansion, not Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion. Even Great Elder Princess can't intervene in disciplining the younger generation of other mansions!" Seeing that the two old maids were scared, Madam of Duke Xing screamed in anger.

She hated Shao Wanru so much at this time that she couldn't wait to beat Shao Wanru to death right now and avenge her daughter.

The two old maids hesitated for a moment and had to continue moving forward.

"How dare you! Don't you know who you are? If you dare to reach out your hands, I'll chop off your hands and feed them to the dogs!" Before they approached, Qing'er had already shouted. She pushed

out hard, and the old maid in the front couldn't stand still anymore. Her fat body took a heavy step back and hit the old maid behind her. The two old maids tripped over each other and rolled together.

Madam of Duke Xing pounded the table and stood up. She said in a harsh voice, "How dare you disobey your elder!"

"Are you my elder?" Shao Wanru pushed away the two servant girls in front of her and walked forward slowly with a smile on her face. However, the smile was very cold and inexplicably made people feel a strange chill in their hearts.

"Madam, you really think highly of yourself. My mother is Infanta Qinghua, and my father is the Heir of Duke Xing. As what kind of elder does Madam want to beat me to death? Is it because Madam has been in charge of Duke Xing's Mansion for a long time and really thinks the whole world belongs to Duke Xing's Mansion that Madam can beat whoever you want to death!"

Her words were very soft and almost gentle, but the meaning in her words made Madam of Duke Xing feel as if she had been poured with a basin of ice on her head. She felt cold all over, and her strength had almost dissipated.

How would she dare to say such outrageous words?

"You... you dare to say such things. Aren't you afraid of... being killed without pardon?" Madam of Duke Xing's face was pale and her voice was trembling.

Shao Wanru's words were not only outrageous but also rebelling the emperor. Even Duke Xing's Mansion couldn't bear them.

"Second Madam, are you afraid of such words? You even dare to extend your hands in the palace! Someone in the palace should have helped you when something happened to Miss Wang, right? It's the same this time. I don't know which consort in the palace has been helping you all the time!" Shao Wanru took a few steps forward with coldness in her eyes.

It was about three years ago when Wang Yishu had suddenly fainted in the palace. If someone hadn't sent messages to the palace, she wouldn't have fainted in the Imperial Institute of Medicine for so long.

Madam of Duke Xing had not been called "Second Madam" for many years. At this time, it was mentioned by Shao Wanru with a creepy feeling, as if something broke out of the soil beyond her control.

"You... you are presumptuous! Come on, shut up Fifth Miss's mouth so that she won't say something outrageous!" Madam of Duke Xing had been in charge of the family for many years, so she was no longer the cousin Miss raised in the mansion at that time. Although her soft spot had been stabbed, she scolded Shao Wanru harshly just after a moment of calm.

It seemed that the matter of Wang Yishu had to speed up. She couldn't allow Wang Yishu, the scourge, to be alive.

No one had mentioned this before, so her methods could be slower and more natural. But now, she couldn't do like this anymore, and there was a hint of cruelty in her eyes.

Seeing that Madam of Duke Xing was at a disadvantage, Nanny Sheng immediately raised her voice and shouted, "Come here and shut up Fifth Miss and take her away to beat her as punishment!"

A few old maids who were guarding the door hesitated for a moment, but they still came in. Each of them was tall and stout, and obviously very strong.

"How dare you..." Yujie looked warily at the old maids coming over and said in a stern voice.

"Fifth Miss is so arrogant that her words may bring harm to the whole mansion. It is reasonable for Madam to punish you!" Nanny Sheng sneered and said without backing down.

She was not only Madam of Duke Xing's henchman but also used to be Duke Xing's wet nurse. Therefore, she was very dignified in the mansion. How could a little servant girl do against her?

Several rough old maids saw that Nanny Sheng was very powerful, so they immediately became bold and walked towards Shao Wanru with fierce faces.

Qing'er wanted to take action, but Shao Wanru reached out to grab her sleeve and shook it secretly. She couldn't let others know that Qing'er has learned martial arts. The reason why she brought Yujie and Qing'er here was to make people think that Qing'er was just like Yujie, a servant girl with greater strength than ordinary people.

Qing'er understood Shao Wanru's meaning and nodded at her silently. She took a few steps forward to help Yujie block a few old maids who rushed over fiercely.

Although there were a lot of old maids, Qing'er and Yujie were quite strong, especially Qing'er. Although she couldn't show her martial arts skills, she could poke their acupoints. She didn't use much strength, but could still make the old maids' limbs sore and weak for no reason so that they couldn't exert much strength.

With her secret behavior, Qing'er and Yujie managed to block a few old maids.

Shao Wanru took a step forward. Her jade-like delicate face had a sharp evil spirit. Her long eyelashes fluttered, and her eyes seemed to be immersed in the ice that had been frozen for thousands of years.

"Second Madam, do you really think that you can control the whole Duke Xing's Mansion? In the future, everything will belong to Hao'er. You... just take charge of the internal affairs for the time being. Hao'er will be the only master in the future. You are not the master and don't have such wishful thinking! Madam of Duke Xing? What a joke!" These words came out of Shao Wanru's mouth one by one, with strong hostility.

Madam of Duke Xing was so scared that her face turned pale, and then she trembled with anger. It took her great effort to climb up to the position of Madam of Duke Xing, but no one knew this. How could she not be angry when she thought that everything she had struggled to get would eventually belong to someone else?

Her fingers were tightly clasped on the fence of the big mahogany chair, and her teeth were almost stuck into the flesh. At this moment, there was only one crazy thought in her mind that she would drag Shao Wanru and her brother away, and beat them to death. Duke Xing's Mansion was hers, and could only be hers.

She thought so in her heart. After the corners of her eyes twitched twice, she couldn't help screaming, "Everything in this mansion is mine. In the future, the Heir of Duke Xing can only be my son. You and Shao Yuanhao, that little bastard, no one knows if you are the children of the Heir of Duke Xing. Who knows whether Infanta Qinghua was dissolute? How can he inherit Duke Xing's Mansion?"

Her son being Heir of Duke Xing was Madam of Duke Xing's obsession.

She had masterminded with painstaking effort for so many years in order to let her son successfully take over Duke Xing's Mansion. How could she allow Shao Wanru and her brother to intervene in and ruin her plan?

It turned out that Madam of Duke Xing had this thought. There was a trace of fierceness on Shao Wanru's face, and she had already understood some conjectures in her heart. No wonder Old Madam's attitude was so strange. It was because of this thought that Old Madam didn't want to see her real granddaughter at all.

Thinking that her father and mother had been forced to die and even their innocence was suspected after their death, Shao Wanru couldn't wait to kill Madam of Duke Xing in front of her. She always felt that there seemed to be something fishy in the whole Duke Xing's Mansion. It turned out that the problem was here!

If she hadn't forced Madam of Duke Xing to tell the truth today, she might never know why she had been treated unfairly and her brother Hao'er had been brought up in a terrible way, although they were all her grandchildren?

"Pa!" Shao Wanru failed to slap Madam of Duke Xing hard in the face because Nanny Sheng stood in front of Madam of Duke Xing, and she was slapped in the face. Then Nanny Sheng's legs went soft, and she seemed to be tripped over something and fell back heavily. Her fat body directly pressed on Madam of Duke Xing's body, which made her scream.

"Nanny Sheng, get out of my way. I want Second Madam to make it clear!" Shao Wanru reached out and grabbed Nanny Sheng's neck. Then she pressed back hard and saw that the hairpin on Nanny Sheng's head was inserted into Madam of Duke Xing's face, and then she pulled her neck back hard.

Suddenly, a sharp bloodstain appeared on Madam of Duke Xing's snow-white face.

"Ah!" Madam of Duke Xing screamed in pain and desperately tried to push Nanny Sheng away. Unfortunately, most of Nanny Sheng's body fell on top of her, so she could not get up for the moment.

"Come on, come on, take her away!" Madam of Duke Xing shouted loudly and kicked hard at Nanny Sheng's foot, trying to kick Nanny Sheng away from her. Nanny Sheng screamed in pain and struggled. Not only did she fail to struggle up, but she also lost more strength. Her body pressed hard on Madam of Duke Xing, which only made Madam of Duke Xing scream!

Everyone was stunned and looked at the scene in front of them in disbelief. No one knew what to do next.

"What happened here? Why did I hear Madam of Duke Xing swearing so viciously from a distance? Old Madam, is this the Madam in your mansion? I've never seen such an indecent Madam, who is like a shrew in the marketplace. Duke Xing's Mansion is really out of the ordinary!"

Chapter 672 The People from the Palace are Cold-hearted!

A teasing voice came from the door. The crowd turned around in a hurry. The first person they saw was Old Madam. She showed a gloomy face, followed by a palace nanny, a clever little eunuch, and two rows of palace maids followed behind them. They were all holding gift boxes in their hands.

It was this clever little eunuch who spoke, but the meaning of his words made Old Madam's face directly turn black. The quarrel and abuse just now, especially the sharp voice of Madam of Duke Xing, had been heard by her from a distance. Madam of Duke Xing's vicious words had been heard by these people.

People from the palace went to send rewards to Shao Wanru. Originally, they were going to send it to Shao Wanru's Piaolu Courtyard, but when they heard that Shao Wanru had gone to Madam of Duke Xing's courtyard on the way, the people in the palace changed direction.

The nanny sent by the palace was one of Empress Dowager's servants. In order to show her sincerity, Old Madam deliberately accompanied her here. Unexpectedly, she saw this scene in front of her.

At this time, she was angry and hateful. She rolled her eyes and even fainted directly.

Then there was great chaos. Someone screamed "Old Madam" and someone went to help Madam of Duke Xing. Shao Wanru stepped aside and looked at the farce in front of her. Her pink and tender face was serious.

Old Madam finally came to herself. Sitting in the chair, Nanny Yu patted her on the back to help her catch her breath.

On the other side, Nanny Sheng had already been pulled away. It was not easy for Madam of Duke Xing to come to herself. She held the table and gasped hard. Her eyes were full of panic. At this time, she also felt bad and was only thinking about how to smooth things over.

Xiao Xuanzi and the nanny by the Empress Dowager's side looked at everything in front of them coldly and sat down on the chairs beside them calmly.

"Second Aunt, what do you mean by saying that Hao'er and I are evil? What do you mean by saying that we are not father's children? If you don't explain it clearly today, I will go to the Empress Dowager with you and make it clear!" Shao Wanru took two steps forward and stared at Madam of Duke Xing with anger on her face.

It seemed that she would not give up until Madam of Duke Xing made it clear.

Madam of Duke Xing panicked. If she really provoked the Empress Dowager, she would definitely be in trouble. "Wanru... I was stupid just now... talking nonsense..."

"Well, your second aunt was talking nonsense because your Big Sister had an accident in the palace today and her mind was in a mess!" Old Madam said.

She had to admit that if Shao Wanru really pulled Madam of Duke Xing into the palace, she would not be able to get any benefits, and things that happened today might be known by others.

Today's matter was neither big nor small. If it was used by someone with evil intentions, the whole Duke Xing's Mansion would be doomed eternally. Thinking of this, Old Madam felt that her whole heart was in her throat and hung there. She felt as if a knife was on her neck.

In order to avoid trouble, she did not dare to make any trouble.

At this time, Old Madam also secretly hated the Empress Dowager's people and Prince Chen's people. These two people would stand on Shao Wanru's side no matter from any aspect. She could not ignore Shao Wanru's words. Otherwise, when their people returned to the palace, they would tell them and inevitably provoke the anger of Empress Dowager and Prince Chen.

Shao Wanru said softly, "Old Madam, I was also frightened in the palace today and almost had an accident. Can I now say in the mansion that Eldest Brother and Big Sister are not my Second Uncle's children, but other people's!"

She sneered in her heart. How could she say that it was just because she was scared? In this case, could she say something like that?

"Nonsense!" Madam of Duke Xing was furious and slammed the table with her hands.

"How dare you! How could a delicate girl in boudoir like you say such words?" Old Madam was angry too, and she scolded her harshly.

"Old Madam and Madam of Duke Xing are really interesting. Could it be that the Fifth Miss can't talk about what you said? When Your highness sent me here today, he said that if anyone in the mansion dares to bully the Fifth Miss, it will be the same as bullying my master. He asked me to decide whether it is better to throw them out or break their legs." Xiao Xuanzi sneered and continued to say.

He was Chu Liuchen's personal eunuch, so ordinary people couldn't compare with him. There was a trace of cruelty on his face when he smiled just now. He patted the table with his hands, and the teacup on the table jumped up and fell to the ground, making a crisp sound of broken porcelain.

A little eunuch dared to do this in her manor. Old Madam was furious. She was about to say something, but Nanny Yu grabbed her clothes hard. She turned her head and glared at Nanny Yu angrily. However, she saw that Nanny Yu was trying to persuade her with her eyes, and she was looking in one direction.

Old Madam looked in the direction where she winked and immediately saw the nanny by the Empress Dowager's side. Although the nanny did not say anything, it was still a deterrent even if she sat there.

Taking a deep breath, Old Madam showed a kind expression on her face and said, "Wanru, don't be angry. I will punish your second aunt for this matter. No matter what happens, she should not say something like this. Come some people to invite Madam to the ancestral hall. She should kneel there tonight and don't come out. How can a noble Madam say something like this!"

"Mother!" Madam of Duke Xing screamed.

She was the one who had always punished people to kneel in the ancestral hall. Since when had it been her turn? Needless to say, there would be a pain in her body. She could not afford to lose face.

She was the Madam of supervisor of the backyard and had the title of Royal Mandate. If she really knelt for one night, she would not have so much prestige when dealing with the servants in the future.

"Old Madam is really clear about the reward and punishment. After returning to the palace, I would report it to the Empress Dowager!" The nanny from the palace looked at Madam of Duke Xing coldly and said slowly.

"That's what I should do!" Old Madam breathed a sigh of relief in her heart. As long as the Empress Dowager Queen did not pursue this matter, it was okay. She would think about other things later. "Come on, take Madam away!"

Two rough old maids came up to pull Madam of Duke Xing. Madam of Duke Xing was not convinced and still wanted to struggle. But when she saw Old Madam's cold eyes, she couldn't help shivering. She hurriedly lowered her head and didn't dare to struggle anymore.

Two rough old maids took Madam of Duke Xing away, and Old Madam's face softened a little. She looked at Shao Wanru gently and said, "Wanru, so many things have happened in the palace today. You should be really tired. It happens that the palace has sent some gifts. You can go and take them yourself."

Old Madam didn't want to see Shao Wanru at this time. She just wanted to send her far away and didn't even care about the gifts given by the Empress Dowager!

Right now, she just wanted to turn the matter into a minor one and let it be unknown!

"Grandma, is what Second Aunt said true?" Shao Wanru raised her watery eyes and looked at Old Madam in front of her with sparkling eyes. There seemed to be thick dark clouds rolling at the bottom of her eyes, which made her eyes inexplicably deep.

"You little girl, don't be so stubborn. How could what your second aunt said be the truth?" Old Madam became impatient and said.

Shao Wanru insisted and said, "Grandma, don't blame me for not letting you go. It's just that Second Aunt has never liked me and she holds evil intentions toward me and Brother Hao. If I don't figure out the truth, I'm afraid that I won't even know how I die in the end."

After that, she knelt down in the room and said with tears and determination, "Grandma, please uphold justice for your granddaughter!"

"What are you talking about? When did your Second Aunt dislike you?" Old Madam felt headache and said angrily.

This granddaughter was not good at observing the situation. How could she ask such a question at this time? How could she say it out loud about whether her Second Aunt liked her or not? How could it be so clear?

"Grandma, don't you believe my words?" Shao Wanru asked.

"Well, don't say such childish words. Your Second Aunt did make a mistake today because of your Big Sister. What she said before was also nonsense. It can't be true!"

Old Madam reached out to touch her head and closed her eyes slightly. She really felt annoyed, tired, and in a bad mood. If she had known that such a thing would happen, she would not have come here. It

was better for her not to see anything. If she had not come here, she could have said that she did not see anything.

“Grandma, I have evidence!” Shao Wanru would not let go of such a good opportunity. When she left the palace, she deliberately asked Chu Liuchen to send someone to come here with Empress Dowager’s people. After she returned to the mansion, she wanted to make trouble and let the people around Empress Dowager see it.

Sure enough, Madam of Duke Xing, who was irritated by her, immediately brought out a lot of words. With the people from the palace as witnesses, it was impossible for Old Madam to wipe out this matter.

“What...what evidence do you have?” Old Madam was really angry with Shao Wanru’s persistent attitude and said angrily.

Seeing that Old Madam couldn’t hold back her anger, Shao Wanru looked very calm. No matter what she did or how to compromise, it was the same in the eye of Old Madam. It was always the same.

In this case, it had nothing to do with her whether she was angry or not. In her last life, this Old Madam could ignore her and pretend that she could not see her and Hao’er’s miserable ending. Now, she would not have much family affection for her because she was her biological grandmother.

The blood relationship between her and the people of Duke Xing’s Mansion had been cut down in her last life!

Since it was cut down, why should she care about Old Madam’s attitude?

“Grandma, this Nanny, and Xiao Xuanzi, please come with me!” Shao Wanru bowed deeply to Old Madam, and then bowed to the nanny and Xiao Xuanzi of the Empress Dowager, looking gentle and kind.

Originally, she wanted to find an opportunity to talk about the thing that happened in the courtyard before. Since someone from the palace came, wouldn’t it be better than other opportunities?

Seeing that the palace Nanny and Xiao Xuanzi actually got up, even if Old Madam was full of resentment, she could only get up with the help of Nanny Yu at this time.

She wanted to see what the evidence Shao Wanru was talking about. If it was not evidenced at all, or it could not prove anything at all, she would definitely scold her this time and punish this girl to kneel in the ancestral hall, so that Shao Wanru could understand who was in charge of the manor!

Chapter 673 Prince Chen Took an Opportunity to Advice

Hidden by the screen, the room was wide and seemingly gorgeous, but it was also scattered about in a mess. There were always worn-out tables and chairs everywhere, either showing the wooden inside because of breakage or having many cuts on them. Even the cups of tea served were also broken.

After Shao Wanru moved in, Old Madam had never come to see her. When Madam of Duke Xing had arranged it in the past, she had come to see this room and felt satisfied to let her eldest grandson use it as his matrimonial home.

But now, everything in front of her eyes made her feel unreal. Was this really the Piaoyun Courtyard? How could it be so dilapidated? It was so dilapidated that it made her feel ashamed!

Her face flushed red, partly because she was angry, and partly because she felt ashamed.

“Grandmother, this is the courtyard that Second Madam arranges for me. Do you think it can be the evidence that Second Madam hates me? Is there any courtyard in the whole Duke Xing’s Mansion that is as dilapidated as mine? Even the decoration of the place where the concubine lives in the mansion is better than mine?”

There was no anger but calmness in Shao Wanru’s cold eyes as if she was not talking about the unfair things that Duke Xing’s Mansion had done to her.

“I’ll ask someone to change it for you when I go back!” Old Madam gritted her teeth and said angrily.

“Thank you, grandmother. Big Sister has come here before, but she has said nothing after that!” Shao Wanru said. She had made up her mind to make use of such an opportunity to settle the matter.

Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion was not Shao Yanru. Shao Yanru could say that she was not able to solve that because of lacking in time to persuade Second Madam for that moment, but Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion could not refuse her in such a tone.

“I’ll change it for you later!” Old Madam of Duke Xing’s Mansion almost squeezed out these words through gritted teeth.

“Old Madam, is this Madam of Duke Xing really from a noble family? How could she treat the daughter of lineal descent from the eldest branch with such contempt? Actually, the daughter of lineal descent of the eldest branch is the real daughter of lineal descent, isn’t it? What’s more, the Fifth Miss is the saver of our Prince. If it weren’t for the Fifth Miss, our prince would really have had an accident that time. Does your mansion treat the Fifth Miss like this on purpose to please anyone by disgracing our prince?”

Xiao Xuanzi said with a smile. His words were neither serious nor casual, and his voice sounded neither loud nor low. But in Madam Dowager’s ears, it sounded like thunder.

Old Madam’s face changed greatly. She almost fainted and Nanny Yu quickly held her up.

No one dared to disgrace Prince Chen, and no one wanted to lose their lives to do so desperately. Although everyone knew that he would not live long, he had survived and lived a colorful life. With the protection of the Empress Dowager and the Emperor, no one could look down on him, even though he had a special identity.

And there were only a few people who could disgrace Prince Chen!

Moreover, the meaning behind his words was not just about who made him lose his face.

“It’s all Wanyan’s fault. When she comes out later, I’ll make her apologize to Wanru. Such a thing will never happen again!” Old Madam had to promise.

Madam of Duke Xing’s own name was Wanyan. Old Madam was so angry that she directly called her name.

"In this case, that's the best. These are originally given to Fifth Miss by the Empress Dowager and Prince Chen. I will put them down now and we're still going to report to the Empress Dowager and Prince Chen!" The old Nanny in the palace stood up and looked at Old Madam with some thoughts.

"Thank you, Nanny!" Old Madam lowered her head and blushed because she noticed a hint of warning in her words.

As a first-class Royal Mandate Madam, she was even warned by the people sent to give awards by the Empress Dowager in her mansion. Thinking about what had happened in her mansion today, she knew that nothing couldn't be concealed. Thus, she was ashamed and angry and secretly hated that her daughter-in-law was really ignorant. Even though she didn't want Shao Wanru to live in this courtyard that had originally been prepared for Shao Hua'an, she couldn't fool people with such pieces of shabby furniture.

Old Madam of course didn't know that actually the furniture had still seemed to be usable when being sent in. The damaged parts were mostly behind some corners and basically wouldn't be seen. After Shao Wanru had moved in, she had cut the broken parts bigger on the original ones and cut them to the surface. Thus, even at a casual glance, one could know that all the furniture in this house couldn't be used.

Now the Empress Dowager knew about this matter. How could Old Madam save her face?

"Shall we left, Eunuch Xiao Xuanzi?" The Nanny of the Empress Dowager asked politely. Everyone knew that Xiao Xuanzi was the most useful person around Prince Chen, thus his status was different from others. Even the servants around Empress Dowager didn't dare to offend him casually.

"Nanny, please wait for a moment!" Xiao Xuanzi cupped his hands and said politely. Then he walked to Old Madam in a few steps with smiles and also cupped his hands to Old Madam. Then he took out a snow-white cat from a delicate basket with a lid held by a palace maid behind him.

It had long snow-white fur and a pair of blue eyes that were almost like a colored glaze. It was so plump and adorable that anyone would like it.

"Old Madam, this is a gift from our prince to Fifth Miss. If it dies in the hands of other masters in your mansion in the future, our Prince will not tolerate her. This cat is very sensible and basically will not scratch people. But if someone deliberately provokes it, it will not be polite!"

Xiao Xuanzi said with a smile. He held the cat and showed it to Old Madam deliberately.

Old Madam also liked this cat, but when she heard Xiao Xuanzi's words, her face became cold. "Since this cat may hurt people, please take it back. There are many girls in our mansion. If anyone accidentally provokes this cat, we will be in trouble for we don't dare to deal with it!" said Old Madam.

According to his words, the cat seemingly could not be touched. How could Old Madam want such a cat Highness?

"Old Madam, you're wrong. Sending this cat is both our Prince's and Empress Dowager's idea. How can Empress Dowager's awards be returned?" Xiao Xuanzi raised his eyebrows calmly and looked at the palace maids with gifts.

Shao Wanru almost couldn't control her smile on her face. Of course, she knew this cat. It had been raised in Qin's Mansion for a period of time, but later it had been returned to Prince Chen's Mansion. Unexpectedly, it was sent here again and was especially given as an award by the Empress Dowager.

Of course, no one could refuse the Empress Dowager's award. Both criticism and awards were the grace of Empress Dowager. How could one refuse it as he wanted?

At this time, Xiao Xuanzi deliberately took the cat out to show it to Old Madam. The cat had been shown openly. If there was anything in the future, he could naturally hold Old Madam accountable.

Although Old Madam was very angry, she had to let Shao Wanru accept gifts. And now they could only be sent to Shao Wanru, and couldn't be divided to others like the last time.

"How is it going?" In the Palace of Benevolent Peace, Chu Liuchen lazily asked Xiao Xuanzi, who had just come back.

"Your Highness, Fifth Miss is so pitiful. Ah!" Xiao Xuanzi was so angry that he wanted to say something but stopped on second thought.

The Empress Dowager frowned and looked at her grandson. Seeing that his handsome eyebrows were also furrowed, she was unhappy and turned to the Nanny she sent, "Did you see anything?"

"Duke Xing's Mansion is indeed terrible and does not treat Fifth Miss well..." In Duke Xing's Mansion, although this nanny had not said much, she had been observing and seen Shao Wanru's current situation. She indeed felt that Fifth Miss Shao was pitiful. Thinking about the Madam of Duke Xing's angry scolding that she heard when she first went to Madam of Duke Xing's courtyard, the Nanny had more and more pity on Fifth Miss Shao.

She told the Empress Dowager what she had observed and heard in Duke Xing's Mansion. The more the Empress Dowager listened, the angrier she became.

Seeing her grandson's frowning eyebrows and pale handsome face, she couldn't help feeling a little annoyed with Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Did she say that the Fifth Miss and the little boy are not the children of the former Heir of Duke Xing?" Empress Dowager said coldly, "Come on, send a ruler for discipline and a book Woman Precepts to Madam of Duke Xing so that she can develop more women's virtues in the future and accumulate merits for her offsprings!"

"Yes, I'll prepare it right away!" The Nanny answered and went to prepare.

Awarding a ruler and Woman Precepts meant her dissatisfaction with Madam of Duke Xing. Being awarded by the Empress Dowager Queen added another effect on them. It was impossible for Old Madam of Duke Xing to suppress this matter as she wanted. Since Empress Dowager was angry, she couldn't just punish Madam of Duke Xing by kneeling in the ancestral hall to suppress this matter.

"Chen'er, don't be angry. Imperial Grandmother will always help her!" After the Nanny left, the Empress Dowager comforted her grandson who was obviously angry.

"Imperial Grandmother, I am useless. I can't even protect my chosen wife!" Chu Liuchen lowered his head and said slowly. His handsome face was full of bitterness.

“Chen’er, don’t say that. You are getting well now. After she marries into your mansion, your life will naturally get better. If you want to protect her, you should pay more attention to your own health. Don’t let your hard work go in vain!” Empress Dowager comforted him softly.

“Imperial Grandmother, she is living a really difficult life in Duke Xing’s Mansion. Can you let her enter Prince Chen’s Mansion earlier?” Chu Liuchen raised his head with a pair of clear and bright eyes, which made Empress Dowager worried.

“You have to wait until the open selection. Chen’er, don’t worry. After the selection, your mansion will be lively. You can not only have an official wife but also consorts and concubines. Your health is getting much better, so it’s a good thing to get a blessing in disguise this time.” Empress Dowager said.

Originally, it was against the rules, because Chu Liuchen ranked third in princes. At the moment, looking at his grandson’s decadent look, how could Madam Dowager not approve his request?

Chu Liuchen shook his head and said with a bitter smile, “Imperial Grandmother, even if I am getting much better, I don’t need so many people to enter the mansion. If so many people come in but do not take care of me, I’m afraid they will kill me. I just want to protect the girl I like. Does Imperial Grandmother think I can survive in such poor health if many women around me want to kill me?”

After saying that, Chu Liuchen turned his head aside and coughed in a low voice. Xiao Xuanzi hurriedly patted his back to ease it.

Seeing her grandson coughing so hard, Empress Dowager thought that so many women in the palace caused troubles every day. They were all women’s business. Chen’er, who was still in poor health, could not deal with so many women. She had to discuss this idea with the emperor that he would only choose the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing’s Mansion this time.

They could discuss the rest later.

When Chu Liuchen turned around and wiped the corner of his mouth with a handkerchief, Empress Dowager hurriedly said, “It’s all up to you. It’s up to you. You need to take good care of yourself!”

“My body has been terrible for too long. I’m afraid that I can’t recover!” Chu Liuchen said with a smile. He was gentle and handsome, but his words made people want to cry.

“Why do you think so? You can even remove the chronic disease, so why are you worried about your recovery? Just take good care of yourself... Imperial Grandmother is still waiting to see my great-grandchild!” The Empress Dowager comforted him and almost said in a cracking voice because of feeling sad!

Chapter 674 Let Her Go to the Monastery to Cultivate in Seclusion!

Duke Xing’s Mansion was destined to be unlucky these years!

Something bad happened to Miss Shao who should enter into the palace, and it was not a small matter. After returning to the mansion, Madam of Duke Xing was punished again and was dragged to kneel in the ancestral hall by Old Madam.

The whole Duke Xing’s Mansion was stirred, and many servants were trembling because of fear. They didn’t know what had happened.

In addition to the doctor of the manor, there were also several doctors who were invited outside in the most favored First Miss's place. It seemed that the First Miss had an incurable disease after she entered the palace.

Madam of Duke Xing, who had always been high and mighty in the whole Duke Xing's Mansion, was punished to kneel in the ancestral hall because she had offended the Fifth Miss. Later, the furnishings of the Fifth Miss were moved out, which shocked everyone. Then, everyone sighed that it was indeed the Madam who abused the Fifth Miss. The rumors in the past suddenly started again.

Then another thing happened. Miss Qi, who was originally escorted into the mansion, ran away. Not only did she run away, but something happened to her. In a hurry, her carriage hit the carriages of several officials' family members who were going out. Hearing that she was the nominal foster daughter of Madam of Duke Xing, the officials' family members wanted to send her back to the mansion for the sake of Madam of Duke Xing.

Seeing that the situation was not good, Qi Rongzhi cried and begged several officials' family members. Therefore, everyone knew that Miss Qi, who had been adopted as a nominal daughter, lived a miserable life in Duke Xing's Mansion. Not only was she looked down upon by several Misses, but she was sneered by them from time to time. They even found an excuse to beat and scold her.

With one sentence, Qi Rongzhi did not live a superior life in Duke Xing's Mansion, and even the servant girl in Duke Xing's Mansion could bully her. Now they even locked her up and wanted to marry her to the nephew of Duke Xing's Mansion, Wang Shengxue who used to have a bad reputation. She tried her best to escape from it.

In order to get the trust of others, Qi Rongzhi also told them the reason why Madam of Duke Xing recognized her. She said that Madam of Duke Xing originally liked Shao Wanru, but Shao Wanru didn't want to regard her as her mother. In order to force Shao Wanru to commit, Madam of Duke Xing deliberately made it public. But finally, she had to admit Qi Rongzhi.

The story was full of ups and downs like a novel. Since Shao Wanru was forced to leave Duke Xing's Mansion to practice in the nunnery after she returned to her ancestral roots, this made it look more and more like a conspiracy.

It turned out that Madam of Duke Xing had planned it for a long time. Considering the so-called return of Qin's Mansion's First Miss and the fake farce, without the approval of Duke Xing's Mansion, she didn't have the courage to do such a thing. What she said was indeed in line with what happened before.

Originally, there were only two to three percent of people who believed it, but now there was fifty to sixty percent.

Qi Rongzhi also went ahead regardless this time, for fear that others would send her to Duke Xing's Mansion again. She also knew that if she went back this time, she would never have another chance. Of course, she had to say everything at this time, and she had to have something to express her despair and sadness.

It was not easy for her to have such a chance to escape. It was her only chance. How could she give up? As she spoke, she cried and fell on the ground, which was extremely miserable.

After listening to Qi Rongzhi's crying, everyone looked at each other and couldn't believe what they had heard. Madam of Duke Xing, who had always been dignified and decent in front of others, was such a person. From what she said, it was obvious that Madam of Duke Xing had a conspiracy to adopt this Miss Qi. This conspiracy was aimed at the current Fifth Miss Shao. Qi Rongzhi just happened to meet her.

Considering what Qi Rongzhi had said just now, not only did Madam of Duke Xing bully her but also those Misses of Duke Xing's Mansion were not good people. In daily life, they would find various reasons to beat and scold her, and even a servant girl could humiliate her at will. Although Qi Rongzhi was only the daughter of a local official, she could not be humiliated by a servant girl.

The Misses of Duke Xing's Mansion also seemed to be the same as Madam of Duke Xing. They didn't have a good character, especially the First Miss Shao, who was said to have the best reputation. She was the biological daughter of Madam of Duke Xing, and she might be malicious though she looked kind. The so-called talented beauty might be a joke.

As for what had happened to Wang Shengxue, it made everyone feel ashamed. Because of Duke Xing's Mansion, many people knew what had happened to Wang Shengxue. Originally, he was a good boy, but later, he had lost his official title and was entangled with several women. He was very indecent. No family was willing to marry such a person.

They didn't expect that Madam of Duke Xing would push other people's daughter into such a heated brick bed. It was really amazing.

Although it was said that she was a nominal daughter, and because her parents were not in the capital, Madam of Duke Xing could arrange a marriage for her. But Qi Rongzhi was not willing to, and Madam of Duke Xing forced her and even locked up her. She was really vicious.

Qi Rongzhi's carriage had an accident on the street. Because she was afraid that she would be taken back to Duke Xing's Mansion, she directly cried on the street. For a time, the audience was like a tide. When Qi Rongzhi was taken away by Qi Tianyu who came after knowing it, everyone still stayed there and was talking about Qi Rongzhi's matter.

They all thought that Madam of Duke Xing was too vicious.

Some people pitied Qi Rongzhi. Some hated Duke Xing's Mansion. Some people suspected the so-called reputation of Duke Xing's Mansion. And some people linked many things together.

Since Madam of Duke Xing wanted to recognize Fifth Miss Shao but was rejected, she did not give up and schemed against Fifth Miss Shao. She had to admit Qi Rongzhi. Later, the adopted sister pretended to be Fifth Miss Shao and planned to replace Fifth Miss Shao to become the daughter of the Heir of Duke Xing. Then half of the capital city saw that Fifth Miss Shao's courtyard had been burned to ashes, forcing Fifth Miss Shao to go up to the mountain to cultivate in seclusion in Yuhui Nunnery.

Although it had been quiet for a period of time, things had happened again and again recently. Something had happened in Yuhui Nunnery. Some people said that Fifth Miss Shao was a disaster, and it was said that even the court was shocked. Some people lied to Fifth Miss Shao and she went down the mountain. She almost died at the foot of the mountain of Yuhui Nunnery... There were a lot of things.

They were not aware of it, but they were shocked when they thought about it!

It was obvious that there were a series of conspiracies in it. The target was the daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing, Fifth Miss Shao. Considering the complicated affairs of Duke Xing's Mansion, the former Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua, who should have inherited as the eldest branch, were both dead, and they died outside. Was there any other reason?

In fact, it was not only because of the war but also because the second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion wanted to seize this title? If so, the branch of the former heir of Duke Xing's Mansion was really pitiful and miserable!

Now that there were only an orphan girl and a weak brother left, but those people would not let them go. They were probably going to kill them.

As for the reason why the young master was fine, it was because he had been brought up in Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion for three years. Otherwise, at this time, he would have been plotted to death.

Some people remembered that Master Hao had a very bad reputation in Duke Xing's Mansion at that time. It was said that this young master was a devil. At that time, they thought that Old Madam favored this little grandson very much because she thought of her dead son. But now they felt horrible when they thought of it.

She didn't dote on the child at all. It was obvious that she wanted to spoil the child to be trash.

Everyone in the capital city was talking about Duke Xing's Mansion, Madam of Duke Xing, and the Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion today. Most people came to the conclusion that there might be another reason for the death of the former Heir of Duke Xing. He might have been killed by the current second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion. Now, it was the second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion who got benefits, and it was also the second branch of Duke Xing's Mansion who was determined to kill the children of the eldest branch.

This news was sent to Duke Xing's Mansion with the plamer given by the Empress Dowager. Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion had just heard the rumors outside. When she saw the plamer and the Woman Precepts sent by the Empress Dowager, she was so angry that her face turned blue and looked ferocious. She had never thought that not only would the Empress Dowager be angry about this, but the whole capital city would also discuss Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Has the Duke come back?" Old Madam took a deep breath and asked coldly.

"Old Madam, don't worry. I've already sent someone to wait for our master at the door. He will definitely come over as soon as he comes back!" Nanny Yu patted Old Madam's back gently to help her catch her breath. She was afraid that if she got angry, she would not be able to breathe.

"At this time, he is not at home. Where did he go?" Old Madam said impatiently, frowning so much that she could almost use her eyebrows to pick up something.

"Old Madam, don't worry. Master must have something to deal with. Moreover, these things happened all of a sudden. No one expected such a thing to happen!"

Now things happened one after another, so Nanny Yu could only comfort her in this way.

"Old Madam, the Duke is back!" A servant girl's gasping voice came from the corridor. Obviously, she ran over to report.

"Quickly, let him in!" Old Madam said in a hurry. She sat up straightly and looked at the door anxiously. Too many things had happened today. At this time, Old Madam also felt exhausted and urgently needed her son to share the burden.

The servant girl at the door lifted the curtain, and the chubby Duke Xing came in. His usual smiling face showed a little anger and his eyes were cold. After bowing to Old Madam first, he sat down on a chair on one side, and then his eyes fell on a jade box in front of Old Madam.

It was the jade box sent by the Empress Dowager just now.

"Mother, what is this?"

"Today, your wife scolded that Wanru and her brother were not the children of your brother in the mansion. Her words were heard by the people sent by the Empress Dowager and Prince Chen. Then they saw that the house your wife arranged for Shao Wanru was filled with shabby furniture, and they couldn't find anything good, which made me lose face. The Empress Dowager was angry and sent someone to send a plamer and a Woman Precepts to your wife!"

Old Madam had a headache and covered her head with her hands. She was very annoyed.

Although she also had these conjectures in her heart, she would just think about them in her heart. Even if no one of the Empress Dowager heard it, she should not shout it out. It's not good for others to hear it. Speaking of this, it was because she had behaved improperly and caused such big trouble.

Thinking of the rumors outside, Old Madam felt very annoyed.

Nanny Yu stepped forward and opened the box. Sure enough, there was a white jade plamer and a Woman Precepts inside. She opened it and put it in front of Duke Xing.

A trace of fierceness appeared on Duke Xing's chubby face. He fixed his eyes on the plamer in the box, raised his head slowly, and said as if he had made up his mind, "Mother, let her go to the nunnery to cultivate in seclusion!"

Chapter 675 Acting One Step Ahead, Is the Second Uncle Amiable?

"What?" Old Madam raised her head in astonishment and stared at Duke Xing in surprise; she couldn't believe what she had heard.

"Mother, I think we should dispatch her to a nunnery to cultivate in seclusion. She can't handle the affairs in our mansion now, considering what she has done. Let my sister-in-law take charge of the internal affairs in our mansion, and I'll have to trouble you to guide her," Duke Xing said in a cold tone.

"How...how... how could we do that? She is your official wife! How could you be so cruel!" Old Madam said in a hurry. It was her who brought up Duke Xing's wife, so she had a close relationship with her. She took her as her own daughter more than a daughter-in-law. How could she allow her to be sent to the nunnery like this?

If she were sent to the nunnery, she wouldn't be able to come back for the rest of her life!

"Mother, do you want our whole family to be implicated by her? You must have heard the rumors from the outside. Now everyone in the city is gossiping about our family. If you insist on protecting her, all of us will be brought into trouble, and I won't be able to have a foothold in the court. No matter what happens, as long as others pick on me with this matter, I won't be able to defend myself."

Duke Xing spoke coldly with a stern look in his eyes. No one had expected that he, who had always been affable, would be so decisive. He would either remain silent or make an unshakeable decision.

"But... but she is your wife and the mother of your children. She served you with all her heart. Everything she did was for you... Even if you didn't care about her, for the sake of your two children, you shouldn't push her to such a corner!" Old Madam said in a trembling voice.

"Mother, I have been kind enough to her. She took charge of everything in the mansion. She scolded, beat, and even sold my concubines as she wanted. It was all her fault that the matter would come to this point. Although Her Highness, the Empress Dowager, just sent over a ruler, she wouldn't stand by, neither would His Majesty, if we don't handle this matter properly."

Duke Xing massaged his forehead. He was really upset; he hadn't expected that what his wife did would be exposed so suddenly and that the whole matter would get out of everyone's control so soon. At present, if he didn't make a trade-off, the matter would not be resolved and he would be too ashamed to stay in the imperial court.

Of course, he was not willing to leave the imperial court just because of his wife. He couldn't let his plan that he had been making for many years fail just because of this matter!

"But... but..." Old Madam still wanted to say something but was interrupted by Duke Xing rudely.

"Mother, if it weren't for the sake of my two children, I would divorce her directly instead of letting her cultivate in seclusion so that she wouldn't bring shame on our family. Now, I just ask her to cultivate in seclusion for the sake of my two children."

He had one son and one daughter, but he cared about the latter more than the former. His daughter had chances to rise high, so he wouldn't allow anything to stain her reputation.

"There is no need to send her to a nunnery. She can cultivate in seclusion in our ancestral hall. From now on, she will cultivate in seclusion in our ancestral hall wholeheartedly, and your sister-in-law will take charge of our family affairs, just as you said."

After all, Old Madam had experienced a lot. She gritted her teeth and agreed to send Madam of Duke Xing to cultivate in seclusion.

Although Madam of Duke Xing would be locked up in the ancestral hall to cultivate in seclusion, it was much better than being sent to an unknown nunnery. After all, it was inside the mansion, so her children could visit her sometimes.

Based on what she knew about her son, Old Madam was sure that he was thinking about killing his wife. If that woman was kicked out of the mansion, she might die unknowingly.

Old Madam liked her second daughter-in-law the most, who was chosen by her. At the very beginning, she had wanted her eldest son to marry this woman, but accidentally, her second son married her. No matter what, Old Madam was very happy that the woman married her son, which meant that her plan worked. However, in the current situation, she couldn't help her at all.

"Mother, it's not wise to keep her at home!" Duke Xing glanced at his mother and said coldly.

"You have to think about your children!" Old Madam frowned and refused to send Madam of Duke Xing out of the mansion.

"Mother, since you insist, she can stay here. Just let her meditate in the ancestral hall for the rest of her life. As for the things that happened recently, place all the blame on her, so as not to ruin the reputation of Ru'er and others!" Duke Xing said decisively. He stood up and shook his sleeves as he continued, "Mother, I am going to see her. She has to admit what she has done by herself!"

"It's... it's not proper to blame all this on her," Old Madam said, frightened.

"Then, mother, who else do you think can take the responsibility? Ru'er or you?" Duke Xing asked while staring at his mother coldly.

Old Madam was rendered speechless. After a long while, she gritted her teeth and said, "That's it. But she has to be willing to accept the punishment. Otherwise, there will be gossip again!"

"Mother, don't worry. She has to think about her children. Besides, she did all these stupid things herself. Even if she wants to blame someone else, she can't do it!" Duke Xing said coldly.

After saying that, he turned around and strode to the ancestral hall. At present, this was the best way to settle the matter. At least, he could minimize the adverse impact by doing so. After all, it was just some harem affairs, and it had nothing to do with him.

There were some things he didn't want others to notice, and he was even more worried that someone would investigate them. Since the matter was already settled, he would just let it be. There was no need to dig it out, which would bring him into trouble.

The prosperity of Duke Xing's Mansion could not be destroyed by the harem affairs. In Duke Xing's eyes, his wife was short-sighted to have done those stupid things. Shao Wanru was just a girl, and even though she was his elder brother's daughter, she was not their biggest enemy.

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When Shao Wanru saw Duke Xing, her second uncle, she stopped at the door of the ancestral hall and stepped back, giving way to him. Then she bowed sideways and greeted him. "Second Uncle!"

Though she lived in this mansion now, she had only seen Duke Xing twice or so. Yet, it was easy for her to recognize him, judging by the way he behaved. His chubby round face made him look kind, but there was a hint of gloom in his eyes just now.

When Duke Xing saw Shao Wanru, he smiled slightly and looked much more amiable.

"Why are you here?" Duke Xing asked gently and looked toward the ancestral hall. There were some candles on the ground in front of the door. The candles were in a mess, which showed that they were thrown out by someone intentionally. Duke Xing's eyes turned frosty.

"I'm here to see Second Aunt. I want to ask her... what she meant by what she said before," Shao Wanru said softly. She lowered her head, so Duke Xing couldn't see her expression, but what she said was thought-provoking.

Madam of Duke Xing was locked up in the ancestral hall just because she said something wrong. She said that Shao Wanru and her brother were not the daughter and son of Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Your aunt was talking nonsense. There's some misunderstanding between your aunt and your mother. Your aunt is jealous of your mother. For so many years, she still failed to let it go. I didn't expect her to treat you like this. It's my fault. I thought she would handle the family affairs fairly!" Duke Xing sighed and comforted Shao Wanru in a gentle tone.

He seemed a little disconsolate and sad. He stared at Shao Wanru as if he were able to see his brother through Shao Wanru. There was a smile around the corner of his lips as he continued, "You look like your father. If he were here, he would be very happy to see you and your brother so similar to him."

What he said indicated that he believed Shao Wanru was his niece and put all the blame on his wife. Shao Wanru quietly took another step back and nodded softly. "Thank you, Uncle. Since you said so, I'll go back first. Grandma is changing the furniture in my room for me!"

"You can go. If there is something you don't want to tell me, you can tell your Third Aunt. She will take charge of the affairs in the mansion in the future!" Duke Xing nodded his head and said mildly.

Shao Wanru bowed sideways again and then left slowly. She narrowed her eyes slightly; she understood what her uncle meant. Madam of Duke Xing had lost her power and she couldn't even control the harem anymore. She must have been locked up in the name of cultivation in seclusion, but Shao Wanru didn't know whether she was locked up in the mansion or had been sent to other places.

"Miss, how did you know that the Duke would come over?" When they walked far away, Yujie lowered her voice and asked Shao Wanru. Just now, they came to provoke Madam of Duke Xing into throwing out the stuff in the ancestral hall.

Shao Wanru's long eyelashes fluttered as she said slowly in a low voice, "Since what she did was exposed, the matter had to be settled properly and someone had to take the blame. But the one who would take the blame had to be willing to do so." Her face became serious. Although she just talked with her second uncle for a short while, she could tell that he was not a simple man.

She knew that he was not as kind as he seemed to be.

He didn't say much, but he always spoke ahead of her, like everything was under his control. Shao Wanru rarely had this feeling when she talked to others, except for Chu Liuchen. However, she believed that her second uncle was different from Chu Liuchen, but she couldn't tell what exactly was different.

"He snatched the opportunity ahead of me, but he was merely suppressing me in secret. This was what a woman in the harem would do. If he had used a more forceful method, I'm afraid I wouldn't have been

able to deal with it." Shao Wanru could not help but become alert when she thought of this. She decided to be more careful in the future.

"Miss, will Duke make Madam take the blame?" Yujie asked worriedly.

"I'm sure he will. No one else can take the blame for her!" Shao Wanru said with certainty. At present, except for Madam of Duke Xing, no one had the place to take the responsibility.

For Duke Xing's Mansion, although it would harm the family a little by abandoning Madam of Duke Xing, it was not a big deal after all. Their children were not involved and all had promising futures.

However, it was not easy for Duke Xing to make his wife take the blame willingly. Shao Wanru had provoked Madam of Duke Xing before the latter could take any action. Now, she wanted to know what the Madam could do after being locked up.

She hoped that this Second Madam would not let her down and that she hadn't come there in vain. She knew that whether the Madam would take the blame depended on whether she was willing to do so. Based on what she knew about the Madam, Shao Wanru didn't believe that the Madam would be willing to take the blame for what happened in the past days.

What was more, Shao Wanru had even provoked her into losing her temper...

Chapter 676 If You Don't Assume the Responsibility, Who Else Will? Ru'er?

Madam of Duke Xing was so angry that her face looked ferocious. Her beautiful face no longer looked as gentle as usual.

Seeing Duke Xing come in, she stared at him coldly without saying a word, her eyes full of vicious hatred.

Duke Xing didn't like her expression. He frowned and said coldly, "Now everyone has known what you've done, and Her Highness, the Empress Dowager, has also given you a ruler and Woman Precepts. Rumor has it that you forced Qi Rongzhi to marry Wang Shengxue, so she had to escape from our mansion to avoid the marriage."

"What do you think of this, Duke?" Madam of Duke Xing raised her eyebrows and squinted at Duke Xing.

"I think you're to blame for what you did. Besides, Ru'er is going to enter the palace soon, so we can't let this matter discredit her. Otherwise, she may not be able to gain the title of a princess," Duke Xing said, displeased, and a look of disgust flashed within his eyes.

"What do you mean? You want me to take all the blame?" Madam of Duke Xing stood up from the chair with an angry face and looked into Duke Xing's eyes. She clenched her hands tightly in front of her. If she had not been rational enough, she would have slapped Duke Xing in the face.

"If you don't assume the responsibility, who else will? Ru'er? Besides, you did these stupid things on your own. It was your idea to make Qi Rongzhi our goddaughter, and it's your fault that the matter has come to this point. You spread the rumor in the mansion that my big brother was not the biological father of Wanru and her brother. What do you want to do exactly? If you don't want to stay in our mansion, I can divorce you!"

Duke Xing sneered and took a step back in order to gain the upper hand.

Madam of Duke Xing's face became paler and paler, and her lips trembled. Suddenly, she laughed out and pointed at Duke Xing, saying, "You have wanted to divorce me for long, haven't you? I'm so sad that I've been so devoted to you and have managed everything in the mansion for you. I didn't expect that I have no place in your heart. You actually asked me to take the blame for all the things that happened."

Duke Xing looked at his wife with a stern look. Suddenly, he sneered and asked, "You did all this for me? Did I ask you to make Qi Rongzhi, a girl that has nothing to do with us, our goddaughter? Did I ask you to make things hard for my big brother's daughter? You did all these stupid things on your own. You were so vicious that you wanted to drive her away. You bring it upon yourself."

"I brought it upon myself? It was obviously you..." Madam of Duke Xing screamed.

The next moment, she was slapped hard in the face, and the force caused her to fall two steps backward and almost hit the table behind her. Fortunately, Nanny Sheng stood beside the table and caught her in time, but the nanny hit the edge of the table herself. She bent over covering her belly in pain.

"I'd suggest you take the blame. If something bad happens to Ru'er because of you, you won't be able to absolve yourself from the blame even if you die. And I'd also suggest you behave yourself so as not to die without even yourself knowing why. Watch your mouth, for the sake of your daughter and son."

After finishing his words, Duke Xing left in a hurry shaking his sleeves, displeased.

In his opinion, at this point, the best way to solve the problem they faced now was that his wife took the blame for what she had done. It was not only for the sake of their children but also for the reason that it was all her doings.

However, Duke Xing did not expect that his wife would object to the idea so strongly. It seemed to him that she would not be willing to take the blame. However, the duke didn't care about this. He would settle the matter this way anyway.

"Maids, keep an eye on the ancestral hall. Don't allow anyone to visit Madam and don't let her come out." Standing at the door, he ordered the two old maids who had followed him here.

The two old maids nodded and stood at the door of the ancestral hall.

"Your Grace, wait a minute!" Nanny Sheng rushed out of the hall, trying to stop the duke from leaving, but she was pulled back by the two old maids.

"Your Grace, Your Grace!" Nanny Sheng struggled desperately.

Duke Xing stopped and turned to look at the nanny. With a cold look in his eyes, he ordered. "From now on, you will stay in the ancestral hall with Madam, cultivate hard in seclusion, pray for our family, and repent for what she has done. You must serve her well!"

After saying that, the duke turned around and strode away. Nanny Sheng, who was behind him, was stunned for a moment and then shouted loudly again. Unfortunately, the duke did not look back this time.

Nanny Sheng collapsed on the ground and couldn't help crying out. She was the wet nurse of Duke Xing. When Madam of Duke Xing was raised in the mansion, she had a close relationship with her. Later, Old

Madam asked her to take care of Madam of Duke Xing. After Madam of Duke Xing married the duke, the nanny was still the most intimate maid of hers.

When her miss, an ordinary lady, married Duke Xing, the nanny became one of the most respected nannies in the mansion. She was very proud at that time, and she never thought that there would be a day when she was locked up with her miss.

She was Duke Xing's wet nurse and Madam's trusted nanny. She didn't understand why she ended up like this.

Seeing that Duke Xing left without looking back, Nanny Sheng knew that there was no hope for her, so she could only turn around and go back. When she walked into the hall and saw Madam of Duke Xing sitting on the ground, she hurried forward to help her up. "Madam, why did you sit on the ground? It's not good for your health."

"Not good for my health? Who would care!" Madam of Duke Xing laughed wildly. She picked up the rush cushion that she had just sat on and threw it at the wall on one side.

"Madam, you still have First Miss and First Young Master on your side. The whole mansion will belong to you sooner or later!" Nanny Sheng comforted Madam of Duke Xing as she helped her up.

Now, she only had Madam of Duke Xing to rely on, and she would definitely be in trouble if something bad happened to the Madam. She would be able to live a good life only when the Madam was fine.

She knew that the duke wouldn't show her any mercy if something happened.

"Belong to me? Doesn't he have someone else outside the mansion? No wonder he has been so indifferent to me these days. No wonder I can't find him in the mansion most of the time. It turns out that he had an affair long ago," Madam of Duke Xing gnashed her teeth as she said.

"I wouldn't have known this if Shao Wanru hadn't talked about it with her maid when she was here just now. Besides the woman I know, he still has another woman. I've worked so hard to manage the family affairs, yet he is having affairs with other women.

"Now, the family is in trouble, and he places all the blame on me! If he hadn't agreed to these plans tacitly, I wouldn't have even done these things!"

When she thought of this, the Madam felt both hatred and bitterness in her heart. She was so angry that she threw out all the stuff in the hall, but to her surprise, it was not Shao Wanru but Duke Xing that came in.

"Madam, don't be angry. This can't be true. Fifth Miss must have said this to her maid with the purpose of making you angry. So you can't let her get what she wants." Nanny Sheng persuaded her.

Tears streaked the Madam's face when she said in a voice of hatred, "He wouldn't have been able to do his job without a single worry if it hadn't been me who helped him manage the family affairs and take care of everything in the mansion. Now, he no longer needs me, so he wants to kick me out. I can't accept it!"

It was impossible for her to accept it. She used to think that after she drove away that woman, she would be second only to the duke in the harem. She never expected that the shadow of that woman still lingered in the mansion and that the duke had another woman.

"Madam, I... I'm afraid it's not true. It's Fifth Miss's conspiracy!" Seeing Madam of Duke Xing's face turn livid and pale, Nanny Sheng hurriedly persuaded her.

"I know it's true. It must be true!" Madam of Duke Xing shook her head and said with certainty.

There were some things that she couldn't explain and she couldn't understand in the past. She thought it was all because of that woman that the duke treated her coldly and seldom came home. It was not until now that she realized there was another woman in addition to that woman, who she thought was a weakness of the duke and the mention of whom would make the duke sad.

Madam of Duke Xing would never mention that past easily.

She had never expected that the duke had changed, and now, she finally found the answer to those confusing questions she had in the past. She realized that she had suspected that woman wrongly and that her husband had an affair with another woman. But, the Madam was sure that the woman she suspected wrongly did exist. She had learned it in secret before she even married the duke.

Back then, she was determined to marry the eldest son of Duke's Mansion, and didn't pay much attention to the affair between that woman and Duke Xing, the second son of the mansion, since it had nothing to do with her. She didn't take it seriously. She never expected the affair to have resulted in such a thing. Now, when she thought about it again, she realized that she had ignored such a big loophole.

"Nanny Sheng, are you willing to be locked up in this hall with me for the rest of your life?" Madam of Duke Xing asked, biting her teeth. The strong hatred in her eyes was as sharp as a knife.

Nanny Sheng shivered. Of course, she was unwilling to do that, for she also had a family. If she was imprisoned like this forever, she would be separated from her family for the rest of her life. Even if she could see them once or twice, she was no longer free and dignified as she used to be!

"Madam... Do you have any solution?" Nanny Sheng asked timidly.

"Yes. That woman, that woman... I will ruin her!" Madam of Duke Xing glared at someplace in the hall, her heart full of burning pain.

The hatred was even stronger than that she had for Shao Wanru. She had been planning for so many years, so naturally, she was not willing to give up at this point or let others get the fruit she grew.

No matter what, she was still the duke's wife even though she was under supervision. She would definitely not let that woman go well...

"Go to ask Ru'er to come here to me!" the Madam ordered coldly. She wiped the tears off the corners of her eyes, and she looked livid and furious at the moment. At this time, it was indeed not a good idea for her to go out, but she could have some come there and see her. Even though there were two rough old maids guarding the door, she believed that Ru'er would have a way to come to see her...

It was getting dark. A servant girl holding a lantern rushed to the ancestral hall, with a figure in a cloak. Although the figure's face was hidden under the cloak, the servant girl turned out to be Shuqi, the maid of Shao Yanru.

Chapter 677 Fanglan Embroidery Shop Came Again

"Miss, First Young Master went to see Madam!" When Qing'er came back to report, Shao Wanru was still reading the medical book under the lamp. She put down the medical book in her hand and reached out to rub her forehead. Shao Wanru asked with a little tiredness, "Did First Miss go there too?"

"First Miss didn't. Only First Young Master went there. The old maid who guarded the door didn't dare to stop him, so she let him in!" Qing'er saw it clearly. Although the servant girl was Shuqi, the person in the cloak was not First Miss. When they went in, she didn't see them clearly. Later, when they went out, though in the shadow side, she still clearly saw their faces.

"Don't worry about him. You ask people to keep an eye on Duke Xing's whereabouts these days!" Shao Wanru raised the corners of her mouth and said slowly with her long eyelashes fluttering.

"Yes, Miss! I will take my leave!" Qing'er replied and left.

Shao Wanru picked up the scissors by her hand and cut the candlelight in front of her eyes. The trace of a smile in her eyes faded a lot.

Her second uncle had a mistress, which was something Shao Wanru suddenly remembered. In her last life, she had known this by chance.

At that time, she had been called over by Shao Yanru and then been slapped twice because of a trivial matter. When she had been kneeling in the corridor, she had heard two little palace maids talking about this secretly. They had said that Shao Yanru had been so angry in the hall because of this that she had vented her anger on many palace servants, which had made everyone need to be careful.

There were some things in her last life that she couldn't remember clearly. She didn't think of it at first, but when she inexplicably thought of it, she immediately came up with an idea and went to the ancestral temple.

In fact, she didn't know what had been going on, but it must be true. Otherwise, Shao Yanru wouldn't have been unable to control herself like this.

Since it was true, she could expose the matter to Madam of Duke Xing, especially at this critical moment that Duke Xing wanted Madam of Duke Xing to admit all these crimes but she would not suffer silently in terms of her character.

She was not afraid that Madam of Duke Xing would check it out. Since it was true, there would naturally be some clues that Madam of Duke Xing had not noticed at the moment. After Shao Wanru pointed them out for her, Madam of Duke Xing would definitely check it out.

Shao Wanru didn't know how this matter had been dealt with in her last life. But as long as it was true, it would work!

Nothing happened this night. Early in the next morning, Shao Wanru went to see Old Madam and asked for leave, saying that she wanted to see Old Madam Qin.

Old Madam Qin had raised Shao Wanru and protected her. Since Shao Wanru had gone down the mountain to cultivate in seclusion, although she still could not attend the banquet too much, she could visit her elders.

This time, Old Madam didn't make it difficult for Shao Wanru. She agreed her leaving even without letting her in. It was all because of Shao Wanru that the mansion was in such a mess now, so how could Old Madam be in the mood to see her? She only felt that the more she saw Shao Wanru, the more she disliked her.

Shao Wanru acted as if she didn't know that Old Madam treated her coldly. She stood in the corridor and bowed to Old Madam's main room before leaving slowly. She didn't expect that she would meet Third Madam and Shao Caihuan and Shao Cailing on the way.

Standing aside, she waited for the Third Madam to come over and then bowed to her. This was the first time she saw the Third Madam walking in front of others. It was said that the Third Madam's body had been in poor health since she had collided with Qin Yuru. At this time, her face looked extremely pale and she was in low spirits.

After looking at Shao Wanru from head to toe a few times, the Third Madam turned around in silence and left with her two daughters.

"Miss..." said Yujie.

Shao Wanru reached out to grab her sleeve, and then turned around to walk out with a calm look, "It doesn't matter!"

"Miss, there is no grudge between you and the third branch. What do they mean?" Yujie took two steps forward to catch up with Shao Wanru and said angrily.

The disdain in the eyes of Third Madam and the two Misses could not be hidden. Her own Miss had nothing to do with the Madam and Misses of the Third branch, but why did they treat her without proper respect?

"They think I am the root cause of all these, including the Third Madam's injury, as well as the rumors that the Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion bullied Qi Rongzhi!" Shao Wanru's long eyelashes lowered slightly, casting a shadow on her eyes.

"What does this have to do with Miss? That thing was done by First Miss Qin. If they want to take revenge, they should go to find First Miss Qin. If they can't, they should go to Madam of Duke Xing. Obviously, it was First Miss Qin who led Third Madam to get on the carriage at that time. How can they blame it on us? As for First Miss Qi's matter, it completely has nothing to do with you!"

Yujie became more indignant.

She glared at a rockery that she passed by and felt that everyone in Duke Xing's Mansion was hostile to Miss. All of them deliberately put all the blame on Miss.

When all these things were put together, it was obvious that her Miss was the most innocent one.

"Well, do not care about other people's affairs. Come on! Let's go to see Madame Dong later!" Shao Wanru smiled slightly and didn't care about it at all.

“Miss, you haven’t been to Butterfly Clothing Shop for three years, so you should go to have a look. Nanny Dong has managed Butterfly Clothing Shop well. Every time I go there, I see a lot of people shopping there.” Yujie smiled with her eyes lit up.

Shao Wanru had been in Yuhui Nunnery for so many years and had not gone down the mountain. However, Yujie had gone down the mountain and had been to Butterfly Clothing Shop several times. She was much more familiar with Butterfly Clothing Shop than Shao Wanru.

After taking a carriage from Duke Xing’s Mansion, Shao Wanru came to Butterfly Clothing Shop with Yujie. She got out of the carriage and saw a lot of people in front of Butterfly Clothing Shop, which made her spontaneously smile. It could be said that Butterfly Clothing Shop was her foundation and painstaking efforts after she had entered the capital.

It looked really good now!

“Miss!” Madame Dong came out to welcome her after she got the message. When she saw Shao Wanru, she was very excited.

Shao Wanru shook her head slightly, indicating that Madame Dong didn’t have to do this, and then she followed Madame Dong upstairs with a smile.

Madame Dong also set an accounting room upstairs. Sitting in it and looking at the lively scenery at the entrance of the street, Shao Wanru felt as if she returned to mortal life. Indeed, she had lived a quiet life on the mountain for so long that she almost forgot how lively the mortal life should be.

Yujie lay on the window and lifted the curtain up.

Their positions were higher than those of the other shops around them, so they didn’t have to worry about being seen when they lifted the curtains.

Madame Dong made a cup of tea for Shao Wanru and suggested, “Miss, you come here at the right time. The people from Fanglan Embroidery Shop will come over later. Do you want to meet them?”

“Do they come to borrow money again?” Shao Wanru immediately understood Madame Dong’s meaning.

“They probably have such intention!” Madame Dong nodded and said, “When I lent money to them before, I checked their account books according to Miss’s instructions. There is no problem with their account books. Indeed, there is something wrong with their capital, but they just needed to make a turnover. They have paid back all the borrowed money!”

Shao Wanru had asked Madame Dong to keep an eye on Fanglan Embroidery Shop before, so Madame Dong had been paying attention to it, especially when Fanglan Embroidery Shop borrowed money from them. She was very careful every time she checked the account books. Madame Dong was quite cautious, but she had not found anything. She also asked the trustworthy accountants to check the account books and they all said that there was no problem with account books.

Just like an ordinary business, this was just a temporary shortage of capital chain, and after clearing this hurdle, it could run again.

“Did you copy them?” Shao Wanru raised the corners of her mouth slightly and smiled sweetly.

"Yes, I have. I have asked people to copy all the account books that I have seen. We have copied them several times, but they are not the same. Maybe it's because there are too many payments in the account books that they change the account books every three or four months. So they have not used the same account book!"

Madame Dong said after thinking for a while. This was the only thing that puzzled her. Fanglan Embroidery Shop's business was so good that it seemed to be unbelievable. Madame Dong was also running a shop, and running quite well. However, it was not as good as Fanglan Embroidery Shop, because she only used one account book a year.

"Three or four months to change one book?" Shao Wanru asked again after thinking for a while, and her watery eyes fluttered twice.

"It should be three or four months as a period for them to change one book. Or it is changed every three or four months when business is good and the period will be a little longer in the general case. The reason why I guess this way is that on one occasion they borrowed money just after four months and the account book was completely different from the previous one. I think that they probably have changed a book, but there was no mistake in the account book!"

Madame Dong told her the truth because the interval between the two borrows was a little short. She had the habit of copying account books, and after she finished copying, she scanned through the new account books as well as the previous ones. There was nothing the same she could find, so it could be seen that they had changed their account books.

Besides that, Madame Dong didn't find anything unusual.

"Are you going to see the supervisor of Fanglan Embroidery Shop here?" Shao Wanru looked around. This was the accounting room, but at this time, the accountant had been asked out.

"Yes, but there is another place to sit." Madame Dong immediately understood Shao Wanru's meaning. She reached out and pointed to a small screen at the corner of the room. After thinking for a while, she said, "There is also an accounting room downstairs, and we can also go down!"

The accounting room downstairs was bigger and easier for someone to hide.

There was not only a screen hung at the corner of the room, but also a curtain. And there was a bookcase, in which there were some old account books piled up.

In fact, there was still a small distance between the bookcase and the screen. If she put on a chair and sat there, the people outside couldn't see her.

"Just stay here! When they come here later, I will sit there first. Fanglan Embroidery Shop always borrows money, but is it really for the purpose of turnover? How did they go through it when we didn't lend money to them before?" Shao Wanru's smile was still faint, but there was a trace of darkness in her eyes.

Since she knew that Fanglan Embroidery Shop wanted to do business with her, she had deliberately kept an eye on them. She knew Fanglan Embroidery Shop because of Madam Di. Coincidentally, this Fanglan Embroidery Shop was Madam Di's dowry, and then it was given to Qin Yuru. It became Qin Yuru's dowry and turned back to Duke Yong's Mansion.

In her last life, Qin Yuru had taken some delicate embroidery from Fanglan Embroidery Shop several times. Most of them had been sent to Duke Xing's Mansion, and sometimes she would also give one or two pieces to Old Madam Qin. And then Old Madam Qin would always call Shao Wanru over and give them to her secretly.

When they came to the capital city this time, it was said that Duke Yong's Mansion professed that Madam Di's dowry, Fanglan Embroidery Shop, was in the red. Duke Yong's Mansion not only took care of this shop for Madam Di for so many years but also spent a lot of money on it, so they asked Madam Di to take out the money to repay Duke Yong's Mansion. But now, this embroidery shop seemed to be profitable!

She really wanted to see what the purpose was behind this...

Chapter 678 Whose Family Had So Much Power

The person who came to Fanglan Embroidery Shop was a supervisor about 30 years old. She was very thin and seemed to be capable, but her smile was very kind. When she saw Madame Dong coming out of the room, she immediately took two steps forward and greeted her with a smile. "Madame Dong, you are so polite. I can come by myself! We have been partners for many years. Why do we need such a courtesy?"

"You're welcome, Supervisor Xiao. Please!" Madame Dong smiled and led her into the room.

When they got into the room, the two of them sat down separately. The servant girl served tea and left.

"Madame Dong, I may have to trouble you again this time!" Supervisor Xiao took out an account book familiarly and handed it to Madame Dong. "Look, this is our recent account book."

In the past three years, Supervisor Xiao had come to borrow money more than once. Both of them were familiar with their own procedures. Moreover, during these three years, Fanglan Embroidery Shop's credit was indeed good. It had never failed to pay back. Sometimes it would delay for a few days. When it had money, it would immediately payback.

The two families were blended well!

"How much do you want to borrow this time?" Madame Dong didn't take the account book. She frowned and asked in awkwardness.

"What's wrong? Could it be that Madame Dong can't make it this time?" Supervisor Xiao's heart skipped a beat. Everyone was smart and very clever. Although Madame Dong didn't say anything, she meant that something was wrong.

"I do have something to deal with recently. I'm afraid that I won't be able to lend you some money in a short time!" Madame Dong frowned more and more deeply. She smiled bitterly and said, "Originally, if you want to borrow money, I would definitely lend you. But this time..."

"Did something happen?" Supervisor Xiao asked with concern.

"There are indeed some things. Supervisor Xiao also knows that our master is not a high-ranking official. It is inconvenient for her to do something sometimes!" Madame Dong said implicitly.

"Has any official put her in a difficult position? Or any goods have been detained?" Supervisor Xiao became more and more concerned and asked eagerly. Most of the people who were in the business might confront difficulties in these two areas.

"In fact, it's not a big deal, but for our business, it's really a big deal... Now, it's hard for my master to continue her business for a while!" Madame Dong sighed, reached out to rub her forehead, and sighed, "It's just a business about women. Why should it be suppressed?"

"It's the women's business. But the aim of the businessmen is to make profits. Why should they care about whether it's the women's business or not?" Supervisor Xiao explained with a smile.

The business about women was indeed less eye-catching than the restaurants and hotels. Especially the shops that had just opened in the capital would have an unstable foundation and they were in urgent need of someone to support them. This was one of the reasons why they had chosen this Butterfly Clothing Shop before!

However, they didn't expect that the supervisor of Butterfly Clothing Shop would be so good at dealing with matters in the past three years. There had never been anything that was beyond her capability.

Now that something had happened, it was very beneficial to their own business!

"We do not earn much. It's really unexpected!" Madame Dong sighed again and shook her head helplessly. She looked really embarrassed.

A thought came to Supervisor Xiao's mind. She reached out to hold Madame Dong's hand and said very sincerely, "Madame Dong, in the past three years, we've blended well with each other. In the past three years, you've helped us a lot. Let me help you this time. Tell me what's the matter? I've been in the capital for so many years, and I'm much more familiar with all kinds of people than you!"

"This ..."

"Madame Dong, I really want to help you! Although I don't know what kind of trouble you have encountered, one more person would be one more power. Maybe I can help you solve this problem!" Supervisor Xiao became more and more attentive.

"Well... okay. If Supervisor Xiao can help us solve this problem, we Butterfly Clothing Shop will definitely give you a generous gift. As for the capital transfer of Fanglan Embroidery Shop, we will do our best to help!" Madame Dong was moved and promised.

"It's not a big deal. Madame Dong, could you tell me what kind of trouble you have encountered?" Supervisor Xiao waved her hand and said casually.

"This matter is not small. A batch of cloth, embroidery, and other things sent to the capital have been detained. It is said that something is inappropriate. Our Butterfly Clothing Shop does business seriously, so how could such a thing happen? At present, these things are very important, related to some big clients and customers. If we don't make these orders in time, we will have to pay a large sum of money. Our shop has only been in the capital for three years. If we lose this large amount of money, we may not keep a foothold in the capital!"

Madame Dong's face was full of sadness. She frowned so hard that her brows could almost kill a fly!

Such a big thing had happened. As a supervisor, she could not deal with it alone.

“Your master can’t handle this?” Supervisor Xiao asked tentatively. She was also very curious about the master behind Madame Dong. It was said that she was a young Miss, but she didn’t know which family she came from. It seemed that she was not a Miss from an aristocratic family. Otherwise, it was impossible that she couldn’t deal with this kind of thing.

She had been dealing with Butterfly Clothing Shop for nearly three years, but she had never seen their mysterious master. However, she thought that she should be a Miss before, and she should be a Madam after three years. It seemed that this Madam was not married to a high official. Although the business department was not an important powerful department, it was a very profitable one.

As long as it was not a particularly powerful shop of an aristocratic family, it was possible for the goods to be deducted. It was just a sum of money. It was not a big deal!

Having known this thing, Supervisor Xiao’s smile became more sincere.

“Our master... can’t get in touch with the business department. There were several cases where the goods were deducted, but they were basically a small part. This time, our master... can’t do anything about it!” Madame Dong was very worried.

“Don’t worry, Madame Dong. I’ll ask our master for help. If we can help you deal with this matter, it will be our gratitude to you for your help in the past few years,” Supervisor Xiao said with a smile.

“If so, you will be the great benefactor of Butterfly Clothing Shop!” Madame Dong was so excited that she stood up and bowed deeply to Supervisor Xiao.

“Madame Dong, you’re so polite. It’s not decided before things get clear. I’ll go back first. As for my business, we’ll talk about it after your matter is solved!” Supervisor Xiao stood up, held Madame Dong’s hand, and said with a bright smile.

Her words were very pleasing. Madame Dong nodded repeatedly, unable to hide the excitement in her eyes.

After sending Supervisor Xiao out and returning, Shao Wanru was already sitting in the main seat. Yujie poured tea for her again.

Shao Wanru took a sip of the tea beside her and slowly put down the cup in her hand. Her long eyelashes fluttered twice, and her delicate little face was slightly raised. “Was the goods detained because of the regular course of official duties?”

Just now, when she heard that someone from Fanglan Embroidery Shop had come, she let Madame Dong deal with it like this. She had encountered a lot of business affairs in the past three years, but it was not a big deal for her to send some gifts. Shao Wanru didn’t have many people, but Chu Liuchen had, and his people acted secretly. As long as they did something, no one would baffle her.

This was also one of the critical reasons why Butterfly Clothing Shop had not encountered any major problems in the past three years and had not been deliberately put in an awkward position by any officials.

"It's indeed a routine. If there's nothing wrong with it, the goods will be distributed in two days!"
Madame Dong reported to her.

Shao Wanru gently stroked the teacup a few times and said, "I'll let supervisor Xiao do it. I want to see the strength of Fanglan Embroidery Shop. As for the goods, you don't have to worry. They will naturally be solved. But they would be detained for a period of time in the near future. No matter who comes to investigate, just tell them the truth!"

At this moment, she already had an idea in her mind. She not only wanted to keep this batch of goods but also wanted to keep it strictly. She wanted to see who would help her. Who was behind Fanglan Embroidery Shop? It couldn't be Qin Yuru. She didn't have enough power. This embroidery room was said to be Madam Di's dowry at the very beginning, but Madam Di didn't manage it at all. She followed Qin Huaiyong to Jiangzhou.

Then it was added to Qin Yuru's dowry list. But from the beginning to the end, this shop had been held in the hands of Duke Yong's Mansion. It had never changed its owner. Not only had it never changed its owner, but also it wanted to take a sum of money from Qin's Mansion to compensate for it.

Making money or losing money, Duke Yong's Mansion decided it!

But it made Shao Wanru have a new question. Originally, she just wanted to check the account of this shop, but now she felt more and more that it was not what she saw on the surface.

Obviously, there was a big problem with this shop.

If Duke Yong's Mansion coveted several shops of Madam Di, then why did they give it to Madam Di as dowry at that time? If they didn't give it to Madam Di as dowry, they could keep it in the hands of Duke Yong's Mansion. No matter what happened or whether they won or lost, it had nothing to do with others!

What was the situation currently?

It was not just a matter of winning or losing. It was obvious that they were hiding something. Everyone saw the decline of Duke Yong's Mansion. Even if the people from the business department might not be able to solve this problem, how could supervisor Xiao be so confident? Why did she think this matter would succeed?

The business department was indeed not a really powerful one. For the official power, it was not worth mentioning. But for the business, it was a highly respected one. Some sons of aristocratic families would even work here, and some sons of the royal family would even manage it. How could Duke Yong's Mansion be so confident?

She reached out and flipped through the account books on the table. The supervisor of Fanglan Embroidery Shop was indeed very confident. She put the account books here. She dared to do this before things were done. It could be seen that she felt that she would definitely be successful before she asked what the thing was.

Where did her confidence come from?

There was one thing that was certain. Duke Yong's Mansion definitely didn't have that much power and confidence!

"Put the account books well. You can ask someone to copy them first. You don't have to worry about the things of the business department!" Shao Wanru stood up and reminded her again.

"Don't worry, Miss. I know!" Madame Dong nodded in agreement. She had always been very convinced of her master's capability. At such a young age, she could really gain a foothold in the capital city. Now her identity was even more extraordinary. How could Madame Dong not agree with her master?

Seeing that Shao Wanru wanted to leave, she hesitated for a moment and finally said, "Miss, I have another thing to tell you!"

Chapter 679 Nice to Meet Old Family Members!

"What's the matter?" Shao Wanru stopped, looked at Madame Dong, and asked.

Madame Dong dodged her eyes for a moment, looked more and more hesitant, and didn't know where to start.

"Madame Dong, if you think of anything, you can send someone to take a message to Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion directly." Shao Wanru said with a smile and did not make detailed inquiries. From Madame Dong's expression, Shao Wanru could tell that she didn't want to tell it now.

There were too many people watching her in Duke Xing's Mansion, and she wanted to keep Butterfly Clothing Shop a secret from Duke Xing's Mansion.

It was much better for Madame Dong to send a message to Rui'an Great Elder Princess's Mansion, where her grandma could pass on the message to her than to directly send a message to Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Thank you, Miss!" Madame Dong looked relieved, bowed sideways to Shao Wanru, and said.

Shao Wanru nodded with a smile and left with Yujie.

After getting in the carriage, Yujie asked, "Miss, does Madame Dong want to tell something but find herself in an embarrassing situation?"

"I think so!" Shao Wanru said with a nod and looked out of the window through the gauze curtain. She suddenly thought of something. A long time ago, she had seen a figure at the entrance of Butterfly Clothing Shop. Was there something behind it?

At that time, she didn't figure out who it was, but these days, she suddenly figured it out!

There was a coldness in her watery eyes. If what she guessed correctly, what she had said just now indeed helped Madame Dong.

Since it concerned her, she needed to prepare for it as soon as possible. She trusted Madame Dong, not only because they got along well with each other as the employer and the employee in this life, but also because of something she knew in the last life.

If she guessed correctly, it was no wonder that Madame Dong could enter the imperial palace as a businesswoman in the last life. There must be someone recommending her repeatedly.

In the past three years, she had almost forgotten about it. If it were not for Madame Dong's hesitant expression, she really wouldn't have thought of it.

"Dong Xiu'er has got married. Do you know which family she has married into?"

Yujie thought for a while and said, "I don't know. I'll inquire about it next time. I only heard that it seems to be an ordinary family granted an official rank, but I don't know the details!"

Shao Wanru had always paid attention to Madame Dong and never cared about Dong Xiu'er. So, Yujie only knew that Dong Xiu'er had married a decent man, who seemed to be a scholar, and she knew nothing other than that.

"Go and find out about it!" Shao Wanru narrowed her watery eyes and said with a nod. After coming down the mountain this time, she had to sort out some complicated things and eliminate some hidden dangers that she couldn't get rid of before. She had been too young to deal with something at that time, but now it was the right time!

Now she needed to bring up some bygones again, and visiting Qin's Mansion today was the first step...

Qin's Mansion was still located in the original place, but it was much larger than before. It was said that it merged the surrounding houses. Qin Huaiyong was highly trusted by the emperor. Although he did not get a promotion, the emperor's trust in him made other officials not dare to take him lightly. Therefore, Qin's Mansion had extended a lot!

As soon as the carriage stopped at the gate of Qin's Mansion, someone went in to report. Hearing that Shao Wanru paid a visit, Shui Ruolan came out to welcome her in person. When Shui Ruolan saw Shao Wanru get out of the carriage, her eyes turned red.

"Wanru!"

"Aunt Shui!" Shao Wanru stepped forward, bowed deeply to Shui Ruolan respectfully, and said.

Shui Ruolan held back the lump in her throat, helped her up, and said, "Get up, get up!"

Then she dragged her inside!

Although the two of them were no longer the mother and the daughter, they were still as close as before. During the period when Shao Wanru stayed in the Yuhui Nunnery, Shui Ruolan and Old Madam Qin visited her from time to time. They treated her the same way as they did when Shao Wanru was in Qin's Mansion.

"How is grandma?" Shao Wanru asked as she walked inside.

"She's fine. Nothing serious. Mingqiu Nun gave her a few more prescriptions, and now she's much healthier than before after taking the medicine!" Shui Ruolan nodded repeatedly and said. When she saw Shao Wanru's pale face, she felt sad.

Shao Wanru always had a ruddy and bright complexion, but now she looked a little pale. It was obvious that she had a hard time in Duke Xing's Mansion. Thinking of this, she felt even sadder. If it were not for the fact that Duke Xing's Mansion insisted on taking Shao Wanru back, she actually preferred to keep Shao Wanru in Qin's Mansion.

With her eyelashes fluttering twice, Shao Wanru gave a sweet smile. Although her face was a little pale, her lips were still naturally bright and red, which made her white face as delicate as jade look breathtakingly beautiful.

She looked aloof and cold when she didn't smile, but when she smiled, she looked exceedingly charming like hundreds of flowers in full bloom.

"Aunt Shui, how are you? Where is Brother Xuan?" Shao Wanru asked with a smile.

"I'm fine. Nothing serious. Brother Xuan is very naughty, and he is in mother's place at this time!" Shui Ruolan answered her questions one by one with a smile.

Qin Xuan, nicknamed Brother Xuan, was Shui Ruolan's son. He had followed Shui Ruolan and Old Madam Qin to visit Shao Wanru before, so he was not unfamiliar with Shao Wanru.

Now, he was almost three years old.

As soon as they entered the door of Old Madam Qin's courtyard, they saw a chubby child rush over, throw himself directly into Shao Wanru's arms and say, "Sister! Sister!"

He was so excited that others might consider them full sister and brother.

Since Brother Xuan was born, he had been very close to Shao Wanru. There were no other sisters in the mansion. Since Qin Yuru married into Duke Yong's Mansion, she seldom returned. Even when she came back, she looked at Brother Xuan with a gloomy and horrifying look. So Shui Ruolan did not dare to let Brother Xuan get close to her.

Meanwhile, Shao Wanru seemed to have a special affinity with Brother Xuan. Every time Brother Xuan saw Shao Wanru, he treated her as his biological sister and was extremely intimate with her.

Shao Wanru tried hard to catch Brother Xuan, who was quite a strong child. If Yujie hadn't supported her beside her, she would have been knocked over directly.

"Brother Xuan, do you miss me?" Shao Wanru hugged the little fatty with a smile and said.

"I miss you so much, sister. I wanted to visit you, but grandma didn't allow me and said that I was not obedient. I'm very obedient. I can eat by myself and begin studying!" Brother Xuan straightened her back and proudly raised his chubby little face and said.

"Brother Xuan has begun studying, but just can't read properly for the time being!" Shui Ruolan said with a smile and reached out to pull the little fatty so that Shao Wanru could stand up.

"Grandma!" Shao Wanru took two steps forward, bowed to Old Madam Qin, and said. Although Old Madam Qin was thin, she seemed to be in good spirits, which made Shao Wanru feel relieved.

"I'm fine. Zhuozhuo, sit down and talk with me!" Old Grandma reached out to pull Shao Wanru to sit next to her and said.

In fact, she missed Shao Wanru very much, but it was inappropriate for her to visit Duke Xing's Mansion anyway. Seeing Shao Wanru come to see her, she was naturally happy.

Although Shao Wanru was raised in the name of Madam Di at the very beginning, she was actually brought up by Old Madam Qin. How could Old Madam Qin not feel distressed when she saw that the little girl grew up into such an adult but became another mansion's child?

However, no matter how distressed she was, Shao Wanru was not her grandchild after all. Moreover, considering that Shao Wanru was in a difficult situation in Qin's Mansion, she thought that it should be a good thing for Shao Wanru to leave Qin's Mansion.

Old Madam Qin didn't expect that Duke Xing's Mansion would be so cruel to Zhuozhuo. How could they, who were related to Zhuozhuo by blood, treat Zhuozhuo so harshly and even have plotted to set up Zhuozhuo long before?

Three years ago, before reclaiming her identity as a Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion, Zhuozhuo was just a child. At that time, they had plotted to deal with a child. Thinking of this, how could Old Madam Qin not despise the entire Duke Xing's Mansion?

Rumors had been spread all over. Although Old Madam Qin didn't go out, she knew these rumors and finally connected all the things together.

Madam of Duke Xing obviously knew something long before and deliberately took advantage of Qin Yuru and Madam Di to hurt Zhuozhuo. If they succeeded, Zhuozhuo would be doomed eternally. As soon as she thought of this, Old Madam Qin couldn't hold back her anger and felt distressed.

"Zhuozhuo, your Aunt Shui and I are always your families!" Old Madam Qin patted Shao Wanru's hand gently and said lovingly. She was really afraid that Shao Wanru would feel upset.

Although Shao Wanru had been smart since she was a child, she had hardly been favored by her family. How much would it upset her to be treated in this way by her closest relatives?

"Grandma, don't worry. I will be fine!" Shao Wanru said with a smile. Knowing the meaning of Old Madam Qin's words, Shao Wanru comforted her.

She didn't care about how the members of Duke Xing's Mansion treated her at all!

When this kinship became schemes and vicious set-ups, in fact, it could no longer restrain her as much as it did at the beginning!

"That's good. If you need help, you can come to me and your Aunt Shui. I will do all I can to help you!" Old Madam Qin said.

Shui Ruolan sat down with the little fatty Brother Xuan in her arms and said with a smile, "I will help you deal with something that is inconvenient for you to deal with!"

Now that she had firmly secured the seat of the general's wife, she said with confidence.

"Yes, help sister. I will also help sister!" Brother Xuan jumped a few times and showed his support for his mother. His little chubby face looked absolutely adorable.

Brother Xuan did not look like Qin Yuru, and it even might be said that they were completely unlike each other. Perhaps it was because they respectively looked like their mothers. Brother Xuan was very delicate like Shui Ruolan, while Qin Yuru inherited Madam Di's gorgeous look. Nevertheless, upon a closer look at Brother Xuan's face, one could still tell the resemblance between Brother Xuan and Qin Huaiyong.

Brother Xuan bounced vivaciously at this moment, looking extremely cute!

However, the little fatty was so big that Shui Ruolan almost couldn't hold him and could only put him down helplessly. He immediately pounced on Shao Wanru, pulled Shao Wanru's sleeve, looked up at Shao Wanru with a sincere face, and said, "Sister, I will definitely help you!"

Such a silly and cute look of the little fatty, who pretended to be an adult, made everyone present laugh.

"Okay, Brother Xuan, I know you will help me in the future!" Shao Wanru said with a smile and reached out to pat Brother Xuan's little head.

Receiving his sister's approval, Brother Xuan grew even more complacent and lifted his little face proudly.

Everyone laughed together again. Shao Wanru asked about Brother Xuan. Knowing that he had already started studying, she asked about his study. After that, she changed the topic, "Grandma, how is Madam Di?"

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"Madam Di has been locked up as before. No one comes to see her other than some people sent by Duke Yong's Mansion, and Yuru seldom comes!" When Old Madam Qin spoke of Madam Di, the smile on her face faded away.

Shao Wanru understood what Old Madam Qin meant. Now Madam Di was really a nobody in Qin's Mansion and was no longer a threat to Shui Ruolan. Nevertheless, since Duke Yong's Mansion still sent some people to see her, it meant that they still attached great importance to her. So Qin's Mansion could not be too harsh on her and just locked her up.

And she would not be treated unfairly in everyday food and clothing.

Someone like Qin Yuru probably would not show great gratitude towards her birth mother.

"Grandma, can I meet Madam Di?" After thinking for a while, Shao Wanru finally raised her watery eyes and asked softly.

"You want to see Madam Di?" Old Madam Qin asked with a frown, wondering why Shao Wanru wanted to see Madam Di at this time!

"Grandma, I want to ask if she knows some bygones. It's most suitable to ask her!" Shao Wanru said bluntly.

She had a hunch that Madam Di knew about her origin much better than Old Madam Qin.

“Okay, but be careful.” Old Madam Qin said with a nod.

As she said, she instructed someone to take Shao Wanru there. Shui Ruolan intended to go there with Shao Wanru, but she was refused by Shao Wanru.

The old maid took Shao Wanru to Madam Di’s yard. At the door, there were two tall and sturdy old maids guarding. When they saw Shao Wanru, they froze for a while and then hurriedly stepped forward to bow to her.

Most of the servants in the mansion knew her, who had been the Second Miss of Qin’s Mansion and was now the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing’s Mansion.

“Is Madam Di having a rest?” Shao Wanru raised her hand as a hint for them to forego formalities and asked.

“I don’t think so. I just saw Madam Di come out for a walk!” An old maid answered.

Shao Wanru nodded and walked into the yard. It had been almost three years since she came here last time. Now the things were still there but people were no more the same ones. Everything seemed to be the same as before, but in fact, everything had changed.

“Second... Second Miss...” An excited voice came from the side. Shao Wanru looked sideways, only to see a maid in plainclothes stand in the corridor and look at her emotionally.

It seemed to be a maid in her twenties. Wasn’t she too old to be a maid?

“Miss, she’s Qing Xue!” Yujie reminded Shao Wanru.

“Second Miss, it’s really you... I kowtow to you!” In the corridor, Qing Xue had put down the tray in her hand, rushed over, and said with tears. She walked up to Shao Wanru, knelt down, and kowtowed heavily to Shao Wanru.

“You are... Qing Xue?” Shao Wanru looked at her face and asked hesitantly. In her memory, Qing Xue was young and beautiful. Was the maid, who seemed to be old, in front of her really Qing Xue?

“Second Miss, I am Qing Xue.” Qing Xue cried.

Shao Wanru looked at Yujie, and Yujie hurried forward to help her up.

“Qing Xue... what... happened to you?” Shao Wanru looked her up and down and asked. Upon a closer look, Shao Wanru found that she was indeed Qing Xue, who appeared to old and haggard. She should be less than twenty years old, but she seemed to be in her early twenties.

“I... I’ve been serving Madam Di...” Qing Xue lowered her head, wanted to say something, but stopped on second thought.

Shao Wanru understood. Qing Xue, who had served Madam Di for such a long time, seemed to have suffered a lot. Someone like Madam Di would definitely torture the servants around her crazily after being locked up and stuck in such a desperate situation.

She continued walking inside. Before she reached the front door of the main room, as the curtain was lifted, an old nanny came out. When she saw Shao Wanru, she opened her mouth wide in astonishment and couldn't say a word.

This was Nanny Zhou, who had aged a lot and seemed to be at least a dozen years older.

"Second... Second Miss..." Nanny Zhou stammered.

"Is Madam Di in the room?" Shao Wanru raised her eyes slightly and asked.

"Yes, yes..." Nanny Zhou said in a hurry. Another two maids, Meiya and Meibao, came to lift the curtain. They had served Madam Di as her principal maids for the longest time.

Both of them also looked old and lifeless, unlike the two girls in their prime.

All the members of this courtyard seemed to have aged a lot as if several three years had passed here in the past three years.

Shao Wanru stepped into the room.

"Who's here?" A hoarse voice came out from inside, making Shao Wanru feel extremely uncomfortable as if it were caused by something ground against a heavy sharpening stone.

Shao Wanru stepped in and saw Madam Di sitting in the middle chair.

Madam Di was very thin, almost as thin as a mere bag of bones. Despite her gorgeous clothes, they seemed to be too loose for her. She opened her eyes so wide that they almost popped out of her eye sockets, somehow looking horrifying and completely irrelevant to beauty.

Because she was skinny, her lips and cheekbones were protruding and her eyes were muddy. She couldn't compare with herself, who was in high and vigorous spirits when moving to the capital three years ago.

She even looked like the mother of the lady she had been three years ago.

"You... you are Qin Wanru?" Madam Di looked at Shao Wanru fiercely and asked. Obviously, she had recognized who Shao Wanru was. Her eyes were vicious and gloomy as if they could devour Shao Wanru.

After saying that, she picked up the teacup on the table and threw it at Shao Wanru violently. The hot tea had just been brewed. Nanny Zhou, who stood beside her, screamed in fear with her face immediately turning pale.

Shao Wanru was no longer the humble Second Miss she used to be. If she was really smashed by Madam Di and got scalded, Madam Di would definitely be punished!

Yujie quickly pulled Shao Wanru aside to avoid the teacup. The teacup smashed the door heavily, making the stained curtain look even more filthy.

"I'm Shao Wanru! The Fifth Miss of Duke Xing's Mansion, the daughter of the former Heir of Duke Xing and Infanta Qinghua, the granddaughter of Rui'an Great Elder Princess!" After standing firm, Shao Wanru looked at Madam Di unhurriedly with cold eyes and said.

“So what? You are just an unfavored Miss. Do you really think that Duke Xing’s Mansion wants you to go back and be a legitimate Miss?” Madam Di sneered hoarsely with a trace of madness flashing in her eyes.

At that time, she used all sorts of intrigues in an attempt to make her daughter replace Shao Wanru to be the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing’s Mansion. Unexpectedly, she failed on the verge of success, and Yuru fell into a difficult situation. How could she not hate Shao Wanru when she thought of this!

She wished she could avenge her daughter by biting Shao Wanru to death and eating her flesh bit by bit. All of these should belong to her daughter. If it weren’t for Shao Wanru, her daughter would be fine.

“I’m the Fifth Miss of Duke Xing’s Mansion anyway no matter I’m favored or not. It’s something neither you nor Duke Yong’s Mansion can control. I heard that the First Miss Qin has been locked up in Duke Yong’s Mansion like you recently. Is she going to be locked up forever like you? The heir of Duke Yong may have a co-wife!”

Shao Wanru said unhurriedly and joyfully and then shook her sleeves splashed with a few drops of water accidentally.

“You’re talking nonsense!” Madam Di shouted with madness in her red eyes, which became muddier and muddier.

“You know whether I am talking nonsense or not! How long has it been since the First Miss Qin came to see you last time? If she is not locked up, do you think she would not come to see you?” Shao Wanru said leisurely as if she did not realize that Madam Di had been driven crazy by her.

It was true that Qin Yuru had not come to see Madam Di for a long time. Madam Di lived a miserable life now, so she almost counted the days while looking forward to Qin Yuru’s visit. However, Qin Yuru did not come, and she had indeed waited for a long time and had a lot of speculations. Nevertheless, at the thought that Duke Yong’s Mansion was her mother’s home, she convinced herself that Qin Yuru would be fine.

“You’re talking nonsense! You’re talking nonsense! Yu’er is fine! She’s definitely fine!” Madam Di shouted so crazily that she almost raved herself hoarse. But even so, her voice was not loud and hoarse enough to make Shao Wanru feel uncomfortable.

After all, her throat had been injured before, and she had not fully recovered yet.

“You should know whether I’m talking nonsense or not. Madam Di, you deserve to be hurt by your daughter that year. You did all you could to help Qin Yuru set me up, but now you are abandoned by your daughter. You were almost killed by your daughter. Does it make you feel good?”

Shao Wanru said in an increasingly calm tone, but the meaning of her words made Madam Di tremble all over and almost lose control of herself. She grabbed the armrest of the chair with her twitching fingers and curled up into a ball.

“You’re talking nonsense... You’re talking nonsense...” Her sharp voice almost pierced the ears of everyone in the room.

"You know clearly whether I am talking nonsense or not. Your daughter is so vicious, and now she is about to be despised by Childe Di. She's going to follow in your footsteps soon and be detained in the backyard. Madam Di, this is the retribution for what you have done. You attempted to make your daughter replace me to be my father's daughter? Unfortunately, you failed, but Madam of Duke Xing benefited from it!"

Shao Wanru sighed softly this time with a sneer and cold eyes. After that, she turned around and was about to leave, seeming to intend to stop talking with Madam Di.

"She... she benefited from it?" Madam Di asked while grabbing the armrest of the chair so hard that her knuckles turned white.

"Of course. Madam of Duke Xing has always been capable of getting whatever she wants in Duke Xing's Mansion. Madam Di, you should know about her tactics, right? I had an accident before. I heard that Madam of Duke Xing shifted all the blame onto the First Miss Qin and made Qi Rongzhi bear witness. The First Miss Qin is really doomed this time!"

Shao Wanru said. After that, she turned around and left, ending her conversation with Madam Di, as if she came here just to see Madam Di in a miserable situation.

Considering the hatred between her and Madam Di, it was reasonable for her to do so!

"Miss, please save me!" Qing Xue knelt down at the door and pleaded with Shao Wanru.

In fact, not only her but also the other servants staying in the yard with Madam Di were almost driven crazy by Madam Di's torture. They all wanted to leave, even including Nanny Zhou. It was said that she would also leave here after using some connections.

Shao Wanru looked at Qing Xue calmly. This time, she didn't instruct Yujie to help her up. "I will tell Aunt Shui about your business. You can be transferred out of the courtyard, but you can't completely leave the work here aside."

Qing Xue understood and immediately became overjoyed. She kowtowed hard to Shao Wanru and said, "Thank you, Miss. Thank you very much. I will continue serving Madam Di even if I am transferred out of here!"