

Noble Wife 231

Chapter 231 I Have Already Got the Letter

"Fourth Lady Qu, do you dare to talk to me in the Water Pavilion?" Yan Yujiao frowned as she tried her best to suppress her anger.

"I dare not!" Qu Moying looked at the Water Pavilion not far away and shook her head. She did not want to act on impulse.

The Water Pavilion was built near the water. Where they were standing now happened to be an entrance. It was quiet and beautiful there, and it was indeed a good place to talk.

However, Qu Moying did not want to go!

Yan Yujiao did not expect her to refuse so decisively. She felt stuffy in her chest and sneered, "You are so timid, yet you dared to contradict County Lady Jingyu just now."

"I'm indeed timid, but I do dare to contradict County Lady Jingyu! As for you, Miss Yan, I wonder how you dared to stand up for County Lady Jingyu and blaspheme the ex-Crown Princess." The corners of Qu Moying's lips curled up slightly. She didn't care who instigated Yan Yujiao to say so. Since Yan Yujiao had said those words, she had to take the consequence.

"What... What nonsense are you talking about? County Lady Jingyu... didn't blaspheme against the ex-Crown Princess." Yan Yujiao's face turned pale. Things about the ex-Crown Princess shouldn't be rumored randomly. She couldn't afford such a crime, and even Earl Fengyang's Mansion couldn't afford it.

"Everyone could tell whether she blasphemed the ex-Crown Princess or not. I heard that County Lady Jingyu wanted to marry the Crown Prince. That's why she said such words. What about you? What do you mean?"

Qu Moying looked calm as if she didn't notice the panic in Yan Yujiao's eyes.

Since Yan Yujiao dared to say those words, she should bear the consequences.

Qu Moying was Ji Hanyue's cousin, so even if someone heard her words, they would at most blame her for being rude and ignorant, which was much less than the crime of blaspheming the ex-Crown Princess.

"You... you're talking nonsense..." Yan Yujiao was really panicking. She stuttered and looked around anxiously. She tried to explain, but Qu Moying interrupted her.

"Miss Yan, don't you believe it? Let's wait and see. I heard that Lord Jing has taken a fancy to the Guardian General's daughter." Qu Moying said slowly. Then, she turned around and left with Yu Dong. As for Yan Yujiao, who was stunned in place, Qu Moying didn't care.

Qu Moying didn't think Yan Yujiao was stupid before. But now, Yan Yujiao was so hostile towards her, and she even came forward to deal with her. Qu Moying didn't believe that it was just because of Qu Qiuyan's instigation.

Although Qu Qiuyan had a good relationship with Yan Yujiao, she wouldn't try to fawn over Yan Yujiao like this.

Qu Moying continued to ponder. "Is it because of Liu Jingyu? What kind of grudge do I have against her? I've thought about everything in my previous life and this life, but there is no possibility of any grudge..."

Qu Moying knew she needed to be more careful when dealing with her!

The most lethal enemies were not those who could be seen at a glance but those who hid in the dark, just like Ji Youran back then...

Qu Moying looked up at the Water Pavilion. It had several entrances, and it was said that some male guests were in the front yard. Qu Moying couldn't imagine what would happen if she bumped into them, especially after clarifying the previous rumor that she went to the outer yard.

It would be hard to explain if the same incident happened again. She couldn't be lucky enough to meet someone like Qi Xiuran again, who took the initiative to explain for her. It might even ruin her own

reputation. After all, her engagement had just been canceled, so others would think she was eager to find a good husband.

Qu Mansion's reputation had been tainted because of Qu Caiyue.

If others linked everything together, they might doubt Qu Moying's intention and character. After this banquet, Qu Moying's reputation would be ruined.

A noble lady paid the most attention to her reputation. The person who tried to scheme her knew this well.

Qu Qiuyan was not so scheming, so it couldn't be her...

Watching Qu Moying leave, Yan Yujiao gritted her teeth, and her face alternated between pale and blue with annoyance, but she did not chase after Qu Moying again.

Qu Moying's words just now shocked her and made her a little flustered.

Yan Yujiao was Liu Jingyu's bestie, and she grew up with Liu Jingyu. Their relationship was special, so she knew Liu Jingyu took a fancy to Lord Jing, and Lord Jing was also interested in Liu Jingyu. She heard that Lord Jing's mother, Noble Consort He, also liked Liu Jingyu. According to Liu Jingyu's previous account, the two families seemed to be ready to settle this marriage.

But what was the situation now? What did it mean that Liu Jingyu wanted to be the Crown Princess and Lord Jing took a fancy to someone else?

Did Liu Jingyu's words to her just now have some other meaning?

She had been too angry to think clearly before, but now she could not help but think about the cause and effect of the matter. The more she thought about it, the more she felt that it was strange!

When Yan Yujiao saw Qu Moying today, she was indeed a little angry, but that was all. Besides, she was angry just because of what happened to her Second Brother.

However, this kind of thing was a family matter, and she thought it was a scandal. Her Second Brother was disappointing, and she could do nothing about it. Her father beat her Second Brother up. She did not know what would happen next.

However, Qu Qiuyan pulled her over and talked about Qu Moying, saying Qu Moying blamed the cancellation of her engagement with Xu Lipeng on Yan Yujiao's Second Brother and that Qu Moying wanted to scold her Second Brother face to face.

Yan Yujiao believed that her Second Brother had nothing to do with Qu Moying. If Qu Moying wanted to meet her Second Brother in private, she must have ulterior motives other than scolding him. If someone saw Qu Moying with her Second Brother, he would have to shoulder the responsibility.

The point was that her Second Brother seemed to be glad to take the responsibility.

Yan Yujiao got angry at that time. She finally knew why her Second Brother was so stubborn. It turned out that he was seduced by Qu Moying. She didn't expect Qu Moying, a blind woman, to be able to seduce her Second Brother to such an extent. Yan Yujiao couldn't bear it. She and Yan Yu were biological siblings, and she couldn't let him be punished because of a blind woman.

After Yan Yujiao left Qu Qiuyan angrily, she met Liu Jingyu, who tried to persuade her and spoke quite sincerely. However, the more Liu Jingyu said, the angrier Yan Yujiao became. Before she came out, Liu Jingyu asked her to have a good talk with Qu Moying, saying that the Water Pavilion was a quiet place and even if Yan Yujiao argued with Qu Moying, no one would see them.

Yan Yujiao thought Liu Jingyu was right at that time. However, she now thought otherwise. Shouldn't Liu Jingyu persuade her not to argue with Qu Moying at that time?

"Miss!" Seeing Yan Yujiao in a daze, her maid called her softly.

Yan Yujiao had a strange expression on her face. A trace of anger flashed in the corner of her eyes, but she slowly calmed down. She did not think too much about it before because she had never doubted Liu

Jingyu. But she now wanted to know whether Liu Jingyu did it on purpose or if she was really distracted by the busy work today and was not meticulous as usual.

“Yujiao!” Liu Jingyu’s anxious voice came from behind.

Yan Yujiao suppressed her anger again and turned around. As expected, she saw Liu Jingyu coming over in a panic. Seeing that Yan Yujiao was standing at the intersection and no one else was beside her, Liu Jingyu heaved a sigh of relief. She hurriedly took two steps forward, grabbed Liu Jingyu’s hand, and asked with concern, “Are you alright?”

“Why am I not alright?” Yan Yujiao asked.

“Just now, my cousin told me about the Water Pavilion. She said that some men were coming from the Water Pavilion. I was afraid that you would bump into them, so I hurriedly came here to inform you.” Liu Jingyu said.

It could be seen that Liu Jingyu was indeed very anxious. She was slightly panting, which was completely different from her usual graceful appearance.

Looking at Liu Jingyu, Yan Yujiao couldn’t tell whether she was acting or not.

“I heard that you are going to marry the Crown Prince?” Yan Yujiao couldn’t help but blurt out.

“Who said that?” Liu Jingyu’s eyes widened in shock.

“I heard it from someone.” Yan Yujiao said.

“I have never heard that. Neither my father nor my mother has ever mentioned this.” Liu Jingyu shook her head and said sincerely. She reached out and pulled Yan Yujiao out. “Let’s find a place to rest. You’ll be going back soon. I don’t know when we’ll have the chance to meet again. It’s rare for us to have such a chance to talk.”

It was not so easy for the two of them to meet.

As she spoke, Liu Jingyu held Yan Yujiao's hand intimately. At first, Yan Yujiao was still unhappy, but seeing that Liu Jingyu was so sincere, Yan Yujiao couldn't help but soften her attitude. They left hand in hand.

The road quieted down and Qu Moying and Yu Dong reappeared at the intersection. Looking in the direction in which Yan Yujiao left, Qu Moying was lost in thought.

Just now, Yu Dong told her that someone had come over when Duke Qi was speaking with Qu Moying, but no one actually showed up. It turned out that Liu Jingyu had come over, and she appeared as if she had not heard anything after Qu Moying left. Yu Dong said that Liu Jingyu should have been able to faintly hear something from a distance at that time, but Liu Jingyu did not say anything.

In fact, not only Liu Jingyu's inexplicable scheme but also the whole Duke Qi's Mansion gave Qu Moying a strange feeling. Even Duke Qi made her feel weird. She felt as if everything was covered in a fog...

Qu Moying returned to the reception hall. There were not many people in the reception hall now. Many people had gone out for a walk after finishing their lunch.

Not long after Qu Moying sat down, she saw Qu Qiuyan return. When Qu Qiuyan saw Qu Moying, she called out, "Moying."

"Third Sister!" Qu Moying nodded politely. Then, she lowered her head and played with the handkerchief in her hand, continuing to listen to the conversation of others quietly.

Qu Qiuyan sat down on the chair beside her and said in a low voice, "Moying, someone came and looked for you just now."

"Who?" Qu Moying asked.

"I don't know. It's just someone... Actually, it's from Duke Qi's Mansion. She brought you a letter and is still waiting outside the door. Moying, go and take a look."

Qu Qiuyan said with a warm smile.

Qu Moying glanced at Qu Qiuyan. The panic on Qu Qiuyan's face had disappeared, and she looked as calm as usual.

"No, thanks. I have already got the letter just now."

Qu Moying said indifferently, sitting still.

How could her letter be sent to Duke Qi's Mansion?

"When did you get it?" Qu Qiuyan was stunned. Her eyes flashed. She brought the maid here just now, and she was indeed waiting outside the door. How could Qu Moying have received the letter? And where did her letter come from? Was it the same as what she thought?

How could this be? Qu Qiuyan knew about the letter best.

"I got it after from a maid here finishing the meal." Qu Moying reached out and pressed on the corner of her sleeve. Qu Qiuyan faintly saw a piece of paper. There really was a letter. Her expression immediately changed, and she suddenly stood up. "I'll go and see whose letter this maid is delivering!"

Chapter 232 Read the Letter on the Spot

After saying that, Qu Qiuyan turned around and left, but after a few steps, she stopped and said, "Moying, why don't you come with me? It might be another letter for you."

"No, thank you, Third Sister. Someone must have sent the wrong letter." Qu Moying said indifferently. She sat still, not intending to stand up.

No matter what Qu Qiuyan was planning, Qu Moying did not intend to follow her out this time.

Judging from Qu Qiuyan's previous panic-stricken look and her calm look now, Qu Moying thought Qu Qiuyan must have come up with another plan after her first plan failed. Although Qu Moying did not know what Qu Qiuyan's new plan was, she guessed it must have something to do with the first plan. Perhaps it was a plan to prevent the unexpected aftermath of the failed assassination.

Qu Qiuyan was not so capable as to make a move in Duke Qi's Mansion. There must be someone who made the preparations for her outside the mansion.

Take the previous handling of the assassin as an example, ordinary people could not do these things! Qu Moying would like to see who had such great ability to take the assassin away in the name of the Ministry of Justice.

Qu Moying's voice was not loud, but many people were paying attention to her and Qu Qiuyan. After hearing their words, several of them turned around. They could clearly understand the hidden meaning in Qu Moying's words.

Qu Qiuyan gritted her teeth in hatred, but she could only turn around and leave. When she walked outside, she called over a maid who was waiting there and whispered to her. Then, she took a letter from the maid and hurried in. She walked over to Qu Moying and sat down. She took out the letter from her sleeve and was about to secretly stuff it into Qu Moying's hands.

"Third Sister, there really is no letter for me. This letter must belong to someone else. If you don't believe me, you can open it and take a look." Qu Moying didn't accept the letter. She shook her hand and looked a little vigilant. She leaned her body a little further away from Qu Qiuyan.

Qu Moying's words attracted the attention of others. Many people looked over, and they saw Qu Qiuyan's actions. They had heard that Qu Qiuyan and Qu Moying had a bad relationship because they didn't have the same mother, and now the rumor seemed to be true.

As for Second Madam Qu framing Qu Moying in the ex-Crown Princess' mourning hall, almost everyone knew it. Seeing Qu Moying's current reaction, they thought Qu Qiuyan wanted to frame Qu Moying as well. But this was Duke Qi's Mansion, not Qu Mansion.

Qu Qiuyan was just like her mother. Both of them wanted to frame Qu Moying outside their house. Apparently, they were trying to prevent the truth from being found out.

“Moying, but the maid said it is for you.” Qu Qiuyan insisted in a low voice.

Qu Moying stood up and took a step back. She looked at Qu Qiuyan vigilantly and said, “Third Sister, I told you that this letter definitely has nothing to do with me, yet you claimed that a maid here said it is for me. Don’t you know that another maid here framed me just now? Fortunately, Young Master Qi found out the truth for me.”

Although not many people knew about the matter, there were still some in the know. After recalling the previous matter, they couldn’t help but suspect Qu Qiuyan.

Qu Qiuyan was angry and annoyed. The letter in her hand was now like a heavy burden for her. She had thought it was easy to deal with. As long as she said the maid in Duke Qi’s Mansion did it, this thing would have nothing to do with her if something happened in the future. However, the letter was now in her hand, but she couldn’t send it out, nor could she read it. She didn’t know how to deal with it.

“Third Sister, why don’t you open it here? Let’s see who framed me this time.” Qu Moying urged her. She was already sure that someone was trying to frame her.

Everyone thought that if someone wanted to frame Qu Moying, the only possible suspect here was Qu Qiuyan.

She had reasons and conditions to frame Qu Moying!

Seeing the suspicion in everyone’s eyes, Qu Qiuyan was ashamed and angry. She didn’t know whether she should take out the letter or not. For a moment, she was at a loss, not knowing how to react.

A maid lifted the curtain at the door and came in. Then, Duchess Qi slowly entered.

“Greetings, Duchess Qi.” Seeing Duchess Qi, Qu Moying walked over and bowed deeply, “Duchess Qi, could you please be a witness for me?”

As soon as Duchess Qi entered, she felt that the atmosphere was strange. She had seen much of the world, so she naturally would not make a fuss. She sat down on the chair in the middle and asked slowly, "For what?"

"Just now, Third Sister said that a maid in the mansion sent me a letter. She said that it was for me, and I said it was not mine. I have already got my letter, but Third Sister insisted that the maid was really delivering a letter to me. She took it in and wanted to secretly give it to me. I didn't take it because it couldn't be mine. Duchess Qi, could you please take a look for us to see where this letter came from? I am not familiar with the people in your mansion. The only person I might know is the one who wanted to assassinate me before..."

Qu Moying said calmly.

"What? Someone tried to assassinate you? When did it happen?" Duchess Qi asked, frowning. She did not know about the incident yet. If something really happened to Qu Moying when she was on the way to Duke Qi's Mansion, Duke Qi's Mansion would have to take responsibility.

"On my way to your mansion, an assassin suddenly rushed to my carriage to assassinate me. He almost..." Qu Moying said with lingering fear. Her lips were pale. It seemed that she was really frightened.

The madams and young ladies present did not know about this matter. All of them were so frightened that their faces turned pale and they looked at each other in dismay!

None of them had encountered such an assassination. Even if an assassination took place, it would only happen to the royal family most of the time. Why would someone try to assassinate a miss from Vice Minister's Mansion?

Most of the madams and young ladies present had a higher status than Qu Moying, and all of them were scared.

"What happened later?" Duchess Qi reached out and grabbed Qu Moying's hand. After sizing Qu Moying up, she asked with concern.

“Ministry of Justice’s people happened to be there. They were going to take him away, but they were stopped by Lord Yun Mansion’s people. Then, the assassin was taken away by Lord Yun Mansion’s people.”

Qu Moying said softly.

“Good heavens. That’s great.” Duchess Qi said repeatedly. She really thought that there was a fated connection between her and Qu Moying.

“I wonder if this letter has anything to do with the assassin.” Qu Moying looked down at the letter in Qu Qiuyan’s hand.

Everyone looked down.

Qu Qiuyan felt overwhelmed because of the letter. She almost couldn’t grip it. It was indeed a letter to frame Qu Moying. At this time, she felt the letter was as heavy as a mountain.

Originally, Qu Qiuyan wanted to make it up for her previous plan, but she did not expect it to fail in this way. All she wanted to do now was to take back the letter quietly. Just as she was about to say with a wry smile that she had made a mistake and she would go to look for the maid, she heard Duchess Qi say, “Go and get the letter from Third Lady Qu.”

“No...” Qu Qiuyan wanted to stop her, but a maid came over and took the letter from her hand. She reached out her hand to get it back but failed. She was so anxious that her back felt cold. This letter had long been prepared by her.

It was prepared by not only her but also her uncle. They prepared it in case the assassination failed, although Qu Qiuyan thought it was impossible to fail at that time.

But the assassination really failed. That was why this letter was now put into use.

Duchess Qi took the letter from the maid and looked at the words on the envelope, which read “To Fourth Lady Qu”.

Duchess Qi looked at Qu Moying, who was standing at the side gracefully. Although Qu Moying’s face was mostly covered by the eye veil, Duchess Qi could still sense her calmness. The words “To Fourth Lady Qu” did not affect her. Duchess Qi could not help but feel relieved.

“Someone did make use of Fourth Lady Qu’s name. I will definitely find out who bribed the servants in the mansion.” Duchess Qi snorted.

Just now, a servant had reported the dispute between the two young ladies of Qu Mansion to her. Duchess Qi did not hesitate to stand on Qu Moying’s side.

The meaning behind Duchess Qi’s words was that someone must be trying to frame Qu Moying.

Qu Qiuyan was anxious and panicked. She never thought that Duchess Qi would intervene forcefully and stand on Qu Moying’s side. Her forehead began to sweat.

The letter was sealed. Duchess Qi tore open the envelope and took it out. After reading it, she looked at Qu Qiuyan. Although Duchess Qi’s expression was calm, her eyes were unfathomable. Qu Qiuyan became more and more uneasy. She lowered her head and did not dare to look up at Duchess Qi.

She only felt Duchess Qi’s burning eyes, which made her uncomfortable and stressed.

Everyone in the reception hall became quiet. They all looked at the scene. No one knew what was written in the letter, but they were sure that it was related to Qu Mansion’s two young ladies because Duchess Qi had been looking at Qu Qiuyan after reading the letter. Was it really a letter Qu Qiuyan used to frame Qu Moying?

“Third Lady Qu...” Duchess Qi said slowly.

“Duchess Qi, this letter was sent by a maid in your mansion. If you don’t believe it, you can ask someone. I happened to be stopped by her when I passed by!” Qu Qiuyan hurriedly said, trying to calm down. She glanced left and right. Even Duchess Qi could not accuse her without evidence.

Qu Qiuyan insisted that this letter had nothing to do with her. She was just a messenger, and some servants in the mansion had witnessed the scene when she was at the door.

“Third Lady Qu, can you recognize that person?” Duchess Qi asked.

“Yes. As long as I see her again, I will definitely recognize her.” Qu Qiuyan hurriedly said. She secretly heaved a sigh of relief. She was not afraid of the letter being investigated.

The maid didn’t really belong to Duke Qi’s Mansion. Qu Qiuyan’s uncle sent the maid in by taking advantage of the situation that many people came here today. The maid wore Duke Qi’s Mansion’s clothes, but she was not really a maid here, so it would be impossible for others to find out the truth.

Qu Moying smiled and looked at Duchess Qi calmly, waiting for Duchess Qi to deal with the matter. She had long known that Duchess Qi was formidable, so Duchess Qi would definitely not be cheated by Qu Qiuyan easily.

Duchess Qi looked at Qu Qiuyan’s reaction coldly. Instead of investigating who the maid was, she ordered an old maid beside her, “Go to the back courtyard and see which carriage is trying to take Fourth Lady Qu away from my mansion secretly.”

Qu Qiuyan became anxious again, and her expression changed dramatically. At that time, she was only concerned about the letter delivered by the maid but forgot about the carriage at the back door. For a moment, her hands and feet were cold...

Qu Moying raised her eyebrows slightly and asked, “Duchess, can you send a maid to take a look?”

Chapter 233 The Carriage Driver Escaped

The carriage to pick up Qu Moying did not wait at the door of Duke Qi's Mansion's backyard. Instead, it waited on the opposite side of the road, close to the backyard door of the other mansion, which made people feel like the carriage was waiting for someone in the opposite mansion.

The door of Duke Qi's Mansion opened, and a maid came out. She looked around and seemed to be looking for someone.

The carriage driver reacted. He drove the carriage over to the maid, his face almost covered by his hat. "Lady, are you going to the Yamen?"

"Yes, wait a moment. Our Miss will be here soon." The maid hurriedly nodded, turned around, and walked inside. It seemed that she was going to call her miss over.

The carriage driver breathed a sigh of relief, but suddenly his expression changed. He pulled the carriage shaft, jumped down from the other side of the carriage, turned around, and ran. In the blink of an eye, he ran far away and entered a small alley.

He originally thought that the plan worked out. However, when he saw a complacent smile on the maid's face as she turned around, he realized that something was wrong, so he quickly ran away.

The back door was knocked open, and a few aggressive servants rushed out. But when they looked outside, they found that the carriage driver had already gone, leaving only the carriage. The leading manager asked the maid a few questions and looked at the nearby alleys. He was not sure where the carriage driver had gone, so he asked a few servants to chase after the carriage driver in different directions.

After a while, these servants came back, but they all shook their heads because they didn't see the carriage driver.

They failed to catch the carriage driver, but the carriage was still there. Duke Qi's Mansion's manager could only check the carriage. His face changed drastically as he checked it. Instead of asking the servants to look for the carriage driver, he let them check the carriage carefully. After the check, the manager couldn't help feeling scared.

He asked someone to keep an eye on the carriage. Then, he brought the maid to report to Duchess Qi.

After hearing the manager's report, Duchess Qi's expression changed greatly. She immediately realized there was something wrong. She stood up and asked anxiously, "What? The window of the carriage is sealed, and an iron sheet is nailed to the door so it is hard to break it from the inside?"

Duchess Qi had seen much of the world. As soon as she heard the manager's description of the carriage, she knew that things were not simple.

A similar thing happened many years ago. A noble lady attending a banquet suddenly left because of an emergency. But then, the carriage she took accidentally fell into the river. It was said that the carriage had just been reinforced with an iron sheet inside in case of an accident, which made the carriage heavier. When the carriage fell into the water, the lady couldn't escape from the carriage because both the window and the door were tightly locked.

People said that such an accident happened because this lady was in a hurry to go home and asked the carriage driver to drive quickly. As for the carriage, the lady rented it herself. It was not the carriage from her family.

After this incident, this lady's mother also had an accident. Then, the branch of the concubine in this family became the main branch. People gossiped that both the lady and her mother actually died of murder.

But it had been a long time since the incident happened, and there was no evidence. Although everyone said that it was a murder, there was no evidence.

But coincidentally, Duchess Qi was also at the banquet. She vaguely remembered that the lady left in a hurry after receiving a letter.

Now that the same thing almost happened to Qu Moying, how could Duchess Qi not be angry?

"Find out who sent the letter. Bring the maids from the other' mansions over as well and let Third Lady Qu identify them one by one." Duchess Qi said angrily while asking her granddaughter to help summon the manager over.

Qi Xiangyu's gaze fell on Qu Moying's face for a moment. This matter was indeed mysterious. Who wanted to kill Qu Moying?

Then, she glanced at Qu Qiuyan.

Qu Qiuyan's hands and feet were as cold as ice. If not for her good self-control, she almost couldn't help trembling at this time. How could their plan fail again? Her uncle had assured her that even if the assassination failed, this plan would definitely kill Qu Moying.

But what was the situation now?

Duchess Qi actually asked her to identify the maid!

Even if Qu Qiuyan recognized the maid, she would not testify against her. However, she was not the only one who saw the maid at that time. She only hoped that the maid had left at this time. If the maid was still in the mansion, this matter might be exposed. Qu Qiuyan didn't know how to deal with it when the time came.

"Third Lady Qu..." Seeing that Qu Qiuyan had not spoken for a long time, Duchess Qi said coldly and looked at her suspiciously.

"Yes, I will definitely find out this person. How dare she do such a thing... She is really... really ruthless." Qu Qiuyan held back her trembling, raised her head, and said angrily with a pale face.

She tried to hide her panic by pretending to be angry.

"Grandmother, please sit down. Don't worry. We'll find out some clues! I don't think it's a lady's idea. I think..." Liu Jingyu stood up and comforted Duchess Qi in a soft voice. She reached out to pull Duchess Qi's sleeve and gently shook it. Then, she pressed Duchess Qi to sit down and whispered in her ear, "Grandmother, it seemed to be the means used by the royal family."

Liu Jingyu's voice was not loud, but the surrounding people heard her. The madams and young ladies looked at each other and nodded, feeling that what Liu Jingyu said was reasonable.

What happened to Qu Moying today was not simple. It seemed that she was involved in the royal family's affairs. Otherwise, who would have done such cruel things to deal with her, a useless lady from a Vice Minister's Mansion?

Their eyes on Qu Qiuyan softened. They didn't think that Qu Qiuyan was that capable.

Sensing that the suspicion in everyone's eyes had weakened, Qu Qiuyan heaved a sigh of relief and felt like coming back to life. She looked up at Liu Jingyu with gratitude.

Qu Moying smiled and gave Liu Jingyu a meaningful look. Not saying anything, she pursed her lips and listened to them quietly.

The matter was now handled by Pei Yuanjun, so no matter who did it and how flawless it was done, this matter would not end easily.

Pei Yuanjun was not a regular person. He loved to see the world in disorder. Now that something had happened, how could he not add fuel to the fire?

As for things that had happened in Duke Qi's Mansion, the witness might have gone now. However, the carriage was still there, and it was evidence that could not be destroyed.

After linking everything and crossing the dots, Qu Moying already knew Qu Qiuyan's intentions!

Qu Qiuyan wanted to lure her out with the previous incident as an excuse. The letter must be about the assassination, which aimed to lure her out. The letter might have asked her to go to the Yamen to identify the assassin. She would have to go because it was a request from the authorities and it didn't take much time.

If Qu Moying really didn't know anything, she would definitely go. Then, the carriage accident would happen, and she would be killed without a trace. At that time, others would not see this letter because someone must have taken it away beforehand, and there would be no evidence left.

No one would know why she left. They only knew that she had something urgent to do. There might even be some follow-up explanation that claimed it was she herself who insisted on leaving. If anything happened, no one would be blamed.

If this had happened in other mansions, it might not have been handled so perfectly. But it happened in Duke Qi's Mansion, Liu Jingyu's territory, with Liu Jingyu's involvement!

The fewer traces there were that led to the truth, the more Liu Jingyu was involved!

For example, the maid that was sent to look for the carriage driver at the back door was supposed to confuse the carriage driver, but the carriage driver ran away after seeing her. It could be seen that this maid was also suspicious!

Maids were called over to Qu Qiuyan, even including the maids brought over by the guests, but Qu Qiuyan failed to identify the one who delivered the letter.

Even the servants outside the room at that time came over, and they tried to identify the maid who sent the letter, but they also failed.

The maid who sent the letter appeared out of nowhere and disappeared without a trace, which was really amazing.

Duchess Qi was furious and sent people to investigate the outer yard where male guests were being entertained.

But nothing was found.

Hearing this news, Duke Qi was also furious. He sent his people to investigate the case and search for the maid, but they still did not find anything.

The other guests couldn't sit still anymore. They got up and left. Seeing that nothing was found, Old Lady Qu also got up and left. She didn't want to stay any longer.

Duchess Qi felt extremely guilty towards Qu Mansion, so she asked Duke Qi's Mansion's heiress-apparent to send Old Lady Qu off.

Liu Jingyu and Qi Xiangyu followed behind to see them off as well.

The madams all walked in front, followed by the young ladies. Qu Moying went at the end of the queue, accompanied by Qi Xiangyu beside her.

Not far ahead, Qu Xuexin, Qu Qiuyan, and Liu Jingyu were walking side by side. Liu Jingyu walked in the middle, and the scene looked harmonious.

Qi Xiangyu looked at the three of them with admiration and said, "My cousin sister is indeed the County Lady. Her behavior is more and more decent."

Qu Moying smiled politely and did not reply.

"Fourth Lady Qu, do you think what happened today has anything to do with Third Lady Qu? She was the one who received the letter, and she was also the one who sent the letter to you. If something happened to you..." Qi Xiangyu directed the conversation to Qu Qiuyan, glanced at Qu Moying, and asked casually with a smile.

The implication of Qi Xiangyu's unspoken words was the key.

"I don't know!" Qu Moying shook her head and lowered her head slightly. The eye veil covered her eyes, so no one could see the emotion in her eyes.

"Have you ever guessed?" Qi Xiangyu asked tentatively. After Qu Moying returned to the capital, the rumors about her changed a lot compared with the ones that were circulated before her arrival.

No matter what others said, the most important thing was whether Qu Moying was useful or not!

“What’s the point of guessing? Nothing could be proved without evidence.” Qu Moying said calmly.

“Since something happened and it’s such a big thing, how could there be no trace left?” Qi Xiangyu looked at Qu Moying and said with a meaningful smile. Apparently, no one was stupid.

“But just now, Duchess Qi didn’t find anything.” Qu Moying shook her head helplessly.

“The thing has been done, but there is no evidence. It means the investigation needs to be done inside the family and focus on the family members.” Qi Xiangyu looked at Qu Moying with a meaningful gaze. She felt that she had made it clear. If Qu Moying was clever, she would be able to understand her meaning. Qi Xiangyu was waiting for her reaction.

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Qu Moying was slightly stunned. She looked at Qi Xiangyu through the eye veil. Qi Xiangyu was supposed to have a higher status than Liu Jingyu because she was Duke Qi’s granddaughter. However, she was out of favor because she was not related to Duchess Qi by blood. As a result, the position of County Lady which Duke Qi had exchanged for fell into Liu Jingyu’s hands.

Sure enough, judging from her words, no one was stupid.

“Thank you, Miss Qi.” Qu Moying smiled gently.

Qu Moying was a little thinner than the average girl. Her palm-sized face was covered by a wide eye veil, and only her lips were visible through the veil, making her look extremely weak.

After hearing Qi Xiangyu’s words, Qu Moying still looked calm.

Qi Xiangyu pursed her lips and smiled. She was disappointed and did not say anything more. It seemed that Qu Moying did not dare to make a fuss out of this.

Along the way, the two of them didn't say anything. However, they saw the several young ladies in front of them chatting and laughing. They seemed to be in a good mood as if what had happened before didn't affect them at all.

When they arrived at the gate of the mansion, Old Lady Qu said goodbye to the heiress-apparent. Then, she brought her granddaughters to the carriage. Old Lady Qu was worried about Qu Moying, so she let her sit in the same carriage with her. No one took the second carriage. Qu Xuexin and Qu Qiuyan got on the third carriage. The three carriages went back home together.

As soon as they got off the carriages, the Old Lady asked her granddaughters to go back to their rooms, and she went to her second son's study with a few servants.

Before she reached the door of Qu Zhizhen's study, she saw a few guards standing there. They were clearly not Qu Zhizhen's men.

A young servant came out of nowhere and greeted her, "Greetings, your ladyship."

"Is there a guest?" The Old Lady looked at the two guards standing opposite her. The guest had guards with him, which meant that he was no ordinary.

"An official from West Prison is here to investigate the matter." The young servant reported.

Hearing that the guest was from West Prison, the Old Lady felt a bit nervous. It was natural that she felt nervous. Every family in the capital would be flustered if West Prison came to them.

After calming down, the Old Lady looked at the end of the road. That was her son's study. In the past, she could enter whenever she wanted to, but now, she could only look at it. West Prison was not an ordinary prison. She could not disturb the work of West Prison, but she was really worried. She glanced at the young servant and walked to the side.

The servant was clever. He quickly followed the Old Lady and stopped at the corner.

"Is there anything wrong?" The Old Lady asked in a low voice.

"Nothing. They asked if Fourth Lady has a grudge against others and asked the Master about her past experiences. They also asked the Master to give a detailed account of Fourth Lady's past life." The young servant reported in a low voice.

"Are they still talking now?" The Old Lady asked in surprise.

"No, they have finished talking about this. They should now be talking about the things in our mansion." The official asked a lot about Fourth Lady, but the Master did not know much, so he just summarized it in a few words. However, he did know much about things in the mansion. The young servant had long come out, not daring to listen too much.

"The things in our mansion?" The Old Lady's heart skipped a beat. She asked, "What things?"

"I didn't dare to listen too much. When I went out, I heard him ask about Third Lady... and also Madam." The servant stammered.

"Is there any servant with Second Master?" The Old Lady asked in confusion. She recognized that this young servant was the personal servant of her second son. He was clever, but he was now waiting outside so far away from the study, which made her more and more uneasy.

"West Prison's lord said that there were some things he wanted to talk to Master in private, so he asked me to leave. After that, West Prison's guards told me to stay further away. That's why I came to such a distant place." The young servant smiled bitterly.

In the beginning, he was waiting outside the study, and he could hear the voices of the people inside. Then he was ordered to stay far away and then further away until he reached his current position.

This place was indeed far away from the study, and he could only see the door of the study. Even if people shouted inside, he might not be able to hear their voices, let alone the conversation inside.

The Old Lady stopped talking and turned to look at the door of the study. She could not see anything, so she could only tell the servant, "Wait here. If there is anything wrong, report to me immediately."

"Yes, your ladyship!" The young servant answered.

The Old Lady turned around and went back reluctantly. She originally wanted to discuss the incident that happened to Qu Moying with her son, but now she was a little flustered. It was not a good thing for West Prison to come to the mansion.

When Qu Moying returned to Qianyue House and sat down, Granny Miao walked in. "Miss, I heard that West Prison's people came to the mansion. I don't know what happened. The entire mansion is feeling anxious."

It was definitely not a good thing when West Prison came to a mansion, because that meant the mansion was guilty of a crime that could lead to the destruction of the entire mansion. Not only the masters and madams, but also the servants were terrified. They were afraid that something bad would happen.

"Someone tried to assassinate our Miss, and Lord Yun saw it. Maybe it was because of this that West Prison's people came to investigate!" Yu Dong said.

"What? Someone tried to assassinate Miss? Why?" Granny Miao was frightened and asked anxiously, "Miss is just a weak lady. Why would someone want to kill her?"

"I don't know who wanted to harm Miss, but I think it must have something to do with Madam and Third Lady." Yu Dong said angrily. Qu Moying did not offend anyone here, except Yu and Qu Qiuyan, who had long wanted to kill Qu Moying.

Granny Miao calmed down, thought for a moment, and asked, "Could it be done by Third Lady?"

Now that Yu was locked up, it was inconvenient for her to do anything. Even if it had something to do with Yu, the plan could only be executed by Qu Qiuyan.

"I suppose so." Yu Dong nodded and turned to Qu Moying. "Miss, what should we do now?"

Even if they knew that this matter had something to do with Qu Qiuyan, they couldn't accuse her without any evidence.

"Let's wait and see. Yu... and Yu Mansion..." Qu Moying smiled and pursed her lips elegantly. There was a hint of contempt in her smile. Yu and Qu Qiuyan wanted to kill her, but they did not know that they had already exposed themselves.

Yu's father was only an insignificant seventh-rank official. How could Yu have such a great ability to set up such a trap? Although Qu Moying was a weak lady, she was the daughter of a Vice Minister, a high-ranking official. How dare Yu set up such a trap to kill her?

This method was more likely to be used against someone from the royal family. It was strange that the person who could do this targeted a weak girl like Qu Moying.

It was unexpected that Yu's parents' family was quite powerful. But actually, something had shown that before. Yu was married into the mansion as a noble concubine. It was probably not only her effort but also her father's effort. However, after so many years, her father was still a seventh-rank official, which was also very surprising.

"Granny Miao, go check on Yu. See what she is doing. If there is nothing, disclose the news about the visit of West Prison to her." Qu Moying instructed. Her eyes were cold as she slowly worked out a plan.

"Yes, I will go in a moment." Granny Miao nodded. She hesitated for a moment and asked, "Do I need to tell her that someone tried to assassinate you?"

"No need!" Qu Moying shook her head. There were some things that did not need to be made too clear. Ambiguity would always make one anxious, and she wanted Yu to be anxious.

Granny Miao left in a hurry. Qu Moying walked to the window and picked up the pile of music scores placed in front of the window. She picked out the qin music score that Qi Xiuran, Duke Qi's eldest son, had mentioned. After looking at it carefully, she pondered for a moment.

This qin music score was incomplete. She had not read it yet. She reached out to pick up a writing brush and wanted to copy it but she stopped in the end. At this time, she should be more cautious.

“Yu Dong, go to Duke Qi’s Mansion later and give this qin music score to Duchess Qi. Tell her that it is the qin music score I have promised to lend to First Young Master Qi before.” Qu Moying said.

“I will go now.” Yu Dong understood what Qu Moying meant. She nodded, took the qin music score, and went away. Without asking anyone else to help her, she took a carriage from the mansion and went to Duke Qi’s Mansion.

If the qin music score was given to Qi Xiuran directly, people would definitely gossip about it, so it would be best to send it to Duchess Qi.

Granny Yan stood in the corridor and saw the panicked Granny Miao rushing out. Then, Yu Dong also came out, but she looked calm. Granny Miao frowned and turned to look into the room. The curtain was closed, and she could only vaguely see the slender figure inside.

Qu Moying gave her an unusual feeling.

At first glance, Qu Moying was just a delicate and slender young woman. She was weak, and she had eye disease, which made her look weaker. However, Granny Yan found Qu Moying different from her expectation in the past few days.

But she was not sure. She still had to observe...

Seeing Yu Dong coming over with a cup of tea, Granny Yan turned around and went into her room. Although she was now a Discipline Granny, she had few things to do. When Qu Moying entered the palace, Dowager Consort Qu said that Qu Moying’s etiquette was not bad at all, and she behaved even better than the pampered Qu Qiuyan, which was surprising.

Among the young ladies of Qu Mansion, Qu Moying was said to be the least beautiful and talented one. However, after observing her for the past few days, Granny Yan felt that Qu Moying was not as

untalented as the rumors said. She could not even see through Qu Moying. That was right, Qu Moying was one of the few people she could not see through.

It really surprised her.

Granny Yan was surprised and doubtful. But at the same time, the palace was in chaos.

Lord Yun said something to the Emperor, which made the Emperor so furious that he went straight to Pepper House Hall of the Empress and scolded the latter like frenzy. After that, he called Noble Consort He over and scolded her. The Empress and Noble Consort He knelt on the ground together, trembling in fear and not saying a word. Then, even the Crown Prince and Lord Jing were called over. The two of them were also scolded.

After the Emperor left, the Empress and Noble Consort He stood up and sat down on both sides. Their faces were livid with anger.

“Go and find out what exactly is going on! Where did the assassin come from?” The Empress snapped, her gaze falling on Noble Consort He.

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The Empress was scolded, but she only learned from the Emperor’s words that someone wanted to assassinate Lord Yun. She did not know who the assassin was, but she was sure that her people did not make a move this time. It must be done by Noble Consort He and Lord Jing.

Noble Consort He also didn’t look well. As an imperial concubine and also the Emperor’s favored imperial concubine, she had never been questioned like this. She was angry. Seeing the Empress staring at her, she suppressed her anger and forced a smile. She asked gently, “Your Majesty, what exactly happened? I came late, so I didn’t understand.”

She meant that the Empress had been reprimanded for a longer time than her. The Empress’ expression became even gloomier. She sneered, “Since you did not hear clearly, let me tell you. Someone tried to murder Lord Yun. I heard that it is related to the palace. His Majesty reprimanded me for not managing

the inner palace well so that someone in the inner palace dared to intervene in things outside of the palace. No matter who it is, they have reached their hands out so far that their hands must be cut off.”

“Who, who has the guts to murder Lord Yun?” Noble Consort He was surprised and asked anxiously.

“I also want to know who is so bold to do such a thing. Don’t they know that Lord Yun is His Majesty’s most valued official?” The Empress said coldly, fixing her eyes on Noble Consort He. She was most suspicious of Noble Consort He. If she knew that this matter had something to do with Noble Consort He, she would definitely not spare her this time.

The Empress was angry after being scolded by the Emperor. But if Noble Consort He really did it, then there would be a good show to watch. The Empress was looking forward to it. Lord Yun was clearly not someone who was willing to suffer losses. So what if the assassination was plotted by Lord Jing!

“How dared the murderer plot against Lord Yun? This person has really gone too far. Your Majesty, you must get someone to investigate this matter thoroughly. Please don’t let the suspect get away with it.” Noble Consort He said naturally. She thought this matter had nothing to do with her. She also looked at the Empress suspiciously, fearing that she would fall into the Empress’ trap.

She didn’t want to fight against this devilish woman.

The Empress and Noble Consort He were suspicious of each other. After speaking for a short while carefully, they parted unhappily.

Noble Consort He took Lord Jing away from the Empress’ Pepper House Hall and went back to her own palace. She sat down, waved her hand to dismiss the people around her, and asked Lord Jing bluntly, “Does this have anything to do with you?”

Lord Jing, Pei Yusheng, felt a headache. He pinched his brows and sat down on a chair. He picked up the tea in front of him and took a sip before putting it down.

“Mother, I don’t know what happened either.”

“How could you not know?” Noble Consort He was anxious. How could Pei Yusheng have anything to do with this? Pei Yuanjun was never a person to be trifled with.

“It’s hard for me to get out of the trouble with Qu Mansion.” Pei Yusheng said with difficulty. He was extremely annoyed. For the first time, he felt that it was a mistake to take a fancy to Qu Qiuyan. That was why such a thing happened in the palace. Now that something had happened to Qu Moying, from whichever perspective, people had reasons to suspect him.

“Speaking of that Qu Caiyue, you only need to carry her into your mansion with a sedan. You don’t have to give her any title. Just tell them that after you marry your Princess Consort, the Princess Consort will give her a title.” Noble Consort He’s face darkened. She did not like Qu Mansion’s people because they had tarnished Pei Yusheng’s reputation.

As long as she thought about how Qu Caiyue had plotted against her son, she was furious.

Of course, Pei Yusheng would not say that he also played a part in the event at that time, nor would he tell his mother about Qu Qiuyan’s role in the drama. He only said that Qu Caiyue was greedy for wealth, so she set him up and shamelessly went to his bed.

Although Noble Consort He had some doubts, she felt that it was impossible for her son to take a fancy to a concubine-born daughter. Moreover, her son had said before that he was interested in Vice Minister Qu’s third daughter, so he couldn’t have anything to do with a concubine-born daughter of Qu Mansion.

“Carry her into my mansion with only a sedan?” Pei Yusheng asked.

“Yes. Of course you can’t give her a high position. Otherwise, there will be more women climbing into your bed in the future. If she was just a palace maid, you could have directly beaten her to death for doing such a thing. You don’t even have to take her into your mansion. It is just that her father is a high-ranking official. As for her position, let the future Princess Consort make the decision.” Noble Consort He said decisively.

She had been thinking about what position she should give Qu Caiyue before. After all, Qu Caiyue’s father was an Imperial Censor. What position should she give Qu Caiyue? At the mention of Qu Mansion, she felt angry. She decided to give the future Princess Consort the right to make the decision.

Coincidentally, her son had taken a fancy to the Guardian General's daughter. She also thought favorably of that young lady.

"Then I will get someone to go to Qu Mansion later." Pei Yusheng nodded. It was best to resolve this matter like this. He really didn't like Qu Caiyue. He didn't solve this matter before because he wanted to solve it in the best way. Qu Mansion had lost too much face after that incident, and it had also affected Qu Qiuyan. Recently, Qu Mansion was involved in trouble again and again, causing him quite a headache. Now they even dared to assassinate Lord Yun, which made him quite annoyed.

Noble Consort He's face softened after seeing Pei Yusheng readily listened to her. She went back to the previous matter and asked, "Why are you involved in today's matter?"

She was in the palace, so she really did not have any news about this.

"Fourth Lady Qu is the target of the assassination today. It happened on the street, and Uncle Yun happened to see it." Pei Yusheng already knew the cause and effect of the matter, and he explained everything in a few words.

"It's about Qu Mansion again? Why does it have anything to do with you?" Noble Consort He was furious. She felt that none of Qu Mansion's ladies was good and they were all jinxes. She rejoiced that she did not promise to let Qu Qiuyan be Pei Yusheng's Side Princess. Judging from what happened today, Qu Qiuyan didn't even deserve to be a Side Princess.

"I heard that Uncle Yun suspected that someone was trying to assassinate Fourth Lady Qu so as to threaten him. Uncle Yun has warned me before because of Qu Qiuyan." Pei Yusheng lowered his head in annoyance.

Noble Consort He's heart skipped a beat. She lowered her voice and asked, "Could it be that he was really interested in Fourth Lady Qu?"

"I don't think so. Uncle Yun has seen all kinds of women. He dislikes weak women like Fourth Lady Qu the most. Even if she is a stunning beauty, Uncle Yun won't look at her." Pei Yusheng shook his head and said indifferently. "Moreover, Fourth Lady Qu might not be good-looking. Her face is still mostly covered by an eye veil. Who knows what she looks like?"

"Then what does he want to do?" Noble Consort He's face darkened.

"I don't know!" Pei Yusheng was extremely worried. Pei Yuanjun was very clear about Pei Yusheng's relationship with Qu Qiuyan, and that was why Pei Yusheng was involved in this matter. Although Pei Yusheng did not send the assassin, he was afraid that this matter would end up involving him.

"Go and ask Qu Qiuyan whether it was her doing." Noble Consort He said coldly.

"I... I don't think she did it. She is just a weak woman." Pei Yusheng said hesitantly.

"Go and ask her. Why couldn't a weak woman do such a thing? Her mother is not a good person, so how could she be an exception?" Noble Consort He sneered.

If it was in the past, Pei Yusheng would definitely refute her, but this time, he opened his mouth without saying a word. He lowered his head and felt very depressed.

"Go and find out who did it. I suspect..." Noble Consort He said in a low voice, pointing in the direction of Pepper House Hall. Then, she continued to warn Pei Yusheng, "If Qu Qiuyan is really involved in this, you must not hesitate to make a decision. Don't get yourself into this."

Murdering Lord Yun was a big deal. Noble Consort He did not want her son to get involved.

"Mother, I understand!" A trace of malice flashed through Pei Yusheng's eyes. He nodded. If this matter really had something to do with Qu Qiuyan, he would definitely act ruthlessly. He wouldn't risk his future for a woman.

Hearing Pei Yusheng answer her so decisively, Noble Consort He breathed a sigh of relief. In the past, Pei Yusheng had always been persistent when it came to Qu Qianyan, but he actually gave in this time.

Noble Consort He was glad to see his change.

While Noble Consort He was talking with her son, the Empress was also discussing the issue with her son.

“Mother, I didn’t do this.” The Crown Prince, Pei Luo’an, also said firmly to the Empress. He got the news a little late, but he was also clear about it. “It’s Qu Mansion’s matter. I have nothing to do with Qu Mansion. I won’t be involved in this matter. Moreover, my Crown Princess has just passed away. I didn’t even bother to do my own business in recent days. How can I cause such a thing?”

“Then why did your father reprimand me?” The Empress did not look happy.

Pei Luo’an had a guess, and he said out in a low voice, “Could it be that Father suspects you?”

“I have been in the palace all the time. Why would I do such a thing to a useless girl?” The Empress was so angry that she slammed her hand on the table. There were no outsiders, so she did not need to pretend to be dignified and decent. “It must be done by someone on Noble Consort He’s side.”

“Mother, when Fourth Lady Qu entered the palace, I heard that you also intervened. Is it because of this that Father suspects you?” Pei Luo’an couldn’t think of any other reason, and this was the only one that made sense.

“It was His Majesty’s idea. How could he blame me?” The Empress was getting angrier. She pressed her head and said, “Since that woman was gone, His Majesty has always been like this...”

“Mother, please be careful with your words!” Pei Luo’an’s expression changed.

At this time, the Empress also realized that she had made a slip of the tongue and immediately shut her mouth. After a long time, she said, “This matter has nothing to do with me and you, so we don’t have to worry about the investigation. Let your father investigate it. I will also investigate this matter in the palace. If there are any clues, I will tell you.”

Whenever there was something, the Empress always told her son first before telling the Emperor. She trusted her son more than she trusted the Emperor, and she was determined to make her son the future Emperor.

Her son was the Crown Prince, and he was destined to be the future Emperor. Noble Consort He and her son were daydreaming.

Pei Luo'an nodded. Hearing the Empress' words, he was relieved. He had been afraid that the Empress was involved. "Mother, since this matter has nothing to do with you, we don't have to worry. Let's just investigate it first. If Father comes to ask anything, you can answer him frankly. You can also investigate Noble Consort He, but don't act on impulse. We can't spoil our great plan due to this incident."

"There is one thing..." The Empress said after hesitating for a moment. Her gaze at her son looked complicated.

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"Mother, is there anything else?" Seeing the Empress' expression, Pei Luo'an asked uneasily.

"Actually, it's nothing..." The Empress thought for a moment and decided not to say it. "That's it. I am just unlucky today. How is your marriage? Do you like Liu Jingyu? She has Duke Qi's Mansion as her support, and she is the most beloved junior of Duke Qi. Minister Liu is also young and promising. He might be able to join the imperial cabinet soon. It's good for you to marry her."

Marrying Liu Jingyu would have a lot of benefits, no less than marrying the Guardian General's daughter.

"Mother, there is no rush." Pei Luo'an frowned and said weakly, "I want to be in mourning for the ex-Crown Princess for a while longer."

"It's urgent! You are the Crown Prince of the country. Previously, you delayed your marriage because of Ji Hanyue. Now, you don't have a son or a daughter. If Lord Jing gets married before you and has a child, you will be at a great disadvantage. You have to think carefully. Are you really not going to marry again because of Ji Hanyue?"

The Empress hated her son's infatuation for Ji Hanyue and spoke without thinking.

“Mother...”

“Alright, alright, alright. I won’t talk about Ji Hanyue. I don’t bother to care about her, but as the Crown Prince, you have to choose a consort as soon as possible. Ji Youran is not suitable for you. She was not suitable before, and she is even more unsuitable now. She can’t even compete with a concubine for the title. What else could she do?”

The Empress said indifferently.

“Mother, it won’t be Ji Youran.” Pei Luo’an comforted the Empress.

The Empress was relieved and nodded, “That’s good. She doesn’t even deserve to be even your Side Princess with her status. If she hadn’t entered Eastern Palace early, you wouldn’t even need to give her the position of a Side Princess.”

The Empress really did not like Ji Youran. She felt that Ji Youran was narrow-minded and incompetent. The reason why Eastern Palace was in trouble before was mostly because of Ji Youran’s poor supervision. Accidents kept happening at that time. For example, a bedroom concubine suddenly appeared, and others suspected the Crown Prince, and she let Qu Mansion’s ladies bump into the Lord. These things were evidence of Ji Youran’s incompetence.

Not only was she incompetent, but also her family members were also useless. They lost the title of Earl Ling’an to a concubine-born son. They were indeed useless. The Empress thought that Ji Youran could only be a plaything and was not of much use.

“Mother, I will go back first. Please take care.” Pei Luo’an did not want to talk more about Ji Youran with the Empress, so he stood up.

The Empress nodded and said, “You take care, too. Don’t make any rash moves. Think about the marriage carefully. The Liu Family also has this intention. If you marry Liu Jingyu, Lord Jing will stop coveting her.”

“Mother, I understand.” Pei Luo’an bowed to the Empress, turned around, and left impatiently. When he got out of Pepper House Hall’s door, he heaved a sigh of relief. Still, he felt frustrated.

He was unhappy not only because of the assassination that happened today, but also the marriage that the Empress mentioned. Sometimes he felt that he really did not want to get married immediately, but the will of his mother and the current situation were both urging him to marry as soon as possible.

All these things made him upset. He didn't want to talk about them. He casually took a road, and a few eunuchs followed him.

Suddenly, Pei Luo'an stopped. He faintly heard the sound of the qin instrument. It sounded familiar. After standing still with his hands behind his back and listening for a while, his expression changed slightly. His calm face became a little anxious. He turned around and walked towards the sound.

After turning two corners, the sound of the qin became clearer. In a pavilion at the corner, a beautiful woman in a light purple palace dress was sitting there gracefully. She gently played the qin. The sound of the qin was beautiful. Pei Luo'an slowly walked over.

When he got close to the pavilion, the palace maids on both sides were shocked to see him and wanted to greet him. Pei Luo'an waved his hand motioning them to save the formalities. His eyes fell on the slender woman, and his eyes suddenly widened.

The palace maids didn't dare to say anything and stood still with their heads down.

Finally, the music stopped. The woman raised her head and seemed to have sensed something. She turned around and was stunned to see Pei Luo'an standing outside the pavilion. She hurriedly stood up and bowed to him. "Greetings, Your Highness!"

"Who are you?" Pei Luo'an's gaze fell on the woman's face, and his previously gentle face carried a trace of coldness.

As soon as the woman stood up, he saw her face. The sense of familiarity he felt faded. The woman looked like Ji Hanyue, but she was not her!

Inexplicably, his heart ached as if it had been pulled hard. His hands behind his back clenched into fists.

"I am a Beauty in the palace. My name is..." The woman wanted to introduce herself, but Pei Luo'an left with a flick of his sleeve, ignoring her. For a moment, she was embarrassed and angry, and her face turned red. She was a Beauty in the palace, and her surname was Yuan. After entering the palace, she was not favored. She knew Pei Luo'an was the Crown Prince because she had seen him before from afar, and the Crown Prince always wore light yellow clothes.

"Beauty, he is the Crown Prince." After Pei Luo'an left, the palace maid finally dared to speak.

"How long has the Crown Prince been here?" Beauty Yuan suppressed the anger and embarrassment in her heart and asked slowly.

"The Crown Prince has been watching you for a long time. He just quietly listened to the qin music and did not let us greet him." One of the maids answered.

"Does the Crown Prince like the qin?" Thinking about how the Crown Prince had been looking at her for a long time, Beauty Yuan blushed again and felt extremely shy.

The Crown Prince was handsome, and he was in his prime. The Emperor was too old compared with the Crown Prince.

"I don't know, but I have heard that... the ex-Crown Princess liked the qin very much. She played it once on the Empress' birthday. Everyone who heard of it said she was good at playing the qin." The palace maid replied.

"The ex-Crown Princess?" Beauty Yuan pondered for a moment and asked curiously, "Is it true that the Crown Prince has a deep love for the ex-Crown Princess?"

"I don't know. It should be true. I heard that the Crown Prince treated the ex-Crown Princess very well." The palace maid didn't dare to say anything more. She only said what everyone said.

Beauty Yuan no longer spoke. When she thought of the tenderness in the Crown Prince's eyes the moment he saw her, she felt somewhat heartbroken. The Crown Prince and the ex-Crown Princess were

a perfect couple, but unfortunately, the ex-Crown Princess died young. The Crown Prince was left alone in Eastern Palace, missing the ex-Crown Princess every night. It really made people feel pity for him.

It could be seen from the Crown Prince's deep love for the ex-Crown Princess that the ex-Crown Princess must be an extremely beautiful woman, but unfortunately, she passed away at such a young age.

"I heard that there is a Princess Ji in Eastern Palace, and she is also the ex-Crown Princess' cousin sister?" Beauty Yuan thought for a while and asked curiously.

"Yes, there is such a Princess Consort, but the Empress doesn't seem to like her." The palace maid said with a smile.

"Why? I heard that she has a good personality and she entered Eastern Palace because she wanted to take care of the ex-Crown Princess. Why doesn't the Empress like her?" Beauty Yuan became even more curious.

"I really don't know. The Empress just doesn't like her." The palace maid did not dare to continue the subject. She could only guess. After all, she was only a palace maid. If she said something wrong, she might lose her life. No one in the palace dared to talk nonsense.

The reason why she said so much to Beauty Yuan was that Beauty Yuan was very beautiful, much more beautiful than most imperial concubines. Moreover, she was young and might be favored by the Emperor in the future. The palace maid told her these things to curry favor with her.

Seeing that she couldn't get anything more out of the maid, Beauty Yuan didn't say anything else. She got someone to pack up the qin instrument and bring it back.

This encounter was really an accident, but sometimes, no one could tell whether an accidental meeting was a real encounter or an inevitable one...

Pei Luo'an's mood was getting worse and worse. After randomly walking around the palace, he wanted to go back. He felt inexplicably depressed and annoyed.

But before he could leave the palace, he was summoned to the imperial study by a eunuch.

The Emperor sat on the high throne and watched Pei Luo'an, his eldest son, come in. The Emperor's face was gloomy. Pei Yuanjun, who was sitting on the side, looked elegant and natural. He didn't seem to be angry, but the coldness in his eyes could be seen when he looked up. He was simply a bloodthirsty King of Hell.

Meeting Pei Yuanjun's eyes, even Pei Luo'an, the Crown Prince, felt inexplicably flustered.

Pei Luo'an became more and more aggrieved and angrier, but he had to suppress all his emotions deep in his heart, not daring to show any trace of negative feeling.

After Pei Luo'an bowed, the Emperor said, "Crown Prince, you are in charge of the Ministry of Justice, right?"

"Yes, Father, I am." Pei Luo'an composed himself and replied.

"Don't you know a notorious killer is missing from the Ministry of Justice's jail?" The Emperor stared at Pei Luo'an with an unpleased look.

"Father, I really don't know. It was only after the incident that Ministry of Justice's people reported that a convict awaiting execution was missing." Pei Luo'an replied.

He just knew that the assassin was a notorious killer convicted of the death penalty. For this reason, he had been very angry when he was outside the palace just now.

The Ministry of Justice had made such a big mistake, and he could hardly absolve himself from the blame.

"Crown Prince, may I ask how a death convict escaped from the Ministry of Justice's prison without anyone's help and why he went to assassinate a young lady who had nothing to do with him? Since he has escaped from jail, shouldn't he go far away? Why did he do such a thing?" Pei Yuanjun said lazily.

“Uncle Yun, I don’t know about this matter, but I have already instructed the Ministry of Justice’s people to investigate the issue. If there is any clue, I will definitely report it to you.” Pei Luo’an said gently and cautiously. He did not dare to be careless when facing Pei Yuanjun.

“If I hadn’t happened to pass by, Fourth Lady Qu would have been killed. I really want to know why the person I like is so unsafe? Someone even sent an assassin to kill her!” Pei Yuanjun said coldly with a malicious look in his eyes. “If the truth couldn’t be found out, what is the use of the Ministry of Justice’s people? I have already asked West Prison’s people to go to Qu Mansion and find out whom Fourth Lady Qu offended in the past that they even tried to kill her!”

Who could a young lady like Qu Moying offend? Apart from that Second Madam Qu, there was really no one else. However, Second Madam Qu was just a woman. She had been staying in the inner yard all this time. How could she have the ability to get the Ministry of Justice to work for her? It seemed that it was more likely because of Pei Yuanjun that such an incident occurred.

Pei Yuanjun had previously agreed to let Qu Moying enter his mansion to be his consort, which might be the reason that led to today’s disaster.

Although this matter had been kept a secret, several important people in the palace all knew about it.

“The Ministry of Justice has really slacked off. It can’t even keep a good watch on its prisoners. Who is it that wants to harm Lord Yun? Crown Prince, can’t you even handle this matter?” The Emperor said coldly.

The Emperor had apparently equated the whole thing with murdering Pei Yuanjun.

Cold sweat broke out on Pei Luo’an’s forehead, and a trace of resentment flashed through his heart!

Chapter 237 Provoked Qu Caiyue

Yu Dong came in in a hurry and wiped his sweat. “Miss, Noble Consort He has an oral instruction.”

"About Qu Caiyue?" Qu Moying was not surprised.

"Yes, it's about Second Lady. I heard that East Mansion's people are packing up and preparing to send Second Lady to Lord Jing Mansion immediately." Yu Dong nodded. He did not have a good impression of Qu Caiyue at all.

Qu Caiyue had helped Qu Qiuyan to frame Qu Moying more than once. She was mean and vicious. Now that she had ended up in such a situation, it was really delightful.

"Without a title?" Yu Chun noticed something and asked with her eyes wide open.

"Yes, without a title. She said it would be decided in the future. After Lord Jing marries his Princess Consort, the Princess Consort will give Qu Caiyue a title. She won't be waiting for too long." Yu Dong smiled.

"This... this is too much." Yu Chun said.

These words sounded nice, making people feel that Noble Consort He really wanted to give the future Princess Jing the right to decide the title of Qu Caiyue. But actually, it was clear that she did not want to give Qu Caiyue a high position. At the same time, such an arrangement was equivalent to announcing that Qu Caiyue did climb into Lord Jing's bed with a scheme.

People were not sure about what happened between Qu Caiyue and Lord Jing, but if Qu Caiyue entered Lord Jing Mansion without a title, it meant that the rumor was true. Otherwise, Qu Mansion wouldn't be so humiliated.

"She deserves it." Yu Dong did not have the slightest sympathy. "Back then, she helped Third Lady to plot against our Miss. Now, it's good to let her and Third Lady share a husband."

"Yes, she deserves it." Yu Chun was stunned for a moment and immediately gritted her teeth. When she thought Qu Moying was almost framed by Qu Caiyue and Qu Qiuyan, her pity for Qu Caiyue immediately disappeared.

Looking at the two maids, Qu Moying smiled silently. Since Qu Caiyue had fallen into this situation, it was impossible for her to have a high position in the future. The future Princess Jing, no matter who she was, would definitely not be nice to Qu Caiyue because Qu Caiyue used a dirty way to sleep with Lord Jing. Moreover, it was obvious that Pei Yusheng did not like Qu Caiyue.

“Miss, I heard that the Old Lady is very angry, but she has no choice. East Mansion’s people are packing up things. They are going to send her to Lord Jing Mansion tonight. Just now, the manager in the mansion sent people to tell us not to talk about this matter.” Yu Dong added.

Qu Moying nodded. It seemed that they wanted to suppress this matter.

However, there were some things that could not be suppressed. It could be suppressed in Qu Mansion, but what about people who gossiped outside of Qu Mansion? The Qu ladies’ reputation was not very good.

It would be even harder for Qu Xuexin to get married!

Luo would definitely get angry, so how could she send something precious to Qu Caiyue? It would be good if she didn’t tear Qu Caiyue apart.

“Go and pick a few pieces of cloth, two hairpins, and a pair of bracelets. Send them to Second Lady. Just pick the simplest ones that Yu bought for me in the past.” Qu Moying instructed Yu Dong after pondering for a moment.

“Miss, she has been hurting you. Why do you still send things to her?” Yu Dong said. He felt that Qu Moying was too kind. In his opinion, someone like Qu Caiyue should be suppressed without mercy and deprived of the chance to rise again.

“It doesn’t matter. It’s just for the sake of our sisterhood.” Qu Moying smiled and said meaningfully.

Her gifts for Qu Caiyue were not precious. They were just used to put on an act of kindness. Moreover, these gifts were originally from Yu, and they made her feel disgusted.

"Second Lady Qu is a cruel and unscrupulous person. Since you came back, she has been doing evil things against you with Third Lady. What is the meaning of showing your sisterhood for her?" Yu Dong muttered unhappily.

"She might not be impressed, but she will probably be provoked." Qu Moying smiled.

Yu Dong's eyes lit up, and he asked anxiously, "Miss, what do you mean?"

"Do you think Qu Qiuyan will send something over to her?" Seeing the two maids looking at her with inquiring eyes, Qu Moying could not help but smile.

"Of course not. Second Lady is now not only useless to Third Lady, but she will also taint her reputation. Maybe Lord Jing will change his mind!" Yu Dong said with disdain, curling his lips. He thought more thoroughly than Yu Chun.

"Why would Lord Jing change his mind? I heard that Lord Jing has a special crush on Third Lady. Third Lady will definitely enter Lord Jing Mansion." Yu Chun asked in confusion.

Qu Moying was speechless as she watched the two maids switched to a different topic. She picked up the teacup on the table, took a sip gracefully, and then slowly put it down.

"She will go to Lord Jing Mansion, but the problem is in what way? This is important. Third Lady is implicated by Second Lady and has a bad reputation. Even if she enters Lord Jing Mansion, she will have to be content with a low title. Noble Consort He will not allow Lord Jing to give Third Lady a high title. She will not let Third Lady affect Lord Jing's reputation."

Yu Dong sneered.

Hearing that, Yu Chun was a little flustered. She looked at Qu Moying and asked anxiously, "Then... then what about our Miss' marriage?"

“What are you worried about?” Yu Dong was not worried at all. Lord Yun had made it clear. There was nothing to worry about Qu Moying. It didn’t matter whether her reputation was good or bad because Lord Yun did not care about this.

Yu Dong wanted to talk about it in detail, but when she saw Qu Moying’s displeased gaze, he immediately shut his mouth and asked the question that had been overlooked with a serious expression, “Miss, it is impossible for Third Lady to give Second Lady a gift, but what does this have to do with us?”

“When you send the things, tell Qu Caiyue that they are a gift from me. After angering her and helping her escape the yard, she will naturally go to find Third Sister.” The corners of Qu Moying’s lips curled up into a smile. After taking off the eye veil, her eyes could be seen. They looked more shining and clearer than others’ eyes, and they were even more dazzling at this time.

“If Second Lady wanted to see Third Lady, she would have done it long ago.” Yu Dong blinked and said.

“It’s not that she doesn’t want to go. It’s just that she doesn’t have a chance.” Qu Moying shook her head, “Once you go and send her the gift, she will have a chance. You can be of some use when she makes a scene. She didn’t like these accessories in the past.”

It could be said that the reason why Qu Caiyue had fallen to such a state was related to Qu Qiuyan. When Qu Caiyue saw Qu Moying’s gift, she would definitely be unhappy and even make a scene out of it. It would be a perfect opportunity for Qu Caiyue to see Qu Qiuyan. It would be the last chance Qu Caiyue had before leaving Qu Mansion, and she would definitely not let go of this chance.

As for how Qu Caiyue and Qu Qiuyan would react to each other, it was not something that Qu Moying needed to consider. Based on their personalities, they would definitely not be at peace with each other. Right now, Qu Caiyue could be considered to be in a desperate situation. Things were completely different from what she had imagined. She would be sent to Lord Jing Mansion without a title, so how could she not go crazy?

Qu Moying was never someone who would swallow insult and humiliation silently. Those people had schemed against her again and again, and she would let them pay the price.

“Yes, I will go now.” Yu Dong understood and said happily. He stopped asking further questions and happily picked a few pieces of cloth, hairpins, and bracelets.

Qu Moying gave Yu Dong a few more instructions. Yu Dong understood tacitly and left.

There were two old maids guarding the entrance of Qu Caiyue's courtyard. Apparently, Qu Caiyue was being watched. Yu Dong entered the courtyard and saw Qu Caiyue, whose face had clearly become thinner. Yu Dong walked up to Qu Caiyue and bowed happily as if he didn't notice Qu Caiyue's haggard appearance. He said, "Greetings, Second Lady. Hearing that you are leaving the mansion, our Miss send something over. It is a token of her sisterhood."

As he spoke, he placed the items on the table and opened the package one by one.

Qu Moying got these things from Yu after entering Qu Mansion. Although Yu gave her a lot of things, none of them was exquisite. In the past, Qu Caiyue did not even bother to give a look at such things. Although she was a concubine-born daughter, Luo treated her well and wasn't mean regarding her daily supplies.

What Qu Caiyue had was even better than Qu Moying's.

Seeing the jewelry sent by Qu Moying, Qu Caiyue was angry and annoyed. She stood up, walked to the table, and forcefully swept the jewelry on the table to the ground. The jade bracelets broke into pieces with a crisp sound.

"How dare Qu Moying humiliate me like this?" Qu Caiyue gritted her teeth. How could she not hate Qu Moying? If Qu Moying had not played tricks behind her back, Qu Moying would be the one who was now in trouble.

Yu Dong had already stood to the side. Seeing that Qu Caiyue had broken the jade bracelets, he said in a sharp voice, "Second Lady, you are really heartless. Our Miss didn't mind the previous grudges and she sent you something. She is better than those who have been treating you as a stepping-stone and now kicks you away."

Qu Caiyue was being supervised. Except two old maids guarding outside the courtyard and her personal maid who would follow her to Lord Jing Mansion, there were no other servants in the courtyard. Yu Dong was not afraid of Qu Caiyue at all. Now, Qu Caiyue could do nothing but accept reality.

"You bitch!" Qu Caiyue was furious. It was her first time being mocked by a lowly girl from the village. How could she bear it? She rushed over and wanted to slap Yu Dong.

She already knew that she would enter Lord Jing Mansion without a title. Previously, Luo had come to scold her and had even given her two slaps. She had been resentful, and she longed to vent her anger.

Seeing Qu Caiyue's hand was about to slap him, Yu Dong leaned back. Qu Caiyue's hand almost hit his face, and his hairpin was knocked to the ground. Yu Dong's hair was immediately disheveled. He screamed and ran out, "Second Lady is crazy. She is going to kill me. Help! Help!"

Qu Caiyue was so angry that she ran after Yu Dong.

When the two old maids guarding the gate saw Yu Dong's appearance, they hurriedly went forward to stop Qu Caiyue. Qu Caiyue was in a hopeless situation now, and they did not take her seriously. They came up and pulled Qu Caiyue, saying in a strange tone, "Second Lady, please don't make things difficult for us. Madam has ordered us. You can't go out."

Qu Caiyue's heart was filled with hatred, but the two lowly old maids pulled her hands tightly. She was like a servant she had ordered to be dragged away before. She tried hard to break away from the two maids' hands, but they were both rough and strong, and neither of them loosened their hands. Instead, she was almost pulled to fall.

"How can you two hit Second Lady?" Yu Dong had stopped running. He stood in front of them and asked in surprise.

Chapter 238 Fight Between Sisters

"What nonsense are you spouting?" Seeing that Qu Caiyue was about to fall, the two old maids didn't dare to exert any more strength and hurriedly let go.

Since Qu Moying's maid was here, they knew they'd better not go too far. The two old maids knew they couldn't bear the consequences if the Old Lady knew about this. Qu Caiyue was, in any case, a Master in the mansion.

Qu Caiyue staggered to her feet and stared at Yu Dong viciously. But the next moment, her eyes shined.

"I saw the two of you hit Second Lady. Second Lady has already been in such a miserable state, yet you still bully her like this."

"We didn't. You were mistaken." The two old maids glared at Yu Dong. "Didn't you just say that Second Lady was crazy and was about to kill you?"

"I just sent gifts to Second Lady on behalf of our miss. Second Lady hit me without saying anything. I thought Second Lady was crazy, but even so, I didn't do anything to Second Lady. How could the two of you really dare to hit her? Second Lady will enter Lord Jing Mansion without a title, but if Third Lady speaks up for her, she will immediately have a title."

Yu Dong looked righteous with his hands akimbo. He pointed at the two old maids and said, "If you bully Second Lady like this now, Second Lady will definitely not let you go unpunished when she gets powerful in the future. How do you know that Second Lady is really hopeless? Isn't there still Third Lady?"

Hearing Yu Dong's words, the two old maids softened their attitudes. After all, Qu Caiyue was going to enter Lord Jing Mansion, and they were not sure what would happen in the future.

A trace of excitement flashed through Qu Caiyue's eyes. Yes, she still had a chance. Qu Qiuyan could help her, and Qu Qiuyan would definitely help her. The two old maids were scolded by Yu Dong to the point that they did not dare to say anything. It was a good opportunity for her to escape. She had always wanted to find Qu Qiuyan these past few days, but she could not get out of her courtyard.

Seeing that the two old maids were still explaining to Yu Dong, Qu Caiyue turned and ran out.

By the time the two old maids realized what happened, Qu Caiyue had already run out of the yard. The two old maids were so anxious that they were about to chase after her, but Yu Dong stretched out his hands and rushed over to stop them. He said righteously, "You can't hit Second Lady."

The three bumped into each other and fell to the ground together, fighting non-stop. Yu Dong screamed in pain and cried loudly, "Ah, my bones are broken! My bones are broken! I will fight you two old bitches to death."

The two old maids were in so much pain that they couldn't even speak. They only felt that their bones were almost broken. Bumping against Yu Dong was so painful that they couldn't get up for a while.

Qu Caiyue's maid ran out of the yard. Looking at the three people on the ground who couldn't get up for a while, she stomped her feet and chased after Qu Caiyue.

As soon as Qu Caiyue left the courtyard, she ran directly to the place that connected East Mansion and West Mansion. She was afraid that Luo would find her and catch her back. It was not easy for her to have such a chance, so she must go and find Qu Qiuyan.

Qu Qiuyan was very sad these days. Lord Jing ignored her. She had secretly been to his mansion several times but never seen him once. Until now, she still did not know what Lord Jing meant. She was not as sure as before. Could it be that Lord Jing really had changed his mind?

When she heard the news that Qu Caiyue was about to enter Lord Jing Mansion without a title, Qu Qiuyan felt like she was hit hard.

Even if Qu Caiyue approached Lord Jing with disgraceful means, Lord Jing should not treat her like this. After all, Qu Caiyue was not only the daughter of an Imperial Censor, but also a lady from Qu Mansion. If she entered Lord Jing Mansion in such a shameful state, then what about Qu Qiuyan, who was also a lady from Qu Mansion?

In that case, what title would Qu Qiuyan have when she entered Lord Jing Mansion?

It was almost impossible for Qu Qiuyan to be Princess Jing. The royal family would never let such a disgraceful thing happen to the future Princess Consort. But if Lord Jing gave Qu Caiyue a low title, she could explain what happened between Qu Caiyue and Lord Jing was an accident, and Lord Jing compensated Qu Caiyue for her sake.

But now, what happened to Qu Caiyue had actually revealed the truth that had happened in the palace. Qu Caiyue had brought this upon herself. She ruined the reputation of the Qu ladies, so how could Qu Qiuyan control Lord Jing's backyard in the future? Or had Lord Jing changed his mind?

Just as Qu Qiuyan was panicking, she suddenly heard a commotion in the yard. She picked up a teacup and threw it out, saying with much annoyance, "Go and see who is so unruly. Pull the person out and flog the person twenty times!"

Qing Ju responded "yes" and carefully retreated. However, she bumped into someone who rushed in from outside when she walked to the door. She almost fell down and barely managed to stand still by reaching out to grab the door frame.

"How dare you, bitch!" Qu Qiuyan reprimanded.

The person had already rushed towards her and stopped in front of her. It was actually a person that she had never expected, Qu Caiyue.

Sweat trickled down Qu Caiyue's forehead. Her hair was in a mess, and the hairpin on her head had gone. A strand of hair was scattered on her head, making her look quite miserable. She didn't look like a noble lady anymore. Qu Qiuyan was able to recognize Qu Caiyue only after looking her up and down for a while.

"Qiuyan, please save me. Please tell Lord Jing that it was an accident. You and I planned it together. It was Qu Moying who framed me." Qu Caiyue stepped forward and grabbed Qu Qiuyan's sleeve. She cried hysterically, her face full of tears. The maids from Furong House behind her wanted to come in and pull her out, but they did not dare to enter without permission. They all stood at the door, not knowing what to do.

"What nonsense are you spouting!" Qu Qiuyan came back to her senses and shook her sleeve, wanting to shake Qu Caiyue off.

But Qu Caiyue held her sleeve tightly as if she was holding onto her last life-saving straw. Qu Qiuyan did not break free from Qu Caiyue but she accidentally shook Qu Caiyue's hand to the corner of the table. It was so painful that Qu Caiyue's face distorted.

“Qiuyan, please go and explain it to Lord Jing. I really didn’t want to go there. Our plan went wrong. It was originally Qu Moying’s matter. If something happened to me, Qu Moying would be blamed. It would have nothing to do with Lord Jing, but with Lord Wei...” Qu Caiyue kept babbling. She grabbed Qu Qiuyan’s sleeve and refused to let go.

“Qu Caiyue, shut up!” Qu Qiuyan was so angry that she snapped at Qu Caiyue.

“Qiuyan, I beg you, I beg you. Please, only you can save me. Lord Jing will definitely listen to what you say and give me a title. In the future, you will be the Princess Consort, and I will be the Side Princess. I will definitely listen to you. I will do anything you ask me to do. Qiuyan, I beg you.”

Qu Caiyue begged as she cried, not noticing that Qu Qiuyan’s face had turned livid.

If not for Qu Caiyue, Qu Qiuyan felt that she had the hope to become Lord Jing’s Princess Consort because Lord Jing had a deep love for her, and he had promised her the position of Princess Consort. But now, Qu Caiyue shattered her hope, yet she still dared to ask for the position of Side Princess.

Having caused her to be in such a state, this Qu Caiyue still dared to say such words. Thinking of this, Qu Qiuyan got really angry. Annoyed with Qu Caiyue’s improper appearance and looking at the maids at the door, she could no longer hold back. She ruthlessly slapped Qu Caiyue in the face. “Qu Caiyue, are you crazy? What are you talking about? I don’t understand!”

It was a stinging slap. Qu Caiyue did not expect that Qu Qiuyan would slap her so hard that she fell to the ground. Her white and tender face immediately became red and swollen. The corner of her mouth split open, and blood flowed out.

Qu Caiyue sat on the ground and was stunned. She reached out to touch the corner of her lips, and blood was smeared on her fingers. Looking at the blood on her fingers, she suddenly laughed wildly, tears streaming down her face.

“What’s wrong with you? Go back to your own yard! Here is West Mansion, and we have nothing to do with East Mansion. As long as you enter Lord Jing Mansion, you have nothing to do with me.” Qu Qiuyan said in disgust, staring coldly at Qu Caiyue. She also needed to vent her anger.

In the past few days, Lord Jing refused to see Qu Qiuyan, which had already made her feel like sitting on pins. She wanted to beat somebody up to vent her anger. Qu Caiyue's arrival made Qu Qiuyan even angrier.

"Qu Qiuyan, you bitch! You landed me in such trouble. You said you wanted to frame Qu Moying and told me to do it. But now you blame it on me. You ruined me. You ruined me. You bitch, I will fight you to death." Qu Caiyue suddenly stood up, threw herself at Qu Qiuyan, and ruthlessly scratched her face.

Qing Ju at the side had long felt uneasy. She rushed over to block Qu Caiyue, and her face was immediately scratched by Qu Caiyue and had a few red marks.

Qu Caiyue pushed Qing Ju away and pounced on Qu Qiuyan.

Qu Qiuyan was stunned for a moment. She never thought that Qu Caiyue, who had always been respectful and obedient to her, would dare to pounce on her and hit her. At this time, Qu Qiuyan reacted and pulled Qu Caiyue's hair. The two of them pulled each other and fell to the ground.

Qing Ju cried out anxiously and called for someone to separate the two of them. However, the two of them were fighting like mad. No one dared to act forcefully for fear of hurting them. Just as the maids were feeling helpless, they suddenly heard someone shout, "Get out of the way! The Old Lady is here!"

The maids were all in a mess. Hearing that the Old Lady was coming, they hurriedly moved to the sides.

Qu Moying supported the Old Lady and stood in the middle. She looked coldly at the two people who were fighting. She had been standing outside with the Old Lady for a while and heard something. Qu Qiuyan and Qu Caiyue almost spoke everything out about their conspiracy.

When Qu Caiyue rushed into West Mansion, someone had already reported to the Old Lady. Coincidentally, Qu Moying was also there. She supported the Old Lady to come over to look for Qu Caiyue. When the Old Lady heard that Qu Caiyue had rushed to Qu Qiuyan, she knew that something bad was going to happen. They quickened their pace to come over, only to find the place was already in a mess.

After hearing Qu Qiuyan's and Qu Caiyue's words from outside, the Old Lady understood everything. She was so angry that her fingers trembled.

Originally, the Old Lady thought Lord Jing had gone too far. But now, she was both angry and sad. It was no wonder that Lord Jing would deal with Qu Caiyue and Qu Qiuyan like this. She was now extremely disappointed with the two granddaughters. They were so vicious. Sure enough, it was the biggest mistake to allow Yu to marry into the mansion.

"Separate the two of them." The Old Lady tried her best to calm down and snapped.

Two old maids came out from behind the Old Lady and pulled Qu Caiyue and Qu Qiuyan to the side. Qu Caiyue and Qu Qiuyan had stopped fighting when they heard that the Old Lady was there, so it was easy for the two old maids to separate them.

Chapter 239 Did You Really Frame Your Sister?

"Grandmother, help me. I don't want to go to Lord Jing Mansion. It's all Qu Qiuyan's idea. It has nothing to do with me. She wanted to plot against Moying and let me do it, but I ended up like this. Grandmother, help me." With disheveled hair and a dirty face, Qu Caiyue looked like a lunatic. After being pulled away, she moved a few steps on her knees and was about to reach the front of the Old Lady.

Qu Moying stepped forward and stopped her.

Seeing that it was Qu Moying, Qu Caiyue shivered and did not dare to rush over again.

"What nonsense are you talking about? Qu Caiyue, you are doomed, but I am not. Don't slander me!" Qu Qiuyan cursed angrily. She had come to her senses, but she also looked like a lunatic. Her hair was messy, and a few strands of hair had been torn off. She stared at Qu Caiyue and wanted to bite her to death.

"Grandmother, it really has nothing to do with me. It really is Qu Qiuyan's fault. It's her..."

Qu Caiyue still wanted to argue, but the Old Lady waved her hand.

“Stop it. Your mother is the one who decides your matters. I am old and can’t interfere with your matters anymore. After you enter Lord Jing Mansion, you don’t have to come back.”

Two old maids came over to pull Qu Caiyue out.

“Grandmother, Grandmother...” Qu Caiyue was shocked and wanted to say something, but an old maid took out a handkerchief and stuffed it into her mouth before pulling her out.

Qu Caiyue’s personal maid had arrived at this time. She cried beside Qu Caiyue, but she did not dare to say anything, nor did she dare to go forward to pull Qu Caiyue.

They headed towards East Mansion.

At this time, East Mansion’s Luo had also heard about the farce. She was almost driven mad. When she asked about it, she was informed that it happened when Qu Moying’s maid went to Qu Caiyue. But after further questioning, she found that the maid was not the one to be blamed because it was Qu Caiyue who beat this maid and then ran to West Mansion to make trouble. The maid was only there to send Qu Caiyue gifts.

After finding out the whole story, Luo was furious. Qu Moying sent Qu Caiyue gifts with good intentions, but Qu Caiyue did not appreciate her kindness and deliberately caused this accident. Then, she went to Qu Qiuyan’s place to make trouble, which made the Old Lady blame her. The Old Lady asked the servants to pull her directly to East Mansion, which humiliated the entire East Mansion.

Luo had been angry with Qu Caiyue, a concubine-born daughter, and now she was even angrier. She was not afraid that Qu Zhilin would blame her when he came back. She directly asked someone to wash Qu Caiyue up, tied her, and threw her into a sedan. Qu Caiyue’s young maid took a small package and followed the sedan, crying. Just like that, Qu Caiyue was carried by the sedan into Lord Jing Mansion.

Qu Caiyue would then be left alone in the corner of Lord Jing Mansion. From today on, she was just one of those insignificant concubines without a title, no longer the daughter of an Imperial Censor.

“Qiuyan, did you really frame your sister?” Inside Furong House, the Old Lady asked the others to leave and then angrily asked Qu Qiuyan, who was sitting on the ground in a sorry state.

“Grandmother, I didn’t. It is Second Sister. She is crazy, but I don’t know why. She just came here and framed me. I actually don’t know anything. The day when we entered the palace, Second Sister was the one who was with Moying. What does it have to do with me?” Qu Qiuyan explained while crying. She had already become sensible again.

She would never admit her involvement in this matter.

The Old Lady looked at her coldly.

Qu Moying did not say a word. She looked calm, and she did not have any reaction upon hearing Qu Qiuyan’s explanation. She just looked up at the Old Lady and slowly lowered her head, looking a little dejected.

Anyone who encountered such a thing would feel very uncomfortable. It was unclear whether Qu Qiuyan really ganged up with Qu Caiyue against Qu Moying, but it could be told from Qu Caiyue’s words just now that Qu Caiyue must have made a move, so Qu Qiuyan was definitely not innocent. As for Qu Moying, she was exactly an innocent victim.

At this time, Qu Moying did not make a fuss. She just looked sad. Looking at her, the Old Lady felt more and more distressed. She thought that Qu Moying was a sensible kid. Qu Moying did not complain tearfully because of this thing, but she endured it just to ensure a peaceful life. The Old Lady couldn’t help but pity her.

“Grandmother, I really... really don’t know anything. Just now, I was sitting in the room, and Second Sister suddenly rushed in and wanted to hit me. I was so angry that I fought with her.” Seeing that the Old Lady was silent, Qu Qiuyan became flustered.

“Qiuyan, did you really not plot against your sister?” The Old Lady’s gaze fell on Qu Qiuyan once again.

“Grandmother, I really didn’t. I didn’t work with Second Sister to set Moying up in the palace. If I lie, I will die a miserable death!” Afraid that the Old Lady didn’t believe her, Qu Qiuyan swore. She moved

forward, crying. "Grandmother, I really don't know anything. I don't understand why Second Sister would come to my place and make such a scene."

"I've been very sad these few days, but... but I can't do anything about it. Grandmother... What should I do now? Second Sister is in such a state, and what can I do? I... I really can't live on." Qu Qiuyan no longer explained. Instead, she began to cry.

When she thought of this matter, she was indeed aggrieved, so she couldn't stop crying for a moment, which made her look full of sincerity and grievance.

Seeing Qu Qiuyan diverted the topic to her own sufferings, Qu Moying slightly pursed her lips, her eyes filled with ridicule. Qu Qiuyan had reaped what she had sown, and she deserved it.

Others might not be clear about the relationship between Qu Qiuyan and Lord Jing, but how could the Old Lady be unclear? Now that Qu Caiyue had been sent to Lord Jing Mansion, how should Qu Qiuyan deal with the situation? The Old Lady blamed Yu in her heart. It was Yu's fault to let Qu Qiuyan and Lord Jing fall in love with each other, and now Qu Mansion was in a very difficult situation.

Qu Caiyue had entered Lord Jing Mansion, but what about Qu Qiuyan? The Old Lady had been so worried about this matter these past few days that her mouth had started to blister. Hearing Qu Qiuyan's words, she became more and more resentful. She slapped hard on the armrest of the chair twice, feeling depressed.

"Grandmother, just wait for my father to come back and deal with it. But now... what should we do? Second Sister had made a scene just now, and the whole mansion should have known about it." Qu Moying calmly quipped.

Just now, Qu Caiyue ran all the way from East Mansion to West Mansion, and many servants had seen her. Later, Qu Caiyue and Qu Qiuyan fought. The maids who tried to stop the fight all saw what they did and heard what they said clearly.

"Tell the maids here not to talk nonsense." The Old Lady collected herself and nodded. At this time, she had to deal with this matter first.

Some old maids went out to warn Furong House's servants.

Hearing Qu Moying talk about the subject again, Qu Qiuyan hurriedly said, "Grandmother..."

Qu Moying calmly interrupted her. "Grandmother, you are not in good health. Please go back and rest. Don't be so worried about Second Sister and Third Sister. Father will make a decision after he comes back."

"Your father..." Speaking of her second son, the Old Lady recalled that this son was partial to Yu and Yu's daughter. The Old Lady couldn't help but pity Qu Moying, not wanting her to be wronged again. She looked at Qu Qiuyan, who was in a sorry state, and her face darkened. "Take Third Lady to the Buddha Hall. Lock her there and let her copy the scriptures!"

The Old Lady didn't tell how long Qu Qiuyan needed to stay in the Buddha Hall, which meant Qu Qiuyan had to keep copying scriptures until she received further instructions.

How could Qu Qiuyan be willing to do that? She anxiously shouted, "Grandmother, I have sworn just now that I really did not harm Moying. It was Second Sister who harmed her, and she slandered me. Please think about it. How could I send someone to Lord Jing Mansion..."

Speaking of this, Qu Qiuyan felt wronged and cried even more sadly.

The Old Lady frowned. What Qu Qiuyan had said made sense. According to Qu Qiuyan's personality, it was indeed impossible for her to send Qu Moying to Lord Jing Mansion. Had Qu Caiyue really done it alone and put the blame on Qu Qiuyan?

The Old Lady was suspicious. She looked at Qu Qiuyan carefully, trying to see through her. However, Qu Qiuyan only looked much aggrieved. She looked at the Old Lady pitifully with tears in her eyes. She looked weak and pitiful, making people feel that she would not have such malicious thoughts.

For a moment, the Old Lady could not make up her mind and kept silent.

“Grandmother, Third Sister still has to take care of the mansion’s affairs. It is not appropriate for her to stay in the Buddha Hall all the time. Why not let her go to Dabei Temple to acquire a good Buddhist scripture to dispel the demon inside her heart?” Qu Moying suggested from the side.

Hearing Qu Moying’s words, the Old Lady nodded her head repeatedly. Recently, Qu Mansion had been very chaotic and a lot of weird things occurred. The Old Lady also wanted to go to Dabei Temple to worship Buddha, thinking that she might be able to get rid of her bad luck. She had been thinking about it in her heart, but she was not in a hurry. Now, she felt that it was indeed a good way to get rid of her bad luck.

The Old Lady was now exhausted, and she wanted an answer from the Buddha. The small Buddha Hall in the backyard of the mansion could not meet her needs now.

Qu Moying knew that the Old Lady believed in Buddhism. Recently, the Old Lady had been to the Buddha Hall frequently. She would go there whenever she was free. It could be seen that the Old Lady was very upset, but there was nothing she could do, and she could only pray to Buddha.

Now that Qu Moying brought it up, the Old Lady would definitely agree. It could also be considered as pleading for Qu Qiuyan, so Qu Qiuyan would not have any objections.

The date of Qu Moying and Concubine Xiang’s appointment was approaching. Qu Moying had been thinking about how to bring it up, but now it was just the right time.

As for dealing with Qu Qiuyan, Qu Moying was not in a hurry. Since Qu Qiuyan wanted to enter Lord Jing Mansion, she would help her. However, it was not up to Qu Qiuyan to decide how to enter Lord Jing Mansion in the end.

She was not in a hurry now...

Hearing that she only needed to acquire a Buddhist scripture from Dabei Temple instead of being locked in the small Buddha Hall, Qu Qiuyan nodded repeatedly and sobbed, “Grandmother, Moying is right. Let’s do as she said. Second Sister’s inexplicable behaviors and recent events in the mansion made me think that something might have haunted our mansion. I think we should pray to Buddha.”

Qu Qiuyan also knew that the Old Lady believed in Buddhism very much, so the Old Lady would not refuse this kind of proposal. She hurriedly said something the Old Lady liked to hear.

Hearing Qu Moying and Qu Qiuyan's persuasion, the Old Lady became more and more moved. She looked at Qu Qiuyan, who was kneeling on the ground and then looked at Qu Moying next to her. She held Qu Moying in her arms and patted her thin shoulder lovingly, "Ying, I will listen to you. Don't be afraid. With me here, everything will be fine. I will support you."

"Grandmother, I know. I heard that Dabei Temple's preaching is not bad. We can go there to listen to sutras and pray to Buddha. We can also draw a fortune stick there." Qu Moying said softly.

She had only said it casually, but when she finished speaking, she thought drawing a fortune stick was a good idea...

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In the end, Qu Qiuyan still couldn't escape the punishment. At the very least, she really had gotten into a fight with Qu Caiyue.

This time, the Old Lady was angry. She severely reprimanded Qu Qiuyan and warned her that if she did such a bad thing again, she would punish her according to the family rules.

After going to Dabei Temple and acquiring the Buddhist scripture tomorrow, Qu Qiuyan would have to copy it a hundred times though she would not be grounded.

These words were said in front of Furong House's servants. This time, Qu Qiuyan was severely humiliated.

She had freshened up again, but her face was red with anger. Although she lowered her head and accepted the Old Lady's instructions obediently, it could be seen that she was secretly gritting her teeth.

Qu Moying stood quietly by the Old Lady's side. She looked coldly at Qu Qiuyan. Then, she glanced at the servants in the yard. They were Qu Qiuyan's servants, and they almost filled the yard. They

outnumbered Qu Moying's servants by more than half, which showed how powerful Qu Qiuyan was in the mansion.

Her gaze fell on an old maid in the crowd. This old maid was so strange that Qu Moying noticed her.

When she entered the door, she clearly remembered that the old maid was pulling Qu Qiuyan and seemed to be saying something to her. However, when the Old Lady entered the door, the old maid hid to the side. Her movements were not conspicuous, and she was not eye-catching among a group of old maids. However, the other old maids apparently overreacted. They all stepped back as if they were very afraid of her.

Now, the old maid was pushed to the front of the crowd, which was the subconscious action of the others. It could be seen that the old maid had some power among the other servants. She had even been standing next to the chief maid just now, but then, she quietly squeezed into the crowd and even squeezed to the back of the crowd.

Was she the suspicious Granny Qing? Qu Moying looked carefully at her through the eye veil. She had heard about Granny Qing from several of her trusted aides, but she had never seen her before. It was said that she was valued by Qu Qiuyan, although she was not a chief maid.

The day before Qu Moying encountered the assassination, Granny Qing left the mansion. The others around Qu Qiuyan didn't go out, so if Qu Qiuyan was the one who plotted the assassination of Qu Moying, Granny Qing must be the one who ran the errand for her.

Granny Qing had just been in the mansion for a short time, but she was trusted by Qu Qiuyan. It was definitely not simple.

Therefore, this old maid was very suspicious.

Qu Moying looked away and took a look at Yu Dong, who was standing aside. Then, she looked at the old maid again. Yu Dong sensitively followed her gaze, and he saw the old maid. He immediately understood what Qu Moying meant and nodded quietly, indicating that this old maid was the one.

Qu Moying had asked Yu Dong to investigate Granny Qing in the mansion, so he knew about her.

"Ying, let's go back." The Old Lady stood up and said with a tired expression. She was old and weak. Being angry just now exhausted her, so she felt quite weak now.

Granny Wu hurriedly reached out to support her.

"Grandmother, please go back first. I have something to ask Third Sister." Qu Moying said softly.

The Old Lady looked at Qu Moying with concern. Feeling her gaze, Qu Moying quickly comforted her, "Grandmother, I just want to ask about Second Sister. I sent a maid to give Second Sister gifts, but she beat my maid and then came to Third Sister's place to make a scene. I wonder if there is any reason behind this."

Qu Moying said frankly. She couldn't hide the fact that she sent Yu Dong over.

Seeing her natural and gentle expression, the Old Lady thought for a moment and finally agreed. She glanced at Qu Qiuyan, who was standing to the side, and her face darkened. "You, tell your sister what happened between you and Caiyue honestly."

The Old Lady thought that Qu Moying could not get over it easily. She could not find out for the time being whether Qu Qiuyan and Qu Caiyue had ganged up to frame Qu Moying, so she could not force Qu Moying to leave now.

The Old Lady was obviously partial to Qu Moying. Qu Qiuyan was angry and resentful, but she had to lower her head and say, "Yes, Grandmother!"

The Old Lady gently reminded Qu Moying a few more times before leaving with her people.

Qu Qiuyan slowly raised her head and looked at the servants in the yard. Then, she turned around and walked towards the main room, followed by Qu Moying.

Qing Ju waved her hand, and the servants immediately scattered. However, Yu Dong noticed that Granny Qing had been watching the main room. She did not turn around to leave like the other servants but slowly stepped back.

When she realized that Yu Dong was looking at her, she immediately turned and left.

She was very suspicious!

The two of them returned to the room and sat down on two sides. A maid served them tea. The two of them took a sip but did not say anything.

At this time, Qu Qiuyan did not know what to say to Qu Moying. The room was weirdly quiet.

"Fourth Sister, what's the matter?" After a long while, Qu Qiuyan asked.

"Third Sister, don't you know?" Qu Moying asked in reply.

"I don't understand what you mean." Qu Qiuyan became even more displeased.

Qu Moying sneered. "Qu Qiuyan, is there anything unclear between you and me?"

"What do you mean?" Qu Qiuyan was shocked.

"Do you really think no one knows that you and Qu Caiyue plotted against me?" Qu Moying's smile deepened. "You reap what you sow. I wonder if Lord Jing would still give you a high status or not."

The fact was that Lord Jing would not marry Qu Qiuyan.

Qu Qiuyan felt like her wound was pried open. She looked up and glared at Qu Moying, unable to control the hatred in her heart.

“Qu Moying, are you feeling great?”

“No. I am just stating the fact. What a pity! Lord Jing probably never thought of marrying you, yet you still dream about it.” Qu Moying knew what to say to make Qu Qiuyan go nuts. She just needed to rub salt into Qu Qiuyan’s wound.

“Qu Moying, you bitch...”

“Third Sister, are you panicking? But it is useless to panic. You won’t end up well, and neither will your mother.” Qu Moying said leisurely. She gracefully picked up the teacup in front of her, slowly took a sip, and then put it down, smiling sweetly.

“Are you angry? But what’s the use of being angry? I am the wife-born daughter, and I am the legitimate one. As for you, you have a bad background. You were born by a concubine. Even though you get a wife-born title now, it is a fake one. The royal family pays the most attention to this, so how can he marry you? Third Sister, don’t be deceived.”

Qu Moying stood up and said in a more sarcastic and sharp tone, breaking all of Qu Qiuyan’s delusions.

In fact, Qu Qiuyan felt inferior deep down in her heart. She felt that she was not worthy of Lord Jing. But later, she became arrogant and felt that Lord Jing had a deep affection for her, so nothing would matter. However, what happened to Qu Caiyue made her realize these things again. Now, Qu Moying directly shattered all her disguise.

Qu Qiuyan suddenly stood up and shouted angrily, “Qu Moying.”

Seeing her so angry, Qu Moying became more relaxed. She raised her hand slightly and shook it gently. Then, she said gently, “Third Sister, I’m here. What can I do for you? It seems that you are going to lose your temper. If so, Grandmother definitely wouldn’t let you off. Just now, she reprimanded you in front of the servants. If the same thing happened again, she might punish you in front of the servants! ”

“I heard that the sticks that are used to enforce our family rules are quite thick. I wonder how long you can endure.” Qu Moying added with a smile.

These words brought up some of Qu Qiuyan's bitter memories. She had never been punished according to the family rules before, but Yu had. She forgot what Yu had done wrong back then, but she could remember Yu being scolded and beaten by the Old Lady according to the family rules. In the end, Yu was carried back unconscious. Qu Qiuyan was so scared that she cried and made a fuss. From then on, she no longer dared to contradict the Old Lady.

Thinking about it, Qu Qiuyan was still terrified.

The anger that grew in her head immediately receded. Her fingers trembled with anger and she forcefully suppressed her anger. At this time, she could not afford to quarrel with Qu Moying or anger the Old Lady. Even if her father protected her, she could not do that.

"Qu Moying, are you here to pick a fight?"

"Pick a fight? How can I? I just think that you and Second Sister are really interesting. You two have only yourself to blame. People reap what they sow. Those who do evils will be punished sooner or later. Third Sister, you are going to Dabei Temple tomorrow. You must be careful." Qu Moying said with a smile.

"Be careful of what?" Qu Qiuyan's heart skipped a beat.

"Think before you act because the heavens are watching." Qu Moying said indifferently, turned around, and left with her people.

Qu Qiuyan gnashed her teeth in hatred, but she couldn't do anything to Qu Moying.

That was what Qu Moying wanted.

An old maid quietly entered the main room. It was Granny Qing.

"Miss."

“Granny Qing, what’s your plan?” She couldn’t wait any longer. Her uncle would take care of the assassination, and her uncle had told her that everything would be alright.

“I can make some incense, but it might not be useful...” Granny Qing said hesitantly.

“Was it used in the palace?” Qu Qiuyan said hatefully.

“It was used in the palace before, but... it might not be useful. The Fourth Lady doesn’t look easy to deal with.” Granny Qing said.

“How hard can it be? She is blind. She could only rely on Grandmother. Grandmother actually takes a bitch like her as a treasure.” Qu Qiuyan snorted. After hearing Qu Moying’s words just now, she couldn’t get rid of her anger. She even felt that as long as she saw Qu Moying’s face, she would think of these grievances again.

“Yes, I will go and prepare it. I might have to leave the mansion once.” Granny Qing nodded.

“Go!” Qu Qiuyan said. She was still in charge of the mansion’s affairs, so it was not a big deal for her to allow a servant to leave the mansion.

“I will take my leave.” Granny Qing said and retreated. When she reached the door, she frowned and turned to leave.

Now that things had turned out this way, Qu Qiuyan’s value was much lower. Granny Qing thought she had to report the situation to her Master...