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Chapter 131: The Young Lady of the Qin Family VI

"Pinyao's body is too weak. Consuming tonic might not be effective for her."

Qin Yi did not dare to let Wei Pinyao consume Feng Ruqing's food. What if... she poisoned the food again?

However, Pin Yao was not like Zhangqian, he could bear it until it went away. Her body was too weak, and the suffering was definitely too much for her!

Suddenly, a gentle voice could be heard from nearby.

"Eh, Her Royal Highness is here. Sister Qin Yi, why didn't you invite her inside for tea?"

Qin Yi's expression turned dark instantly. Her face showed a little anger.

Feng Ruqing raised her eyebrows and diverted her attention to this woman who was walking slowly from the inner part of the courtyard.

This woman was around thirty years old but was still dressed like a young maiden. She had a round hand fan in her hand, dressed up to the nines with heavy makeup. She smiled like a blooming flower, garish and beautiful, but it did not last long.

Feng Ruqing recognized the woman immediately.

This was the Wei family's second young lady, Wei Mengjie, also Wei Pinyao's stepsister who shared the same father but different mothers.

This Wei Mengjie's obvious affection and interest in Qin Xun was no secret to everyone. She had not agreed to any marriage arrangement because she wanted to get her way to become his concubine.

"Wei Mengjie, I thought you came here to visit Pinyao. However, you keep throwing yourself at Qin Xun. What are you actually trying to do?" Qin Yi glared at her coldly and chided her without mercy.

As a woman, it was natural for her to have a bad impression of Wei Mengjie and loathed her behavior. She had a thick face and kept using visiting Pinyao as an excuse for her to enter the Qin residence.

If the Qin family chased her out forcefully, perhaps, she might spread rumors about Pinyao.

For the sake of Pinyao's reputation and Mengjie indeed did not do anything overboard, she closed one eye on her behavior.

"My sister's health is poor, so I cannot keep disturbing her rest. I can only help her take care of brother-in-law, in case... nobody takes care of him. Pity him."

"This is totally presumptuous!" Qin Yi was fuming with rage. "Are you implying there's nobody else in the Qin residence? No matter what the situation is, there's no need for an outsider to take care of my brother!"

She had purposely stressed on the word 'outsider' which annoyed Wei Mengjie. She seemed unsatisfied, which was shown in her frown.

Why was she treated as an outsider, but Wei Pinyao could be their own people? She was just a hen which was unable to lay eggs. How could she have the nerve to occupy the position of the young lady of the Qin Family? Didn't she feel ashamed of herself?

"Sister Qin Yi..." Wei Mengjie eyed the meal box Feng Ruqing brought and smiled knowingly. "Her Royal Highness has dropped by to visit my sister. It is not nice of you to stop her. Moreover, she has even brought some food for her. Could it be possible that... you are afraid she might poison my sister?"

Feng Ruqing shrugged helplessly. She solely intended to pay Wei Pinyao a short visit. Why was she in trouble again?

"Wei Mengjie, are you aware of your words right now?" Qin Yi's eyes turned cold and serious. She took two steps forward and rebuked, "Firstly, the princess is considered a relative of Pinyao's, so it's normal for her to pay Pinyao a visit. However, you claiming that Her Royal Highness has poisoned the food will definitely tarnish her reputation! What are the consequences of making false charges against Princess Royal?"

Wei Mengjie was caught dumbfounded.

Didn't Qin Yi dislike Feng Ruqing very much? How could she be angry about the princess's reputation's sake?

In addition, her words were intended to serve as a reminder for Qin Yi. If she managed to annoy Qin Yi and cause her to fight with the princess, it would be the best.

However, she never thought that she would be dragged into this planned dispute...

"Your Royal Highness, I did not mean that." Wei Mengjie quickly turned to Feng Ruqing and defended herself anxiously.

Feng Ruqing nodded calmly. "Yes, I know that is your intention."

"It's good that Your Highness knows..."

Wei Mengjie could not finish her words as she was startled. Why did she feel that... something was wrong with the princess's words?

Chapter 132: Let Her Be the Villain I

"Aunt..." Feng Ruqing ignored Wei Mengjie and turned to look at Qin Yi with a smile on her face. "Who is this woman?"

Qin Yi pursed her lips disapprovingly. When Qin Yi wanted to respond to the question, Wei Mengjie, who was standing at the side, had recovered from her surprise and responded just before she could say anything. Wei Mengjie gave a mocking smile and introduced herself, "Your Royal Highness, I am the daughter of the Wei family, Wei Pinyao's sister."

"You are Wei Pinyao's sister? How come I never knew Aunt Yao has a sister?" Feng Ruqing looked surprised and was in disbelief.

Wei Mengjie was startled and a little embarrassed. She uttered awkwardly, "I am the daughter of the Wei family's second mistress."

"Oh, I see. You're only the daughter of a concubine. How dare you call yourself Aunt Yao's sister?" Feng Ruqing's lips curved into a mocking smile. She added, "As a child of a concubine, you are bold enough to enter the Qin residence with such arrogance. Aunt, why did you let such people enter the Qin residence?"

Qin Yi threw a sharp glance at Wei Mengjie. "She is too thick-faced and overstays her welcome. I have no idea at all."

"Throw her out then your problem is solved." Feng Ruqing moved two steps nearer and looked down at Wei Mengjie with an arrogant and threatening stare. "Or else, let her leave this place on her own."

Wei Mengjie felt her mouth twitching. She quickly turned to Qin Yi and protested. "Sister Qin Yi, I am still considered as the Wei family's second young lady whether you like it or not. If you insist on doing what she has said, it will tarnish my sister's reputation. Imagine how other people will condemn her?"

By comparison, Wei Pinyao's reputation in Liu Yun Kingdom was not any better.

A woman who could not conceive and yet did not allow her husband to take another concubine was no different from a shrew woman. If she were in her shoes, she would never monopolize Qin Xun and keep him for herself. In fact, she would get many concubines for his sake.

Without any warning, Feng Ruqing stepped forward and lifted Wei Mengjie's lapel up with one hand.

Then a loud sound could be heard as she was thrown out of the door.

At this moment, everyone was in complete shock. They stared at the young lady standing at the entrance with bulging eyes and disbelief. Nobody seemed to be able to recover from their daze as her action was totally unexpected...

Wei Mengjie got up in an awkward and embarrassing state. She did not dare to lash out because the culprit was Feng Ruqing. Since she did not have the nerve to go against her, she could only stare at Qin Yi with annoyance.

This Qin Yi was already a married woman, but she still wanted to interfere in her parental home's issues. Didn't she feel suffocated with such a minuscule matter? She wondered whether Qin Xun was her biological brother. How could she object her own brother to take a concubine?

Previously, Mengjie's father was forced by her grandmother to get a concubine, especially after Pinyao's mother could not bear children anymore after giving birth to Pinyao. Grandmother kept shoving different women to her father. If her grandmother hadn't done so, she would not have been present here today.

However, this Qin family did not follow the norm. From Old Lady Qin to Qin Yi who was married off to another family, both of them supported the Qin Xun couple. Wei Pinyao was the only woman in the Qin household.

"Aunt, there's no need to treat such shameless people nicely." Feng Ruqing laughed and stepped forward. "Throwing her out will do. If you do not have the heart to do so, let me do it! My reputation is already bad enough, this little incident will not affect me at all!"

"Your Royal Highness, although you have authority over us, you cannot stop me from visiting my own sister." Wei Mengjie pleaded with a pathetic and sad look while biting her lip. Her eyes showed that she felt aggrieved by this whole incident.

Feng Ruqing did not buy her act. She raised her one of her brows menacingly and threatened Wei Mengjie, "This is the Qin residence. You can see your sister when she returns to the Wei residence. From now on, you are forbidden to enter the Qin residence. If you dare to go against my instruction, I will command someone to break your legs!"

If the Qin family could not be the villain, let her take the role.

"Princess, you are abusing your power to oppress people." Wei Mengjie's face turned red.

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She had heard of Feng Ruqing's infamous personality and ill manner, but she had never gotten involved with her before. If she had been bullied by Feng Ruqing before, she definitely would not have dared to talk back in such manner.

"Abusing my power to oppress people?"

Feng Ruqing chuckled. She raised her chin slightly. "So what if it is true? I like to bully people... like you!"

Abusing power and oppressing people... so what?

She loved to bully this kind of people!

Qin Yi was stunned upon hearing that. She immediately turned her head to look at Feng Ruqing. Her gaze was full of complicated and indescribable feelings.

She usually abhorred Feng Ruqing's power abuse and bullying.

However, this time, her arrogance and haughtiness made her feel... happy.

"If you refuse to leave, I will command someone to hit you to death and send your body to the Wei residence!" Feng Ruqing diverted her piercing gaze to look at Wei Mengjie and threatened her. She seemed to be looking at a dead body right now.

Wei Mengjie was frightened by this deadly gaze. It made her shiver in horror, so she dared not to stay at the Qin residence any longer. She glanced at the Qin residence's courtyard for the last time and left with red puffy eyes.

Once the silhouette disappeared, Feng Ruqing diverted her eyes back to Qin Yi and smiled sweetly.

"Aunt, she has already left. Can we visit Aunt Yao now?"

Qin Yi was left in a daze. She felt puzzled as her emotions were getting more complicated. "You will only tarnish your reputation by acting this way."

Feng Ruqing laughed it off. "I have already mentioned it earlier, haven't I? My reputation is already bad enough. This is just a small incident. Moreover, the truth will speak for itself, and I do not care about other people misunderstanding me. I only need... you to understand me. That's all."

She really did not care about how the rest of the world would misunderstand her.

From the beginning, she only cared about these people who were important to her!

Qin Yi's heart sank. She balled her fists tightly and kept reminding herself about Feng Ruqing's past misdeeds and incivility.

She must not fall into her trap. She must not be soft-hearted again!

"Let's go."

Finally, she gave up. She turned to glance at Feng Ruqing and then walked in the direction of the Qin residence's courtyard.

Feng Ruqing was on cloud nine when Qin Yi did not block her outside. She hugged Dai'er and gave her a big kiss on the cheek happily.

"Dai'er, is your mother finally willing to give me a chance now?"

Dai'er seemed confused and looked at Feng Ruqing in a daze.

"Do not worry, Dai'er. I won't let you and your family down again."

They had been disappointed for too many times, and this was the last chance for her...

Dai'er showed her sweetest smile and agreed with Feng Ruqing. "You are beautiful. Whatever you say... are all correct."

"..."

Was Dai'er trying to compliment her or condemn her?

"You are more beautiful than Second Princess." Dai'er's was serious and genuine when she said this.

Feng Ruqing lowered her gaze to look at Nalan Dai'er. "Why is that so?"

"Second Princess is bad. She bullies Dai'er."

Furthermore, Father and Grandpa had always said that she was the one who influenced her beloved cousin, Feng Ruqing, negatively. Thus, she was the most wicked villain in the world.

This time, Feng Ruqing was left speechless.

Perhaps it was only her illusion... she felt that Dai'er's intellect and wisdom... had somewhat improved.

A few months ago, Dai'er was still unable to tell people about Feng Rushuang bullying her. However, she could express her feeling now...

Was it because of the spirit herbs?

Suddenly, a realization hit Feng Ruqing.

Excessive spiritual qi had managed to awaken the beasts' spiritual intelligence. In fact, the spiritual qi contained in spirit herbs was much stronger so it could help Dai'er in this matter. Feng Ruqing made a mental note to herself that she must prepare some Spirit-Divine Fruit for Dai'er later.

Until she was recovered and became a normal person.

"You are right. Those people who bully Dai'er are villains." Feng Ruqing pinched Dai'er cute and chubby face. "Last time, I used to be a villain too."

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Dai'er shook her head reluctantly.

"Cousin isn't a villain. I've seen you save a kitten."

Therefore, no matter how much she was hurt in the past, she still wanted to get close to her.

Clearly her cousin treated the kitten with so much kindness then why did she treat her so... cruelly?

Until she was so afraid and decided to hide away from her.

Feng Ruqing looked frail and her fingers were stiff.

Although the previous owner of the body liked to bully people, she had a deep love for small animals. Somehow, the kitten that she had saved scratched Feng Rushuang. As a result, the kitten was killed by Concubine Rong.

From her point of view, there was nothing more important than Feng Rushuang. Although she would be sad for a while, she still trusted them.

"Honestly, the most wicked person is Feng Rushuang!"

Feng Ruqing's eyes turned icy, which quickly dissipated. She grabbed hold of Dai'er's hand and said, "I will make Feng Rushuang pay for this! For all the people and animals which she has hurt!"

Feng Ruqing was not sure whether the kitten had scratched Feng Rushuang, because when she was back at the palace, the kitten was already dead.

As for the scratch marks, she had yet to see.

Now it seemed that Feng Rushuang was happy with the people or animals around Feng Ruqing and because of this, she decided to kill the kitten.

"Go now. Your mother has already gone far and my meal is getting cold."

Dai'er blinked. With her eyes fixed on Feng Ruqing's meal box, she swallowed her saliva and replied, "Alright."

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At the residence area, Wei Pinyao heard the sound of the door being pushed open. She opened her heavy eyes and looked out of the house. She wanted to sit up but her body felt weak. After struggling momentarily, she was still unable to get up.

"Pinyao."

Qin Yi's facial expression changed as she quickly walked toward Pinyao's side. Her eyes were filled with concern.

"You're not feeling well, just lie down."

Cough!

Wei Pinyao coughed twice—her cheeks were pale.

"Sister, has the princess gone back?"

Qin Yi was stunned. She did not know why but she allowed Feng Ruqing to visit Pinyao. She licked her lips as she replied, "The princess... wants to visit you."

Wei Pinyao gently smiled and said, "I guess Sister, you didn't agree to her proposition but accepted it unwillingly. Actually, I'm not that weak, some words can't hurt me, you all are just too protective over me."

Those words were not just the words of the princess. Even the people of Liu Yun Kingdom had personally gossiped about her like this. Even so, what about it?

She will never leave Qin Xun's side. Never will.

"Pinyao..."

Qin Yi sighed, she promised to let her in, just like what her husband has said, she's giving her a chance...

Her words have yet to leave her mouth, the sound of heavy footsteps rang loudly at the door.

Qin Yi raised her head to look back and saw Feng Ruqing holding Dai'er's hands walking through the front door.

The young girl's smile was gleaming, maybe it's the obvious plump body of hers, nevertheless the two of them looked amazing together, impressive.

"Aunt Yao, I heard that you're sick. I've purposely prepared some healthy supplementary food for you."

Feng Ruqing smiled while walking towards the bed. "Aunt, you should ask the maid to prepare some bowls and chopsticks for you."

Qin Yi looked at the sky.

It seems to be getting late now, but letting Pinyao dine on the meal that Feng Ruqing prepared would be quite risky.

“The meal has been prepared by the kitchen, there’s no need for the princess to be so worked up about it.”

Qin Yi furrowed her brows and refused Feng Ruqing’s good intentions.

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“The meal that I’ve prepared is different from those prepared by the kitchen, Aunt, don’t you trust me? Unless you’re afraid that I’ve poisoned the food, you can always look for someone to test it first.”

Even if the medicinal herbs were added into the herbal dish, it was actually good for health. Plus, this time round, she’s only created some qi replenishing herbal dish, so it should not do any harm to the person taking it.

Just when Qin Yi was still hesitant, Dai’er brought out some tableware, opened the meal box and took out a piece of dark-boned chicken meat and placed it into a bowl.

“Dai’er!”

Qin Yi was pale from shock, she wanted to stop her but it was a little too late. Dai’er had already bitten into the chicken’s flesh and was gobbling it down the delicious food..

“Mother, why don’t you and Aunt join me? It’s delicious.”

Feng Ruqing’s facial expression turned dark,

“Dai’er, where did you get the tableware from?”

Dai’er blinked as she replied, “When Cousin was boiling the soup... I kind of stole it, was afraid that all of you wouldn’t let Dai’er eat.”

Her cousin had said from the beginning that this meal was specially prepared for her aunt, so what if they did not allow her to eat? Hence, she stole some tableware. If they decided to not give her a portion of the food, she would take it on her own.

“Don’t you know that this is very impolite?”

Feng Ruqing gently brushed Dai’er’s head.

Dai’er thought for a moment and said, “But... Mother is not eating, so Dai’er shall eat it to show her how delicious it is.”

Feng Ruqing thought for a while only to realize that Dai’er was just afraid that her mother and Aunt Yao were not willing to eat the prepared meal. Hence, she ate it first to show them that it was safe.

“Dai’er.”

Qin Yi had her eyes locked on her.

“Are... Are you alright?”

Dai’er’s little chubby and rosy face glowed adorably.

"It's delicious. Mother, let's eat."

Looking at Dai'er safely consuming the meal, Qin Yi heaved a sigh of relief. Her eyes were apologetic as she looked at Feng Ruqing.

"My apologies, Princess. I've misunderstood your intentions."

Feng Ruqing smiled. "Aunt being nervous and cautious is just. I used to do a lot of bad things in the past and it's understandable that you don't trust me entirely. Plus, you are worried about Aunt Yao's health. I understand."

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Wei Pinyao struggled to sit up from her bed that was situated atop the beautifully carved bed frame. She seemed unconvinced and astonished that Feng Ruqing would say such things.

She was skeptical about Feng Ruqing's intentions.

"Sister..."

Wei Pinyao looked up and saw Qin Yi. Her face looked like she was still trying to understand the current situation.

Qin Yi smiled while trying to comfort Wei Pinyao.

"Since this meal will not give you diarrhea, then you can eat with ease. Don't let her efforts go to waste."

Regardless of whether she was willing to forgive Feng Ruqing, the most important thing now was to stay alive. So she would most certainly choose to accept her kindness.

But... there were just too many thorns in her heart. To pluck them all out would be too difficult a task... Too difficult.

"Maid, bring the tableware for the lady."

"Yes."

The maid quickly went to retrieve the tableware.

Shortly after, the maid returned with the requested items. She then proceeded to fill the bowl to the brim with soup and brought it to Pinyao's bedside.

Cough!

Wei Pinyao coughed again. Her face was pale and her body was frail—it looked like she would collapse from a gentle breeze.

Frail-looking Wei Pinyao still looked more beautiful than Wei Mengjie, who wore heavy makeup. It was no wonder Qin Xun was so deeply in love with her. In order to prevent her from suffering, he was willing to not have a child.

Chapter 136: Taking Herbs? I

The chicken soup was refreshing and fragrant. It has a tinge of herbal scent which relieved Wei Pinyao's cough—she no longer coughed as frequently as before.

"This soup..."

Wei Pinyao took another spoonful of soup which was fed by her maid. She tasted a trace of strange flavor within the soup. She looked up in surprise and her eyes were filled with confusion.

"What kind of herbs did you add?"

Qin Yi was taken aback—herbs could not be simply taken. Even more shocking was the fact that she has never heard of rejuvenating meals being laced with herbs. That's why she felt anxious and worried after listening to Pinyao's words.

"That's right."

Feng Ruqing grinned.

"In the past, I've heard uncle talked about Aunt Yao's bad health. There's a medicine that can replenish qi. If one were to constantly use it, it will alter the physique and make it strong. On the contrary, this medicine must not be overly consumed. Once a day shall suffice."

These medicinal herbs are harmless to normal people thus enabling people to consume without side effects. Nevertheless, medicinal herbs were still medicine—it would eventually affect the body even if it were a little.

"No wonder, no wonder my body feels rejuvenated from drinking this soup. It's like my weakness has faded away."

Wei Pinyao's brows furrowed as her pale face gained its luster. With a gentle smile she said, "But, this is the first time I'm hearing about medicine infused food."

Feng Ruqing didn't add any spirit herbs into the meal, therefore she only felt as if her body has gained a slight bit of energy as compared to before. She could finally get up from bed with ease. Although the difference isn't big, to the bedridden Wei Pinyao, this was a silver lining of hope.

"Pinyao, please allow me to check your pulse."

Qin Yi quickly reached out and pressed onto Wei Pinyao's pulse. She did not utter a single word during the whole process. After a while she slowly pushed herself up and spoke with a soft voice, "Pinyao's pulse indicates that her condition has stabilized. Princess, I'm so sorry for doubting you."

She didn't forget how evil and cunning Feng Ruqing was in the past. That was why when Feng Ruqing suddenly decided to treat them so nicely, it was unavoidable to doubt her intentions.

Feng Ruqing understood this and she forced a little smile.

"Aunt and Aunt Yao, as long as you are able to forgive me for my past actions, I'll be grateful. The rest is irrelevant."

Seeing the current Feng Ruqing, Wei Pinyao's heart was delighted.

The general and three great families had been on good terms for generations while she and Empress Nalan had been friends for many years. If Feng Ruqing really was willing to change, then it would be good for both the country and the Nalan family.

"People aren't saints, who can be pure and free of evil? Now that Princess is more understanding, that will suffice. Whatever's in the past shall stay in the past. Sister, you too don't have to constantly hold onto the past. At least for your husband and Empress Nalan, please forgive her for her past mistakes."

Qin Yi smiled helplessly and said, "You're now the protagonist, can I not be the antagonist then? As long as you stop hurting the Nalan family, that will be more than enough for me."

She was able to stop hating her but... She would never be able to get close to her like they once were ten years ago.

Wei Pinyao smiled. Although tough on the outside, her sister was still a softy. She did not say that she would forgive the princess entirely. In order for her to let go of the entire grudge was kind of an impossible task.

But she believed that if the princess was willing to change, Qin Yi would one day like her as much as she did in the past. The princess had a good nature, it was just that she was ... influenced by bad people...

Chapter 137: Taking Herbs? II

"Princess, how did you come across this herbal dish?"

Qin Yi asked as she remembered about the herbal soup which helped her heal at such astonishing speed.

Feng Ruqing rubbed the tip of her nose. She was about to pin the contribution onto someone else's back but since she has already admitted to being the one who came up with this herbal recipe, it was a little difficult to shake it off her back now.

"Aunt, I found this recipe by accident. I was bored and I decided to experiment with herbal dishes. I accidentally added herbs into the meal and coincidentally, I had a flu that day. So, I decided to try it and it cured me. From that day onward, I researched a little more on the preparation of herbal dishes."

Feng Ruqing was silent for a brief moment before continuing, "It's just that, in the past, the impact of the finding wasn't that huge of a deal. Therefore I didn't bother informing other people about it. Now that I am almost done with the research, I have nothing to hide from both of you anymore."

Qin Yi's brow furrowed and with a harsh tone she spoke, "Princess, how could you add herbs into a meal? It was your good luck that nothing happened. What if you were careless? What would have happened to you?"

'This girl dreams big, and took a bold move. Without any prior knowledge of herbs, she took a bet.'

It seems that Qin Yi was indeed lucky. No matter how much she hated Feng Ruqing, she would never want anything bad to happen to her.

Luckily Empress Nalan was protecting her from the shadows.

“Aunt, I know you’re worried about me but I am really fine. Look at me, am I not alright?”

Feng Ruqing smiled joyfully.

“But from my observations, Aunt seems to be overworked recently. You looked worn out. Maybe one day I’ll research on a herbal dish that can rejuvenate your beauty.”

Qin Yi’s face was stiff. Did she just worry about Feng Ruqing? She was just... Most probably it was because of the relationship between then empress and the Nalan family, that was why she was worried about her.

“Aunt, Aunt Yao’s infertility was caused by fetal poisoning right?”

After Feng Ruqing entered the room, she inspected Wei Pinyao’s body. Her infertility was caused by the poison she received when she was still in her mother’s womb. The accumulated toxicity in the uterus could not be removed which led to her the inability to conceive a child.

Even if she were capable of giving birth, in her current condition, her body could not endure it.

“It is indeed pregnancy poisoning.”

This is no secret to the three major families and the perpetrator has already been executed. Somehow, Qin Yi had a feeling that the perpetrator was only a pawn. The person behind the poisoning must be someone else.

“Aunt, you should be glad that Aunt Yao can’t get pregnant.”

“...”

Qin Yi was taken aback. With narrowed eyes she asked, “What do you mean, Princess? It is a very painful thing that Pinyao can’t get pregnant, why should I be grateful for such a curse?”

“Because...”

Feng Ruqing glanced at Wei Pinyao gently.

“Judging by the love that Uncle Xun has for Aunt Yao, he will definitely want to conceive a child with her. But the pregnancy can be dangerous to Aunt Yao due to the poison and her current physique. Giving birth would be a bigger problem!”

Liu Yun Kingdom’s medicinal knowledge was too little. One small mistake would be sufficient to take Wei Pinyao’s Life. That’s why it was good that she couldn’t conceive.

Wei Pinyao smiled and said, “Even if I have to suffer and endanger my life, I will want to give birth to a child for him.”

Qin Yi was silent.

Feng Ruqing stated the truth. Pinyao would be putting her life at risk if she were to try to conceive a child. It was indeed fortunate that she was infertile.

"Aunt Yao, you don't have to be disheartened. I'll give you the recipe. Just remember to boil the soup every day according to the recipe. Try to recover your physique first then we'll think of a way to solve the fetal poisoning issue."

Chapter 138: Taking Herbs? III

"Am I really capable of conceiving?"

Pinyao's eyes were filled with disbelief yet hope.

Feng Ruqing held onto Wei Pinyao's hand.

"Aunt Yao, there's definitely a way. Trust me."

If it were not for her lack of ability in sowing stronger spirit herbs, she would have detoxified her poison a long time ago.

Even if you were willing to spend a fortune, it was difficult to get hold of spirit herbs.

Wei Pinyao trembled. As long as she was able to give birth to a child, she was willing to offer up anything.

"Pinyao, the princess is right. All you need to do now is to recuperate and get your health back on track. Once you're physically healthy again, conceiving a child will be possible. As long as you're not restored back to full health, Xun won't allow you to conceive a child."

Qin Yi sighed.

Children were important but to Xun, nothing was more important than Wei Pinyao.

"I understand. From tomorrow onward, I will work hard to recuperate. Thank you so much, Princess. If I am able to give birth, I will never forget the grace you've shown me."

Wei Pinyao's eyes were red. Being unable to give birth, she had been suffering emotionally for so many years.

"Aunt, it's getting late now. I should get going."

Feng Ruqing stretched a little and smiled. She could already see Qin Yi's attitude toward her had changed drastically. Today's visit had definitely gone well.

"I'll send you on your way then."

Qin Yi groaned as she stood up.

"Alright."

Qin Yi's kindness was not something Feng Ruqing would like to refuse. She smiled as she looked at Wei Pinyao.

“Aunt Yao, I’ll come for a visit again.”

Wei Pinyao smiled and nodded. Until the two figures disappeared from view, she kept her gaze fixated upon them.

“Sister Nalan, the princess really did change. Finally, there can be peace in the Nalan family.”

‘That’s great...’

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In the middle of the hall, Qin Feiyang sat on the main seat. On his left, Qin Xun seemed to be uneasy. His eyes glanced about from time to time and they were filled with worry.

Qin Feiyang was already an elderly man. How could he not see that Qin Xun was worried about Wei Pinyao? He shook his head as he spoke, “Xun, if you can’t sit still, then why don’t you take your leave first?”

After speaking those words, he turned to two guests and said, “Commander Chao, Young Master Chao. My apologies for the commotion.”

Sitting next to Qin Feiyang was a middle-aged man. The middle-aged man was masculine and sturdy and at his side was a young and handsome man.

If Feng Ruqing was around, she would be able to tell that this man had been through a lot.

“Haha, Young Master Qin and his wife are deeply in love. It is a well-known thing, so it’s normal for him to be worried. How could I not understand that?”

Qin Xun was delighted that he was given the chance to leave. He quickly paid his respects and left. Just as he was about to leave, he saw a person restlessly waiting outside.

Although this person did not personally take care of Wei Pinyao, she was still someone Wei Pinyao brought from her family. When he saw her walking around anxiously, Qin Xun could not help but feel a sense of unease.

“Hong Xue, why aren’t you by the lady’s side? Why are you here?”

Hong Xue raised her head, her heart filled with joy and her eyes were filled with worry. She was part of the dowry that was given by Madam Wei to Lady Wei. At first she thought that she would be the lady’s personal maid. Instead, she was assigned to the manor, not allowed to stay by the lady’s side.

Chapter 139: Taking Herbs? IV

It had been more than ten years, but she was still unable to get close to Young Master Qin. She was adamant—thinking that she could rise up to the ranks and refused to get married. With Madam Wei’s support of her, Wei Pinyao could not get rid of this thorn in her flesh.

And now, her chance had finally come.

And now, her chance has arrived.

Previously, she saw the princess bringing Dai'er to the lady's chambers, and somehow overheard them talking about some meal being laced with herbs.

No doubt she did not have the right to enter the room to serve the lady. She overheard the princess and Dai'er talking about it when she was passing by.

Dai'er was not well-informed of the whole situation. Naturally, she did not know the meaning of adding herbs into the meal. But of all things to do, she did not inform the young master of the princess's visit. Instead, she only informed him after some time had passed, since the princess had entered the room.

She figured that the poison had already taken effect. Judging from the lady's physique, she would not be able to endure this for too long.

She came forward happily thinking that she could leave a good impression on her master.

"Young Master," Hong Xue bit her lips as she spoke.

"Just a moment ago, I saw the princess... She went to the lady's room."

'What?'

Qin Xun was pale from fright.

That evil wrench went looking for trouble with Yao'er? Heck, why didn't anyone inform him?

"The princess has arrived?" Chao Yang stood up immediately. Although almost as nervous as Qin Xun, he seemed to be filled with excitement.

Naturally, Hong Xue did not notice Chao Yang's expression. Her sight was fixated on Qin Xun.

"Young Master, the princess didn't only just come for a visit, she also brought along a meal and wanted to give it to the lady. I even heard that she added some sort of herb into the meal. Young Master better hurry or else the lady will die... Sob... sob..." Hong Xue's tears flowed down her cheeks.

"If anything were to happen to the lady, I wouldn't want to live anymore."

Qin Xun did not care whether Hong Xue was dead or alive. He rushed towards her and shouted angrily.

"Why didn't you inform me earlier that the princess went looking for Yao'er?"

"I... I..." Hong Xue was nervous, her face pale.

"I... thought that the princess wouldn't do anything bad to the lady... but after much consideration, I was too worried for the lady therefore, I decided to inform you, Young Master."

Qin Xun began to worry even more. He was just about to rush out when he heard Chao Yang's loud laugh from behind.

"Did you just say that the princess added some sort of herb to the healthy dish? That's great!"

The princess had brought the herbal dish, so the lady of the Qin family could finally be saved.

Who knew that right after he had said that, Qin Xun turned around furiously and swung his fist at Chao Yang, sending Chao Yang flying.

"I'll come after you after I've saved Yao'er!"

That bastard, he was already panicking and yet he said that the princess did a great thing by adding a herb into the meal.

He didn't have the courage to deal with the princess but he could always settle his affairs with Chao Yang.

Chao Yang was stunned.

Commander Chao got mad.

He slammed his fist onto the table and shouted angrily.

"Young Master Qin, due to my respect toward Master Qin, I have given you a lot of leeway. Instead of appreciating it, you punched Yang'er. I will not tolerate this, we will have to settle this debt before you leave!"

Qin Xun laughed coldly.

"The princess is trying to poison my wife. Instead of being worried, he has the guts to laugh at my misery. Shouldn't I punch him? I don't have the time to discuss nonsense with you. I'll be back later to settle on this matter!"

He was worried about Wei Pinyao's safety, so he did not have time to deal with Chao Yang.

Before he could walk out of the hall, Chao Yang's angry voice rang aloud.

"Qin Xun, how dare you hit me! I've never been hit—not even by my dad, and here you are, punching me. You aren't leaving unless we clear this up."

Was he wrong?

He was just feeling happy that Lady Qin could finally be saved. Instead, this bastard punched him! Kindness does not always beget kindness.

Chapter 140: I Will Never Marry Another Woman

"Chao Yang, you're a commander's son. If it weren't for my respect for General Nalan, do you think that I would only punch you once?"

Qin Xun laughed coldly as he flipped his sleeve and left.

Chao Yang was red with anger. His body moved and stood in front of Qin Xun.

"You've punched me, don't you even dare to walk out of here."

"Scram!" Qin Xun roared in fury. He tightened his fist till it made cracking noises and greenish veins were popping under his skin.

Qin Feiyang and Commander Chao quickly stood up.

He frowned and said, "Xun'er, calm down. I know you're worried about Pinyao's health but you can't vent your anger upon others."

Although Chao Yang's father was only a commander, he had a good relationship with Zhangqian. Even so, he shouldn't be doing this.

"Yang'er."

Commander Chao's swept a gaze at his own son.

"You're normally very calm and collected. Why is it you said such a thing on this very day?"

Even though he was mad at Qin Xun for his actions but nevertheless, it was Chao Yang's fault to begin with. Even so, he still believed that his son would not say such a thing on a whim.

"The princess brought a herb dish for Lady Qin. I was honestly feeling happy for her but in the end, Qin Xun didn't think it through and decided to punch me. Am I not innocent?"

The more he thought about it, the angrier he became. His kind gesture was misunderstood and misinterpreted. How could he remain calm?

Qin Xun's emotion had gotten the better of him. His anger took over his rationale. Ignoring whatever Chao Yang had just said, Qin Xun threw another punch at Chao Yang. In the blink of an eye, Qin Feiyang appeared in front of Chao Yang, blocking his punch.

"Xun'er, don't be emotional!"

Qin Feiyang frowned at Qin Xun and then shifted his gaze to Chao Yang.

"Young Master Chao, did you just say that the princess... brought... a herbal dish?"

Chao Yang replied sarcastically, "Remember the time I've told all of you about the scar-removing herbal dish? That was given to me by the princess! And now the princess brought some herbal dish for the lady, so the lady should get better. Instead of acknowledging people's good will, Qin Xun decided to attack me!"

"You..." Qin Xun wanted to vent his anger but some of the things that Chao Yang said rang in his ears and he faltered during his speech.

"What did you just say?"

Not long ago, Chao Yang received a prescription which could remove scars. He raised that topic today, hoping that Qin Feiyang and he could head over to the General Manor and present it as a gift to Nalan Zhangqian.

That's why the words herbal dish, was not something foreign to Qin Xun.

"So that's why ..."

A smile appeared upon Qin Feiyang's face.

“The princess has already turned over a new leaf. She will never hurt Pin Yao. Plus, there’s Yi’er by Pin Yao’s side. You don’t have to be overly concerned. Xun’er, you have indeed overreacted, plus you’ve hurt Young Master Chao.”

Qin Xun was speechless.

That evil wench turned over a new leaf? How can he believe that?

“Father... Why do you trust the princess?”

Qin Xun’s eyes were filled with surprise, as he turned to face Qin Feiyang.

Qin Feiyang chuckled as he said, “Do you remember the spirit wine that I drank at the general’s manor? That wine was gifted to the general by the princess! Even if the princess accidentally bought such good wine, the general already told her the value of the wine. But she insisted that the general accept her gift.”

“Do you think that the princess of the past would present such a valuable item to the Nalan family? I’m afraid she would have given it as a sign of loyalty to Noble Consort Rong.”

Qin Feiyang’s face lit up with a huge smile but after thinking about Qin Xun’s overreaction, his face sank a little.

“On another note, you owe Young Master Chao an apology.”