

Overbearing 1361

Chapter 1361: A Jealous Man is Very Scary

Fu Chen's face darkened as he glared at Gu Yiyi in anger.

'You are the spirit beast! Your whole family is of spirit beasts!

'How could those spirit beasts with low IQ be compared to him who was a spirit herb formed by the surrounding spiritual qi?

'This is too much!'

"Mother." Fu Chen leapt into Feng Ruqing's embrace. "Your woman is bullying me!"

Boom!

Suddenly a gust of fierce wind came rushing over. Fu Chen had originally intended to dodge it, but before he managed to do so, the gust of wind swept him up and threw him to the ground, leaving him looking dishevelled.

He was stunned for a moment before he regained his senses. "Mother, the cheap father you have picked up has also bullied me."

Nan Xian was left speechless.

This time, Gu Yiyi smiled broadly.

"That's right, that's right. Xiao Qing, did you see that? Nan Xian is bullying the young! Why don't you consider me as a partner? My temper is good and I have a good personality. I will even treat Little Fu Chen as if he were my own biological son."

The more she looked at Little Fu Chen, the more she liked him.

Although this little guy had snitched on her before... he called her Xiao Qing's woman!

Just this sentence alone made her feel nice and sweet as if she had just eaten honey.

Nan Xian glanced at Gu Yiyi breezily.

This glance left Gu Yiyi's smile frozen as she felt a chill run through her body. It was so cold that she shivered.

Nan Xian's temper was really bad!

Oh, that was right. Previously Mu Ling had even lied to her and had said that this wild man had a mild temperament.

Hehe...

Just thinking about this, Gu Yiyi started gritting her teeth. Good thing she did not listen to Mu Ling's words and married Nan Xian. Otherwise... she might not even know how she would have been beaten to death.

Comparatively, Second Uncle's temper was very good, just like Xiao Qing's, gentle like the spring breeze.

Yes, suddenly she missed Second Uncle. Especially seeing how Xiao Qing and this bastardly man looked so loving together, she missed Second Uncle even more now...

"Father." Gu Yiyi turned her head to look at Gu Shi. "Why did the Mu family's Second Uncle not come this time?"

This was the first time Gu Yiyi had taken the initiative to ask about Mu Qingyin. Gu Shi was so happy that he almost leaped up in joy.

This... was something about to happen?

That was great!

His family's little daughter could finally be married.

Gu Shi wiped the tear at the corner of his eye as he looked incredibly touched. "Yiyi, later Father will bring you back, and we will discuss the matter of your wedding with Mu Qingyin. Also, don't just always pine for Maiden Xiao Qing. She already has a fiancé. You should know your boundaries, females and females should not be too close to each other."

Gu Yiyi was confused.

Was her father sick again?

Good thing that with Gu Shi's sentence, Nan Xian's expression grew much better.

"Manor Master Gu, there is no need for the Divine Herbs Sects assembly to continue. You should take her away and leave."

He paused for a moment. "Also, she is not Qing'er's woman. Qing'er does not have any woman."

The crowd looked at Nan Xian's extremely serious expression, and they were dumbfounded.

So, Nan Xian had actually attacked Fu Chen simply because of what Fu Chen had said?

They had originally thought that a jealous woman was scary, but they never thought that a jealous man... was the real definition of scary. He had actually attacked someone.

Looking at Feng Ruqing, although Jiu Ming had treated her as his love rival, she had only abandoned and ignored him and did not attack him...

After Feng Ruqing left Nan Xian's side, she walked over to Feng Tianyu and Nalan Yan.

She directly stepped over Jiu Ming's body and had even carelessly stepped on his hand.

When she felt that she had stepped on Jiu Ming, Feng Ruqing seemed apologetic. "I am so sorry. I did not notice you just now..."

Chapter 1362: A Jealous Woman is Also Very Scary

The crowd was left speechless.

Opps, they wanted to change their minds.

A jealous woman was equally scary!

Feng Ruqing raised her eyes and saw all those disbelieving gazes. She paused for a moment. "I really did not do it on purpose. It was just that I had accidentally forgotten about Jiu Ming..."

Silence ensued.

'Hehe, who would believe your nonsense! You are truly horrible!'

Seeing that even Gu Shi and the rest did not believe that she had not done it intentionally, Feng Ruqing shrugged and no longer bothered to explain herself.

Either way, she did not do it on purpose. It was just that after she saw Nan Xian, she had neglected Jiu Ming...

Who asked this old bastard to constantly pine for her man!

However...

Feng Ruqing frowned slightly. "Jiu Ming has yet to awaken. Why don't we do it this way? Imperial Father, Imperial Mother, it is also about time for us to return to Feng Yun Kingdom. We will bring him back first and send people to take care of him. As for Deities Gate..."

She glared at the shirking Jiu Yue coldly.

"I will not interfere. Wait till Jiu Ming awakens, he will settle it himself."

Jiu Ming was someone from Deities Gate and furthermore, these people had enmity with him.

Be it Jiu Yue who had killed his mother or the rest of the people from Deities Gate who had sneered and mocked him...

All were to be settled by him personally. As a love rival and an outsider, she had no qualifications to interfere with Jiu Ming's matters.

Gu Shi looked at Feng Ruqing doubtfully. "Maiden Xiao Qing, you didn't poison Jiu Ming to death, did you?"

Feng Ruqing. "... Am I such a person?"

"Yes..." Gu Shi went silent for a while. "Although Xiao Qing had killed quite a few women who had set their eyes on Nan Xian, those women had attacked first. It's fine. I believe that you will not kill Jiu Ming."

Feng Ruqing was speechless.

It was obvious that those women were personally killed by Nan Xian!

The only exception was Qin Fei'er!

Why was she the one to bear the blame?

Gu Shi patted Feng Ruqing's shoulder. "Jiu Ming is considered not bad. If he was not your love rival, I would have doubted his feelings for you and would have thus protected you."

Originally Gu Shi had thought that Jiu Ming held a torch for Feng Ruqing, and that was why he was willing to sacrifice everything for her sake.

Until... the final expressive sentence Jiu Ming had said before he lost consciousness. He finally understood that Jiu Ming was really a cut sleeve.¹

It was a pity...

There were many women in this world who wanted to be Jiu Ming's wife. Even though his birthmark had left many people fearful of approaching him, his cultivation and identity as well as his background and temperament were sufficient to cause many women to swarm around him.

However, no one would have ever thought that Jiu Ming liked men!

The sentence 'I knew you would come' expressed so much yearning and anticipation. However, the love rival he had to compete against was Feng Ruqing.

The little one, Xiao Qing, was so good. Not to mention that Jiu Ming was a man, even as a woman, he would not have been able to compete against her.

"Of course, if Jiu Ming would snatch your man, I would be the first to not let him off!"

After all, only when Maiden Xiao Qing married Nan Xian, and Gu Yiyi married Mu Qingyin, could they both be a family.

Otherwise, would his own daughter not simply just be seeking death? Who knows if she would suddenly go against her word of being Nan Xian's aunt.

The crowd exchanged glances as their eyes were full of surprise and pity.

"Jiu Ming really likes men? In the beginning, when Maiden Feng claimed that Master Jiu Ming is a cut sleeve, I didn't really believe it."

"If he isn't a cut sleeve, why did he wholeheartedly wait for Master Nan Xian's appearance?"

"Even Manor Master Gu has said so. Then, it should be true. It's a pity. I have originally thought that even though his birthmark is a little unfortunate, I would still want to marry him... however, he likes men. I am not willing to even be his concubine."

1- A Chinese term for gay.

Chapter 1363: His Reputation was Completely Ruined

Jiu Ming would never have thought that his words would cause his entire lifetime of brilliance to be completely ruined.

“We should also disperse.”

The corner of Nalan Yan’s lips curled up into a smile. “It was not easy for us to have found Chen’er. Naturally, we need to return home. Tianyu, we should also announce to the world that the Liu Yun Kingdom’s prince has been found.”

“Very well.” Feng Tianyu lowered his eyes to look at the woman beside him. His eyes were full of adoration and smiles.

The big assembly was thus dismissed.

The Divine Herbs Sect was already destroyed. The other people also had no need to stay on.

Before Feng Ruqing left, she stopped in her tracks and smiled at Jiu Yue. “You better return to Deities Gate, don’t leave. Wait for Jiu Ming to wake up and settle scores with you. If I find out that you run away, the end... will definitely leave you feeling that dying is better than living. When that time comes, you will definitely regret not waiting for death properly.”

Jiu Yue who was just about to run away stopped in his tracks. His eyes were filled with terror as his voice was sharp.

“You and Jiu Ming are already love rivals. Why are you still helping him to deal with me?”

Feng Ruqing shrugged and smiled. “No choice. Jiu Ming has helped me too much. As for me, I don’t have many other problems, I just like to compensate for the shortcomings of those around me. Jiu Ming is someone to me! Nobody is allowed to bully him.”

Nan Xian looked indifferently at Jiu Ming who was carried away by the guards of Fengyun Manor. His eyes were unmoving and his gaze was unchanging, but his hand was raised slightly. With a thud, the guard felt a jolt of pain in his hand and he was not able to hold Jiu Ming well, causing Jiu Ming to fall off his shoulders and onto the ground. The fall was quite bad.

“I...” the guard was about to cry. “I did not purposely drop Master Jiu Ming. Someone hit me just now, and that’s why I didn’t manage...”

At this moment. Everyone looked at Feng Ruqing.

Feng Ruqing was stunned. “If I say I didn’t do it, would you all believe me?”

This time, even Gu Yiyi did not believe Feng Ruqing.

With the relationship between the two, besides Feng Ruqing, who else would it be?

“Xiao Qing.” Gu Yiyi raised her head and puffed out her chest. “It’s fine. Even if you did it, I will support you forever. It was Jiu Ming who treated you as a love rival first. Everything you do is correct.”

Feng Ruqing was speechless.

‘It really was not me!’

She looked at Nan Xian. “State Preceptor, it really wasn’t me.”

“Yes, it wasn’t you.”

Nan Xian smiled lightly and patted Feng Ruqing's head. "Because it was I who did it."

"See? I told you it wasn't me!"

Why did no one believe her?

Gu Yiyi looked at Feng Ruqing and then at Nan Xian. She was a little startled. "Nan Xian, this time you are very manly to have protected my Xiao Qing. You know how to block everything for her. I now see you differently. However, this does not mean that I will give up becoming a part of Xiao Qing's family. I will fight you to the end!"

Feng Ruqing was speechless.

Why was it that she felt the more she explained, the more these people did not believe her?

Therefore, she would rather not say anything unnecessary and pursed her lips. "Tie up the father and son duo of Zong Fu. Let's go back to Liu Yun Kingdom!"

Zong Fu's face changed. "My son's body is not well. He has bled too much and is not up for long distance travel. Maiden Feng, I beg you to let him off."

Feng Ruqing glared at Zong Fu angrily. "You better shut your mouth. If you say another word, believe me when I say I will kill the both of you now!"

"I..." Zong Fu's voice turned softer. "I believe you..."

Feng Ruqing's expression finally turned better.

'Yes, finally, there was someone who believed her words...'

"Imperial Father, Imperial Mother, Chen'er, let's go home."

The corner of her lips curved into a smile as she slowly spoke, "Remember to bring Jiu Ming along. I will get someone to take care of him properly."

Chapter 1364: Liu Yun Kingdom

Not knowing how, after hearing Feng Ruqing's words, the crowd subconsciously looked at Jiu Ming who was lying on the ground. They seemed to have predicted that his life in the future would be very pitiful, and the pity they felt could be seen in their eyes.

However, nobody cared enough about Jiu Ming, and they allowed the guard from Fengyun Manor bring him away.

In Liu Yun Kingdom.

Since the day of the battle, no one had dared to come forward and provoke them. The land was peaceful and flourishing.

In the imperial palace.

In the imperial study, Nalan Zhangqian angrily threw the memorial in his hand onto the ground. His livid face was full of anger. "Eunuch Lin, send someone to check where that bastard, Feng Tianyu, has gone to!"

The corner of Eunuch Lin's lips twitched as he stood quietly by Nalan Zhangqian's side and said respectfully, "His Majesty has instructed that no one is to investigate his whereabouts. Liu Yun Kingdom's matters, regardless of how big or how small, are to be decided by General Nalan."

Nalan Zhangqian's face turned livid as his fists were clenched and his chest was rising and falling nonstop. His anger was overwhelming.

"Feng Tianyu, that death-deserving bastard. Bringing away my younger sister to enjoy life and leaving Liu Yun Kingdom to me. When he comes back, I will definitely not let him off!!!"

Eunuch Lin was already accustomed to Nalan Zhangqian's roars. He stood by the side with a smile without doing much.

Even his words did not cause much of a stir in the imperial palace.

After all... since His Majesty left, the lord general would scold him a few times everyday. It was as if this was the only way for him to vent the anger in his heart. As for the servants, they had long gotten used to it...

At the same time.

General Nalan's Manor.

Qin Yi held a letter and entered the master's room, panicking. "Father, Jing'er is missing."

What?

The master was shocked, and the teacup in his hand slipped and fell to the ground, breaking into pieces.

He immediately stood up as his old face showed panic. "What did you just say? Jing'er is missing? Previously, Xiao Yin, that little girl, has left without a word. How is it that even Jing'er has also run away from home?"

"I am not sure..." Qin Yi suppressed the chaos in her heart. "He said that he needed to leave to settle something. However, Jing'er very rarely leaves Liu Yun Kingdom. What exactly is the matter that has left him no choice but to leave and settle it?"

The originally anxious master slowly calmed down after hearing Qin Yi's words.

After a while, a fleeting flash of light appeared in his eyes. "Xiao Yin, that girl, has disappeared first. Then, immediately after, he left too. Could it be that he has gone to search for that girl?"

Qin Yi's eyes lit up but she was also a little doubtful. She hesitated for a bit before asking, "Really?"

Nalan Jing, this little guy, had finally grown up? He knew how to chase after her future daughter-in-law?

The old master stroked his white beard as a wise light appeared in his eyes. "I have already said this earlier. There is definitely going to be a show between these two. We don't have to be too worried. If Jing'er has gone to chase after her, that could not be better news. Perhaps it would not be long before they return together.

Hearing this, Qin Yi felt quite a bit of relief. An elegant smile appeared on her face.

After that, she paused for a moment before asking, "His Majesty and the empress have also already left for a year and a half. I wonder if they have managed to find His Highness, the prince."

Hearing this, the smile on the master's face slowly disappeared. He sighed gently as the corner of his lips curled up into a bitter smile. "This grandson of mine has definitely suffered quite a bit over these years. I, too, don't know when he would be able to return... Hopefully His Majesty and Yan'er can find him soon, and their whole family can finally be reunited."

Chapter 1365: The Emperor Has Returned I

At this moment—

A figure rushed in from outside. As the person was running too quickly, he almost fell head first onto the ground.

Without waiting for the master to ask, he climbed up in a panic, panting. "Old General, my Lady, His Majesty... His Majesty has returned."

These words were like a heavenly surprise, shocking the master, stunning him to his spot.

After being silent for some time, his old voice spoke.

"Did His Majesty and the empress return together, or..."

"Reporting to the general, His Majesty and the empress came back together with the princess and the prince. They have sent news back in advance. Now, they should already be at the city gates..."

The old general seemed a little odd. He turned his head somewhat stiffly to look at Qin Yi. "His Majesty has returned? He has even brought Qing'er and the prince back? Yi'er, is it because of my old age that there is some problem with my ears and that I am hearing this wrongly?"

He wanted to believe these words, but he was also afraid that everything was all but real. Even his expression was nervous and cautious when he asked that.

Qin Yi was very happy, but when she saw how careful the old general was, she could not help but feel a tinge of sadness in her heart. "Father, it is true. His Majesty and the empress have returned. They have found the prince. Everyone has returned."

It was as if the old general only dared to believe everything he had heard after hearing Qin Yi's words. Finally, a smile appeared on his old face, and there was a happiness that could not be described.

"Quick, bring the soldiers of my Nalan family to the city gates to welcome His Majesty and the empress' return. Hahaha!"

He laughed happily and marched out.

Qin Yi looked at the old general's departing figure and a smile appeared on the corners of her lips.

'It has already been so long...

'Ever since they found out that the prince was still alive, Father has not been eating or sleeping well. It has been a long time since there was such great news that contributed to his happiness.

'Good thing...

'His Majesty and the empress have brought back the prince and princess, and their family could finally be reunited.

'How great...'

Qin Yi secretly wiped away the tears from the corner of her eyes as she followed after the old general and left the residence.

The sky in Liu Yun Kingdom was clear and bright, just like her current feelings...

In the imperial study.

Nalan Zhangqian received the report from his guards and immediately stood up, throwing the memorial to the ground fiercely as he gritted his teeth. "Did you just say that Feng Tianyu has returned together with my sister?"

"Yes, Lord General."

The guard was respectful.

"Hahaha!" Nalan Zhangqian laughed out loud like a madman.

His laughter was tinged with anger.

"Feng Tianyu, you bastard emperor has finally returned! It has already been a year and a half. Nobody knows of the days I had to endure during this time! Every day I had to burn the midnight oil to read those memorials and have not been able to spend time with my wife for a long time! Even my Dai'er! I have not hugged her for a long time! All this is because of Feng Tianyu, it is he who made my liver ache! Made me unable to carry out my duties as a husband and as a father! I will definitely not let him off so easily this time!"

The crowd heard Nalan Zhangqian scolding, and the most they did was allow their lips to twitch as they remained calm.

After all, in Liu Yun Kingdom, the only one who would dare to open his mouth and scold the emperor was Nalan Zhangqian alone.

There was no other way. This matter was indeed because His Majesty was unkind and had left without a sound, throwing the whole of Liu Yun Kingdom into Nalan Zhangqian's hands with a single royal decree.

Just look at Nalan Zhangqian. Eighteen months ago, he was still the agreeable, handsome, easy-going General Nalan.

Eighteen months later, his face had turned pale and his lips were dark. Both of his eyes were bloodshot, and his hair had become so dishevelled.

Chapter 1366: The Emperor Has Returned II

And this... was all because he had to review reports for His Majesty!

Nalan Zhanqian had mentally stabbed Feng Tianyu over a thousand times by now, so just berating him out loud was already very nice of him.

Perhaps it was because he was recalling his tragic life for the past eighteen months, Nalan Zhanqian then started to shed tears of sorrow and hate.

He should have stopped his sister from marrying this bastard no matter what back then.

If his sister had not married him, he would not have been the emperor's brother-in-law, all the more so, be left with this grave responsibility.

"Feng Tianyu!"

Nalan Zhangqian gritted his teeth in resentment. He swept all the reports to the floor and stomped his way to the imperial study room hastily.

He was going to kill this bastard to let off steam!

Forget status and righteousness, all he knew was that his days had been even worse than a dog's! At least, a dog could still hug his wife to sleep on quiet nights.

And he...

Heh! His wish of bearing another daughter was now gone because of Feng Tianyu, just like that!

In a secluded part of the palace courtyard.

A cry of surprise echoed through the whole courtyard. Even those who were training stopped in shock.

"Commander, Commander! His Majesty and Her Highness have returned, even the princess and prince have come back!"

That person dashed into the courtyard with a face full of surprise.

Tang Zi's hand trembled and the long sword in her hand fell to the ground, resulting in a clear, crisp sound.

In a flash, she appeared in front of that person and grabbed her arm.

"The empress and princess have returned?"

'They've returned?'

Even her voice was shaking, the delight visible on her face. Her pair of clear eyes sparkled like the stars, so dazzling.

A year and a half, it had been eighteen months!

The Iron-Blooded Troop was very different now.

Back then, when the Iron-Blooded Troop was under Nalan Yan's care, there were only women and no men.

It was a pity that the troop was then handed over to Feng Ruqing.

Next to Feng Ruqing was one Nalan who viewed all women as love rivals.

And so, Feng Ruqing had Tang Zi recruit some new blood. Now the Iron-Blooded Troop consisted of an equal number of men and women.

Moreover, in these eighteen months, the Iron-Blooded Troop had made countless breakthroughs. They never stopped cultivating and strengthening themselves so that they could continue fighting for their princess on the battlefield!

Never giving up!

"Let's go, let's go and receive the empress and the princess."

To Tang Zi, the emperor and the prince were not very important.

They only cared for the empress and the princess.

His Majesty was the empress's husband, the princess's father, so they were willing to give their lives to protect him. But after not meeting for eighteen months, they only wanted to see Nalan Yan and Feng Ruqing.

At the same time.

At Liu Manor.

Everything was a mess.

Ever since Liu Fuyong had been stripped of his position, the whole of Liu family had moved into the inner courtyard.

Their new environment could not compare to the chancellor's manor, but it was still something. At least they did not have to live on the streets.

In the inner courtyard, Liu Yuchen had a bottle of wine in his hand as he drank, bottoms up, as if being drunk was the only way he could feel a little better.

The sunlight was warm, but it could not melt his cold and frozen heart.

Liu Fuyong entered through the door and immediately saw Liu Yuchen drinking excessively. He frowned as disdain flashed in his eyes. "Is this how a grown man behaves every single day? Why do I, Liu Fuyong, have a son like you?"

Liu Yuchen snorted and laughed coldly. He stood up, a little wasted, to stare at Liu Fuyong who was standing under the willow tree, provoking him.

Chapter 1367: The Emperor Has Returned III

"This house was bought using my savings. If you look down on me, then beat it! I want to see just who in the whole of Liu Yun Kingdom would sell any of you a house!"

Let alone buying a house, they would even be scorned by peddlers while out buying vegetables. Some of the peddlers would not even sell them anything.

Most of the time they would rely on Lady Liu to pick up some leftover ingredients. The Liu family still had substantial resources, so even if they were stripped of their status, they could still live a comfortable life.

However, with the Liu family's current predicament, even if they had money, there was nowhere they could go.

Servants refused to work at their house, tailors did not allow them to enter their shops, and pharmacies were not willing to sell them any medicine...

Fortunately, the owner of the liquor store had received the grace of the Liu family back then, so now they could still have wine to drink.

"Liu Fuyong!!!"

A piercing voice called from behind.

The disdain in Liu Fuyong's eyes grew without him even turning back to look.

He flung his sleeves, about to leave, but the old woman in hemp clothing had already rushed over and given him a furious shove.

"After you've been seduced by that vixen, you no longer have eyes for both us mother and son, isn't that right? Liu Fuyong, I must have been blind back then to even see anything in scum like you!" The old woman had her hands on her waist looking like a boorish shrew.

Liu Fuyong snorted. "Look at what you've become! Where are your elegance and sophistication? How different are you from those old women from the countryside?"

"If I'm not sophisticated, then is that vixen who first seduced Yuchen and then you sophisticated? She's been missing for two years now, but I know you still can't forget about her! Tell me, are you still hoping for that vixen to come back? I'm telling you, if she dares to come back, I will murder her!"

"Ridiculous!" Liu Fuyong swept the corner of his robes as his eyes filled with hatred.

How was an aged and withered woman like her fit to become his wife?

Shuang'er was still the best. She was so young and beautiful, he could never forget that even until today...

"Liu Fuyong!" Lady Liu raised her hand and gave Liu Fuyong a tight slap across the face.

Liu Fuyong had never expected his wife to lift a hand against him so suddenly, so he ended up receiving it at full force.

He was stunned at first before his eyes burned with fury. "How dare a bitch like you hit me! If you weren't the one scorning the princess back then, I'd still be chancellor! It's your fault that I was dismissed, your fault that I was laughed at, and now you raise a hand against me?!"

Liu Fuyong reached up and pulled Lady Liu's hair before giving her a vicious slap.

The strength of a man and a woman was naturally different.

This slap made half of Lady Liu's face swell up while blood appeared at the corner of her mouth. She glared resentfully at Liu Fuyong.

This pair of husband and wife had now become a completely irreconcilable pair of enemies!

"Bitch, do you know how those people look at me when I go outside? Our family was the one who had given up on the princess! Back then, the princess fought the six kingdoms alone, and today, the whole of Liu Yun Kingdom worships her like a god! So no matter where I go, everyone would laugh at me! Even peddlers wouldn't sell me anything!

"And this is all thanks to a short-sighted woman like you! You're the one who has caused the Liu family's demise, you're to blame!"

He raised his hand again, ready to give her another slap.

Suddenly, a strong arm appeared and grabbed Liu Fuyong's wrist firmly, stopping the latter's arm in mid-air, unable to move.

"That's enough!" Liu Yuchen's deep voice sounded as if he was holding back his anger. "Just what are you trying to do? That matter back then, mother, you... and me, we're all at fault, you can't push all the responsibility to her!"

Chapter 1368: Liu Yuchen Regrets I

"Hmph!"

Liu Fuyong flung his long sleeve, tugging his hand behind his back. He glared coldly at Liu Yuchen.

"You're both the same! If it weren't for the two of you, our Liu family wouldn't have been this miserable, and I, Liu Fuyong, wouldn't have ended up like this! Look at yourselves, one is a shrew, another a drunkard! How could you even compare to Shuang'er's gentleness?"

Liu Yuchen's gaze was indifferent. He stared at Liu Fuyong like he was looking at a stranger. There were no other emotions behind his eyes.

Lady Liu, however, was enraged. She lifted her hand again, but Liu Fuyong caught her wrist in a tight grip before she could do anything.

"That's enough! Do you still think you're that dignified and aristocratic Lady Liu from before? Both of you are nothing in the Liu family right now!" He then shifted his gaze to Liu Yuchen with a cold smirk tugging at the corner of his lips. "I heard that the princess returned with the state preceptor. Back then, you didn't listen to me and have divorced her. Now there's no use for regrets!"

Liu Fuyong's words were like a hammer smashing at Liu Yuchen's heart. A flash of hurt appeared in his eyes as he subconsciously took a few steps back.

"Liu Fuyong!"

Upon seeing the devastated look on her son's face, Lady Liu rushed toward Liu Fuyong like she had gone mad and bit down heavily on his shoulder.

Liu Fuyong snarled in pain. With a forceful hurl, he pushed Lady Liu away.

"Mad woman! I have nothing more to say to you." Liu Fuyong's expression turned dark as he strode away to the back of the house.

Ever since Tan Shuangshuang had gone missing, Liu Fuyong had only seen his wife as an eyesore. 'Besides, Shuang'er's disappearance must have had something to do with her!

'She should take a look at how battered she has become! There is no grace left in that woman, how disgusting!'

"Liu Fuyong!" Lady Liu scrambled up and roared hysterically, "I know you find me lacking now! Back then when I was with you, I was just like Tan Shuangshuang, I had a great future ahead of me! I have even bore you a son, but look how you're treating me now. I must've been blind to have been married to you!"

Which woman has never been youthful? Whose fault was it that she had turned like this now? How could he put all the blame onto her?

Was he not at fault too?

Sorrowful tears streamed down from her eyes. Lady Liu's whole body was trembling a little as she glared with reddened eyes at Liu Fuyong's back.

Yet, her hysterical complaint only made him detest her even more. He left without ever looking back.

Lady Liu felt her body go limp and had almost fallen to the ground.

Fortunately, Liu Yuchen was standing nearby and supported her just in time.

"Yuchen..." Lady Liu cried her heart out, feeling pained and despair. "I have wronged you..."

If she had not been bewitched by Tan Shuangshuang back then, had she not been adamant about wanting Tan Shuangshuang to marry into their family, would they still have ended up like this?

Even if... Yuchen married a normal young lady, it would still be better than Tan Shuangshuang.

She was the one who had indulged her enemy that resulted in her losing both her son and her husband.

Liu Yuchen went stiff. He stared down at Lady Liu, his body still swaying slightly from the alcohol.

"You have wronged me."

His voice was low as he wore a bitter smile. "But all of us... are at fault..."

It was his love for beauties that he had looked down on Feng Ruqing who then looked like a mountain.

Chapter 1369: Liu Yuchen Regrets II

If it were not for that, he would not have dismissed her.

"So..." He paused. "Saying anything more would be futile. I've already lost the right to stand by her side."

Lady Liu suddenly reached up and held onto Liu Yuchen's arms. Her eyes sparkled. "No, perhaps there's still a chance! Back then, you didn't spend a night with the princess and that's why the state preceptor is willing to marry her. What if... both of you spent a night together? Yuchen..."

Liu Yuchen was stunned. He had never imagined that his mother could still say something like this at such a time.

His hands supporting her arms gradually loosened as a cold smile appeared on his handsome face.

"You think that our Liu family isn't miserable enough and you want to make it worse, don't you? The emperor and empress love the princess so dearly. If anyone were to do something like that to the princess, what do you think... will happen to the Liu family?"

Moreover, it was not easy to get close to someone like Feng Ruqing.

To even think of forming an alliance with her through marriage?

How ridiculous!

Dream on!

"No, we still have a chance. Yuchen, chastity is most important to a woman. If she has lost her chastity, she would definitely be with her first man. If you can become her man, perhaps... there is still hope for our Liu family. I guarantee that I will treat the princess better in the future and not scorn her as I did in the past."

Liu Yuchen kept quiet. He stared at Lady Liu like he was looking at a stranger.

Lady Liu did not notice his expression and grabbed on tight to his sleeve. "Yuchen, only you can help the Liu family now. Look at how your father is treating me. If we can gain the princess's favor again, your father wouldn't dare to bully me anymore!"

Shove!

Liu Yuchen raised his arm and gave it a hard swing, flinging away Lady Liu's hands.

He laughed coldly. "You have to know that I'm no match for the princess. You'll just be pushing the Liu family toward a place of no redemption!"

"No, it won't happen that way." Lady Liu's eyes were bloodshot. As if she was lost in a trance, she continued, "You're my most beloved son, how could I ever harm you? I'm doing all this for your own good. Why don't I ask for an audience with the princess? Ask her to meet you. If you two can meet, that means there's still a chance. The princess wouldn't really lose her affections so easily."

At that moment, Liu Yuchen felt like he was talking to a wall. He let out a sarcastic laugh and turned to walk toward the entrance, ignoring Lady Liu.

Lady Liu quickly rushed over, wanting to chase after Liu Yuchen,

However, the moment both of them left the Liu family's gates, great news was being spread around on the streets.

"What wonderful news, the prince of our Liu Yun Kingdom has been found! Empress Nalan loves her country and her people dearly, so I knew that a good person would definitely be rewarded. She must have played a part in the prince's safe return!"

"Not just that, I have even heard... that the princess has married the state preceptor while they were out on this expedition."

"Married? Is this true? Why is there no news of this in Liu Yun Kingdom?"

"Of course it's true! Because great news about the princess being pregnant has spread from the palace... If they weren't married, how could the princess be pregnant? Our Liu Yun Kingdom really just gets one good news after another."

On the streets, Liu Yuchen stopped in his tracks.

The breeze of a summer's day was warm, but for some reason, he felt cold all over. So cold that he could not help but wrap his arms around himself.

'She's... married? And even pregnant?'

Perhaps Liu Yuchen had never imagined that there would be a day he would feel so much regret. Those feelings were like needles viciously stabbed into his heart, making his chest ache so painfully.

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Lady Liu ran out in a frenzy and pushed away Liu Yuchen who was standing frozen in front of her.

She rushed over to the people who were just talking and grabbed their arms, her eyes filled with madness.

"What did you just say? The princess is married? She's even pregnant? That can't be, it's too fast, there's not even any news of this in Liu Yun Kingdom..."

Lady Liu mumbled to herself, staring straight ahead in disbelief.

She could barely regain her composure from this news...

The young lady who just got pushed by her staggered and almost fell to the ground.

She was already furious, but when she saw who had pushed her, the fury and sarcasm on her face deepened.

“Why, isn’t this the madam of the Liu family? Back then, you were the ones who had given up on the princess, and now that the princess and the state preceptor have finally found each other, you’re envious?”

In an instant, the gazes of everyone on the street were directed at Lady Liu and Liu Yuchen.

Under their sharp glares, Liu Yuchen finally started to regain his senses. Perhaps it was due to shame, he did not look at Lady Liu and just turned to the opposite direction to leave.

“Yuchen!”

Lady Liu turned her head and saw Liu Yuchen walking away. She gritted her teeth and chased after him, grabbing and tugging at his arm. “Come with me, we’re going to see the princess. I don’t believe that the princess would be this heartless.”

Seeing this stubborn side of Lady Liu, the others could not help but shake their heads and sigh.

The princess had already rejected her countless times and the latter had even suffered enough losses in the process, but she did not seem to have learned her lesson. She was still delusional, hoping for the princess’s forgiveness.

How ridiculous.

Back then, the Liu family had almost forced the princess to her death because of Tan Shuangshuang. They should be lucky that the empress did not destroy the whole family. Yet, now they were still trying to stir up trouble.

“That’s enough!”

Liu Yuchen’s tightly clenched fists until cracking sounds were heard. He took a deep, heavy breath to push down the rage within his chest. “How long do you want to keep this up? The princess will never forgive the Liu family, ever!”

All this while he had already become aware of this truth. However, he was not willing to admit it and so he had drowned himself in alcohol, trying to use the intoxication to forget.

Until now...

After hearing that Feng Ruqing was pregnant, he felt like he had just been splashed with a bucket of cold water, sobering up immediately.

It was true that ever since he had chosen to give up on her, their paths were already different and they would never cross.

“Yuchen...”

Lady Liu stared blankly at Liu Yuchen.

He was clearly still thinking of the princess, so why not try to fight for her? Was he going to give up, just like that?

"The Liu family..." Liu Yuchen slowly closed his eyes. Feeling a lump on his throat, his voice trembled slightly as he said, "Can take no more of this torture, do you understand?"

This Liu family could not afford to face any more crisis...

Lady Liu's hand gradually fell. She felt reluctant but as she looked at Liu Yuchen's striking yet despairing silhouette, she ended up swallowing back the words she wanted to say.

"Forget it..." Liu Yuchen gave a bitter smile. "You wouldn't understand it. If you intend to be this stubborn, then go and look for her on your own. I won't ever go to her again..."

He did not want to see her indifferent gaze. Those eyes were more piercing than needles.

"Yuchen!"

Seeing as Liu Yuchen was about to leave, Lady Liu became anxious. "Where are you going now?"

He stopped in his tracks. He tipped his head up, staring dazedly at the blue sky.

"I don't know either... but... I won't be able to keep staying in this house, so you guys should take care of yourselves." Before he left, he paused again before continuing to say, "Father's heart will never return. You should start contemplating your own future, at most just... leave him."