

## Overbearing 141

### Chapter 141: I Will Never Marry Another Woman II

Chao Yang gave a cold sigh and turned his head, not wanting to look at Qin Xun.

There was an awkward expression on Qin Xun's face.

"Young Master Chao, I... overreacted..."

After hearing that Wei Pinyao was safe, his anxious heart finally calmed down.

"Ehem..."

Commander Chao gave out a dry cough, breaking up the awkward atmosphere.

"Young Master Qin was only worried about his wife. We've all been there, I can relate. You should quickly go back to your wife."

"Yes."

Qin Xun's eyes lit up. His heart had already left and flown back to Wei Pinyao's side. After hearing those words, he quickly made his way to the backyard, ignoring the still angry Chao Yang.

"You can leave now."

Expressionless, Qin Feiyang coldly brushed Hong Xue away.

Hong Xue clenched her fist tightly. She was dissatisfied that Wei Pinyao had not been poisoned but she did not have the courage to utter a single word. She paid her respects and left.

"Young Master Chao."

Qin Feiyang's gaze turned to face Chao Yang.

"That herbal dish, was it really something the princess researched on?"

Chao Yang's eyes gleamed.

"You're right. The princess... She's actually a genius, a real genius. All this while, the people have misunderstood her!"

"Hahaha!" Qin Feiyang laughed in a relaxed manner.

"If the old general knows about it, he'll definitely be comforted and happy. Even Empress Nalan can be at peace of mind."

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Night shadowed the princess's manor, enveloping it in the serenity of the cold moonlight's glow.

As soon as Feng Ruqing strode into the princess manor, she immediately saw Qing Ling curled up in a corner, shivering. Directly in front of her, the earth bear and other beasts were roaming around in the darkness of the night—gigantic and strong.

“Princess!”

Qing Ling instantly saw the princess which just stepped foot into the manor as if her savior just appeared. Unable to hold back her tears, she cried.

“This beast came from nowhere and even brought along a whole horde of spirit beasts. Please save me...”

All these while, Feng Ruqing had never returned to the princess manor. Even when she was preparing herbal dishes, she used the palace’s imperial kitchen. Therefore, this group of spirit beasts must be led here by the snow wolf.

In the end, Qing Ling was terrified as she saw so many spirit beasts invading the manor. She was scared stiff, unmoving.

She was afraid that once she made a move, the spirit beasts would rush forward and kill her.

Seeing Qing Ling’s pale frightened face, Feng Ruqing’s face turned grim. She walked casually towards the earth bear and smacked its thick skull.

“Let me introduce them—these are the spirit beasts that I’ve worked hard for. You don’t have to be afraid of them. They won’t eat humans as long as they’re full.”

‘As... long as... they’re full... they won’t eat humans?’

Qing Ling was so terrified that she was about to cry.

“Princess, what if they’re not full? Wouldn’t I, your humble servant, become their meal? Princess, what have I done wrong? Pray do tell. I can change, even if Princess wants me as a sex slave, I wouldn’t refuse.”

She would rather be tricked by the princess than to be a spirit beast’s meal.

It was definitely during that time where the princess was drunk where Qing Ling and Liu Li did not listen to the princess... Was that why the princess brought these spirit beasts back to teach them a lesson?

She would change, she was willing to change everything... Would this be okay?

“What kind of nonsense are you spouting?”

Feng Ruqing swept a glance at Qing Ling.

“It’s impossible that they’re not well fed. You don’t have to overthink this. After this, I’m heading over to the mountain out back to work. You can head back to rest.”

Qing Ling nodded obediently. She then gathered her courage and stood up, slowly and carefully moving past the group of spirit beasts. After she was far enough, she let out a sigh of relief and quickly made her way toward the backyard...

## Chapter 142: I Will Never Marry Another Woman III

Looking at Qing Ling's hasty retreat as if a ghost was tailing her, Feng Ruqing shook her head. She then gently turned to face the horde of spirit beasts.

"From today onwards, Little Wolfie will be my manor's guardian. Within this manor, all of you have to obey his words. Without my permission, the spirit herbs at the backhill not allowed to be consumed. If I find out that you have disobeyed my orders, I will dismiss the culprit."

The spirit beasts were stunned, exchanging gaze between themselves.

Dismiss? What does that mean?

Feng Ruqing's expression grimed.

"Dismiss means... I will cancel my contract with you and release you back to the beast mountain. Plus, you will never be able to receive your reward anymore."

After hearing those words, the spirit beasts began to feel anxious. They were all here to feast on the Divine-Spirit Fruit. If they were dismissed, then they would never get their hands on the Divine-Spirit Fruit!

"Of course, if all of you were to listen and obey, I wouldn't deny you your privileges. Instead, I might even give you an extra meal portion."

Feng Ruqing smiled happily.

"Awoooooo!"

The snow wolf began howling. Compared to the happiness in taking over the position as the guardian of the manor, it was more elated hearing that it would receive more meals.

"Little Wolfie, bring them to the hill behind, and let the Four-armed Ape teach them how to sow spirit herbs."

Feng Ruqing relaxed her jaw.

Since now that the manor has enough spirit beasts, she should be teaching the Four-armed Ape the spirit herb dish recipe.

Well... Since making herbal dishes was different from sowing spirit herbs, it required someone who could handle kitchen utensils, and the only candidate available for this was the Four-armed Ape...

"Plus... I don't know when the state preceptor will be back..."

The young lady gently sighed. She cast a distant gaze at the crescent moon. It was during nights like these that the scenery looked as if she were staring at a divine being's cold back.

The state preceptor clearly stated that he would only leave for a month. So hasn't he... returned?

She desperately wishes to sleep by his side... What should she do?

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The night was cold and lonely...

The peaceful gleaming moon shone right through the thick canopy of tree leaves, shining upon the man's pure white shirt.

His silhouette was that of a divine being, pure and not bound by the materials of the mortal world. Beautiful beyond compare.

It was just that...

But on his mind, he was not as cool and collected. It was like he had seen through it all—as though no one was worthy of his attention.

"I've finally found you..."

A charming laughter burst out from behind.

"Nan Xian..."

Nan Xian exudes a coldness which made others feel distant, unable to get close no matter what...

"What are you doing here?"

Under the moonlight, the woman's red dress radiated. Her smile was enchanting—irresistible to men.

"I've heard that you've been to a place called... Liu Yun Kingdom or something? Even became a little state preceptor. I even heard that you're looking for a woman... I know my own worth... Hehe... I'm just curious to see what kind of woman would make you feel... this way?"

Nan Xian turned around.

The moonlight landed on his masculine face. Beautiful like a divine being.

He donned a white shirt, which swayed in the wind, looking just like a painting.

Her eyes would not stop ogling. Regretfully, she knew...

A guy like this... He was definitely... Never going to marry another wife...

In this lifetime, this kind of man would never be tainted by women...

This was his fate...

"Nan Xian..."

The young lady giggled and slowly advanced toward Nan Xian.

But she stopped about five meters away from him.

This was the state preceptor Nan Xian's strength. He would not let anyone come too close to him. Even if it were the young lady... She did not have the courage to push the boundaries.

**Chapter 143: State Preceptor's Tricks I**

Nan Xian's expression was cold—his eyes were fierce and fearless.

"My business has nothing to do with all of you..."

The lady let out a throaty seductive laugh. The laugh would have made everyone bow down in front of her pomegranate red dress willingly.

Of course, this was not the case.

The man in front of her was no ordinary man, his expression was still as cold as ever and he did not even waver.

"Nan Xian, you're willing to let go of your self-worth for a mere woman? Do you think? Those people... would allow it?"

She laughed hysterically.

"Don't you ever forget who you really are."

Boom!

With a grim expression, Nan Xian reached out his palms. Powerful energy was fired from his palms and pierced through the lady's chest.

Her body was pushed backward. She quickly clung onto a nearby tree branch, afraid of falling embarrassingly onto the ground.

"Whatever my status is, has nothing to do with all of you."

Nan Xian paced slowly towards the lady. His eyes fixed upon the lady who's in front of him. His beautiful complexion was exposed by the moonlight.

"Since I'm not hiding my whereabouts, it kind of already showed you that I'm not afraid of you people giving her trouble."

The lady's smile froze. She then raised her head. In the moonlight, her beautiful face looked horrified.

"Nan Xian... Are you really not afraid?"

Or did he mean that he did not care about that woman? That was why he was not afraid if people went looking for her?

"All of you can go looking for her but... Whatever happened next... No one will be able to bear the consequences!"

Nan Xian walked by the lady's side, his eyes were no longer fixated upon her.

"And those who I chose to protect... no one will be able to even get close enough to harm her."

His voice soft like the wind, yet the impact was strong like brass... His words were etched onto the lady's heart.

She could not believe that she had misjudged the situation. It had never crossed her mind that Nan Xian would go to such lengths to protect somebody.

Plus... It was a woman?

“Ho...”

Unexpectedly, she let out a soft laugh.

The more Nan Xian cared for a woman, the more curious she became.

But...

Everyone knew about Nan Xian’s temper. To pay a visit to the one he’s protecting, would trigger his rage.

The current Nan Xian might be too strong for them to overcome.

Nevertheless...

Moments ago, he had the intention of killing her.

“But... The more he stops me from going... The more I want to know...”

The lady’s fingers gently pressed onto her red lips, while wearing an alluring smile.

She believed that if it were not for those who are supporting her and her usefulness, Nan Xian wouldn’t have spared her life.

This is the first time Nan Xian had ever intended to kill her.

The lady lifted her head, staring at the man who was walking further and further away under the pale moonlight. And it was at this time...

A gurgling feeling came thrusting out of her abdomen. She quickly grabbed her abdomen but before she could find a place to relieve herself, she squealed as a foul stench came wafting over.

Her face was pale... She had defecated in her pants . <sup>1</sup>

She could not think. Not long after, the same feeling emerged again. There wasn’t a bathroom around. To solve the problem, she quickly lifted her skirt and defecated on the spot.

At first, she could not wrap her mind on the matter on hand. After calming down, she realized that something was amiss.

The pressure of Nan Xian’s palm energy carried a gentle scent. She did not know what it was when it hit her but now she realized, Nan Xian did not just throw a punch at her—he even injected her with laxatives!

## **Chapter 144: State Preceptor’s Tricks II**

“Lady Zhuang Luan!”

Of all times, they had to appear at this moment. A few people in white clothes emerged out of thin air.

The moment they landed on the ground, they quickly covered their noses.

Then...

When they saw Zhuang Luan squatting on the ground doing her business, everyone was stunned . <sup>1</sup>

Zhuang Luan was shocked. After a moment gathering her thoughts, she screamed angrily.

“What are all of you still stunned for?!”

The group of people regained consciousness and quickly turned around, facing their backs against her.

Their faces were still clearly red from blushing.

Zhuang Luan’s beauty knew no bounds but all these years, there had never been a man who was able to get close to her, not to mention being able to see her in such an up-close manner.

Logically speaking, after the arrival of these people, Zhuang Luan should immediately put her skirt down but because her diarrhea kept flowing, she would once again soil it. Therefore, she could only remain squatted, afraid to get up.

“Who told all of you of my whereabouts? Who gave you permission to come forth?”

The person in white with a red face who stood at the front replied in embarrassment, “We saw Young Master Nan Xian a moment ago, it was him... He was the one who told us of your whereabouts. Saying that you were injured. Therefore we...”

“Nan Xian!”

Right until now, how did Zhuang Luan not realize that she was being tricked by Nan Xian!

Firstly, he made her purge uncontrollably, then he intentionally informed a bunch of people to look for her! And now, soiling her good name.

That bastard. Where did he learn all these dirty tricks from? She would never forgive the person who taught Nan Xian all these tricks!

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At the Princess Manor.

At that moment, Feng Ruqing sneezed and snorted.

“Who’s cursing me?”

Qin Chen stood in front of Feng Ruqing—his eyes were bright as he smiled lightly.

“Qingqing is so beautiful, I’m sure you have many suitors that are talking about you.”

“...”

Feng Ruqing gently touched the back of her head.

“But I don’t think so... Well, whatever... I’ve pissed off too many people... Those who are talking bad things about me can form a line from the southern city to the northern city. Since when was I ever worried about that?”

“Qingqing, it’s getting late, you should rest soon.”

“Sure. Oh yes, Wolfie please follow me to the imperial palace tomorrow.”

The state preceptor had yet to return, so she had to pay a visit to the little snake to ask for help. Then force him to spill the news about the state preceptor.

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Within Liu Yun Kingdom, there were many sources of spirit herbs but they could not keep up with the demand.

The most famous of them all was still the one called Paramount.

After arriving at Paramount’s spirit herb store, Feng Ruqing’s footsteps stopped. She suddenly fell into deep thought. She then turned and walked toward the spirit herb store.

Like a guard, Qin Chen followed Feng Ruqing closely from behind as she walked into the spirit herb store.

At that moment, when the people saw the figure who walked in through the door, they were stunned. Their eyes were filled with amazement.

The princess was notoriously well known. The men and women were terrified of her. Most of them would not even want to meet her in their lifetime.

At the counter, Tan Shuangshuang’s enchanting face looked up with a beautiful smile. Right before her was a Grade-2 spirit herb, she seemed to be asking about the price.

At Tan Shuangshuang’s side stood a graceful middle-aged woman. She looked at Tan Shuangshuang’s with eyes filled with love and kindness and her lips were raised into a curve.

### **Chapter 145: State Preceptor’s Tricks III**

Suddenly, the quiet atmosphere of the spirit herb store startled them. As they turned to look at the direction where the stares of the people had gathered, they saw a huge mountain-like figure.

Even though Feng Ruqing had lost a lot of weight and slimmed down, she was still akin to the size of a large mountain compared to Tan Shuangshuang.

The middle-aged woman sensed Tan Shuangshuang’s uneasiness, so she patted her hand and comforted her with a smile.

Immediately, her cold eyes looked upon Feng Ruqing, as she bowed politely and said, “Greetings, Your Royal Highness.”



Feng Ruqing frowned a little. She didn't anticipate her meeting with Liu Yuchen's mother and Tan Shuangshuang at the spirit herb store.

In the past, it was because of the princess that Lady Liu fainted due to her uncontrollable anger. Which led to Liu Chen abandoning the princess that indirectly caused the death of the princess in the chancellor's manor.

Seeing Feng Ruqing silently standing there, Lady Liu felt a knot in her heart.

No matter how the princess acted, the Liu family had always shown her respect. The princess not only forbade Tan Shuangshuang to enter the manor, but she also did not allow Yuchen to take in concubines. Plus, she even got rid of all Yuchen's concubines. Even though the princess did all those, Lady Liu still respected her and would not cause her any trouble.

Sadly, Yuchen did not like Feng Ruqing. Aside from Feng Ruqing's family background, all her other traits were not as good as Tan Shuangshuang. That was why she would rather allow Tan Shuangshuang to marry into her household, than to have a member of the imperial family which was obnoxiously rude.

"Princess."

Tan Shuangshuang lowered her gaze as she spoke in a frail manner, inducing empathy from others.

"I know you're angry that I snatched Yuchen from you, but I've already talked to Yuchen. From now onward, I shall no longer force him to love me. I just hope that your highness will just spare the chancellor's household."

Lady Liu quickly grabbed hold of Tan Shuangshuang's hand. Her heart stung with pride and happiness.

"Shuangshuang, my dear child, you're too kind hearted. It must be painful for you to do this."

With a pale look upon her face, Tan Shuangshuang shook her head. She replied with a smile, "Aunt Liu, Shuang'er isn't suffering. It's only natural for a man to have three or four wives. How can Shuang'er ever force him to be with only me for the rest of his life? If Yuchen has more women, then there will be more people helping the Liu family to give birth to the new generation, keeping the bloodline going. Shuang'er will be beyond happy, so what's there to suffer?"

"You're just comforting me, how can you not feel the pain in your heart? No one will ever want to share their man. But you're willing to do this for Yuchen. This proves that you're the only one in the world who would love Yuchen with all of your heart."

Lady Liu patted Tan Shuangshuang's hand. She smiled a little and said, "Don't you worry. I will definitely let Yuchen officially marry you and welcome you into our home."

Her words were spoken intentionally in front of Feng Ruqing.

Feng Ruqing loved Yuchen deeply. In Liu's household, other than the concubines, everyone else obeyed her orders, but Lady Liu didn't even bat an eyelid at her.

She could treat anyone cruelly but in order to win Liu Yuchen's heart, she did not have the guts to mistreat Lady Liu.

Feng Ruqing laughed. Her laughter was sudden, it rang aloud in the quiet spirit herb store.

Lady Liu raised her brows then faced Feng Ruqing and asked, "What's the meaning of this, Princess?"

"Oh nothing, I totally agree with you. In this world, there's no one else as matching as Tan Shuangshuang and Liu Yuchen. I honestly and sincerely wish them all the happiness in this world. I hope that they will never be apart from one another. At least they won't go around hurting other people."

Lady Liu didn't understand her meaning at first. But after a moment, it struck her. Her eyes were filled with disbelief.

#### **Chapter 146: State Preceptor's Tricks IV**

What did the princess mean?

Did she give up on Yuchen?

Or... as Shuangshuang believed, she was just pretending like she did not care?

"Princess, Yuchen and Shuangshuang are a match made in heaven, but I wish that Your Highness wouldn't bully Shuangshuang. She is a nice and gentle lady. She can't endure being pursued by anyone."

Lady Liu's temper flared up a bit. If Feng Ruqing were not of royal descent, did she think that she could be a part of the chancellor's family?

Although her status was that of royalty, the only daughter-in-law that she would accept was none other than Tan Shuangshuang.

"Pursue Tan Shuangshuang?"

Feng Ruqing let out a loud laugh.

"Lady Liu, you're thinking too much. I'm not even a man, why would I pursue her? In fact, even if I were a man, the two palace maids in my manor are both very pretty. Why would I pursue Tan Shuangshuang instead of the two of them?"

Lady Liu was stunned.

What kind of statement was that? Why would only guys pursue Tan Shuangshuang?

As a matter of fact, Tan Shuangshuang did not fully understand the first part statement. All she heard was the last sentence, which made her eyes blaze with fury as she clenched her fist.

This woman... dared to compare her to two palace maids? And even more insulting was that these two palace maids were prettier than her?

Hilarious!

In terms of beauty, she, Tan Shuangshuang was Liu Yun Kingdom's number one. How could two simple palace maids compare to her stunning beauty?

"Of course..."

Feng Ruqing slowly took two steps toward Lady Liu and said with a smile, "If Tan Shuangshuang gets injured, the first person you'll have to interrogate would be your good son. Ask him how much energy and *effort* did he put in at night in order to injure Tan Shuangshuang?"

She intentionally emphasized on the word energy <sup>1</sup>.

This time, Lady Liu finally understood her meaning. Her face reddened from anger.

"Princess! You're accusing people! Throwing filth at Shuangshuang's good name!"

Regardless of the situation, when a woman loses her purity before marriage, it was an embarrassing matter.

Therefore, Feng Ruqing insulting the purity of an innocent girl in public, was definitely vilification at its worst.

"Innocent?"

Feng Ruqing laughed.

"A vile girl with no proper background, walking in and out of a man's manor, claims that she's pure? Who would believe that?"

The entire spirit herb stores crowd was stunned.

Although Feng Ruqing was widely famous for being evil, she was indeed once married to Liu Yuchen. As for Tan Shuangshuang, although she was famous for being beautiful, she was indeed a bachelorette. If she had visited a man's manor that often, it would definitely ruin her reputation.

Seeing the judgmental stares from the people around, Tan Shuangshuang's face turned pale, and her tears began to flow down her cheeks.

"Aunt Yu, Yu Chen and I are indeed innocent. We are definitely innocent..."

She silently cried, her eyes were filled with bewilderment.

"Feng Ruqing!!!"

A loud angry voice rang from behind.

Before Feng Ruqing could even react, a strong impact came pushing from the back, she lost her balance and fell forward.

Qin Chen's eye caught a glance of the commotion, reached out his hand and pulled Feng Ruqing close to him. He coldly stared at the man who pushed forth and ran toward Tan Shuangshuang...

The man's face was filled with panic and he helplessly looked at Tan Shuangshuang's teary face. His anger boiled as he slowly turned around. His eyes were filled with rage.

"Feng Ruqing, I thought you've changed. I was just about to change my perception toward you. I really didn't think that you would still be the same old Feng Ruqing. Just as I wasn't around, you start to bully Tan Shuangshuang? Have you no heart?"

## Chapter 147: The Consequence of Offending the Princess I

At first, Feng Ruqing was shocked. After a moment, she stood up furious and in pain.

“You pushed me?”

Liu Yuchen was dumbfounded. He just realized he did push Feng Ruqing due to anger.

“I...”

His forehead was filled with cold sweat, while he was clenching his teeth.

“That’s because you were bullying Shuangshuang. Even though you may be a princess, you shouldn’t be so impolite and irrational. Shuang’er has been letting you have things your way, why would you still find trouble with her? In order to bully her, you even followed her to this spirit herb store. Would it hurt you to stop treating her so badly?”

Feng Ruqing sneered. She walked up to Liu Yuchen slowly, mocking him, “Which eye of yours witnessed me bullying the little white lotus here?”

“If you’re not bullying her, then why would she be crying?”

Liu Yuchen clenched his fist, his eyes filled with hatred. In that moment, he had put the princess’s royal status aside.

The only thing he knew was that he would never let the woman he loved be bullied.

“Yuchen.”

Tan Shuangshuang gently tugged at Liu Yuchen’s sleeve. She shook her head with her eyes bright, filled with anxiousness.

“Please don’t offend the princess on my behalf. The princess was right. I shouldn’t always visit your manor. It made her doubt my purity. It’s understandable.”

Liu Yuchen’s heart was heavy. He raised his head as he glared daggers at the princess.

“Princess, a girl’s purity is very important, do you not understand? By disgracing her purity in public, aren’t you sentencing her to death?! I had never thought that you would hate her till this extend, till you want her life!”

Boom!

Qin Chen suddenly attacked.

A punch landed onto Liu Yuchen’s chest. His body was forced backward—he stepped back a few steps and fell on top of the store counter.

“Yu’er!”

Lady Liu shouted as her face turned pale. She quickly ran to his side. Her eyes were filled with sadness and her heart ached.

All while Feng Ruqing just stood there at the back with her arms crossed, not bothered to help Liu Yuchen at all.

At this very moment, Lady Liu was afraid to even say anything. Although her heart was filled with hatred and dissatisfaction, she was afraid of the consequences of offending the princess.

“Which hand did you use to push me ? <sup>1</sup>”

Feng Ruqing’s eyes didn’t even glance at Lady Liu and Tan Shuangshuang. She immediately focused her gaze upon Liu Yuchen, staring down at him coldly.

Liu Yuchen’s chest felt tight and anxious. He can no longer see the love and admiration that were once there in the princess’s eyes. Now it was only a cold resentment.

“Princess!”

Tan Shuangshuang panicked. She rushed in front of Feng Ruqing and kneeled. Her face were covered in tears, her face was pale.

“If anyone’s to be blamed, it was I... This has nothing to do with Liu Yuchen. It was I who foolishly snatched away your highness’s true love. It was I who went to the chancellor’s manor to look for Lady Liu, which led to the misunderstanding.”

From her words, she visited the Liu family’s manor to pay a visit to Lady Liu. It was Feng Ruqing who had misunderstood her intentions.

Feng Ruqing laughed cheerfully while looking at Tan Shuangshuang.

“And then?”

Tan Shuangshuang was taken aback, she bit her lips, looking at the princess in embarrassment.

“Princess, if you want to blame, then please blame me... If you’re unhappy with me till the extent of following me to this spirit herb store just to insult me, I won’t blame you. I just hope that you would spare Yuchen. He is innocent.”

Liu Yuchen’s chest tightened. Shuang’er was willing to do this for his sake yet he... was not even able to protect the woman he loved.

## **Chapter 148: The Consequence of Offending the Princess II**

Qin Chen looked at Liu Yuchen. Then, he turned and looked at Feng Ruqing.

“Qingqing, who do you think is more handsome? Me or Liu Yuchen?”

Feng Ruqing smiled and touched Qin Chen’s handsome face. “Is my taste that bad? How could he... be compared to you?”

Qin Chen was all smiles. “Qingqing’s taste is always good. Although I don’t know anything, I’m smarter than him. My cultivation is better than his. I’m even better looking than him. Moreover, I’ll do anything for you. Qingqing will never fall for someone useless.”

"No. He has one advantage. He is... vain. He's so full of himself that nobody can compete with that."

Liu Yuchen's face darkened. He got up from the floor by supporting himself. He sneered and said, "Princess, isn't he the man you knocked down the other day and brought back to your princess's manor?"

Although Liu Yuchen had met Qin Chen, Liu Yuchen did not know about the rumor because he was just able to leave the Liu family that day. He would not keep quiet about it now that he knew of it.

'He's just a gigolo who was brought back by the princess. He could stay in the princess's manor because of his beauty. How could he be compared to me?'

'At least, I would not stoop to so low a standard just for the sake of power and status.'

"If she needs me, she doesn't have to knock me down. Everything that belongs to me will be hers if she just says the word." Qin Chen walked toward Liu Yuchen.

A strong aura came upon Liu Yuchen at that moment, and it made it difficult to breathe for him.

Liu Yuchen raised his head in shock. He fixed his eyes at Qin Chen's handsome face. His heart was in a knot as he clenched his fists tightly.

'How can this be?'

'The pressure emitted by this person is even stronger than my father's.'

'Who is he?'

Only Liu Yuchen could feel a strong aura. Feng Ruqing could only feel the soft breeze next to Qin Chen. No one else present could feel it.

The others only saw that Liu Yuchen had changed. Liu Yuchen was arrogant at first, but now he was filled with shock and fear. His face had paled.

"Yuchen." Lady Liu looked at Liu Yuchen worriedly.

"I'm fine."

Liu Yuchen shook his head.

He could feel that his breath was calmer after the pressure of the strong aura subsided. He could not help but take a few more deep breaths. Now, he was not so daring to make any move.

"You pushed Qingqing with your right hand just now, didn't you?" Qin Chen stood in front of Liu Yuchen expressionlessly. Qin Chen used a little of the power in his hand.

A clear cracking sound was heard.

Liu Yuchen's right hand was bent. His bone was broken. It was so painful that his sweat started pouring.

"Yuchen!" Lady Liu looked at Liu Yuchen in shock. Then, she turned and looked angrily at Feng Ruqing. "Princess, you cannot let the others commit a crime like this, even though you're a princess."

Feng Ruqing raised her eyes. She looked at Lady Liu fearlessly. "According to the imperial laws of our kingdom, what's his consequence if he offended the princess?"

Lady Liu was stunned.

'It's true that Liu Yuchen was the one who started it. But...'

"It's because you're the one who has insulted Shuangshuang first. Yuchen only wanted to protect her."

Feng Ruqing nearly burst out in laughter.

"When have I insulted her? Isn't it true that she always goes in and out of Liu Manor? She always claims that she's only visiting Lady Liu. But, who can prove that? Besides, I only see her with Liu Yuchen no matter where they are."

Tan Shuangshuang was nervous. 'Sure enough, Feng Ruqing still has feelings toward Liu Yuchen. If not, why does she treat me like an enemy?'

### **Chapter 149: The Consequence of Offending the Princess III**

'The princess is only a woman who keeps a gigolo at home. How can she be compared to me?'

"I... didn't."

Feng Ruqing sneered and said, "I don't care whether you've slept together or not. What I have said was the truth. When did I wrong you? Besides, Liu Yuchen attacked me first. Should we break his hand?"

"That..." Lady Liu was stunned for a while. Then, she bit her lip unwillingly. "You said you have never insult Tan Shuangshuang. Then, why do you treat her like your enemy? Why do you follow her here—spirit herbs shop?"

Shuangshuang had told her before. Even if Feng Ruqing had ended her marriage with Liu Yuchen, Feng Ruqing never stopped having feelings toward Liu Yuchen. But, Shuangshuang had tried her best to avoid Feng Ruqing. Still, Feng Ruqing did not let Tan Shuangshuang go.

'This woman... Why is she always hanging around?'

Feng Ruqing turned and looked at Lady Liu. "Do you know what's the consequence of spreading rumors about me?"

"What?"

"Those who spread rumors about me... will be whipped a hundred times."

To Lady Liu and Tan Shuangshuang, who were small and timid, a hundred whipping would definitely kill them.

Lady Liu was stunned. Feng Ruqing had never mentioned about whipping her when Feng Ruqing was still in the Liu family even though she had argued with Feng Ruqing.

"Princess... I'm just telling the truth." Lady Liu bit her lip and decided not to back down.

'It's too late to take back what was said.' Lady Liu understood that the princess came here just to embarrass them.

Feng Ruqing looked at Lady Liu coldly. Then, she looked at the shopkeeper of the spirit herbs shop who was standing there, not doing anything.

"Go and call the elder of the spirit herbs shop."

There was an elder in every shop in Paramount. They were the ones who were qualified to make decisions.

The shopkeeper was stunned. "Princess, the elder is busy and has no time for small matters. You can just tell me your order."

The shopkeeper did not mention that the elder would not simply meet anyone.

Feng Ruqing clasped her hands together. A token appeared in her palm when she raised her hand.

The smile on the shopkeeper's face disappeared when he saw the token. His demeanor became solemn and was filled with respect. "Why do you have the token of Paramount?"

The corners of Feng Ruqing's raised. "Don't be bothered by how I got this token. Go and tell him that I, Feng Ruqing, want to meet him."

"Princess, please wait for a while. I'll go and inform the elder now."

The token signified the young master. It was not a secret in Paramount.

The young master was the only one who was able to give this token.

Tan Shuangshuang looked at the shopkeeper blankly. She felt a pain in the heart that felt like it was bitten by thousands of ants.

She was not stupid. She understood that the reason behind the change in the shopkeeper's attitude was because of the token in Feng Ruqing's hand.

It was not important how Feng Ruqing got hold of the token. It still extremely distressed her.

"Wait!" Feng Ruqing stopped the shopkeeper suddenly.

The shopkeeper turned and asked, "Princess, what else do you need?"

"I want to make use of the people in your spirit herbs shop. Take these two people out and give them a hundred whippings." Feng Ruqing looked at Lady Liu condescendingly. "I told you! Those who spread rumors about me must pay for it!"

Lady Liu was stunned.

She had always thought that Feng Ruqing's appearance in the spirit herbs shop was all because of Tan Shuangshuang.

She had never thought that the princess came here solely because of the spirit herbs shop.



Lady Liu was anxious after hearing what the princess had said. "Princess, I'm the chancellor's wife. Aren't you afraid what the others might say if you treated me like this?"

Feng Ruqing smiled in return. "Those who had scolded me were never small in number. I was immature before, but now if I want to change the impression people have of me, I'll not be weak and gullible. Those who offend me must pay!"

## **Chapter 150: The State Preceptor's Vicious Tongue I**

Feng Ruqing was obsessed with Liu Yuchen before so much so that the people in the Liu family had forgotten her status and power as a princess.

Liu Yuchen had allowed himself to expect the worst. Now, after he had heard what Feng Ruqing had said, his heart quickly turned cold.

"Princess, my mother is old, and she cannot endure such punishment. Shuang'er is weak, and she too cannot endure such punishment. Please forgive them. I'll be responsible for all the mistakes."

Feng Ruqing stroked her chin and smiled lightly. "Liu Yuchen, I never thought that you're such a filial son and a loyal lover. That's good, and I'll grant your wish. But, you can only choose one person between your mother and Tan Shuangshuang. You can only endure the punishment for your mother or Tan Shuangshuang. I'll see who you'll choose."

The previous princess had done so many wrongs. She had even separated a pair of lovers. Feng Ruqing could not simply stand by and do nothing.

But, Feng Ruqing never thought that she would still be in contact with Liu Yuchen after she came to Liu Yun Kingdom. But, these people just would not leave her alone.

Tan Shuangshuang was stunned. She immediately looked at Liu Yuchen anxiously. She bit her lip, and there was both tension and eagerness in her eyes.

Yuchen had always said that he loved Tan Shuangshuang deeply. He had always promised that he would protect her. He would definitely think of her first this time, wouldn't he?

There was pin-drop silence in the spirit herbs shop.

Liu Yuchen did not utter a word for a long time.

There was tension in the shop.

"There's my mother and my lover. How could I... decide?"

"I can't!"

"If you can't decide, I'll decide for you." Feng Ruqing smiled brightly. "You love Tan Shuangshuang deeply. You wouldn't want her to be hurt. Come! Take Lady Liu out and give her a hundred whippings!"

Lady Liu was nervous now. She held Liu Yuchen's sleeve tightly. There were even tears in her eyes. "Yuchen, don't let the princess punish me. I will be dead. You must save me! I can't take a hundred whippings."

Liu Yuchen did not say anything.

His handsome face paled. His lips were trembling. He clenched his fists tightly.

The shopkeeper of the spirit herbs shop took Feng Ruqing's order and called somebody to take Lady Liu out.

Lady Liu held tightly onto Yuchen's sleeve. She cried hysterically and refused to let go.

Tan Shuangshuang sighed in relief after seeing that Liu Yuchen did not respond to Lady Liu.

'Yuchen chooses me at last no matter what, doesn't he?'

'I'm the most important person to Yuchen. No one can compete with that, not even... his mother.'

Tan Shuangshuang lowered her eyes. There was a faint smile playing on her lips.

Tan Shuangshuang had treated Lady Liu nicely all this while because she had loved Liu Yuchen deeply. But, she was also the daughter of a grand tutor. Her status was not any lesser than Liu Yuchen's status. She did not have to endure a hundred whippings just for the sake of pleasing Lady Liu.

"Wait!"

Liu Yuchen opened his mouth after seeing that Lady Liu was being brought toward the door. He closed his eyes softly.

There were great sufferings and pain on his face.

"I'll endure a hundred whippings for my mother."

Tan Shuangshuang's beautiful face turned pale at that moment. Her eyes widened as she turned to look at Liu Yuchen. There was deep grief in her eyes.

"Shuangshuang, I'm sorry." Liu Yuchen opened his eyes. He gazed at Tan Shuangshuang guiltily. His voice was trembling. "My mother is weaker than you. She will be dead if she's whipped a hundred times. I can't... let her die . <sup>1</sup> "