

Overbearing 1651

Chapter 1651: Turned Against Each Other III

Snap!

The woman slapped her so hard that her face was swollen like a pig's head.

"Shut up, Feng Lianyi! Who the hell are you to lecture me? If I hadn't brought you out of Yun Huan Kingdom back then, do you think you would have a good life all these years? Can a bastard like Duan Qiong let you enjoy living like a noble young lady in the Duan family? You and your mother will be kicked out of Duan Manor once your grandfather and your father reunite!"

Feng Lianqing sneered. "You're wrong! Grandfather can never make peace with my father as long as that vixen is still alive! Father hated him, and Father would never forgive him! If I was in the Duan family... Even if Grandfather didn't love me as much as he used to, at least... I wouldn't suffer like now!"

"After all, my Duan family is one of the great families with imperial blood in Yun Huan Kingdom!"

Feng Lianyi lifted her chin, trying to make herself look arrogant, not yielding to this woman.

Suddenly, a voice filled with excitement interrupted their conversation. "The Duan family of Yun Huan Kingdom? Hehe, this time, I've found out such important information. I wonder how the Princess will praise me... I'm sure she won't threaten to make me into snake soup again."

Feng Lianyi stiffened.

She lowered her head and followed the voice...

In a split second, a snake was seen coming out of her dress...

It was a green snake that looked slippery and disgusting, giving her goosebumps.

"You... you..."

Qing Zhu smiled. "I want to thank you for telling me this information. So the Duan family is a part of Yun Huan Kingdom's imperial family... It's not in vain that I've been hiding for so long. I almost died because of your smell. How many days has it been since you last taken a bath?"

Hearing Qing Zhu's mocking words, Feng Lianyi should have been furious, but she was so frightened that her eyes widened, her body trembled, and her face was incomparably pale.

'Why...

'Why is this snake on my body?'

"Ahhh!"

Feng Lianyi screamed and threw up her hand, throwing off the slippery Qing Zhu.

Qing Zhu rolled a few times and landed on the ground. It shook its muddled head and looked back at them. It then turned around and tried to escape.

The woman's face changed dramatically. She absolutely could not let this green snake escape and expose her secret to Tian Ya.

Therefore, she did not have time to settle the score with Feng Lianyi. She moved as fast as the wind to chase after the snake.

Qing Zhu turned back and saw the woman was chasing after it. Qing Zhu was so scared that it hurriedly ran away, crying. "Master, Princess, come and save me. Bad people are trying to make me into snake soup. Save me!"

Qing Zhu panicked. No matter how fast it was, it still could not match the woman's speed.

'I should not carelessly expose myself just now... I should have waited until this woman has left before appearing! A weak chicken like Feng Lianyi can't do anything to me.

'But didn't this woman and Feng Lianyi turn against each other? Why are they still chasing me?

'Oh, no... I've not married and become a parent yet... I don't want to be a bowl of snake soup on the human table.'

A murderous aura filled the entire forest.

Just as the woman appeared in front of Qing Zhu, a surge of powerful force suddenly came fiercely from the front and turned into countless swords, attacking the woman...

Chapter 1652: Xiao Ya's Whereabouts I

The woman sidestepped the attack. She raised her head and saw a man in a white robe not far away. Her face instantly sank behind the light veil.

The man in white robes was as handsome as an immortal, and there was a stunning red-dress woman next to him. The two of them were like an immortal couple, standing together perfectly.

"You're lucky today..." Her cold and stern gaze swept toward the scared little snake as she sneered. "I'll give you this woman, Feng Lianyi. I shouldn't have saved this woman if I knew she was so stupid!"

As soon as she said these words, the woman immediately turned around and fled away.

"Qing'er, you wait for me here."

Nan Xian's eyes sank. His white robes flapped in the wind, and in the blink of an eye, the man had disappeared.

The forest fell silent.

The breeze carried warmth, but... It made Feng Lianyi's heart grow cold.

Her face was pale as she bit her lip and looked at Feng Ruqing resentfully.

Qing Zhu went to Feng Ruqing and cried pitifully. "Princess, you've finally come. I was almost made into a snake soup by this little b*tch. You have to kill this little b*tch for me!"

Feng Ruqing raised her hand and grabbed Qing Zhu with her hand. She raised her eyes, gazing down at Feng Lianyi.

Feng Lianyi sneered. "Feng Ruqing, I was unlucky to have fallen into your hands. Do you think you are stronger than me? Ridiculous! You're only strong because you're Tian Ya's granddaughter, and if his granddaughter were me, I would definitely be better than you."

Tian Ya was a great, strong man, and Feng Ruqing had inherited his talent.

However, if Feng Lianyi were his granddaughter, she would become more excellent than Feng Ruqing.

Feng Ruqing's long hair fluttered in the wind as she walked toward Feng Lianyi.

"But, the person who grew up with Tian Ya is you. The one who has been taught by General Tian Ya is you, and the one who can freely enter the spirit herbs store is also you! Everyone in General Manor has treated you well, so what makes you think... You can be better than me?"

Feng Lianyi laughed sarcastically. "I just don't have that old man's bloodline."

"I was useless until I was sixteen." Feng Ruqing stopped and looked at Feng Lianyi expressionlessly. "My life was so horrible. I was fat and ugly, but fortunately, I did have good luck."

It was because she had good luck and met Qing Han and Fu Chen to turn her life around.

"So, Feng Lianyi, what makes you think that you can be stronger than me if you were his granddaughter?" Feng Ruqing smiled faintly. "My grandfather is quite good in all other aspects, but not a good judge of character."

"But it doesn't matter. He is my grandfather, and I won't let anyone humiliate him, even if that person was raised by him."

In an instant, countless sword lights appeared and attacked Feng Lianyi.

Feng Lianyi's eyes widened, and fear grew in her heart.

She turned around and tried to flee, but she could not escape the sword lights no matter how fast she was. In an instant, it drenched her in blood, and the bright red blood poured from the wounds, staining the ground...

Feng Lianyi turned back, staring at Feng Ruqing. Her eyes were filled with deep hatred, as if she wanted to carve the woman's name who had caused her to die so tragically into her mind, never to be forgotten!

Chapter 1653: Xiao Ya's Whereabouts II

However, in the end, she fell and was never able to get up again.

Feng Ruqing looked down at Qing Zhu, which she was carrying in her hands. "Xiao Zhu, what did you find out?"

She narrowed her eyes, her gaze threatening, and if Qing Zhu dared to say it had not heard anything... She would also dare to choke it to death.

“Princess, would you make me into snake soup if I said I didn’t know anything?” Qing Zhu lifted its small head.

“It’s a bit troublesome to rip out Feng Lianyi’s soul and question it. So...”

The woman’s fierce eyes made Qing Zhu tremble in fear. “I’m just joking. I’m just joking. I’ve got a lot of information from Feng Lianyi. That’s why they wanted to kill me.”

“Hmm...”

Feng Ruqing put the snake down and asked indifferently, “Tell me, who exactly Feng Lianyi is?”

“She came from the Duan family of Yun Huan Kingdom. I’ve heard that the Duan family is related to the imperial family of Yun Huan Kingdom. It should be quite easy to find them.”

‘Yun Huan Kingdom?’

‘This name... It seems somewhat familiar...

‘It seems that the prince who came to General Manor to look for Feng Lianyi is from Yun Huan Kingdom...’

“Little Guoguo...”

Phew!

Little Pot flew over, buzzing around Feng Ruqing.

“Little Guoguo, spit that guy out.”

Buzz!

The lid blew off, and a young man was spat out of the pot.

This young man no longer had his initial arrogance, and even though his eyes were very bright... There was also a bit of submission in them.

“Master...”

He was so respectful.

Feng Ruqing was stunned.

She looked at the pot blankly. “You’ve tamed him?”

Buzz!

Little Pot flew around Feng Ruqing excitedly, as if it was waiting for her praise.

Feng Ruqing stroked her chin. “It seems that this prince is just a bit bad-tempered and rude. He’s a bit ugly, but not so stubborn.”

Little Pot could only tame someone like him.

However, if that person were as stubborn as Feng Lianyi, even if Little Pot became stronger, there would be no way for her to submit to Feng Ruqing.

“What’s your name?”

Feng Ruqing raised her eyebrows and turned to the prince.

The prince replied respectfully, “Master, my name is Lin Xuanyi.”

Feng Ruqing was slightly startled. ‘Such a gentle name... It doesn’t fit him.’

“Oh, then do you know the Duan family of Yun Huan Kingdom?”

The young man’s expression was still respectful. “Master, the Duan family is a family under my father. He’s not an officer in the imperial court, but he’s still one of the great men among the families.”

“Mmm, then do you know who Feng Lianyi is in the Duan family?”

“Feng Lianyi?” Lin Xuanyi looked confused. “Isn’t she Tian Ya’s servant? What connection does she have to the Duan family? I haven’t heard of her.”

Feng Ruqing’s eyes sank. “Feng Lianyi left the Duan family when she was a child. Do you know of any missing girls in the Duan family?”

“This thing...” Lin Xuanyi frowned and thought. “I remember that Duan Qiong of the Duan family once had two daughters. One of them was his real wife’s child, but the Duan family did not accept her as their daughter-in-law. Then, the mother and daughter disappeared.”

Chapter 1654: Xiao Ya’s Whereabouts III

“As for the other one, she was the second lady’s daughter and was also lost as a child. The people of the Duan family probably knew where she went, but no one has said anything about it.”

Feng Ruqing turned around and looked straight at Feng Lianyi in the pool of blood, smiling coldly. “Now, you should know that Feng Lianyi is that second lady’s daughter.”

Lin Xuanyi was stunned.

“This little slut Feng Lianyi is a young lady of the Duan family? Why is a young lady working as a servant in General Manor?”

“There’s no need for you to know about these things...” Feng Ruqing glanced at Lin Xuanyi coldly.

“You’ve destroyed General Manor, so go back and apologize. Don’t forget to tell the old master, Tian Ya... I’ll go find the Duan family in Yun Huan Kingdom and return soon.”

“Yes, Master.”

“And change your name.”

“Alright, Master.”

Feng Ruqing rubbed her forehead, trying to ease the tension on her head.

“Xiao Zhu, you go find Nan Xian while I’ll go to Yun Huan Kingdom first. If he can’t catch that woman, just let her go. She will definitely come out again since she has a grudge against Tian Ya. We’ll wait for her. She must have something to do with the Nan family...”

With the Nan family’s status, they couldn’t put their foot down to chase and kill a young girl.

Therefore, Feng Ruqing had a hunch that the Nan family hunted Feng Lianyi in front of Tian Ya was purposely arranged by someone.

That person... And the woman dressed in blue just now must have known each other.

She had to ask Tian Ya, who he had dealt with from the Nan family at that time!

“Princess, can I just leave a mark for my master? He will naturally know where to find us when he sees the mark.”

Qing Zhu grunted. It did not feel comfortable to leave Feng Ruqing alone. It was afraid that she would be seduced by the demonic slut who had taken her soul away.

It was better to watch her close.

If any little slut dared to seduce its princess, it would poison that slut!

“Alright.”

When Qing Zhu put it that way, Feng Ruqing was no longer worried that Nan Xian would not be able to find her. She was silent for a moment and looked sideways at Yun Huan Kingdom. “Give me the map to Yun Huan Kingdom.”

“Alright, Master.”

Lin Xuanyi took out a map from his pouch and respectfully handed it over to Feng Ruqing.

Feng Ruqing stared at him blankly. “You carry a map with you?”

“Yes, the military advisor who led the group here this time has a poor sense of direction and could easily get lost without the map and compass.”

‘The military advisor has a poor sense of direction?’

Feng Ruqing laughed coldly.

However, she did not give it much thought and quickly took the map. “Xiao Zhu, let’s go.”

General Manor.

Everyone else had taken their leave except for the imperial family and the Helian family, who stayed behind.

Tian Ya was dressed in red, holding a cat in his hand lazily. His eyes were cold.

"Where is the housekeeper? He still hasn't found out who Feng Lianyi's family is? If that old man can't find out about it within three days... tell him to not come back again!"

Feng Lianqing was startled. "Master, it's a bit difficult to find that out in three days. It will at least take a few months. After all, Land of No Return is so big, and you didn't ask much about her background before. It's impossible to find her in three days without any clue."

Chapter 1655: Xiao Ya's Whereabouts IV

Tian Ya glared at Feng Lianqing. "Are you blaming me? My precious granddaughter would not be in danger if you didn't help Feng Lianyi. Do you think I'll let you go just because she's safe and sound now? I'm telling you, my granddaughter must have suffered because of that soul, and you're all the culprits!"

The old man was on the verge of tears as he thought about the suffering his granddaughter had endured.

He then picked up a teacup and smashed it at Feng Lianqing.

Feng Lianqing was bold enough to block it with his hand, but the teacup smashed his hand's bone, and his hand slowly turned red.

He did not dare to utter a word, afraid that this old man would be even more furious.

"Look at you. You're not as smart as Yue'er. She knows who to help!"

Helian Yue's face beamed with joy as she heard Tian Ya was praising her. She glared at Feng Lianqing and smirked. "That's right. From the first time I saw Xiao Qing, I already knew she's a nice girl, unlike some people... Who unreasonably helped a demonic slut."

"Hmph!" Tian Ya snorted, stroking the white kitten in his arms expressionlessly. "Feng Lianqing, you'll be punished when my granddaughter returns. If my granddaughter doesn't like you, then I've to drive you out of General Manor, and you will no longer be my disciple."

Feng Lianqing raised his eyes in panic. "Master..."

Tian Ya's face remained cold.

"Master, I will go and apologize until Maiden Feng forgives me. If she insists on not forgiving me, then I..."

Snap!

Helian Yue grabbed the teacup and threw it at Feng Lianqing.

When Tian Ya hit Feng Lianqing, the crowd still felt excusable, but now the one who did it was Helian Yue.

Helian Yue who had chased after Feng Lianqing since he was a child.

Even Helian Ying was also surprised to see Helian Yue do that. She felt like her cousin of his was a little different than before.

"Feng Lianqing, how dare you insult my Xiao Qing?"

"I didn't..."

"Don't you dare say you didn't... Listen here; my Xiao Qing is a gentle and generous person. She has a very forgiving heart and holds no grudge. She still accepted the little prince even after the emperor had almost killed her before. She didn't kill the imperial family, and she has saved the little princess. If she doesn't forgive someone, it means that person has done something evil. I will always support her!"

Qi Fang became panicked. He trembled as he raised his head, facing a pair of cold eyes.

His life as the emperor of this kingdom was not as great as what people thought. He would be fine if his father were here. Unfortunately, his father had already passed away, and the people in this mainland would only show their respect to the powerful ruler. He was not strong enough, and the enemies could easily defeat him.

"Yue'er, what's going on?" Tian Ya's voice was cold and deep. "Who wants to kill my good granddaughter?"

Helian Yue snorted. "It was that b*tch Feng Lianyi. The little prince got lost because of Brother Lianqing, and Xiao Qing had risked her life to save the little prince. But Feng Lianyi went to the emperor and accused Xiao Qing, saying that she was the one who had left the little prince alone. The, the emperor sent his people to arrest Xiao Qing without investigating the truth... If the little prince had not appeared in time... I'm afraid they would have killed Xiao Qing."

Chapter 1656: Xiao Ya's Whereabouts V

"But..." The more Helian Yue thought about it, the more aggrieved she became. "But Brother Lianqing was still defending Feng Lianyi!"

Feng Lianqing had mentioned it when they were in the spirit beast mountain.

However, at that time, Tian Ya did not know that the person being framed was his granddaughter, and he did not know that... Feng Lianyi almost killed her.

In an instant, the cold aura emitted from Tian Ya's body surrounded the entire main hall.

Qi Fang and Feng Lianqing's faces had turned pale; only the little prince was still happily smiling.

"Master, I can explain..." Feng Lianqing trembled. His face was all white, panicked.

Qi Fang's face was also somewhat white, but he still needed to maintain his dignity as the emperor. He remained silent and looked at Helian Yue, wishing this girl to say something on their behalf...

The atmosphere in the main hall became tense. Everyone remained silent, and it was so quiet that some of the people there could feel their breathing grow heavier...

Fortunately...

A voice broke the silence.

"Is General Tian Ya here?"

Tian Ya frowned slightly as he followed the voice and saw a familiar face...

His face darkened.

"What are you doing here?"

The person standing outside the hall was a young man in silk robes, but he no longer had the arrogance he had before.

However, those present looked uncomfortable after seeing this young man. No one had forgotten how this man had attacked General Manor last night.

"I'm here to compensate you..." The young man said respectfully, "General Tian Ya, please calculate the losses of your General Manor. Give me the receipt, and I'll have someone bring you the silver later."

All of them were stunned as if this was the first time they met this man.

Qi Fang was even more incredulous. "You just said... You want to compensate General Manor?"

"Yes. After all, I was the one who went too far last night, which caused General Manor to suffer heavy losses. It's better if I compensate you."

The young man was smiling, and his voice remained respectful.

The entire hall was quiet.

After a moment of silence, Tian Ya faintly commanded, "Feng Lianqing..."

Feng Lianqing trembled in fear. "Master... Master, I'm here."

"You go settle an account and report it to him so that he can compensate me tenfold! Including the cost of my granddaughter's mental anguish and the cost of frightening those servants in my manor."

'Tenfold...'

Feng Lianqing's mouth twitched. 'Since when did Master become so ruthless?'

Furthermore, it was Feng Ruqing who beat up Second Prince yesterday. Would she pay for the emotional damage?

Feng Lianqing did not understand what had impelled Second Prince into a kind of madness and wanted to take the initiative to compensate. However, would he still agree with his master's demand when his master being so mean to Second Prince?

After all, Yun Huan Kingdom's emperor was a King Warrior, unlike Qi Fang, who was useless.

Second Prince still had a smile on his face.

"It's my pleasure... I'll immediately pay as you wished."

Everyone was speechless.

For some reason, Feng Lianqing had a feeling that even if his master told Second Prince to commit suicide, he would immediately carry it out.

'Could it be that... Master had beaten Yun Huan Kingdom's emperor last night, causing his son to be so obedient today?'

Chapter 1657: Xiao Ya's Whereabouts VI

"Oh, one more thing..." Second Prince seemed to have remembered something and said, "General, Lady Nan asked me to come back and say that she's going to find the Duan family in Yun Huan Kingdom. You don't have to look for her, General. She'll be back soon..."

Feng Lianqing stared at Second Prince, confused. He suddenly had a feeling that Second Prince had become so well-behaved, and this must have something to do with Feng Ruqing...

"The Duan family of Yun Huan Kingdom?"

Tian Ya's face darkened. "Why is my granddaughter looking for the Duan family? Are they messing with my granddaughter? Feng Lianqing, go and deploy the soldiers. Ah, forget it. I'll go by myself. Those soldiers are too slow. I can't wait anymore."

Feng Lianqing was silent for a moment. "Master, don't you think that it's Sister Ruqing who is going to mess them up?"

Feng Lianqing no longer called Feng Ruqing 'Maiden Feng' but now had changed to 'Sister Ruqing'... If Qing Zhu were here, it would definitely bite his neck.

"Nonsense!" Tian Ya was burning with anger, "My granddaughter is such a good girl. How could she go looking for trouble from others? Someone must have messed with her. Feng Lianqing, you wait for me to come back to settle the score!"

Tian Ya quickly rushed toward the door as soon as he finished his words.

Feng Lianqing was a bit confused. "Sister Ruqing is well-behaved? How can Master see that she is well-behaved?"

Helian Yue's face sank as she deliberately walked toward Feng Lianqing.

Feng Lianqing noticed that Helian Yue was coming to him and thought that Helian Yue would continue to chase after him as usual.

However, before he could say anything, the young girl had hit him hard with her shoulder, knocking him as he stumbled backward.

She looked at him with a malevolent expression, as if Feng Lianqing had committed an unpardonable sin.

"Feng Lianqing, I was so disappointed with you when you chose to trust Feng Lianyi back then. However, I still believed that you were the same Brother Lianqing, the same hero I once had in my heart. But... I never thought that you would go so far!"

Feng Lianqing's eyes were filled with guilt. "Young Lady Helian, it was indeed my fault in the beginning, if I had let Feng Lianyi leave earlier, perhaps..."

“Feng Lianqing!” Helian Yue snapped viciously. Her eyes were filled with anger. “How dare you humiliate my Xiao Qing saying that she is not good! She is a good and cute granddaughter. Who are you to humiliate her like this?”

Feng Lianqing was speechless.

“I hate you. I’ll never speak to you again.”

Helian Yue once again knocked Feng Lianqing back a few steps with her shoulder fiercely. She then turned around and left.

Never looking back again!

She would never forget that Feng Ruqing enlightened her when Feng Lianqing broke her heart back then.

Feng Ruqing taught her to cultivate and made her understand that men were not the most important thing in her life.

Feng Ruqing taught her to love herself more and never lose her ego over a man!

Feng Lianqing looked at Helian Yue dumbfoundedly. Her words somehow made his heart feel so bad.

This feeling came too suddenly... He was silent for a while, lost in thought.

“Big Brother Feng.”

Helian Ying approached Feng Lianqing and sighed lightly. “Sister Yue’er is a bit capricious because she has Tian Ya to protect her, and now she has Young Lady Feng to back her up. Please don’t ever be reckless with Sister Yue’er. She has lost her father and mother since she was young. She had no one to teach her well, and that’s why she has become like this.”

Chapter 1658: Xiao Ya’s Whereabouts VII

These words were very pleasant at first, but as he thought about it carefully, it did sound a bit harsh...

Feng Lianqing looked back at Helian Ying coldly. “You mean to say, Young Lady Helian follows my master every day, and my master has not taught her well?”

Her face turned pale. She bit her lip and lowered her head. “That’s not what I meant...”

“Helian Ying, she’s your sister. No matter how temperamental she is, you shouldn’t call her uneducated in front of me again.”

Feng Lianqing did not like Helian Ying before, and he did not hate her. However, now, he felt like he wanted to keep his distance from her and wished never to meet her again.

That was why he ignored Helian Ying, who was behind him, and slowly walked out of the main hall.

Helian Ying clenched her hands tightly; the pain in her heart was a little unbearable.

She had known Brother Feng for so many years. Yet, why had Brother Feng never cared about her feelings?

She was more gentle and kind than Helian Yue, who was so arrogant, wasn't she?

Helian Ying regained her calmness. Feng Lianqing and her rarely spent time together even though they had known each other since childhood, unlike Helian Yue, who could come to General Manor often.

She believed that Brother Feng would like her back as long as they got along with each other for a long time.

Helian Ying no longer thought about it and walked out of the hall.

Only the four members of the imperial family were left.

The empress's face was cold, and she refused to say much, not even wanting to pay attention to the man beside her.

Qi Fang looked somewhat awkward. "Empress, this matter... It was indeed my fault. It seems like you and Young Lady Feng have been very close recently. How about you go to her and say a few nice words for me..."

It was tragic for him to be an emperor of his kingdom but still needed to obey a general.

However, he had no other choices. If Tian Ya were not his general, his kingdom would have been annexed long ago, and his people would have suffered.

Therefore, he had to respect General and endure it for his people!

Qi Fang felt a bit sorry for himself as he thought about it...

The empress remained expressionless. "Yu'er, Qin'er, let's go."

She held their hands and wanted to leave the hall.

Qi Fang was a bit flustered and hurriedly grabbed the empress's arm. "Empress, won't you think about it anymore?"

The empress stopped in her tracks and sneered.

"For what? Do you think I didn't know that Yu'er was compelled by your gentle and kind son to go to the spirit beast mountain alone? My son was framed. Don't you say these things have nothing to do with them, even the one who harmed Qin'er must have something to do with that mother and son..."

"But what did you do? Is there any emperor who is as cowardly as you? Yes, you want to protect your people, so you didn't dare to touch Feng Lianyi or seek justice for your son! You would do anything to protect your kingdom!

"Yet you are so incompetent. You are not as strong as the emperors of other kingdoms. Why are you so scared of others? Fortunately, Maiden Feng is General Tian Ya's granddaughter. If General Tian Ya's granddaughter is Feng Lianyi, would you have abandoned us to please Feng Lianyi?"

Obviously... He already knew that it was Feng Lianyi who had framed Yu'er.

However, as the emperor of a kingdom, he could not protect his own son...

He could not even protect his family, so how could he talk about protecting the entire kingdom?

The empress looked frustrated. "You are great as an emperor, but not as my husband. I'm your empress, but we are not a husband and wife; you are just a ruler and I, an officer! And the same goes for Qi Yu..."

Chapter 1659: Xiao Ya's Whereabouts VIII

In the imperial family, there was no such husband and wife, father and son relationship... There was only the ruler and his servant...

No one could disobey him.

However, all she wanted was just to be as loving as a normal couple. She wanted her husband to be a good father for her son and then find a good man for her daughter. She did not want her daughter to engage with any arranged marriage for the sake of the kingdom.

So, she was tired.

She envied Feng Ruqing, who could live freely and not be bothered by anything.

"Emperor, it has been a long time since I visited my mother. I plan to go home to check on her, so I want to ask for your permission..."

Her tone was no longer as angry as it was before but distant and polite.

It also made it difficult for Qi Fang to reply for a while.

It was not until a short while later that he sighed lightly and said, "I'll order someone to escort you back."

"No need, I'll bring my servants with me. They can protect me."

As soon as Qi Yu heard that the empress was leaving, he became a bit anxious. "Mother, I'm not leaving. I want to stay with Pretty Sister so I can learn many things with her."

Qi Qin'er also nodded and looked at the empress expectantly.

The empress smiled. "I'm not taking both of you with me. I don't worry about you guys following Maiden Feng, unlike in the palace... Perhaps, if I'm not there, you'll all lose your lives at any time. Don't worry, I'm just going back for a while, and I'll come back later."

"Alright..."

Qi Yu was relieved, but Qi Qin'er looked a bit worried.

"Mother... When will you be back?"

"Three months. I'll be back in three months."

"Mmm..."

Qi Qin'er smiled. "Then, I'll wait for you at Sister Feng's manor. Don't worry. We won't go back to the palace. We don't want to die there."

She had almost died back then, and she was so scared to live alone in the palace again. She could only feel safe when she stayed with Feng Ruqing.

Qi Fang was somewhat saddened to see his wife and his children leaving him.

Back then, he and the empress were a lovely couple who were envied by everyone. His children were so proud of him and loved to stay with him in the palace.

Had he done something wrong?

Qi Fang fell silent, lost in thought...

Yun Huan Kingdom.

Duan Manor.

A mocking voice echoed through the courtyard...

"I don't understand why our Young Master brought back a disfigured mute... Second Lady is so beautiful. That mute is nothing compared to our Second Lady."

"Shh, don't say that. I heard that this mute used to be the young lady, but she ran away with another man back then. Now, that man has abandoned her and hurt her to such an extent, so she has returned to find our Young Master."

"Young Master is so pitiful. He abandoned his second wife for her, and she ended up running away with someone else. I heard that she has been with more than one man. The wives of those men found her, ruined her face, and poisoned her until she was mute."

"That is her fault then. She deserved it! Such a woman is not worthy of our Young Master!"

The servants suddenly stopped talking as they saw a man walking past them with a bowl of herbs. They lowered their heads and continued with their works, not daring to discuss any further.

Duan Qiong smiled as he walked slowly toward the backyard with a bowl of herbs.

This was the spirit herb that he got from his father after begging him. It was said to be very effective and could return Ya'er's voice.

Chapter 1660: Tang Yin's Secret Identity I

In a luxurious guest room.

The air was filled with the faint scent of fragrance as the breeze blew the red bed netting gently.

A woman, whose face was disfigured, sat still on the bed. She was covered with bruises and scars, and it was heartbreaking to see.

Suddenly, she heard the sound of the door being opened. She lifted her head to look at the man who came in through the door.

“Ya’er...”

The man was dressed in an elegant silk robe; even though he was already in his middle age, he was still handsome and dashing, with a warm and genial smile.

It was just like... The first time she saw him back then...

His gentle smile bewitched her, and from then on, she had decided to step into Duan Manor, despite everything.

However, she had never thought that this was a road of no return, a nightmare!

Xiao Ya clutched the bed sheet as her eyes were filled with hatred.

Her deep hatred caused Duan Qiong’s heart to shrink, and his smile became a little bitter. “Ya’er, I know you don’t trust me anymore. What happened back then... It wasn’t my doing. I have never hunted you and your daughter.”

Xiao Ya slowly closed her eyes.

Whether what he said was true or not, it was already irrelevant to her...

Whether the person who did this was Duan Qiong or not, he was still one of the Duan family members.

The Duan family had made her lose her daughter, and they almost killed her!

“Ya’er...”

Duan Qiong reached out his hand to grab Xiao Ya’s arm, trying to comfort her.

Xiao Ya opened her eyes and fiercely shook off his hand, her eyes wary, and her expression tense.

It was like a thorn in his heart, stabbing him hard and causing him to bleed.

“Ya’er, I know you’re blaming me. It’s fine. I’ll wait until you forgive me...” Duan Qiong smiled faintly and showed the herbal soup in his hand to Xiao Ya. “I had a hard time finding this for you. Drink it so you can talk again.”

He did not dare to say that he had asked his father for it. If Xiao Ya knew that his father was the one who gave it to him, she would definitely refuse to drink it.

Xiao Ya lowered her eyes and looked at the herbal soup that Duan Qiong handed to her. She sneered and pushed it away.

If Duan Qiong had not dodged quickly enough, perhaps the herbal soup would have spilled and fallen to the ground.

“Ya’er...” Duan Qiong frowned. “Drink this herb. If you listen to me, I’ll let you leave the Duan family.”

Xiao Ya’s eyes visibly lit up after she heard these words, and there was hope in those eyes.

Duan Qiong's heart was a little broken. Ya'er was so clingy to him back then that she did not want to leave his side, even for a moment.

But now... She was itching to leave him.

"Ya'er, you... Don't you want to stay here?" Duan Qiong closed his eyes, and his voice was trembling.

Ya'er had fallen from the sky and happened to land in front of him a few days ago.

He loved her so much that even though she had been disfigured, he could still recognize her at a glance.

He thought it was because his deep infatuation over the years had finally touched god, and that was why god had sent her back to his side.

But... Ya'er was trying to escape from him in every possible way.

Xiao Ya was slightly startled. She lowered her eyes.

Her heart slightly softened when she saw the pain on the man's face...