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Chapter 551: The State Preceptor is Jealous V

Feng Ruqing was having a headache now. She touched her forehead. "Uncle is in trouble now."

To her uncle, being a Prince Regent was much more difficult than leading the army in wars.

Qing Ling was slightly worried. "Princess, the general scolded His Highness ceaselessly. If this news spreads, would General Manor be..."

Feng Ruqing shrugged. "It's fine. My father has always adored him. He could scold him and my father would still not be angry. We don't have to bother about others' opinions."

"Moreover..." Qing Ling blinked. "Lady Tang went to General Manor again. She has broken the general's favorite tea set by accident two days ago when she went to General Manor. She had even cut down the willow tree there because she wanted to move it to the princess's manor. Today, she went there and cooked a arowana there. She said that she wanted to serve it to you for you to strengthen your body."

Luckily, Tang Yin had only harmed General Manor. She was quiet and obedient during the time when she was living at the princess's manor.

Fortunately, she did not go to the back hill. She also did not pluck the herbs there which were planted by the princess. Otherwise, the princess would surely be so angry with her.

Feng Ruqing was quiet for a while. Then, she asked, "Did my uncle hit her?"

Qing Ling smiled happily. "Young Master Nalan is on Lady Tang's side. The general would never be able to hit her. Princess, I find that the two of them are quite closed. Would it be that the two of them..."

Nan Xian's facial expression had grown worse before Qing Ling mentioned the final incident.

Then, Qing Ling mentioned those things and the man's facial expression grew better.

"Qing'er, they're quite suited to each other. Why don't you grant their wishes and ask her to stay at the Nalan family for a few more days?"

"Is it?" Feng Ruqing was suspicious. She thought again and she felt that what the state preceptor said was also logical. She could not help but say, "Qing Ling, go and pack Tang Yin's things up. Let her stay at the Nalan family more. Moreover, warn my uncle for me. Ask him not to bully her. I won't ask her to go to Fengyun Manor. I'll go there by myself later."

At first, she wanted to ask Tang Yin to go to Fengyun Manor and bring the prisoners from the Tang family back to Liu Yun Kingdom.

Now, Tang Yin was getting closer to her cousin. She would never break a couple apart.

"Then, why don't I go there by myself? I could go and take a look at Fengyun Manor."

At the same time, Tang Yin who was getting closer to Nalan Jing was being chased all around the manor.

Nalan Zhangqian was stamping his feet angrily. "Little girl, give me back my koi now! I don't care now that you've cooked my arowana. But, give me back my koi."

"No!" Tang Yin did not even stop running. She ran fast, just out of Nalan Zhangqian's reach. "Xiao Qing told me the day before yesterday that she wanted to drink fish soup. But, you have drank the arowana soup which I had secretly cooked before. I won't return the koi to you!"

Nalan Zhangqian was in great pain when she brought up that matter.

He had walked past the kitchen that day and he saw the delicious fish soup. He thought that it was cooked for him by the kitchen maid. So, he had drunk the fish soup.

When he finished drinking the soup, he soon found out that there was something wrong with it.

'This fish looked just like my arowana!

'It's just too much! That young girl has done too much!'

"Stop!" Nalan Zhangqian was panting for breath. 'I must give her a lesson today!

'My koi!

'You did not stop when you have hurt my arowana! Now, you want to hurt my koi too!

'If I had known of your behavior, I would never have promised Qing'er to let you stay here!'

Tang Yin was unable to stop running when she crashed into a person who was walking toward her around the corner.

Tang Yin's eyes brightened when she saw the woman in front of her. She slid and hid behind the woman. She seemed pathetic. "Aunt Qin, Uncle Nalan is bullying me!"

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Nalan Zhangqian stopped walking too. He was outrageous. "Yi'er, this girl has done too much. She has taken my koi away."

Qin Yi protected Tang Yin and stood in front of her. She was frowning slightly. "It's only a koi. When did you become so stingy?"

"That's right! I just want to cook fish soup for Xiao Qing."

'Xiao Qing would definitely love it!

Tang Yin smiled happily and excitedly when she thought of Feng Ruqing's excitement.

“Did you hear that? Xiao Yin just wants to cook fish soup for Qing’er.” Qin Yi stared at Nalan Zhangqian. “Do you see how sensible she is? You’re always so fierce. What if you scared her? You should learn from her. Take your koi and cook it for your father.”

Nalan Zhangqian was speechless.

Nalan Zhangqian was nervous and he felt wronged. “I spent a fortune on the koi. A fortune!”

Qin Yi snorted. “Xiao Yin, don’t be afraid of this stingy man. Let’s go. Go and cook the fish soup. I’ll ask Dai’er to go to the princess’s manor with you. She’s talking about wanting to meet Qing’er.”

“Fine.”

Tang Yin held the koi in her hand happily. But, she had accidentally used too much of her strength and the koi died from suffocation. ¹

“Aunt Qin, the koi is dead.” Tang Yin almost broke into tears. Her eyes were red and she seemed pitiful.

Qin Yi’s soon turned soft. “It’s fine. Go and pick another one.”

Nalan Zhangqian did not know how to respond to that.

At that moment, he only had a thought. A lot of his money was going down the drain.

‘But, my wife adores her. I cannot stop her.

‘Luckily, Qing’er is back. Tang Yin won’t stay long at General Manor. She would not bring a lot of harm to us even if she wants to.’

But, Nalan Zhangqian was not relieved for long. Qing Ling came with carriage and a few bags.

Nalan Zhangqian felt that there was something wrong just by looking at Qing Ling’s action. He asked hesitantly, “Qing Ling, this...”

“General, the princess said that she wants Lady Tang to stay here for a few days more seeing that Lady Tang is quite happy here.”

‘She could have more time to bond with Young Master Nalan.’

Surely, Qing Ling did not say it out loud. Nalan Zhangqian would go crazy if she said that.

Nalan Zhangqian’s facial expression froze. ‘You said that Qing’er wants her to stay at General Manor?’

“Yes, General,” Qing Ling replied respectfully.

Nalan Zhangqian’s lips trembled. He wanted to say something but he did not know what to say.

He turned and saw the kois which were swimming happily in the pond. He also looked at the scenery in the manor.

Somehow, he felt that he could not keep them anymore.

“General!”

An imperial guard rushed in and gave his report. "The lady from the Zhang family, the lady from the Lee family, and also the lady from the Zhao family, they said that..."

Nalan Zhangqian frowned slightly.

Those ladies always had all kinds of reasons and excuses to visit the Nalan family since they knew of the news that his son had broken off his engagement.

At first, he was soft-hearted and he allowed them to enter the Nalan family.

But, those girls had a lot of tricks up their sleeves. They talked with an unusually sweet voice and they always fell down accidentally but surely into Jing'er's embrace even though they had only stepped on a pebble as tiny as a thumb.

Those girls would surely meet Jing'er if he did not hide fast enough.

In contrast, Tang Yin was more real. She was much better than those girls.

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Boom!

Suddenly, the sound of an explosion was heard from not too far away.

Nalan Zhangqian raised his head and he soon saw smoke coming out of the kitchen. Then, he saw Tang Yin's face covered in dirt. She was accompanied by Qin Yi and they went to pick his koi again...

"What's so nice about her?"

'Why did I think that she's good?

'All of my koi would be gone by today!'

Nalan Zhangqian was so angry that his face was almost green. His whole body trembled.

He did not know whether he felt angry or sad for her.

"Qing Ling, I'll give you a list and I want to ask Qing'er to compensate them."

'This girl is sent by Qing'er. My koi must be compensated by Qing'er.

'I had spent a lot of money on them!'

A fist hit Nalan Zhangqian's head. He was hit vigorously. He turned and saw Nalan Hu's angry eyes.

"Who did you ask for compensation? Who?"

"Father, I'm just..."

"Keep your mouth shut! What if Tang Yin cooks some of your koi and Qing'er eats some of it? I don't have this kind of stingy son!"

Nalan Zhangqian was furious too. "Father, it's true that I'm stingy. You're no better than me. You lied to me about Qing'er just because of a mouthful of spirit wine.

Nalan Hu was angry too. "What if I had lied to you? I did lie to you. Who gave you permission to go and spread the news of me having the spirit wine to Qin Feiyang? You're a son who doesn't help your own family. Let me tell you something. If you dare to ask Qing'er for compensation, I will disown you!"

Nalan Zhangqian laughed coldly. "You can disown me and then call me your father."

He would never forget how his own father lied to him for a whole year just for a mouthful of spirit wine.

'What's worse was that I had even believed him!'

Boom!

Nalan Hu grabbed the broom beside him and hit Nalan Zhangqian with it.

"You bastard! How dare you talk to me like that! I'll definitely teach you a lesson today! Don't ever think that I don't know how you bullied Tang Yin just now. Qing'er asked us to take care of her and she is nice and sensible. Why do you bully her every day?"

'Nice... obedient?'

'Which part of Tang Yin did they see is nice and obedient?'

He did not hate Tang Yin but he was aggrieved when he thought of his koi.

Nalan Zhangqian was not brave enough to face Nalan Hu directly. So, he turned and ran away.

He could see Nalan Jing crossing his arms in front of his chest. He was some distance away.

"Nalan Jing! You bastard! Why don't you come and help me?"

Master Nalan adored that kid. If Nalan Jing helped him, his father might listen.

Nalan Jing smiled softly. "You bullied Xiao Yin just now."

Nalan Zhangqian was speechless.

He did not want to talk anymore.

'All of you here are the same! I can't stay in this home anymore!'

'Luckily, I still have a daughter!'

'My daughter would never be this cruel like them!'

"Dai'er, quickly go and talk to your grandfather. Ask him to put down his broom." Nalan Zhangqian quickly hid behind Dai'er.

Dai'er was so small and she could never hide his whereabouts.

"Father, Dai'er is not an idiot now. I remembered everything you told me before." Dai'er frowned. "You taught me since I was young that we should be kind and generous, especially toward our family

members. We cannot be stingy. But, you're so stingy. Is what you taught me all false? It's good now that my grandpa wants to punish you. Dai'er cannot stop that."

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Nalan Zhangqian was silent.

He was crying hard now. He wanted to leave home and never come back.

Nalan Jing hugged Dai'er. His fingers softly stroked the fading scars on her face.

"The scars on your face are recovering so much now."

'Even her intelligence is just like the children her age.'

Dai'er smiled happily. "Brother, my cousin gives me a kind of sweet water recently and it is very sweet. My scar heals so much after I drink it. My cousin is so good. But, Father is so stingy. He does even allow my cousin to eat that koi..."

"That's right, Father is the most stingy person. Since she likes to drink fish soup so much, we'll go and grab more koi and give them to Xiao Yin."

Nalan Zhangqian was sad. "She not only cooked my koi but she had also burned my kitchen. We need money to repair the kitchen."

Nalan Jing smiled softly. "It's just a kitchen. Even if Xiao Yin burned the whole of General Manor, we can just use a little money to repair it. Why is Father always bullying her?"

Nalan Dai'er nodded vigorously. "Sister Xiao Yin is a nice person. Father, don't you bully her."

Nalan Zhangqian did not know what to say.

He was stunned.

Finally, he understood his father's feelings.

'The daughter whom I have brought up is siding with somebody else. That feeling is not just painful!

'It's devastating!'

Nalan Dai'er tugged at Nalan Jing's sleeves. "Brother, I remember that Father has some other fishes. Since my cousin likes fish soup so much, then we'll just cook them and bring them to her."

Nalan Zhangqian was angry. 'This daughter is doing harm to her own father!'

He felt that his fish could not escape that day...

"Alright." Nalan Jing patted Nalan Dai'er's head with great affection. "As you wish."

Surely, the result of that was... that Feng Ruqing would drink so much fish soup that she would probably vomit. Then, she would become so afraid of fish soup that she would never drink it again.

At Supreme Princess Manor.

Feng Ruqing decided to look at the treasures in the storage bag since Nan Xian had gone out.

She was about to enter her room when an acquaintance came to the princess's manor.

Feng Ruqing was slightly stunned when she saw the man who was wearing a mask in front of her. After a short while, there was a smile on her face.

"Jiu Ming, didn't you go out to deal with some business? Why are you back?"

Feng Ruqing was grateful toward Paramount in her heart.

If the people from Paramount did not appear that day in the palace and stall some time for her, she might not have been able to save Feng Tianyu in time.

"Little girl, it's been a while since we last met. Do you miss me?" Jiu Ming had an evil smile and that smile was deep.

Feng Ruqing's smile disappeared. "No, get lost!"

'If you just look at his eyes, that man is surely beautiful.

'But, he is wearing a mask. Is there any scar on his face?

'Why don't I recommend some spirit herbal dishes for him?

'The most expensive ones!'

"You said no and actually meant yes. It's so saddening. But, it's fine. My arms are always open to you."

Feng Ruqing was speechless.

"But, I have some serious matters today." The man's smile was even more reckless.

Feng Ruqing stared at the man suspiciously. "You have come to meet me about... serious matters? Don't tell me that you have hemorrhoids on your face and you want me to treat it for you?"

The man's smile did not disappear. He approached Feng Ruqing and took two steps toward her.

"You're making me angry. Do you just want to take a look at my face? I'm afraid that you might fall in love with me. Let's forget about it."

Feng Ruqing was slightly stunned. 'This man is really more of a narcissist than the state preceptor.

'In contrast, my state preceptor is much better.'

Chapter 555: Brother's Whereabouts I

"What exactly made you come for me?"

"I've already heard about what happened in Liu Yun Kingdom." Jiu Ming smiled. "I guess you've already known that you have a brother who's still alive in this world."

Feng Ruqing's heart skipped a beat. Her eyes were fixed on Jiu Ming's eyes.

"How do you know?"

There was a smile on Jiu Ming's lips. Along with the breeze, he caught a falling leaf with his slender fingers.

"Little girl, if I want to look for something, I'm definitely better in investigating than you guys, even than Fengyun Manor.

Feng Ruqing squinted and said, "You've already known that my mother is a member of Fengyun Manor since the beginning?"

Jiu Ming laughed. "I just knew it not long ago. However, Empress Nalan has offended an extreme power. Back then, the Divine Herbs Sect would lay their hand on you guys if they knew Fengyun Manor were related to Liu Yun Kingdom. Therefore, I've concealed it until now."

After he left, he accidentally found out that a bunch of elite disciples from the Divine Herbs Sect had discovered an ancient grave. He had gone forward to rob the grave before those disciples could get to those treasures. However, unexpectedly, when he was not around, too many things had happened...

Fortunately, Empress Nalan had returned.

"Oh." There seemed to be a sneer on the corners of Feng Ruqing's lips. She took two steps closer to Jiu Ming and said, "It seems like you've known my mother since the very beginning."

Jiu Ming's face was covered with a mask, so it was not easy to tell his expressions. However, his evil eyes were flooded with a sense of helplessness.

"I didn't know that... Empress Nalan was in that Tang family either."

Feng Ruqing stopped her moving and said. "Tell me everything about my brother."

"Little girl, I can only tell you that I know only some things about him. There are still some things, I'll still have to investigate." Jiu Ming looked serious now, his expressions were not as flippant as he was before. "The only thing I can tell you is, he has something to do with Tian Shen Manor!"

Tian Shen Manor...

Feng Ruqing's slightly frowned.

Why would her brother be connected to Tian Shen Manor?

Tian Shen Manor and the Divine Herbs Sect were regarded as the supreme beings within the mainland. However, the Divine Herbs Sect's power was holistic, whereas Tian Shen Manor had different smaller powers in it, just like a country with many states.

Feng Ruqing had heard all of this from Nalan Yan.

However, this Tian Shen Manor had never made any contact with the outside world. Without Tian Shen Manor's authorization, even the equally strong Divine Herbs Sect could not get inside easily either.

She wanted to find out just anything about her brother in Tian Shen Manor. That seemed to be... very difficult.

"I know now." The corners of Feng Ruqing's lips lifted into a smile. "No matter what, I will look for a way to find him."

The young girl seemed resolute. Her eyes were shining, just like a cloud of bright stars.

Jiu Ming took two steps closer to Feng Ruqing. His smile was dazzling.

"Little girl, what do you think about my Paramount?"

Paramount. It was a repayment he had built for Empress Nalan. For so many years, he did not address himself as the owner but only a young master because he was waiting for someone.

Now, she has finally grown up and he could give Paramount to her as a gift without worry.

Feng Ruqing pursed her lips. "So so. You said that Paramount can get the greatest information while it couldn't even locate where my mother was. I think your Paramount, it's not worthy of its name..."

Jiu Ming stomped his feet before he stopped walking.

'Why doesn't this little girl play by the rules?'

"However, there's something I'm curious about." Feng Ruqing squinted as some dangerous thoughts flashed through her eyes. "Why do I always feel that you're up to something from the beginning? We are neither kith nor kin, why are you helping me in every way you can without expecting any favor in return?"

Chapter 556: Brother's Whereabouts II

Jiu Ming smiled. "Little girl, I'll give you Paramount, what do you think?"

Feng Ruqing was speechless.

He was really up to no good!

He was simply giving Paramount to her too!

Feng Ruqing tried to recall all of the memories she had with Jiu Ming before.

Suddenly, she realized that Jiu Ming actually... knew well about her mother's situation...

Also, he had tried all he could do to look for her mother, and he had even sought revenge for her!

Feng Ruqing was a bit confused. "Could it be that... you owed my mother money, so you're here to... pay your debt?"

Jiu Ming remained silent.

Was he so poor to the extent that he needed to borrow from someone?

"Little girl, stop being suspicious as I bear you no malice. Otherwise, I would have already... killed you since you've trampled on my face so many times."

"Oh." Feng Ruqing said, smilingly. "Kill me? It depends on whether you are capable of doing that." Jiu Ming had always thought that he was quite an arrogant person, however, after he had met with this little girl, he finally realized what it really meant for a person to be 'arrogant'!

He could not help but laugh when he realized that this little girl was quite an interesting one...

At least, even if she was not related to Empress Nalan, he would still like her too.

"Little girl, it's okay if you don't want to be the owner of Paramount. Why don't you let me help you find your brother, and you will devote yourself to me after I find him? What do you think?"

Feng Ruqing scanned Jiu Ming up and down, sarcastically, and replied, "Are you as handsome as my state preceptor?"

Jiu Ming paused for a while before he replied, "You haven't seen my face before. How would you know that I'm not that handsome?"

"Even if you are really that handsome, you're not my state preceptor."

The state preceptor was the only person she wanted to sleep with, in her life!

That was the first thing she was so determined to achieve from the first time she had met him!

Be it her previous life or current life, she had always admired good-looking people.

Yeap, it was not an infatuation, but only admiration toward good-looking people. Regardless of their gender, as long as it was someone who was good looking, she would appreciate their aesthetics.

That was it, nothing more.

However... She would act differently if the person was the state preceptor.

It did not matter if his look was outstanding or had turned dull or old, as long as it was her state preceptor, she would still like him!

There was a kind of fondness which has nothing to do with a person's look, social status, or ability...

As for this person in front of her... Eliminated!

Something strange seemed to be flashing in Jiu Ming's eyes. After a while, the corners of his lips lifted into a smile. "Little girl, I thought you love every good looking person. However... it seems like you only love one person."

"Now you know."

Jiu Ming's eyes landed on the young girl's face again and said, "Then, I do really hope that I will never fall for you for the rest of my life. Or else... just like opium, it's hard to sober up once you're addicted to this kind of substance."

Feng Ruqing was speechless. She looked at Jiu Ming with both sympathy and puzzlement.

'Is he mad?

'Why is he talking nonsense here?'

Still, her state preceptor was the best as he would never talk nonsense.

Qing Zhu just came back from outside and craned its neck to peep inside the door. Then, it saw both Feng Ruqing and Jiu Ming were standing not far away from the door.

Suddenly, its body went stiff. Then, it quickly turned around and slid out from the door.

In the Southern Bamboo Forest.

Just like viewing a figure in a drawing from its back, the man dressed in white, with a jade flute in his hand, swaying in the breeze, he looked gentle, elegant, and seemingly divine.

"Master!!!" Qing Zhu ran toward Nan Xian anxiously as it was catching its breath. "Quick, follow me to the princess's manor now!"

A bastard who had gone to harass the princess when the master was not around!

Being its master's pet, it would never tolerate this!

Chapter 557: Brother's Whereabouts III

'We have to give that doggie man a real lesson! The princess only belongs to Master!'

The man calmly glanced at Qing Zhu and asked, "What?"

"Somebody... Somebody had gone to look for the princess. Master, we must hurry up. What should we do if the princess is seduced by some fellows?"

'The princess is always fond of beauty. What if that man takes more initiative than our master? They might start hugging each other later.'

Of course, Qing Zhu had only caught a glimpse of Jiu Ming's back, but not his face. Therefore, it did not know what the bastard looked like.

Nan Xian frowned as soon as he heard that. "Man or woman?"

Qing Zhu was too shocked to say something.

'Why does Master care about such a thing?

'To ask if this person is a man or a woman?'

"Master, it's a bastard. Quick, let's go now!"

It had just finished working hard to set fire to Liu Manor, just when it wanted to go forward and please the princess, it saw something that it did not wish to see!

"Oh." Nan Xian sighed in relief. "It's fine as long as the person is not a woman."

Qing Zhu was speechless and almost cried. Was a man not more dangerous than a woman?

"Stop being bothered about this." The corners of Nan Xian's lips gently lifted. He paused for a while and said, "If you ever see any new little girl or female servant enter the princess's manor... report to me."

Qing Zhu looked at Nan Xian dumbfoundedly as it did not know what he meant.

"Or..." Nan Xian frowned. "You can throw those female servants out of the manor immediately."

Qing Zhu remained silent.

'Master is taking precaution to prevent women but not a man?'

"Master, aren't you afraid that the princess might run away with another wild man?"

"Nope." Nan Xian's smile was soft and gentle. "I trust her."

Qing Zhu paused for a while before it asked, "But then, why don't you believe in her when it comes to a woman?"

"Qing'er thinks because they are all women, so she doesn't need to care much. She also thinks that no woman will fall for her so she can do whatever she wants. I just want to protect Qing'er, just in case... Somebody slips in to hurt her when she is not sober."

Qing Zhu's eyes widened in shock.

'Master, does the princess know you are so capable of talking nonsense?

'You're just envious because you saw the princess hugging here and there before, but then to claim that you're protecting her...'

Perhaps Nan Xian had read Qing Zhu's mind and slowly scanned its body. Qing Zhu was too frightened and immediately replied. "Master's right. You do everything to protect the princess."

"Yeap."

Without further ado, Nan Xian calmly walked toward the Southern Bamboo Forest.

At the same time, far away in the mountains.

The white phoenix was too tired as it slowly landed from the sky. It crouched on the ground, trying to catch its breath.

"Suyi, where's this place exactly? How should we get to Liu Yun Kingdom?"

The white phoenix was too sad and almost cried.

It had been flying for three days and three nights, but then, they had returned to the starting point again! It really did not know how long it would take for them to get to Xiao Qingqing.

"Don't panic." Suyi wiped the sweat away from her forehead and said calmly, "I'll ask for the directions. Wait for me here."

"Okay, Suyi. Please shout for me if you encounter any bad guy, I'll come for you immediately."

Suyi did not pay more attention to the nagging phoenix as she moved forward elegantly.

Perhaps Suyi was in good luck. She bumped into a girl just as she started looking for help.

That was quite a good-looking girl but, she looked very disgusted as if there was some vengeance in her. Suyi was jolted and slightly frowned.

Before this, she would never disturb a person if she noticed that the person was in a bad mood. However, in such a desolated place, it was already a slim chance for her to bump into a person, so if she missed this girl, she did not know when she would run into another passerby again.

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Suyi thought for a while before she walked toward the girl, slowly. A gentle smile dawned on her face as she asked, "Excuse me..."

"Go away. Didn't you notice that I'm not in a good mood? Why are you blocking my way?"

Ziyan was in a terrible mood.

Since Qing Yuan's abilities were downgraded, she felt she did not want to stay with Qing Yuan anymore. However, she still could not find a new person to replace Qing Yuan with at the moment. Therefore, she could only keep her shirt on.

Whenever she thought of herself letting go of Nalan Jing, and choosing Qing Yuan instead, she felt even more terrible and resentful of her own decision.

Suyi was shocked but she was educated enough not to lose her temper. In fact, it was apparent that Suyi was the one who needed help, so she continued to ask, patiently, "I just want to ask, how do I get to Liu Yun Kingdom?"

Liu Yun Kingdom. Just like a needle, such numbers of words were strong enough to hurt her heart.

"You want to go to Liu Yun Kingdom?"

Suyi gently smiled and asked, "Lady, do you know how to go to Liu Yun Kingdom?"

Ziyan stared at Suyi for a moment and finally replied, "Go straight from here, and you will reach the border of Liu Yun Kingdom. Just ask anyone you see there when you've reached Liu Yun Kingdom's border. However, Liu Yun Kingdom is not a good place."

The corners of Ziyan's lips lifted into a sneer as soon as she finished her words.

Yes, she regretted breaking her engagement with Nalan Jing.

However, she hated Nalan Yan and her daughter even more!

If only Nalan Yan had appeared a year earlier, such situations would not have happened. Besides, Feng Ruqing had made her fall from the top to be a princess who was not in a high and lofty position anymore.

Suyi frowned even more as something cold flashed in her eyes. "Lady, why do you say so?"

"Liu Yun Kingdom's emperor and empress are not human! Countless people were killed under their hands. My father was such a good person, but Feng Tianyu and her daughter destroyed my family and separated me from my father just because of their thirst for power!"

"Feng Ruqing is even worst as she has persecuted her younger step-sister! What a villain! She bullies women and taken men, forcibly. She did not care about loving couples and had separated them. Also, she had forcibly married herself to the prime minister's son, and in the end, her mother-in-law got so mad. So, Feng Ruqing was abandoned by the family!"

"Such a father and a daughter to be in such a place, what kind of good kingdom can Liu Yun Kingdom be? Lady, I suggest it's better if you don't go to Liu Yun Kingdom. Feng Tianyu is lascivious in nature as he cannot sit back as soon as he sees a beautiful woman, so does the Nalan family, be careful or you will be abducted by them."

Ziyan sneered. She sounded so bitter as her eyes were flooded with resentment.

Suyi's calm face darkened, "I think in comparison, you are much more malevolent as you speak evil of someone in their absence."

After all, this person standing in front of Suyi was just a stranger. She did not know her since she was only asking her for directions.

Did it make sense for her to believe a stranger instead of trusting her son's taste?

Moreover, the white phoenix did praise Qing'er even though they had only met once before, which indicated that she was outstanding enough to be an adorable girl.

She would never listen to a stranger and not trust her son and friends.

Ziyan's face turned stiff as she harrumphed. "Believe it or not, it's up to you, I say it out of concer—"

"Ziyan."

A familiar voice spoke and came behind Ziyan.

She turned her head around stiffly and realized that Qing Yuan was standing behind her. She had not noticed him at all.

"Qing... Qing Yuan, when...when did you arrive?"

Qing Yuan looked disappointed as he looked at Ziyan, dumbfoundedly. He slowly closed his eyes as he seemed to be in agony.

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He did not see Ziyan when he woke up this morning, so he got anxious and left the tent.

However... He did not expect that he would... hear Ziyan tell the story of the situation upside down.

His Ziyan was such a kind-hearted person, why would she turn out to be like that?

“Ziyan, why do you slander the manor master and lady? I demand an explanation!”

Ziyan recovered from her shock. She gritted her teeth and said, “Qing Yuan, do you really think you’re still at Dark Warrior tier? You’re only a powerless person who got demoted and is without any social status. Do you really think I can’t find someone else with my beauty? Why should I be with you?”

Qing Yuan was shocked and stared at Ziyan, dumbfounded.

“You said it before that you don’t love vanity as power and status are not important to you. You love me because of who I am, you said it before...”

He stretched out his hand, subconsciously as he wanted to hold Ziyan’s arms.

However, Ziyan struggled, away from his hands.

“I didn’t plan to leave you earlier, but since you have already heard my words, I don’t feel like pretending anymore. Qing Yuan...” The corners of Ziyan’s lips lifted, the smile was arrogant. “You don’t deserve me!”

Qing Yuan clenched his fists tightly. “Back then, you said that Nalan Jing had fallen in love with your female servant, so he had abandoned you. And then, he eventually abandoned your female servant too?”

Ziyan sneered. “I just didn’t want you to go and save a member of the Nalan family.”

“Therefore, when I wanted to save them, you feigned illness and pretended to faint to fool me?” Qing Yuan slowly closed his eyes.

He felt very regretful as soon as he found out that Rongyan was Nalan Yan.

He regretted the fact that he did not save the members of the Nalan family back then.

If he had saved them, Nalan Zhangqian would not be humiliated, and the Nalan family would not lose so many of their members and soldiers; they would not have been killed!

It was impossible for Ziyan to not know how regretful he was!

If the master of the Nalan family did not come in time back then, perhaps Nalan Zhangqian and the other family members’ souls were already frightened to death!

But he was told that all was planned by Ziyan?

Qing Yuan wanted to laugh. He wanted to laugh over his stupidity and his so-called infatuated love.

Suddenly, he broke out in tears in the midst of laughing.

“Ziyan, why do you want to deceive me? Why?”

"If you've chosen to deceive me, why didn't you keep on doing it? Why let me know the brutal truth now?"

He cried hysterically as his eyes were filled with grief.

He had turned his back on Manor Master because of Ziyang!

He did not save the members of the Nalan family because of Ziyang!

He was expelled from Fengyun Manor, and was demoted because of Ziyang!

He had wished that everything he had done for Ziyang was worthwhile. But now, he finally understood how stupid he was!

No wonder the Manor Master was so disappointed in him... No wonder the manor lady demoted his ability—because all of them wanted him to understand how vicious Ziyang was!

"Hahaha!"

Qing Yuan laughed hysterically without looking at Ziyang anymore. Then, he turned around and awkwardly rushed into the depth of the forest.

Suyi, who was nearby, widened her eyes in shock.

She was just asking for directions, but she did not ask for a big drama...

"It's all because of you!" Ziyang glared at Suyi. "He would never have known this if it weren't because of you!"

Suyi came to her senses after a while. Then, she gently replied, "What is done during the night appears by day. For what you've done, people will find out eventually..."

Without turning her head, Suyi calmly left after she was done talking.

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Soon after Suyi had left, a dark figure came from the sky and stood in front of Ziyang. He asked, "What did the woman ask you just now?"

Ziyang glared at him. "How does that concern you?"

Han Ying seemed cold. A cold murderous aura was emitted from him, sending a chill down Ziyang's spine. She was too afraid to move.

"Tell me, why did she look for you?"

"She..." Ziyang's lips were trembling as she looked terrified. "She asked me where Liu Yun Kingdom is."

Liu Yun Kingdom?

Han Ying's eyes grew cold.

'If Madam wants to go to Liu Yun Kingdom, does that imply that... The girl whom Nan Xian likes, is in Liu Yun Kingdom?'

"Then do you know if there's someone named 'Qing'?"

That white phoenix kept on mentioning the name Xiao Qingqing. Therefore they only knew that that girl had a Qing in her name.

Only after that, they would find out if that girl had anything to do with Master Nan Xian.

Ziyan was shocked. She lowered her eyes and said, "I do know a girl called Qing. She is Liu Yun Kingdom's emperor's daughter, Feng Ruqing."

Han Ying frowned even more deeply.

An emperor's daughter... indeed, was not quite equivalent to Master Nan Xian's social status.

The young manor master, Nan Xian's father, was right too.

"What kind of person is she?"

A light flashed in Ziyan's eyes. She gritted her teeth and said, "She's a terrible person who thirsts for power and social status. And her mother-in-law had even fainted because she had made her mother-in-law so angry before her husband divorced her.."

Han Ying's expression changed.

'A girl who was married before? Don't ever she dream of being Nan Xian's first wife. She doesn't even deserve to be his concubine.'

'Every woman who wishes to enter the Mu family's door must be clean!

'Not just that she has been married before, if she also has had a man she was close with, the young manor master would never let such a dissolute woman enter their door either!'

Therefore, he would go and investigate if Feng Ruqing was really Nan Xian's woman. If that was the case... he would have to report to the young manor master as soon as possible.

As soon as Han Ying thought of this, he cleared off the cold aura and shook his body. Suddenly, he vanished in front of Ziyan's eyes.

Ziyan started to exhale slowly after he had left.

Just now... she really thought that she was doomed...

Not far away, with its neck craned, the white phoenix stared in the direction where Suyi had left.

When Suyi's figure finally appeared in its vision again, it felt so joyful and quickly rushed forward.

"Suyi, what took you so long? Have you found the way?"

"Yeap." Suyi gently smiled. "I've got it and also witnessed a drama."

Soon, she told the white phoenix everything that had happened between Qing Yuan and Ziyuan. Her face looked stunning as usual with an elegant smile.

The white phoenix's face went stiff and said, "The Nalan family? Isn't that... Xiao Qingqing's maternal grandfather's family?"

Suyi's face turned stiff too.

She remained silent for quite a while before she asked, "Would it be late if I go to that woman just now and get even with her, what do you think?"

"Do you still remember the way?"

"Oh, I've done some markings when I left to ask for directions, but when I returned, I'm afraid that the Mu family's member would notice my markings, so I've wiped it away... Perhaps... we couldn't find it again..."

"... How can we find her and get even with her then?"

Suyi was shocked and replied hesitantly, "If Qing'er finds out about this, would she be angry? Would she be angry because I didn't punch that woman?"

"Probably not. Xiao Qingqing has a really great temper..."

"Then I'm relieved."

Suyi slowly breathed a sigh of relief.

After all, Qing'er was Nan Xian's love. As a mother, she had not done anything for her son. Therefore she must not hold her son back.

What if Qing'er got angry and ignored Nan Xian?

However, if she ever meets that woman again, she would never easily let go of her anymore...

She thought she had spilled the beans on the spur of the moment, so she did not care much and refuted her ironically. However, she could never imagine that she had almost put the Nalan family in trouble... and all of these had something to do with Qing'er.

It was the white phoenix's fault as it did not tell her earlier!