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Chapter 191 – Rumor, And Wei Ziyang'S Probe

Shufei reported what she had heard truthfully.

“A senior maidservant of an aristocratic clan?” Wei Yuewu’s hand paused. A trace of deep gleam flashed through the corners of her eyes. A senior maidservant of an aristocratic clan was just like Shufei and Huamo, and it was unlikely for her to be sent out as a concubine to others, especially to someone as inconspicuous as the Third Master.

Whether it was within or outside the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang, the Third Master had always been the most inconspicuous one of the three brothers, and the third branch had always been suppressed by the first and the second branches.

“That meant Yueya had been sent here to serve Fifth Elder Sister!” Wei Yuewu pondered for a moment and smiled. This was also the difference between Yueya and other maids.

“It should be like this. As for the details, I was unable to find out anything. Qingyan said that her mother and Yueya’s mother were also distant cousins, and they seldom contacted each other. Yueya was able to enter the mansion and serve the Fifth Young Lady only because of her mother’s efforts. Her mother said she was grateful for the kindness of the old mistress. When the Fifth Young Lady’s concubine mother entered the mansion, she didn’t bring Yueya’s mother into the mansion.”

Shufei and Huamo exchanged a glance and were puzzled. Logically speaking, if a senior maidservant of an aristocratic clan was banished, the junior maidservant waiting on her would naturally follow her. If she entered another mansion as a concubine, the junior maidservant would naturally also enter the mansion. But why was Yueya’s mother didn’t enter the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang?

“Miss, do you want me to ask Qingyan to inquire her mother for further information?” Shufei suggested.

“No need!” Wei Yuewu shook her head and raised her eyebrows slightly. “This matter is not urgent. If we go and inquire about it first, people will be alerted. We’ll talk about it after this incident is concluded!”

Since Wei Qiuju followed Wei Fengyao and plotted against her again and again, she naturally must swallow the ensuring bitter fruit herself ...

“Huamo, bring the puppy over and put this collar on its neck.” Wei Yuewu’s gaze fell on the collar that the Madam Dowager had given her.

“Yes, I will go immediately!” Huamo replied. She turned around and left, and soon brought in the puppy that Prince Nan’an Mansion had sent over.

The puppy was like a small snow-white ball and had jewel-like eyes. It was really cute. Wei Yuewu put the collar on its neck. At first, the puppy was stunned but did not react. Then, it felt that something was wrong with its neck and stretched out its paws to scratch it twice. It seemed at a loss what this was. It stared at the crowd blankly and looked funnier and funnier.

Even Wei Yuewu couldn’t help but laugh. A puppy like this could really attract the attention of girls, and a puppy with such a collar would be so cute that one cannot bear to part with it.

“Miss, hug it. It is really cute!” Huamo held the puppy in her arms and giggled.

“Miss, should we take this puppy to Prince Nan’an Mansion tomorrow?” Shufei thought of something else and raised her head to ask.

“Yes, how can we not take it with us? The Madam Dowager had deliberately meant to use the collars to show our respect for Prince Nan’an Mansion that sent the gifts to us.” Wei Yuewu stretched out her hand to touch the puppy’s long curly hair and said indifferently.

Otherwise, the Madam Dowager would not have specially bestowed such a precious collar to her, especially at this time. The meaning behind it was self-evident. This meant that Wei Fengyao had promised to send these dogs into the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang long before.

Therefore, they naturally had to carry their puppies to Prince Nan’an Mansion tomorrow, which was a sign that the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang had accepted Prince Nan’an Mansion’s kindness.

However, this puppy was truly worrying her a lot! She had never raised a dog since she was a child, so she did not know anything about dogs.

After thinking for a while, she walked to the dressing table and took a hairpin from the dressing table. Then, she walked to the front of the puppy, squatted down, and stretched out the hairpin in her hand to randomly stir the long curly but tidy hair of the puppy.

Immediately, a few strands of long hair on the head and both sides of the puppy were mixed together, and the puppy appeared to be in a mess. One could tell from a glance that it was very difficult to comb its hair that was knotted.

The puppy looked at Wei Yuewu in a daze, not knowing that the curly hair on its head had been mixed together.

“Miss, why did you...” Huamo looked up at Wei Yuewu in confusion.

“Take it out and let people see it. This puppy’s curly hair is mixed up and has knots. How can these knots be loosened without hurting it?” Wei Yuewu put down the hairpin in her hand and said smilingly.

“But this...” Huamo still didn’t understand. Shufei interrupted her, “Yes, Miss. I will go and find some people in pet shops and ask them to think of a way.”

“Alright, Shufei, take it out and ask.” Seeing that Shufei understood, Wei Yuewu nodded.

Shufei replied knowingly, “Yes, Miss. If someone asks me, I will say that Miss loves the puppy and is unwilling to make it suffer. That’s why I take it out to have its hair tidied up.”

At this time, Huamo also understood. There was an expression of sudden enlightenment on her face. “Miss, I ...” she murmured and lowered her head.

“Huamo, just think about things more carefully in the future!” Wei Yuewu smiled and appeased her. Of the three maids, Huamo was the slowest to react, but that didn’t mean that she wasn’t loyal enough.

“Yes, Miss, I know!” Seeing that Wei Yuewu did not blame her, Huamo’s eyes lit up and she said excitedly. She secretly made up her mind that she must use her brain more in the future and must not be a drag to Miss.

It wasn’t long before Shufei returned to Lotus Courtyard with the puppy in her arms. The puppy’s long, curly and knotted hair had been tidied up.

Wei Yuewu was playing with the writing brush on the table. It was an extremely simple brush, but it was deliberately sent by the cunning Wei Yuejiao to her.

“Miss, this puppy is fine. I went to some pet shops and asked. People there all said that this is a rare pet dog. They said that they had never seen this breed of puppy before. However, what is certain is that this puppy is just an ordinary pet.”

Shufei went to several pet shops under the pretext of grooming the puppy’s curly hair, and the answers were almost identical.

Although they said that they had never seen such a cute puppy before, one thing was certain: This was a cute puppy. There was nothing unusual about it, and it didn’t have any disease either.

“Miss, could it be that this puppy is fine and just sent over as a gift?” At this moment, Shufei was also puzzled. She had been to several pet shops and the answers she got were all so affirmative that she became a little hesitant now.

Wei Yuewu reached out and touched the puppy’s head. The puppy clicked its eyes, barked twice, and leaned its head against her palm. Its expression was gentle and cute. From whichever perspective, it was an ordinary dog.

“Put it in the yard first!” A trace of deep gleam flashed through Wei Yuewu’s eyes as she said.

This should be the natural reaction of every young unmarried lady when seeing such a cute puppy!

"Yes, I will be careful." Shufei nodded and walked out with the puppy in her arms. She released the puppy outside the house. As soon as the puppy was released, it jumped up happily and ran to the entrance of the courtyard. Seeing that it couldn't get out, it ran back.

With long and white curly hair coupled with the collar around its neck, the puppy looked extremely cute, and all the maids and old maidservants who saw it couldn't help but were attracted by it.

Wei Yuewu also walked out of the house and stood under the porch. She silently looked at the puppy in the courtyard that was running and jumping with joy in the yard. Her eyes revealed a trace of contemplation. She did not believe that Wei Fengyao would do such a useless job.

The three collars were ordered long ago. At that time, Wei Fengyao should plan to send three puppies to the mansion. Of course, they were given to Wei Yan, Wei Yuejiao and Wei Qiufu. The Madam Dowager had already ordered three dog collars to show how much she valued Prince Nan'an Mansion's gifts.

However, for some reason, these puppies could not be sent to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang for the time being, while the collars ordered by the Madam Dowager's had been made.

Something happened to Wei Yan and she was back, but there was still not a puppy for Wei Qiuju. However, since Wei Qiuju had intervened in this matter, Wei Fengyao had to give her face no matter what. Thus, she would send another puppy to the mansion later on.

However, even the pet shops in the capital had never seen such a dog before. Even if Wei Fengyao had agreed to send three puppies to the mansion, she had to wait a long time. Where would she be able to find another one for Wei Qiuju?

An old maidservant at the door suddenly walked to the porch and reported, "Miss, the Eldest Young Master is here."

Wei Yuewu raised her head and saw Wei Ziyang in a plain green robe. She hurriedly went up to receive him.

"Greetings, Eldest Brother!" She walked to the gate of the courtyard and bowed.

Wei Ziyang stood at the gate of the courtyard with his hands behind his back, his gaze filled with melancholy. Then, he turned around and looked at Wei Yuewu carefully.

The girl in front of him was very thin. Although she was already a maiden with a slender body, anyone could tell that her physique was not very good. Her lips were a bit too pale and her complexion was also light. Her face had no colour at all. In addition, her exquisite facial features and childish aura showed that she was still at a young age.

Were Mother and Second Elder Sister really ruined by this girl in front of him?

“Sixth Younger Sister, there’s no need to be polite. I’m here to pass on a message from Eldest Uncle to you.” Wei Ziyang said indifferently.

“Yes!” Wei Yuewu gently answered and stood up to lead the way.

After they were seated in the room, Huamo brought tea and retreated to the side with Shufei.

“Eldest Brother, what message did my father want you to bring me?” Wei Yuewu asked softly as she watched Wei Ziyang taking a sip of the tea.

“Sixth Younger Sister, you’ve been away from home since you were a kid. Do you still remember Eldest Uncle’s appearance?” Wei Ziyang asked as he played with the teacup in his hand.

So, instead of answering Wei Yuewu’s previous question, he gave a vague response that was also a question to Wei Yuewu.

Wei Yuewu’s eyes darkened, and a faint smile appeared on the corner of her lips. She asked calmly, “Eldest Brother, are you trying to say that I can’t even recognize my own father?”

Wei Ziyang didn’t expect Wei Yuewu’s expression to be so calm. He was stunned for a moment and couldn’t help but say, “Sixth Younger Sister, you were raised in your maternal grandfather’s home since childhood. I’m afraid that your feelings for Eldest Uncle have also diminished a lot. However, the

mansion of Marquis Hua Yang is still your home. No matter how good your maternal grandfather's home is, it is not your home."

"Eldest Brother, don't worry. I always remember that I am a young lady of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang. I also remember that I am the legitimate daughter of Marquis Hua Yang. I'm just afraid that others won't remember me." Wei Yuewu said with a faint look in her eyes. Then, she spoke out without beating about the bush and shifted the subject to Wei Yan.

"Eldest Brother, did you hear that Second Elder Sister's matter was related to me, so you came on a punitive expedition against me?"

Of course, the so-called message from her father was just a pretext. She had been raised in her maternal grandfather's family for so many years without receiving any attention from this father. Now that he was about to enter the capital, how could he be so anxious as to let Wei Ziyang pass on a message to her? The moment she heard it, she knew that it was completely fake.

Wei Ziyang never expected that this extremely delicate and beautiful girl in front of him would say such sharp words. He was stunned for a moment, but a trace of inexplicable admiration flashed in his eyes. He had been at the border for a long time, and he did admire this kind of straightforward woman. He really did not like the affectation with which young unmarried ladies spoke.

"Then Sixth Younger Sister, tell me, does Second Elder Sister's matter have anything to do with you?" Since Wei Yuewu had spoken so straightforwardly, Wei Ziyang also went straight to the point, his gaze tightly fixed on Wei Yuewu's face.

Chapter 192 – She Did Have A Witness

"Eldest Brother, do you know that I was previously engaged and had a fiance?" Wei Yuewu raised her small face and asked without dodging.

"Marquis Jing Yuan, Mo Huating!"

This was something that the entire mansion of Marquis Hua Yang knew.

“Although Eldest Brother knows that Marquis Jing Yuan used to be my fiancée, you definitely don’t know that Second Elder Sister fell in love with Marquis Jing Yuan. The two of them conspired to kill me on my way back to the capital. The servants I brought from my maternal grandfather’s home and the people sent by the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang to pick me up were all killed on a snowy night. Dozens of lives were lost like that.”

Thinking back to that day, Wei Yuewu’s eyes flashed with a harsh expression. That scene was too tragic. Although she was strong-minded, every time she dreamed of it, she would wake up in fear.

After all, she was just a weak young lady in her teens who had little experience of the outside world!

“What? There was actually such a thing!” Wei Ziyang apparently didn’t hear about this. He slapped heavily on the table and his face turned pale with anger.

“Eldest Brother, you actually only need to investigate briefly to decide whether these things had happened or not. Regardless of what Eldest Brother had heard before and who had said those words, facts speak louder than words. Perhaps the assassination incident is not easy to verify, but after I entered the capital, all the subsequent incidents happened because Second Elder Sister wanted to be with Marquis Jing Yuan. After that, something happened to Second Elder Sister in the imperial palace, and Marquis Jing Yuan was unwilling to marry Second Elder Sister.”

Wei Yue said slowly.

Wei Yuewu believed that there was no evidence of Mo Huating’s assassination of her, and even the maid Shuiyun had long since died. However, it was still very easy to find out that Wei Yan and Mo Huating had an affair.

Since Wei Ziyang was valued by Wei Luowen, he couldn’t be a foolish person.

Wei Ziyang really didn’t expect there were so many stories that he didn’t know. He remembered that his mother told him although Wei Yuewu was young, she had a malicious heart.

“Do you have any evidence?” Wei Ziyang calmed down and said coldly.

“Evidence?” Wei Yuewu laughed and pointed at herself mockingly. “Eldest Brother, do you think that a young lady from an aristocratic family like me, who just arrived at the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang and whose personal maid was even killed in the assassination would be able to find any evidence against Marquis Jing Yuan? If Marquis Jing Yuan was so easy to be exposed, how could he still stand in the court now?”

Wei Ziyang choked. Of course he knew Mo Huating. The two of them were about the same age, and Mo Huating was the future son-in-law of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang. Therefore, the two of them naturally had a close relationship. He also knew that Mo Huating was cautious and his reputation had always been very good.

If Mo Huating really did this, not to mention Wei Yuewu, even he wouldn’t be able to find out any evidence against Mo Huating.

Wei Yuewu had already asked Nurse Mei before, but Nurse Mei only said that although this Eldest Young Master Wei was the son of the Second Master, he preferred martial arts to reading and got along well with Marquis Hua Yang. Therefore, he had been raised by the first branch and lived beside Marquis Hua Yang since childhood. Anyone not in the know would think that he was Marquis Hua Yang’s son.

Moreover, Wei Ziyang was an open-minded person, and he treated people well. Whether it was within or outside the mansion, everyone would give a thumbs-up when mentioning this Eldest Young Master Wei. His mother, Lady Li had been valued by the Madam Dowager for so many years, and this Eldest Young Master naturally contributed a lot.

“Eldest Brother, if you still don’t believe me, I actually have a witness. Do you want to see her?” Seeing the solemn expression on his face, Wei Yuewu simply disclosed a piece of shocking news.

Witness? Well, she did have one!

“You have a witness?” Wei Ziyang couldn’t calm down anymore and asked doubtfully.

“Eldest Brother, are you willing to come with me?” Wei Yuewu stood up. In fact, she had prepared a witness just in case something like the current situation would happen.

"Alright!" Wei Ziyang looked deeply at Wei Yuewu and nodded.

Because she was going out with Wei Ziyang, when Wei Ziyang sent a lad servant to tell the Madam Dowager that he wanted to take Wei Yuewu out for a stroll, the Madam Dowager naturally had no objection.

Wei Ziyang grew up with Wei Luowen and was therefore more intimate with members of the first branch. Besides, the Madam Dowager was happy to see him and Wei Yuewu on good terms.

Wei Yuewu got on the carriage with Shufei. Wei Ziyang rode his horse and followed the carriage out of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang. Then, they headed towards the mansion of Wei Yuewu's maternal grandfather in the capital.

When the servant keeping the door heard that Wei Yuewu was here, he hurriedly reported it to the butler, who greeted them at the door.

They headed straight for the hall. After sitting down, Wei Yuewu said to the old butler of the mansion, "Butler, did my Eldest Aunt leave an old maidservant here?"

The old butler replied with a smile, "Yes, Miss. The Eldest Lady said that if she was of any use to you, you can take her away."

"Is she alright now?"

The old butler gave an instruction to the people beside him and replied, "Yes, she is. Previously, she tried to run away. After she was caught, I told her the truth and she became well-behaved."

Anyone would behave well and dare not run away anymore after learning that their masters wished to tear them apart.

When the witness was brought, Wei Ziyang stared at the old maidservant in front of him, who was barely recognizable. After a while, he said hesitantly, "Nurse Qian!"

Nurse Qian was Lady Li's most trusted servant, how could Wei Ziyang not recognize her? However, when he saw her last year, she looked energetic and young. It had only been a year since he had seen her, yet she had actually aged like this.

Seeing Wei Ziyang, Nurse Qian's face turned pale with shock. Then, she knelt down to Wei Ziyang with a plop and said with a trembling voice, "Eldest... Eldest Young Master!"

"Nurse Qian?" Wei Ziyang frowned.

"Yes... yes, it's me!" Nurse Qian lowered her head, tears almost falling down her cheeks.

Wei Yuewu stood up and said, "Eldest Brother, if you have questions, ask Nurse Qian. If you want to bring her back to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang, there is no problem. I'll go and take a walk in the garden first. This is the first time I've been to my maternal grandfather's mansion in the capital since I returned."

"Alright!" Wei Ziyang knew that she was avoiding suspicion and nodded.

When Nurse Qian heard the words "bring her back to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang", her entire body collapsed. When she was in the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang, what she did ended up with failure. Furthermore, it even caused Lady Li to be punished. In addition, Shuiyun had indeed died at her hands. Nurse Qian clearly knew that all of these combined were enough to put her on the road to extinction once she returned to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang.

This was also the reason why she didn't run away after figuring out the situation.

But this had nothing to do with Wei Yuewu. She took Huamo and walked out of the hall. Behind her came Wei Ziyang's question, "Nurse Qian, tell me why you're here."

Sure enough, Wei Ziyang had stayed at the border for many years, and he knew that Nurse Qian's mental state was extremely fragile at this time. By coming straight to the point, he could easily make her tell the truth.

The old butler also retreated, leaving the hall to Wei Ziyang. He followed behind Wei Yuewu and said, "Miss, do you want to take a look in the backyard? It's also the yard where Her Ladyship used to live."

“My mother used to live here?” Wei Yuewu was stunned for a moment. She had always thought that Mother had just arrived in the capital when she met Father, after which he fell in love with her at first sight. Father asked the Madam Dowager to cancel his previous engagement and then proposed to Mother again. During this time, her maternal grandfather might not have a house in the capital.

“Her Ladyship lived here for a short period of time. She only stayed here for a short period of time before she got married. She departed here and married into the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang.”

The old butler introduced with a smile.

“Then... I will go and take a look!” Wei Yuewu nodded. She picked up the corner of her skirt and stepped across the threshold.

Actually, this mansion wasn’t big, and could in no aspect compare to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang. However, it could be seen that the old butler was a dedicated person. Even though no master lived here for many years, all the plants and trees here were neatly trimmed, and the rooms were clean and tidy.

In the garden, there were rockery and flowing water. Although it was much smaller, it was still pleasing to the eyes.

“Miss, this is the courtyard where Her Ladyship used to live.” The old butler said as he pointed to a courtyard on the right side of the garden, which was almost at the edge of the garden.

Wei Yuewu nodded and walked to the right. It looked very close, but in fact, there was some distance. She reached the gate of the courtyard only after crossing three moon-shaped doors.

The old butler had already let someone open the door. An old maidservant was guarding the door and waiting by the side. Seeing Wei Yuewu, she was so excited that she couldn’t speak. She actually choked and kowtowed heavily to Wei Yuewu. “Mi...Miss!”

“This is Yucai’s mother. Back then, she was the nurse-in-charge who served Her Ladyship. Later, Yucai followed Her Ladyship to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang and the courtyard became empty. The Old

Lady told people to keep this courtyard, so Yucai's mother volunteered to come here to be a steward and gate-keeper."

The old butler sighed and introduced.

Yucai's mother? Was Yucai the senior maid who used to serve Mother and disappeared after her death?

Wei Yuewu was slightly stunned, but she immediately extended her hand to help the old maidservant up. She smiled gently and said, "There's no need to stand on ceremonies."

Yucai's mother wiped away her tears and stood up. She stood up and waited on the side with her hands lowered.

"Miss, please have a look around here and ask Yucai's mother if you have questions. She has always been in charge of this courtyard and knows everything. I will go to the front yard and see there is anything I can do." The old butler said.

No matter what, Wei Ziyang was a guest here. And furthermore, he was a distinguished guest. He could not be left in the hall all the time.

Wei Yuewu smiled and nodded, and the old butler retreated.

This courtyard was much smaller than Wei Yuewu's own Lotus Courtyard. Wei Yuewu always had a feeling that the courtyards of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang were much bigger than the courtyards of other mansions. Both their layout and construction radiated with an imposing atmosphere. It was said that the mansion was bestowed by the previous Emperor after the old mansion of Marquis Hua Yang caught fire.

Yucai's mother pushed open the main apartment's door. Everything in the room was spotless, just like when the mistress was there.

Time seemed to have stopped, and the fragrance of books was the same as when she was her maternal grandfather's home. Everything inside and outside the house made her feel as if she had returned to the place where she had lived for more than ten years.

"This... is Mother's room?" Wei Yuewu's nose turned sour and tears flashed in her eyes. She walked to the window and sat on a chair.

Even the chair was in the same position as she used to put her chair when living in her maternal grandfather's home.

Too many things were similar or identical, making her wonder if she was in her dream.

"This is Her Ladyship's room. Although Her Ladyship didn't live here for a long time, the Old Lady was afraid that she would not be used to living here. Everything was arranged according to her courtyard back home." Yucai's mother replied respectfully. Looking at the face similar to Her Ladyship, she secretly turned to wipe away her tears.

In front of the window was a writing desk with a chair placed sideways. Wei Yuewu was also used to sitting sideways to the desk and reading. If she needed to write something, she could just turn around.

She picked up a half-closed book on the desk and found it was an ordinary Book of Songs. However, the Book of Songs was densely packed with notes. Especially, there were a few handwritten poems that described the love between men and women, which showed the gentle feeling of love of a young woman.

In Wei Yuewu's mind, a shy girl appeared, who sat under the window, reading from time to time. Her eyes were filled with shyness as if they desired to speak. At that time, Mother lived here as a bride-to-be. It was normal for her to write such notes.

This meant that at that time, not only did Father fall in love with Mother at first sight. Mother should also fall in love with Father!

But since that was the case, why did the result turn out like that? Nurse Han's words seemed to sound in her ears. Even though she repeatedly told herself that this was not the truth, she still thought that

Father's so-called love at first sight was not real, and he actually forced Mother to marry him. Otherwise, how could she explain what Nurse Han saw later?

However, when she saw this book of poetry, she fell silent for a moment!

The room was very quiet. Huamo and Yucai's mother stood respectfully with their hands lowered. Wei Yuewu suddenly stopped flipping through the book and looked up at Yucai's mother. "How long did my mother live here?"

"About several months. Although Marquis Hua Yang had the intention to marry Her Ladyship at that time, I heard that their mansion had already arranged for him to get married to someone else and the two families had already begun subsequent procedures. However, I didn't expect that after seeing Her Ladyship, Marquis Hua Yang would actually be bent on asking for her to marry him." Yucai's mother lowered her head and replied.

Wei Yuewu flipped through a few more pages and finally stopped in one place. Then, she asked softly, "To which family was my father engaged before he met my mother?"

Chapter 193 – The Woman Who Was Engaged To Marquis Hua Yang

"Well... I'm not clear about it either. But at that time, Marquis Hua Yang would occasionally send people over to deliver gifts to Miss. He heard that Young Miss loved reading books, so he especially found some rare books for her, and he would occasionally come to Eldest Master and the others. But because of his own unsolved matters, Eldest Master and the others did not want him to see Miss, but he would still sneak in. "

Yucai's mother said as she recalled.

The so-called Eldest Master was Wei Yuewu's Eldest Uncle.

"At that time, I was in charge of the courtyard affairs. Eldest Master instructed me not to let Marquis Hua Yang see Miss. However, Young Miss also wanted to see Marquis Hua Yang. So I could only pretend not to see them meeting each other. On one occasion, when Marquis Hua Yang sneaked in again, I heard him talk about the young lady from the Tu family..."

Yucai's mother hesitated for a moment.

The young lady from the Tu family? Those famous young ladies of the Tu family? Wei Yuewu was surprised, "Did you really hear him mention young lady of the Tu family?"

"I think I did. Young Miss was sitting under the window and reading at that moment. Marquis Hua Yang sneaked into the courtyard, but he still stood on ceremony and talked to the Young Miss from outside. I was afraid that if anyone saw him, they would inform Eldest Master. So I warned the servants in the courtyard and told them to leave. After that, I was still worried about the Young Miss and went back to stay with her. Then I heard Marquis Hua Yang say that he would dissolve the engagement with the young lady of the Tu family immediately. He said he would do it in a few days."

"But seeing me walk over, Marquis Hua Yang and Young Miss didn't say anything more!" Yucai's mother thought for a moment and answered in the affirmative.

At that time, it was actually a young lady from the Tu family who was engaged to her father. Wei Yuewu's long eyelashes flickered, and her eyes deepened.

It was actually a young lady from the Tu family. Or it should be a young lady from the Tu family when she thought about it now. Otherwise, who else would be able not to leave any trace of withdrawing the engagement.

The mansion of Marquis Hua Yang was very sensitive about whom her father had broken off an engagement with. Almost no one dared to discuss it. At that time, since the two families had already started planning the wedding ceremony, it meant that many people knew about it. However, no one discussed it. This was also protecting the involved woman.

Or it could be said that the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang knew they did something wrong, so they tried their best to conceal the identity of the woman.

But even so, how could no servant mention it? The moment she asked Nurse Mei about it, the latter knelt down and begged her not to ask. She said that she had sworn an oath in front of Madam Dowager and would never mention it.

It could be seen how much Madam Dowager cared about this matter at that time!

“Where is Yucai now?” Looking at the respectful look on the face of Yucai’s mother, Wei Yuewu suddenly had a thought and asked.

“Yucai is very well now. It’s just she has married someone who lives a little far away. A while ago, she sent a message to me saying that everything is going well for her. This is all because of Miss’s great kindness. Otherwise, how could she still be alive?” Yucai’s mother said with tears in her eyes.

“Is she alright?” Wei Yuewu continued to ask.

“Nothing much. Fortunately, Young Miss saved her and secretly sent her away. Otherwise, her life would not have been saved. I heard that when Young Miss was having a difficult labor, Marquis Hua Yang replaced all the servants in the courtyard. Some died and some were sold.” Yucai’s mother thought of the scene when she had just heard this news and was so anxious that she almost fainted. There was still lingering fear in her heart.

Fortunately, Young Miss secretly sent a letter to tell her that Yucai was fine. Otherwise, she almost lost her life. She only had one daughter, Yucai, and her husband had died before Yucai was born. So Yucai was the only one she had in this world!

“Did she marry someone good?” Wei Yuewu asked quietly. She believed that this maid named Yucai knew a lot about what happened back then. Her mother managed to save her and secretly sent her away.

“She married a scholar who is said to have earned a job in government. She gave birth to a son and a daughter. She is living a happy life now. If it weren’t for the kindness of the Young Miss back then, how could she be so blessed as she is now?”

When Yucai’s mother mentioned Wei Yuewu’s birth mother, tears fell down her cheeks. Such a kind and beautiful Young Miss did not end well in the end. Even the Young Miss’s daughter was disliked by others now. If Young Miss was still alive, how could such a situation happen? Thinking of this made her sad.

"Did she ever return?" said Wei Yuewu.

"No. Because she lives far away, she only sent letters every year for so many years to tell me about her situation. She even had to be careful when sending things to me. She said that Young Miss had warned her back then that if there was no letter for her, she would never come back. Otherwise, there would be a big disaster. But then Young Miss was gone..."

Yucai's mother was already sobbing at this point, and Huamo, who was standing beside her, also wiped away her tears with a handkerchief.

Seeing them crying like this, Wei Yuewu also felt an irritating sensation in her own nose. She stood up and supported a corner of the table. A tear slowly rolled down from the corner of her eyes. She took the handkerchief and secretly wiped it away. A harsh expression flashed across her face.

Who would want one's birth mother to die young? Who would want to be abandoned by one's birth father from childhood? If all of this tragedy was really caused by someone, she would definitely not let anyone off...

When she returned to the hall, Wei Ziyang was already sitting there, drinking tea and waiting for her. Nurse Qian had already been taken away.

"Eldest Brother, can we go now?" Wei Yuewu walked in and smiled brightly. She didn't ask about the result, but swept a gaze across Wei Ziyang's thoughtful face.

"Let's go!" Wei Ziyang nodded and stood up with a calm expression.

"Do you want to take her away?" Wei Yuewu looked at the old butler who was waiting on the side.

"No need. I'll send someone to send her back to her hometown later. She has after all served my mother loyally," said Wei Ziyang.

"Alright. Just send people to do it later, Eldest Brother." Wei Yuewu didn't seem to be interested in Wei Ziyang's interrogation at all. She smiled gently and agreed.

Madam Li was after all Wei Ziyang's birth mother. Moreover, Wei Ziyang was often away from the capital, so he felt guilty for Madam Li. He would naturally stick up for Madam Li. It was only natural that he would send this Nurse Qian away.

Wei Yuewu couldn't ask Wei Ziyang to stand on her side with a clear-cut stand. She only wanted Wei Ziyang not to help her opponent. Now, it seemed that her Eldest Brother was a reliable person.

When they returned to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang, the two of them separated at the intersection. Today was Wei Ziyang's first day back at the mansion. Dinner had already been set at Madam Dowager's place. They would have to freshen up again before they could go there.

Just as she entered the courtyard, Wei Yuewu saw the snow-white puppy jumping and running towards her. It hadn't been long since she had raised the pet, but it was as if the puppy could recognize her as its master and pounced straight at her.

Wei Yuewu squatted down and petted the puppy's head.

"Miss, you're back. This little puppy is really so naughty and smart. It ran into your room and knocked over the pen rack on the table."

Shufei chased after the puppy and came out. Seeing Wei Yuewu return, she could not help but stomp her feet and complain.

Wei Yuewu stood up and walked into the room. The puppy lingered at her feet and followed her into the room.

"Miss, you have no idea how messy this place was just now. No one knows how it ran into the room. If it wasn't for the noise of things falling down that startled me, I wouldn't know that this little thing actually ran so fast."

Shufei smiled and carried the puppy that was closely following Wei Yuewu to prevent it from running around by Wei Yuewu's feet all the time.

Huamo brought the tea. Wei Yuewu took the tea and took a sip of it as she landed her gaze on her table. She had the same habit as her mother. They both liked to sit sideways in front of the table and read books, so the chair had always been placed sideways, but it was now placed right in the middle.

It was also very clean on the table. Clearly, someone had already tidied it up. The pen container that had been flipped over was neatly sorted out.

Wei Yuewu fell her gaze on one of the pens inside. It was completely different from the other pens she had and was secretly given to her by Wei Qiuju.

This was definitely a man's pen.

Was it Xie Qingzhao? He hadn't appeared in a long time! From the looks of it, this matter had something to do with Xie Qingzhao...

There was a small and inconspicuous courtyard at the end of a small alley. Normally, there weren't many people who came to visit this family. Only a deaf and dumb old man was in charge of the courtyard affairs. The neighbors had long lost their initial curiosity about this courtyard.

At this moment, a very ordinary carriage of green surface stopped at the courtyard's back door. A heavily wrapped woman got off the carriage, followed by a maid with her head lowered. They did not stop outside the door at all and directly entered the courtyard.

A servant at the door then hurriedly closed the door.

In the room, Xie Qingzhao, who was sitting in the chair and reading, looked at the woman in front of him with a complicated expression. The latter took off her veil, revealing a pretty face.

"Young Master Xie!" Wei Qiuju smiled slightly, appearing to be very calm and magnanimous. It seemed meeting a man privately like this wasn't a disgrace to her reputation.

"Fourth Young Lady, please take a seat!" Xie Qingzhao stood up and pointed to the chair to invite Wei Qiufu to sit down.

After thanking him politely, Wei Qiufu sat down. The attendant served tea and retreated to the door. Ming Yan did not dare to listen to their conversation either, also retreated and stood outside with her head lowered.

"Young Master Xie, I wasn't the one who wrote to you last time." Wei Qiufu took a sip of the tea before raising her head and saying with a serious expression.

"How could it not be you? Although the maid in your mansion isn't the same as the one you sent last time, what she said is right for your maid." Xie Qingzhao frowned. Recently, he had been repeatedly gossiped because of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang. Although the gossip hadn't been spread far, there were already people who doubted his reputation.

Especially the few colleagues who had always competed with him, they would occasionally say something specious to make him extremely annoyed.

"It really wasn't my maid. Young Master Xie, you know that I have always been cautious. How would I write such a letter to you? Besides, I'm not the only unmarried young lady who knows how to write in that typeface." Wei Qiufu shook her head. It was only recently that she realized that the reason why Xie Qingzhao had failed repeatedly was because of a letter sent under her name.

She had also beaten about the bush and inquired about it from Wei Qiuju before. The reason in the first place why Wei Qiuju had objections to her was because of Xie Qingzhao's return letter.

"Fourth Young Lady, are you saying that other young ladies in your mansion who knew about us had deliberately pretended to be you and written the letter to me?" Xie Qingzhao rubbed his forehead somewhat impatiently. He had lived a peaceful life, but now, because of these things, he was very annoyed.

"The young ladies of your mansion who were present at that time included Second Young Lady, Fifth Young Lady, and Sixth Young Lady. Apart from that arrogant Second Young Lady, and the Sixth Young Lady had only just entered the mansion who didn't know anything; also, Fifth Young Lady couldn't harm

herself in the end. Then, could it be that the arrogant Second Young Lady would do such a scheming thing?"

"It can't be Fifth Younger Sister!" Wei Qiufu said with certainty. The matter had finally come to Wei Qiuju, so much so that Wei Qiuju and she became enemies, so Wei Qiuju was directly ruled out by her.

Chapter 194 – The Letter Dropped By Wei Qiufu

"Then it must be the Second Young Lady or Sixth Young Lady!" Inexplicably, a pair of beautiful eyes flashed in Xie Qingzhao's mind. When that kind of gaze landed on you, you would feel its owner was so gentle and attractive...

However, in the next moment, he directly gave up this idea. He wasn't a person who judged people by their appearances. He paid more attention to talent, which was why he valued this Fourth Miss Wei in front of him.

These words caused Wei Qiufu to ponder for a moment. Although she felt that Wei Yan would never do such a thing, but what if she had the help of her mother Lady Li, who had always wanted to suppress the third branch? Of course, Wei Qiufu didn't know that Wei Qiuju ganged up with Lady Li at that time. Wei Qiuju's failure represented Lady Li's miscalculation.

As for the likelihood of Wei Yuewu's involvement, she was actually not too sure. However, this Sixth Younger Sister was definitely not a cowardly person. Take the confrontation between the two of them at the Plum Blossom Nunnery as an example. In the end, not only did she fail to get the upper hand, but she also ended up in such an awkward situation. Wei Yuewu had played at least a part in it.

"Fourth Young Lady, I think it's the Second Young Lady!" Xie Qingzhao suddenly said with certainty.

Wei Qiufu turned around and looked at him in confusion.

"The Second Young Lady has a vicious nature and has always been in the mansion. You also said before that your mansion was under the charge of the second branch. If anyone is able to find out about our relationship, they must be from the second branch. Sixth Young Lady has only just arrived in the capital, and she doesn't have many helpers. How can she find out our relationship?"

Xie Qingzhao organized his thoughts and said in an orderly manner.

Hearing what he said, Wei Qiufu also felt that it made sense. Although Wei Yan did not have any brain, Lady Li was different. With the help of Lady Li, she might really have found out something about her and Xie Qingzhao.

However, now that Wei Yan had died and Lady Li had been sent back to her parents' home, there seemed to be no need to investigate this matter.

But Wei Qiufu felt that although there was no evidence, she still suspected Wei Yuewu. How could it not be Wei Yuewu...

The room quieted down.

"Fourth Young Lady, congratulations on being elected by the Crown Prince Mansion!" After a while, Xie Qingzhao looked at Wei Qiufu and said with a light smile. However, he felt sad after saying those words. He tilted his head slightly and his hand that was holding the cup trembled.

"Master Xie, how could you not know my heart!" Seeing that Xie Qingzhao was sad, Wei Qiufu hurriedly stopped worrying about herself and said softly with a bitter smile on her face, "If Grandmother didn't have high hopes for me, how could I make such a choice!"

As she said these words, she was almost going to shed tears and she looked at Xie Qingzhao with grief in her eyes.

This kind of Wei Qiufu was undoubtedly extremely pitiful. Seeing the tears slowly falling from the corners of her eyes, Xie Qingzhao stretched out his hand trying to wipe them off for her. However, just as he was about to touch her face, he paused and his hand powerlessly fell.

He clearly knew that the moment she was selected by the Crown Prince Mansion, the relationship between the two of them had become that between a subject and a monarch. Those thoughts that he used to have about her must be completely erased.

“Master Xie. If it wasn’t for Grandmother’s decision, I...” Wei Qiufu could not continue. She actually started to sob and wiped her tears with a handkerchief.

Xie Qingzhao sighed, “You... what are you going to do next?”

“What else can I do? The mansion has already made a decision. Actually, Sixth Younger Sister should be the person to enter the Crown Prince Mansion. With her status, she might even be given the position of a senior concubine, but she was unwilling. She also said that she had not been raised in the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang since childhood, so she did not need to shoulder any responsibility. That’s why Grandmother insisted on me...”

Wei Qiufu cried as she pushed all the blame on Wei Yuewu.

According to her description, Wei Yuewu was extremely selfish, whereas she was extremely filial. For the sake of her family, she had no choice but to make concessions. She did play the role of a young lady who was as gentle as jade and had no choice but to sacrifice herself.

Xie Qingzhao stared blankly at Wei Qiufu crying. After a while, he made up his mind and said, “Go back now... and don’t come again...in the future!”

“No... I will come again. No matter how you think, I only have you in my heart. Even if I enter the Crown Prince Mansion and the imperial palace in the future, my heart will be the same. If it weren’t for Sixth Younger Sister’s unwillingness, why would the two of us have to be in such a situation?” Wei Qiufu’s pink face was half drooping and tears streamed down her face as she said firmly.

“But...but...” Xie Qingzhao could not bear to see Wei Qiufu crying like this, but he didn’t know what to do next. For a moment, his nose also became sour, and he felt pain in his heart. His voice choked and he became speechless.

“Master Xie, no matter what happens in the future, you must remember me... I only have you in my heart!” Wei Qiufu raised her red eyes and looked at Xie Qingzhao affectionately.

However, in such a scene, this kind of affection made his heart ache even more.

“Master Xie, I’ll leave first. I will...contact you later. If I have time, I’ll come and call on this place. It doesn’t matter even if you don’t come!” After saying those words, Wei Qiufu took out a letter from her sleeve. She stood up, covered her face and left sobbing.

Outside the house, Ming Yan helped Wei Qiufu wear her scarf. She turned over her head and with a complicated expression on her face, she looked at Xie Qingzhao, who was sitting in a chair with his head lowered. She then turned around and left with Wei Qiufu.

The carriage quietly left.

Just as Xie Qingzhao was about to leave the room, he suddenly saw a letter on the chair where Wei Qiufu had sat. He picked it up and thought of returning it to her the next time he met her.

But after thinking for a while, he finally opened the letter and read it. His expression immediately changed after a quick glimpse of the letter. Even his hand that was holding the letter trembled. He couldn’t let her be threatened. No matter what, she was the most beautiful woman in his heart. He couldn’t let anyone cause any damage to her image...

She had always had him in her heart, even if she encountered difficulties, she would not tell him. In that case, how could he really let her go and watch helplessly as something happened to her!

The Madam Dowager’s courtyard was especially lively today. Lights had been lit everywhere, and the entire room was illuminated.

Wei Ziyang came over in the morning and chatted with the Madam Dowager about the matters at the border. When the conversation became quite merry, the Madam Dowager would occasionally laugh happily.

Wei Yuejiao came together with Wei Ziyang. The two of them were familiar when they were at the border, so they had a much more intimate relationship than other siblings in the family. Often, when Wei Ziyang said something, Wei Yuejiao would interrupt and succeed in making the Madam Dowager laugh happily. The atmosphere was very cheerful.

But there was also a guest in the room, a handsome young man in his twenties, who could also be called an uninvited guest.

He sat at the side with a smile as he watched the family members interacted with each other.

“Madam Dowager, the Fourth Young Lady, Fifth Young Lady, and Sixth Young Lady are here!” An old maidservant came in and reported.

“Oh? They actually came together. Let them come in quickly!” The Madam Dowager said smilingly. She was very satisfied with the fact that the three granddaughters came together.

A maid lifted the curtain. Wei Qiufu was at the front, followed by Wei Qiuju. The last one was Wei Yewu. The three of them entered the room in sequence and bowed to the Madam Dowager.

The three young ladies were like three beautiful flowers that immediately attracted everyone’s attention.

The handsome young man’s gaze naturally slid past the three of them, and finally landed on Wei Yewu’s face. A trace of astonishment flashed through his eyes.

He had seen many beautiful women, but he had rarely seen such exquisite features. Needless to say, this Sixth Miss Wei in front of him would become a stunning beauty in a couple of years. He had never imagined that Lord Marquis would have such a beautiful daughter. It was truly amazing.

The Madam Dowager was very satisfied with her granddaughters. She smiled and pointed at the young man sitting at the side and said, “Get up! Now pay your respects to Prefectural Prince Huai!”

The three sisters went to the front of Prefectural Prince Huai and bowed to him in succession as the Madam Dowager had instructed. Prefectural Prince Huai stood up and said smilingly, “No need to stand on ceremonies! Madam Dowager, you are too polite.”

“How would I be too polite? Prefectural Prince Huai seldom came to our mansion recently, and today, we were not properly prepared for your visit so that you have to join our family banquet. When Ziyang is free, he will hold a formal banquet for you!”

The Madam Dowager said with a smile.

Han Ming, Prefectural Prince Huai, came to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang just in time for dinner. He didn't care about having an ordinary meal in the mansion. He was even ready to make do by eating a simple meal with Wei Ziyang. The two of them grew up together and he was a frequent visitor to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang. Besides, the two of them were also familiar with each other's sisters. Therefore, Han Ming felt quite at ease in the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang.

As soon as he heard that Wei Ziyang had returned, Han Ming hurriedly rushed over. After a brief talk with Wei Ziyang, he was brought to the Madam Dowager's place for dinner.

He had seen all of the young ladies in the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang, except Wei Yuewu. Therefore, he was particularly curious about this Sixth Miss Wei.

Of course, he saw Wei Yuewu when she was a small child. At that time, she was as lovely as a doll that looked like a pink ball. However, he didn't see her many times, and every time she would appear with Marquise Hua Yang and didn't stay for long.

After Wei Yuewu was sent away, he heard rumors that Wei Yuewu was neither talented or good-looking. He didn't know if she had talent or not, but he was sure that she must be good-looking. How could the beautiful Marquise give birth to an ordinary-looking daughter?

The moment he saw Wei Yuewu, his heart missed a beat. Although he expected to see a beautiful girl, he was still amazed that she was actually such a stunning beauty.

The servants served tea, and everyone chatted happily. Wei Yuewu's gaze fell on Prefectural Prince Huai and a trace of surprise flashed in her heart. She had heard that the previous Prefectural Prince Huai's heir-apparent became a monk many years ago, and the Prefectural Prince Huai Mansion had since been an empty place because the old Prefectural Prince Huai had no other heirs except that son who became a monk. So how come this young man in front of her became Prefectural Prince Huai?

Wei Luowu came after a while. After he arrived, the servants immediately served all the dishes. It was a rule of etiquette not to talk when eating, so everyone ate silently. After the meal was finished, the servants tidied up the dining hall and people sat down to have tea and chat again.

Because Wei Luowu still had some business to attend to, he only chatted for a while and then left.

Seeing her most promising grandson back home, the Madam Dowager was not only in a good mood but also in good spirits. She did not feel tired at all and continued talking with Wei Ziyang.

Of course, the several granddaughters couldn't leave. There were by her side to keep her company.

"When did Prefectural Prince Huai return to the capital?" Wei Qiufu smiled faintly and said to Han Ming, who was seated diagonally to her. Of course, she knew Han Ming, who had been a frequent visitor to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang since childhood.

She also knew that this Prefectural Prince Huai only inherited his title recently. He was actually the previous Prefectural Prince Huai's maternal grandson. However, Prefectural Prince Huai's bloodline had long since been interrupted due to the previous Prefectural Prince Huai's passing away and his heir-apparent's becoming a monk.

However, the Emperor was grateful for the previous Prefectural Prince Huai's kindness and did not want Prefectural Prince Huai's bloodline to be interrupted. Therefore, he allowed the heir-apparent of Prefectural Prince Huai's younger sister's son to inherit the title. This matter had just been settled recently. Before that, this Prefectural Prince Huai was merely the youngest son of a Prefectural Princess.

"I was back in the capital yesterday, and I didn't expect Brother Ziyang was also back. It was such a coincidence." Han Ming replied with a smile.

"Congratulations, Prefectural Prince! Congratulations, Prefectural Prince!" Wei Qiufu smiled and said softly.

"Thank you, Fourth Young Lady!" Han Ming smiled. His gaze landed on Wei Yuewu, who was also opposite him. Wei Yuejiao and Wei Qiuju were both attracted by their conversation. Only the Sixth Miss

Wei maintained a horizontal gaze as if she was looking at a certain point in the air. Her butterfly-like eyelids flashed twice, making her pair of watery eyes look darker and tenderer.

She didn't even bother looking at Han Ming for his high status as Prefectural Prince Huai.

Han Ming had always been proud of his noble status and handsome appearance. He had always been able to attract the attention of numerous young women in the capital. But now he was completely ignored by Wei Yuewu, so he was rather unwilling. Thus, he paid more attention to Wei Yuewu and looked at her from time to time.

However, in the next moment, he looked at Wei Yuewu's actions in astonishment. He pressed the teacup in his hand, and a trace of doubt flashed in his eyes.

Chapter 195 – Would A Dog Resist Temptation Better Than People?

Wei Yuewu had been thinking about the writing brush. Why did a writing brush that seemed to have not the slightest trace of significance have to be sent into her hands?

Could it be that because this was a man's writing brush, so it was sent to her to frame her?

However, she was going to Prince Nan'an Mansion tomorrow, so it was impossible for her to bring this writing brush with her. Even if they wanted to frame her, it was impossible for anyone to send people from Prince Nan'an Mansion to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang to investigate.

Moreover, a small writing brush could be hidden anywhere.

Wei Yuewu propped herself up on one elbow and listened to Wei Qiufu and the others chatting. Her long eyelashes flashed twice, and her watery eyes stared blankly at a certain point in the air. She didn't notice that Han Ming was looking at her all the time.

The curtains were raised and two maids walked in with some exquisite fruits in their hands. Although it was winter and it was basically impossible to buy fresh fruits, it wasn't a big problem for these aristocratic families to preserve some fruits.

After placing a plate of fruits on each table, the two maids retreated silently.

The entire process was exceptionally quiet, but Wei Yuewu's attention was involuntarily attracted by them. Her gaze moved along with their steps and finally settled on the plate of fruits beside her.

She subconsciously stretched out two tender fingers and placed them on the top of an apple.

"Miss, do you want an apple?" Huamo asked in a low voice.

The fingers on the apple paused and Wei Yuewu also regained her senses. In fact, she did not want to eat apples. She had subconsciously put her hands on the apple because she usually liked eating apples, although she did not have any appetite at this time!

If people couldn't resist temptation, how about dogs?

"Miss..." Seeing her pondering, Huamo asked in a low voice.

"No need, not now." Wei Yuewu glared at the apple in front of her and shook her head slightly. She felt suddenly enlightened in her heart as she slowly retracted her hand from the apple.

Wei Qiufu's gaze also shifted from Han Ming to Wei Qiufu and after seeing Wei Yuewu's movements, she smiled and asked softly. "Sixth Younger Sister, do you want an apple?"

Her question immediately attracted everyone's attention.

"No, I just feel that Grandmother's apples here look particularly good in color, so I specially took a look at them." Wei Yuewu smiled and replied.

"Aren't Grandmother's apples here the same as yours? Could it be that Grandmother kept fine apples for herself?" Wei Yuejiao glanced sideways at Wei Yuewu and said mockingly.

“Perhaps the fengshui here in Grandmother’s place is good, even the color of the apples is exceptionally bright. I do think that the apples here are really different from mine!” Wei Yuewu did not seem to recognize the mockery in Wei Yuejiao’s words and she quietly complimented the Madam Dowager.

The Madam Dowager laughed. “My girl, how could there be a difference between your apples and Grandmother’s? But if you like them, you can take the plate of apples on the table away with you later!”

Wei Yuewu seized the chance to please the Madam Dowager. She stood up and bowed deeply, “Thank you, Grandmother.” Her actions caused the Madam Dowager’s mood to become even better, and she couldn’t stop laughing.

Wei Qiufu’s gaze silently slid past Wei Yuewu’s charming face. A moment ago, she saw Wei Yuewu was in a daze. That was why she deliberately asked her if she wanted an apple. She didn’t expect that Wei Yuewu’s reaction would be so quick under such circumstances, and her response even made the Madam Dowager so happy.

“Grandmother, I also want those apples!” Wei Yuejiao had always been reluctant to let Wei Yuewu enjoy anything that she didn’t have. When she saw that her mockery had no effect on Wei Yuewu, and Wei Yuewu even succeeded in pleasing the Madam Dowager, she immediately became unhappy.

However, she didn’t choose the right time, and Wei Yuewu and the Madam Dowager had just joked with each other. On such an occasion, her words immediately reminded people of the discord between the sisters of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang, which the Madam Dowager was unwilling to see. The Madam Dowager was extremely unhappy and she immediately had a long face.

Wei Yuewu hadn’t returned to her chair yet. She looked awkwardly at the Madam Dowager and then at Wei Yuejiao. After taking into account the overall situation, she said, “Third Elder Sister, take them if you want!”

“Hmph, I don’t want anything you don’t like.” These words almost rushed out of her mouth. After Wei Yuejiao finished speaking, she realized that she had made a mistake. However, it was impossible for her to take back what she had said.

The Madam Dowager glared at Wei Yuejiao and said angrily, "Yuejiao, since you don't like my stuff, then don't say anything else. I'll keep them for myself!"

These words sounded extremely harsh, especially when they were uttered in front of an outsider. Wei Yuejiao's face immediately blushed and she could not raise her head due to embarrassment. She could do nothing but look at the Madam Dowager with tears in her eyes and explained, "Grandmother... I... I didn't mean that, I meant..."

As she spoke, she looked at Wei Yuewu with hatred. Anyone could tell that she hated Wei Yuewu very much. In the eyes of everyone, Wei Yuewu was completely an innocent victim of her anger.

"Stop talking. Just sit and listen. We rarely had your Eldest Brother back in the mansion." The Madam Dowager glanced at Wei Yuewu and said coldly. This was the first time she doubted her own decision. Was Concubine Dong really worthy of the title of Marquise Hua Yang? Look at this girl who was educated by her! She was really a shame.

With the presence of Prefectural Prince Huai here, even if she was truly at odds with Wei Yuewu, she must behave herself at this moment.

Wei Yuejiao didn't dare to speak anymore. She gripped her handkerchief and her face was bright red. She didn't know if she was angry or ashamed. Although she was filled with extreme hatred, she didn't dare to raise her head to stare at Wei Yuewu anymore.

After all, she was not Wei Yan, so she knew that it was best not to speak at this time!

Wei Qiufu had been observing Wei Yuewu quietly ever since Wei Yuewu said her first word. Although she was speaking to Wei Yuejiao with a calm expression, there was a hint of mockery in the corner of her eyes. Wei Qiufu thought about Wei Yuewu's action and Wei Yuejiao's response as a whole, and she couldn't help but be secretly wary. Wei Yuewu had probably anticipated this scene long before!

Wei Ziyang tried to help Wei Yuejiao out of embarrassment. "Grandmother, let me tell you more about the customs over there at the border. During the Spring Festival every year, some of the old ladies over there will..."

He and Wei Yuejiao had been living on the border, so their relationship was naturally more intimate.

With his interruption, everyone retracted their gaze from Wei Yuejiao. They continued to chat and tell jokes. The Madam Dowager put on a smiling face again, and the atmosphere in the room became merry again.

Because it was the inner courtyard of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang, Han Ming couldn't stay for too long. After sitting for a while, he stood up and took his leave. Wei Qiufu and other sisters also wanted to return. Thus, Wei Ziyang took the lead and asked the Madam Dowager for leave. The group of them left the Madam Dowager's Tranquility Courtyard together and returned to their own courtyard.

Wei Ziyang accompanied Han Ming and the two of them went to Wei Ziyang's residence to talk.

At the intersection on Wei Yuewu's way back to her courtyard, two maids sent by Nurse Mei were waiting with lanterns in their hands. Seeing Wei Yuewu return, the two maids greeted her and led the way in a well-behaved manner.

After getting back to Lotus Courtyard, Shufei hurriedly helped Wei Yuewu take off her cloak. Jin Ling had already soaked a handkerchief in hot water and gave it to Wei Yuewu to wipe her face.

It was a winter night, and it was very cold all the way back to her courtyard.

"Did the puppy knock over anything?" Wei Yuewu took the handkerchief and asked after wiping her face.

"Miss, how did you know that the puppy knocked over the writing brush container again?" Shufei's face was filled with surprise. She didn't know what was wrong with this puppy. Although she didn't let allow it to enter Miss' room, the puppy insisted. After getting in the room, it ran directly to Miss' writing desk.

Wei Yuewu smiled and didn't answer her question. Instead, she asked, "How many times did it knock over the writing brush container?"

"Miss, I don't know what's wrong with this puppy. It especially likes to play around with the writing brush container. After you left only for a while, it knocked the writing brush container over three or four times. Fortunately, there wasn't anything in the writing brush container. I have already put away the books that you read." Shufei replied with a smile.

Sure enough, it was exactly the same as she had expected. Wei Yuewu's eyes flashed with a hint of deep thought as she asked, "Where is the puppy now?"

"It is sound asleep now. When I saw that it was asleep, I carried it to the side room to rest." Shufei replied. Although the puppy was cute, it was impossible to let it sleep in Wei Yuewu's room. Fortunately, the bamboo basket that Prince Nan'an Mansion sent over could be used as a bed for the puppy.

All she needed to do was just put it in the side room.

"I'll go and check it out." Wei Yuewu pondered for a moment before coming to a decision.

"Miss, are you going to see the puppy at this time?" Shufei asked in surprise. Previously, she didn't see how much Miss liked this puppy. Why did she still want to take a look at it so late in the night?

"Yes!" Wei Yuewu nodded.

Seeing her so persistent, Shufei could only take her to the side room. When the door opened, a beautiful bamboo basket went into their eyes.

Shufei walked over and lifted the veil to reveal the beautiful and cute puppy lying there sound asleep.

Wei Yuewu stepped forward and carefully observed the puppy that was sound asleep. She reached out and touched its head. Sensing that someone was gently touching it, the puppy subconsciously rubbed against the hand and looked even lovelier. However, its long curly eyes were still closed and it was still asleep.

"Miss, what's wrong?" Jin Ling followed and asked when she saw Wei Yuewu's heavy expression.

There seemed to be nothing wrong with the puppy except that it was sleeping too soundly. Wei Yuewu's eyebrows knitted slightly as she reached out to put her hand on the puppy's eyelids and gently touched it.

"Miss, I'll do it!" Sensing Wei Yuewu's intentions, Jin Ling crouched down and stretched out her hand.

"Be careful!" Wei Yuewu instructed softly. She took a step back and made room for Jin Ling.

Jin Ling nodded. She reached out her hands and then gently rolled its eyelids...

Wei Qiuju came to Lotus Courtyard early in the morning holding a white curly puppy in her hands, which looked somewhat similar to Wei Yuewu's but was less furry. Besides, its eyes were not as lovely either. Overall, Wei Qiuju's puppy did not look as cute as Wei Yuewu's.

However, the puppy at Wei Yuewu's feet was not lively at all today. It didn't seem to have woken up yet and was still sleeping with its eyes narrowed.

"Sixth Younger Sister, did you wear the safety talisman I gave you? You can put it in your purse. This way, you can keep it close to your body and ensure your safety." Wei Qiuju teased the puppy in her hands and smiled casually. "Look at my puppy."

As she said, she enthusiastically removed a purse from her waist and opened it on the table to reveal a safety talisman to Wei Yuewu. "Sixth Younger Sister, how do you like the method I said?"

Wei Yuewu received the safety talisman and had a look at it. Then, she said with a smile. "Fifth Elder Sister, your method is not bad!"

"Do you have a purse? If you don't have one, I'll give this to you." Wei Qiuju suggested with a smile.

"Well... no need, I'll use my own purse!" Wei Yuewu shook her head and said with a smile as she refused. Who wouldn't have several additional purses? How could she use someone else's purse?

However, since Wei Qiuju had said those words, it was difficult to refuse her kindness! If Wei Yuewu didn't accept it, she would appear too impolite!

A trace of cold ridicule flashed across her eyes. Wei Qiuju was really afraid that she wouldn't wear it, so she purposely made a trip here. Since that was the case, she naturally had to wear it...

Chapter 196 – Two Safety Talismans

Wei Yuewu asked Huamo to bring a purse, and she put the safety talisman Wei Qiuju had given her into the purse before hanging it on her waist.

Seeing Wei Yuewu hang the purse at her waist, Wei Qiuju thought she had succeeded in her scheme, so she didn't have the mood to stay here with Wei Yuewu any longer. After a few perfunctory words, she went back on the pretext that she had suddenly remembered something she needed to attend to.

"Huamo, bring me another purse, exactly the same as this one." After Wei Qiuju left, Wei Yuewu, who was sitting in front of the mirror and let Huamo do the makeup for her, gave the instruction.

The purse that Huamo had just taken was the most ordinary type which was sometimes given to the servants as a reward. Normally, when Huamo and the others had time, they would casually make a few of these purses. They were not determined to make it very beautiful. Most of the time, they did not even change the pattern.

"Yes, I get it!" Huamo had just been behind Wei Yuewu and dressing her up. Naturally, she had also heard what Wei Qiuju said. So when she went to take the purse, she had chosen the most ordinary one. Now she was asked to bring another one, so she went to take exactly the same one and handed it over to Wei Yuewu.

She also brought a safety talisman that looked very similar to the one Wei Qiuju had offered. However, upon closer inspection, there was still a difference. There were some differences in the dark patterns on the safety talismans, and the most obvious difference was that the characters "Feng He" were missing on this one.

This was just an ordinary safety talisman that Jin Ling got from the Plum Blossom Nunnery for Wei Yuewu.

Wei Yuewu picked up the safety talisman and looked at it, then put it in the purse. At this time, Shufei had already untied the purse at Wei Yuewu's waist that was hung there by herself earlier.

"Miss, this purse..." Shufei raised the purse in her hand.

"Let Jin Ling hang it on her waist when she comes back later!" Wei Yuewu said indifferently.

Jin Ling had gone out to arrange the affairs for the trip. This time, because the young ladies of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang would each bring a puppy with them, they each brought an extra maid. Wei Yuewu brought Jin Ling and Huamo.

By the time the young ladies and their maids arrived at the gate, two carriages had been arranged outside for them by the Madam Dowager. Two young ladies shared a carriage, and of course, the maids they brought with them were also in the same carriage.

Wei Yuejiao hadn't arrived. Wei Qiufu and Wei Qiuju were already at the gate and the former had sat in the carriage in the front, but Wei Qiuju was still hovering by the side. She did not know which carriage she should take. As soon as Wei Yuewu appeared at the gate, her eyes lit up and she hurriedly took a few steps forward to arrive in front of Wei Yuewu.

"Sixth Younger Sister, can I sit with you in the same carriage? Fourth Elder Sister likes to be quiet. I'm afraid of disturbing her." Wei Qiuju pointed at the carriage in the front with a cautious gaze and a look of anticipation, which was really hard to refuse.

Wei Yuewu nodded, "Okay, Fifth Elder Sister, I'll trouble you to sit with me. Coincidentally, I'm also a person who can't stay quiet."

"Alright, then let's get in." Wei Qiuju swept a gaze past Wei Yuewu's purse at her waist. A trace of pride flashed across her eyes, but she did not show it on her face. And she still looked tender and timid.

The two of them boarded the carriage together and waited. Not long after, Wei Yuejiao also came out. Wei Qiuju was alone in the carriage in the front, so she naturally went to join her. Compared to sharing a carriage with Wei Yuewu or Wei Qiuju, being able to sit with Wei Qiuju was the most satisfactory for Wei Yuejiao.

As the four of them all arrived, the carriage slowly set off.

Because they were only attending a banquet and didn't hurry on with their journey, the carriages marched along very slowly and steadily.

"Fourth Younger Sister, why haven't you replied to the letter I wrote to you before?" In the carriage in the front, Wei Yuejiao looked at Wei Qiuju with a face full of displeasure.

Among the sisters in the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang, the two of them had a very good personal relationship. Even though Concubine Dong had a good relationship with Second Lady Li, Wei Yuejiao and Wei Yan were not very fond of each other.

The letter was now in Wei Yuewu's hands. A trace of disdain flashed through Wei Qiuju's eyes. Did Wei Yuejiao really think of herself as someone important? She thought so. However, she had always been sophisticated and didn't reveal any sign on her face. She smiled gently and explained, "Third Elder Sister, you don't know that I was on the mountain with the two princesses to appreciate the plum blossoms. After that, there was a misunderstanding between me and Sixth Younger Sister. I'm afraid that grandmother would misunderstand something if I write to you at this time."

"What would she misunderstand? It's not like that the two of us just start to write to each other these days. Grandmother already knew about it and didn't say anything. Could it be that since Wei Yuewu is here, the two of us can't even write letters?" Wei Yuejiao was the most unconvinced of Wei Yuewu, and she was a little annoyed when she heard that.

"Third Elder Sister, keep it down. She is Eldest Uncle's first daughter of his wife, and her identity is different from ours." Wei Qiuju sounded like she was trying to persuade Wei Yuejiao, but at this moment, she was only adding fuel to the fire by saying these. Wei Yuejiao's expression immediately turned cold and she angrily said, "What do you mean by that her identity is different from ours, Fourth Younger Sister? We are all daughters of Father, and I am the elder sister. So what's the difference?"

Of course, what she said meant that she had ignored the different status of wife and concubine, which was what the aristocratic families paid the most attention to. In Wei Yuejiao's opinion, she was the first daughter of the wife-to-be. Moreover, she was an elder sister. So her status was only nobler than Wei Yuewu's. However, she had never thought that she was only a daughter of a concubine. In the eyes of others, a concubine's daughter would never parallel the wife's first daughter.

Thinking of how Wei Yuewu had embarrassed her in front of her grandmother yesterday, Wei Yuejiao was extremely angry and ashamed. Her mother was about to return to the mansion. She must ask her mother to play rough against Wei Yuewu and let her know who the real Young Lady of the Marquis Mansion was.

"Third Elder Sister, you are right!" Seeing the way Wei Yuejiao felt hateful, Wei Qiuju knew that it was almost time. So she stopped starting a war. She immediately stopped arguing and agreed with her words to start chatting with her.

In the carriage behind them, Wei Yuewu and Wei Qiuju were also chatting. They were also talking about something that was not okay for others to know. Fortunately, the few people in the carriage were the most trusted servants of them, so they weren't afraid that others would hear them.

Wei Qiuju was complaining to Wei Yuewu, "Sixth Younger Sister, Grandmother sent a maidservant to warn me to mind my own business, but I really didn't do anything. Why did everyone know that it was Third Elder Sister who did it yet they had to shift the blame on me?"

Wei Qiuju felt wronged so much that she wiped her tears with a handkerchief.

"Fifth Elder Sister, have you thought about what kind of family you will marry into in the future?" Wei Yuewu took a soft cushion and leaned against it before raising her eyes and asking softly.

"I... I don't know!" These words stabbed in Wei Qiuju's heart. It was something that she had been thinking about for the past few days. Originally, with her status, she could easily become the legal wife of an ordinary official family. After all, she had the background of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang and had two uncles who were separate civil and military officials.

But now? A series of incidents had happened to her, and Wei Yuejiao had ruined half of her reputation, could Eldest Sister really clean up her reputation completely for her?

Compared to Wei Yuejiao, Wei Qiuju believed that whether it was Madam Dowager or married Wei Fengyao, they did not value her more. With this thought, she felt even more aggrieved.

“Fifth Elder Sister, do you want to marry into an ordinary rich family to be the legal wife and then kneel down and salute whenever you meet the other elder sisters in the future?” Seeing Wei Qiuju’s face was full of tears, Wei Yuewu sneered in her heart. Wei Qiuju always and only cared about herself, but she never thought that because of her selfishness, she would push others into a bad situation where they would never be able to get out.

Since that was the case, then she would start with her selfishness!

“No, I don’t want that!” Thinking of that she had to kneel and salute Wei Fengyao and the others when she met them in the future, Wei Qiuju shook her head vigorously with tears falling down. She looked really pitiful.

She had carefully lived in the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang for so many years, and she didn’t want to kneel to her sisters in the future after she married into another family. However, if she could only marry into an ordinary wealthy family, it would indeed require her to kneel and salute when seeing a prince’s wife like Wei Fengyao.

However, she also knew that with her current reputation, she could only marry into an ordinary wealthy family.

“Actually, Fifth Elder Sister, you still have other choices.” Wei Yuewu said meaningfully, but she didn’t make it clear.

Wei Qiuju did not understand for a moment. She raised her red eyes and waited for Wei Yuewu to continue. However, Wei Yuewu did not continue. She only reminded her softly, “Fifth Elder Sister, you must not cry again. When we arrive in the Prince Nan’an Mansion later, Princess Nan’an will definitely not happy to see you like this. Grandmother had warned us about this before.”

Speaking of the Prince Nan’an Mansion, Wei Qiuju suddenly remembered her plan with Wei Fengyao. She couldn’t help but feel guilty. She wiped away her tears with the handkerchief and secretly looked at

Wei Yuewu. She didn't notice anything unusual. Only then did she breathe a sigh of relief. A hateful mockery flashed in her eyes.

If she hadn't been born by a concubine, how could she not have been comparable to Wei Yuewu!

So what if she was the first daughter of the legal wife? She would still be trampled underfoot by a concubine's daughter in the end.

At this moment, Wei Qiuju was full of self-pity and she also mocked Wei Yuewu in her heart. She did not notice that Jin Ling had come closer with the excuse of helping Wei Yuewu to pick up the snacks on the carriage...

As the wheels rolled, the two people in the carriage began to chat casually.

Not long after, the carriage arrived at the entrance of Prince Nan'an Mansion. Wei Fengyao had already sent the nurse-in-charge to wait at the entrance. Seeing the carriage marked with the sign of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang coming over, the nurse-in-charge hurriedly led the carriage directly into the side gate.

The carriages stopped in the parking lot, and the four young ladies got off the carriage one after another. They brought their maids and followed the nurse-in-charge to the inner courtyard.

When they entered the inner courtyard, a clever manservant had gone to a side courtyard and reported the news.

In the side courtyard, the fat heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an was also entertaining guests.

There were actually quite a few guests in Prince Nan'an Mansion today. Wei Fengyao entertained a few young ladies from her parents' family. Princess Nan'an had some good old friends to meet and talk to. The heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an had his own guests, a few of whom were the grandchildren of the old friends that Princess Nan'an invited. In addition, he also invited a few important guests among whom there was actually the Fourth Prince, Wen Yi.

“Your Heir-apparent, they’re here! They’re already here!” The manservant whispered in the heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an’s ear excitedly. The heir-apparent had told them that the first person to confirm and report the news would get a big reward. He remembered that the heir-apparent had always been generous, so how could he not be extremely excited?

“Have you seen that young lady?” The heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an also had an excited expression. He didn’t expect it to be true. And he had a thousand reasons to feel extremely joyful.

“Yes, I’ve seen her. It’s the young lady that this servant and Your Heir-apparent saw last time.” The manservant nodded repeatedly.

“Your Highness, do you want to go for a walk in our garden? There’s nothing interesting in drinking here!” The heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an nodded and rolled his eyes before saying to the Fourth Prince, Wen Yi.

The Fourth Prince did not really want to come. But the heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an did have come to invite him several times. In addition, the heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an was Empress Dowager’s favorite grandson. So, he could not just refuse him.

He had no choice but to come. Luckily, these guests here weren’t all rogue young masters like the heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an. Looking at the few young masters who were also helpless, Wen Yi could only say that he hadn’t come for nothing today. At the very least, these young masters were with powerful backgrounds and perhaps could be beneficial to him.

“I’ve visited Uncle Prince’s garden several times. There’s really nothing special to see.” The Fourth Prince lazily raised his head and said.

Chapter 197 – An Old Place Revisited

“It’s different today. Fengyao has made some rearrangements to the inner courtyard. It’s very different today.” The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an was in a hurry to enter the inner courtyard. Therefore, his words were quite exaggerated because he was afraid that the Fourth Prince would not believe him and refuse to go to the inner courtyard with him.

When he thought of the young lady who had held him in spell, the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an felt more and more restless!

"The heiress-apparent has rearranged the inner courtyard? Is she going to entertain guests?" A young master asked casually.

"Of course. The young ladies of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang are all here. Of course, Fengyao has to rearrange the inner courtyard. It is really different from before. I guarantee that you won't regret having a walk around." The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an was determined to get everyone into the inner courtyard and therefore kept praising Wei Fengyao.

"Congratulations, Your Heir-apparent, for marrying such a smart and deft beauty." A young master flattered the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an.

In fact, it was only a few months since Wei Fengyao married into Prince Nan'an Mansion. The two of them could be considered newlyweds. Because Marquis Hua Yang was guarding the border, when Wei Fengyao returned to her maternal home shortly after their wedding according to the custom, Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an went with her and met everyone from the second branch and the other elders in the mansion, but he didn't see the other young ladies who were still unmarried.

After that, he had never been to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang again. Therefore, apart from Wei Yan, he had only heard of the other young ladies in the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang without seeing them.

"Thank you very much!" The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an responded politely. Then, he turned to the Fourth Prince. This time, he purposely lowered his voice. "I heard that Marquis Hua Yang's two daughters are both extremely beautiful..."

He didn't finish the whole sentence, but everyone understood the message he wanted to convey!

The Fourth Prince pondered for a moment and he actually stood up. "Let's go and see Her Heiress-apparent's newly-arranged courtyard."

Seeing that his goal had been achieved, the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an proudly instructed his lad servant, "Alright, hurry up and find a place with a good view. Have someone set it up. The Fourth Prince and I are going there for a drink."

His mother, Princess Nan'an had repeatedly warned him not to go to the backyard to join the fun, but now it was not him who wanted to join the fun, it was the Fourth Prince. Therefore, it had nothing to do with him! Even if Princess Nan'an became angry, he was not to blame.

In Heiress-apparent of Prince Nan'an's courtyard, Wei Fengyao was receiving her sisters politely. They were seated as host and guests in order of seniority, forming quite a happy and harmonious scene.

The four puppies were held in the hands of four maids, each standing behind their own master. The golden collar and the ruby on it contrasted beautifully with the puppy's snow-white curly hair.

Wei Yuewu was seated in the lower place by Wei Qiuju. Wei Qiuju looked sideways at the puppies. If the four puppies didn't appear at the same place, their difference could not be found. But compared with the puppies of the other three sisters, her puppy was obviously furrier and its hair was longer, almost covering half of its face.

Normally, people would think that her puppy was lovelier. However, the other three puppies looked more energetic. Only her puppy was sluggish and could not even open its eyes. As a result, it didn't look attractive at all. Even Wei Yuejiao, who had always been competing with her, didn't show the slightest bit of interest after a quick look at her puppy.

After saying a few words, Wei Fengyao stood up and said with a smile, "Sisters, follow me to pay respects to the princess!"

"Yes!" The few of them stood up at the same time. As a matter of fact, they had come according to the Madam Dowager's instruction. Although the puppies were gifted by Wei Fengyao, they had to thank Princess Nan'an personally to show the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang respected Prince Nan'an Mansion very much.

This was also an important reason for the four of them to bring the puppies here together. Their visit was intended to please Princess Nan'an with the hope that Princess Nan'an would help build up the

reputation of the young ladies of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang by speaking favorable words about them.

There were also three or four noble old madams who were visiting Princess Nan'an. When they heard that the young ladies from the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang were coming, they all looked over curiously.

These old madams' statuses were very noble, so when Wei Luowu celebrated his birthday previously, it was impossible for them to go to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang and congratulate him without being invited.

The four sisters entered the room one after another, stood still, and bowed to Princess Nan'an in unison.

"Mother, this is Third Younger Sister, this is Fourth Younger Sister, this is Fifth Younger Sister and this is Sixth Younger Sister!" Wei Fengyao smiled and introduced them. She then pointed at the maids behind them who were holding the puppies and saluting to Princess Nan'an and continued, "Grandmother specially asked the four sisters to come over and thank you for your gifts."

Although the gifts were sent by her, she was now Heiress-apparent of Prince Nan'an. Naturally, the puppies could be considered as gifts from Prince Nan'an Mansion to the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang.

"Your grandmother is too polite. That's not a big deal! Now be seated!" Princess Nan'an looked at the collars around the puppies' necks with satisfaction. She was very satisfied with the Madam Dowager's respect for her. As for Wei Qiuju's puppy that didn't have a collar, she did not care at all. Anyway, she was just a concubine-born daughter.

Moreover, she was not an outstanding concubine-born daughter, and Princess Nan'an did not feel that she needed to care too much about her.

Perhaps that was also what the Madam Dowager of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang meant.

The few of them sat down again. The atmosphere was quite harmonious and there wasn't any sign of competition or conflict between them as it was rumored outside the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang.

“Fengyao, weren’t there only three puppies? This extra puppy...” After they sat down, Princess Nan’an felt a little surprised. She looked around at the puppies and asked.

“Mother, the heir-apparent found another one for me. After all, I must treat the four sisters equally!” Wei Fengyao smiled.

A trace of deep understanding flashed through Wei Yuewu’s eyes. Indeed, her puppy must have been specially found for her by Wei Fengyao!

“Fourth Miss Wei and Sixth Miss Wei, you accompanied the two princesses to admire plum blossoms. I heard that Sixth Miss Wei even blocked the sword for the Crown Prince?” An old lady asked as she looked at Wei Qiufu who was gentle and magnanimous and Wei Yuewu, who, though somewhat childish, had an extraordinary bearing.

Compared with Wei Yuejiao and Wei Qiuju, two concubine-born daughters, Wei Qiufu and Wei Yuewu received much more attention from aristocratic families.

The incident at Plum Blossom Temple had damaged the reputation of Fourth Miss Wei, who was unlikely to become the Crown Princess as a result. However, this did not mean that Wei Qiufu had lost all hope. Indeed, after all that had happened, no one could tell what the Crown Prince’s decision was. Before any conclusion was reached, no one dared to underestimate Wei Qiufu.

As for Wei Yuewu’s being valued by the Crown Prince, who even interfered in her affairs in the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang, everyone had heard of it.

Since she was mentioned, Wei Yuewu stood up generously, bowed to the old lady and replied in a gentle voice, “Blocking the sword for the Crown Prince was just a coincidence.”

From the looks on her face, it was obvious that she was extremely well-bred to behave so appropriately. The old madams present and even Princess Nan’an nodded their heads repeatedly.

Of course, they had heard rumors about Wei Yuewu before. But now, they were filled with admiration for Wei Yuewu’s maternal grandmother. Since she was able to raise such an extraordinary granddaughter in a small place, she must also be a talented person.

Since they were all young ladies, Princess Nan'an didn't want them to feel restrained as they appeared in their seats. She waved her hand and said with a smile, "Fengyao, take your sisters to the garden for a stroll. There are no outsiders here, so there's no need to worry about anything!"

Hearing that, the few of them stood up and bowed to Princess Nan'an to express their gratitude before walking into the courtyard together.

"Your Heiress-apparent, His Heir-apparent is coming with the Fourth Prince!" A maid walked out from behind the tree and whispered in Wei Fengyao's ear.

"Then you can go directly!" Wei Fengyao did not know why the heir-apparent would appear in the garden at this time. Princess Nan'an had told him to receive guests in the outer courtyard. Originally, she had thought that she would have to spend some effort to bring them here. Unexpectedly, the heir-apparent actually came in uninvited.

Of course, he came at the right time. For the moment, she didn't have time to guess why the heir-apparent had suddenly entered the inner courtyard.

"Come, let's go to the pavilion in front of us. It is high over there and it is a nice place to enjoy the view. Although the scenery in winter is not as good as in spring, we can have a panoramic view of Prince Nan'an Mansion. It is indeed an elegant place." Wei Fengyao suggested.

Actually, she was the hostess today and the eldest of all the five sisters. The others certainly would not object to what she said.

As a result, the group of people headed towards a certain pavilion in the backyard.

Looking at the increasingly familiar scenery, Wei Yuewu couldn't help but smile bitterly. It was really a good place to play around. She remembered that it was here that she met Yan Huaijing, where she happened to hear the conversation between Yan Huaijing and the Third Princess.

After getting on the pavilion not far away, Wei Yuewu could not help but sigh. Well, after so many twists and turns, she actually revisited an old place today! The courtyard down there should be the one where

Wei Yan fell in trouble back then. From here, she could see that the courtyard's door was locked tightly and the courtyard was empty. There was no one in the courtyard.

Wei Yuewu had been observing Wei Fengyao. Although Wei Fengyao had been talking, she was obviously absent-minded. As she moved, she looked at the stairs from time to time. The corners of Wei Yuewu's lips curled into a faint cold smile. It seemed that this was the place Wei Fengyao had chosen for her.

She turned her head to the side and said, "Huamo, give the dog to Jin Ling. You go and close the curtains over there."

Huamo nodded and handed the dog in her hand to Jin Ling. She went behind Wei Yuewu and pulled down the curtains beside her.

A maid suddenly hurriedly walked up from downstairs and ran to Wei Fengyao panting heavily. After the maid whispered something to her ear, Wei Fengyao's brows furrowed, and she also stood up with a somewhat helpless expression on her face, and she gazed at the faces of the several sisters in turn.

"Eldest Sister, is something wrong?" Wei Qiufu asked softly.

"Actually, there is nothing. It's just that the Fourth Prince is coming over." Wei Fengyao frowned helplessly.

"Then... let's leave now!" Wei Qiufu suggested, and the sisters stood up one after another.

"Well...Actually, we cannot leave yet. Something happened to the Fourth Prince and..." Wei Fengyao's face was filled with embarrassment. She was really caught off guard when the incident happened! Of course, it was she who had arranged for the appearance of these people, but she had such an expression on her face as if she really didn't know anything!

"What happened?" Wei Qiufu asked.

“Whatever it is, how could it have anything to do with us?” Wei Yuejiao’s expression was somewhat impatient. She inexplicably didn’t like the Fourth Prince with whom she had an unpleasant encounter last time. It was a humiliating experience for her. She really didn’t want to see him at this time.

“Eldest Sister, we... we had better leave now!” Wei Qiuju also said timidly.

Wei Yuewu did not say anything. Although she followed the others to stand up, she did not say a word.

Just as they were speaking, a group of people were ascending the stairs with the Fourth Prince in the front and accompanied by the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an beside him. They actually barged in like this.

Chapter 198 – A Lost Purse, And The Fourth Prince Was Angry

Behind the Fourth Prince and the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an, there were also a few noble young masters, two of whom leered at the beautiful young ladies in front of them. People could tell at a glance that they were not men of moral integrity.

“Greetings, Your Highness!” Seeing the Fourth Prince coming up, Wei Fengyao didn’t dare to ask him why he intruded. She hurriedly came over and bowed.

The four sisters behind her also bowed together.

“Your Heiress-apparent, don’t stand on ceremony. Which one of you picked up my stuff and hid it?” Although the Fourth Prince Wen Yi was talking to Wei Fengyao, his gaze did not fall on Wei Fengyao. After saying those polite words, he looked at the four sisters behind Wei Fengyao with a cold expression.

After sweeping through the four sisters’ faces, he finally landed his gaze on Wei Yuejiao’s face, and a cold light shone out of his eyes.

Under his gaze, Wei Yuejiao was at a loss and became angry, but she knew that she could not argue with the Fourth Prince under such circumstances. Therefore, she just followed the crowd to lower her head and pretended that she did not notice that the Fourth Prince was staring at her.

“Your Highness, did you drop something important?” Wei Fengyao asked in confusion.

The Fourth Prince’s expression turned cold as he snorted coldly and said angrily, “Young ladies, please take off your purses at your waist and have them examined.”

How could he not be angry? It was something he had specifically asked for. Afraid that others would discover it and to avoid unnecessary suspicions, he even hid it in his purse. However, he did not expect that he would actually lose both that thing and his purse.

When he followed the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an into the courtyard, he circled around the garden. Suddenly, he heard two maids passing by outside the wall say that a young lady from the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang had picked up a purse and secretly hid it. He subconsciously looked at his waist and found that the purse hanging on his waist had disappeared.

Immediately, he became anxious and asked the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an to bring him over.

That item wasn’t just a safety talisman. It had a meaning that he didn’t want others to know. That was why he was so eager to take it back.

However, he didn’t know that this safety talisman had been swapped by Wei Fengyao the last time he came to Prince Nan’an Mansion. This time, she just played a trick to break the string of his purse so that the purse fell off as well.

Under the close gaze of the Fourth Prince and hearing his demand that seemed to suggest she had taken something important from him, Wei Yuejiao felt she was being insulted. The insult was even intensified by the heir-apparent and several other young men who looked like they were watching a good show. As a result, she blushed and protested, “Why should we show you our purses?”

“Third Miss Wei, I just want to see if you have my thing.” Seeing that Wei Yuejiao had indeed stood out, the Fourth Prince revealed a trace of mockery on his face. He clearly remembered how Wei Yuejiao tried to hook up with Yan Huaijing. After he revealed his identity, she left in shame.

In the eyes of the Fourth Prince, how could a woman who had done such a thing behave herself? Her conduct was extremely shameful, and it was normal for her to hide something she picked up.

“You...how could I have your thing?” Wei Yuejiao’s face was so red that it almost seemed to drip blood. She was an unmarried young lady. How could this annoying Fourth Prince say she hid something of a man?

“Who knows? Maybe Third Miss Wei likes doing such things.” The Fourth Prince mocked coldly. He was now anxious and he disliked Wei Yuejiao, so he gave up his usual self-restraint and spoke with extreme impoliteness.

“You...” After all, Wei Yuejiao was still a girl who didn’t experience much of the world. How could she be more eloquent than the Fourth Prince? Instantly, tears were about to fall down her cheeks.

Wei Qiufu lowered her head to conceal the smile in her eyes. Of course, she knew why the Fourth Prince treated Wei Yuejiao like this. It was really Wei Yuejiao’s fault who behaved improperly at that time. If news of this spread out, the Fourth Prince would be implicated with her. However, at that time, she was interested in Yan Huaijing, the Heir-apparent of the Duke of Yan State.

How would the Fourth Prince be willing to let others take advantage of him!

Wei Yuewu was standing behind the others and she saw it when Wei Qiufu lowered her head. A hint of understanding flashed through her eyes. Wei Qiufu was not the only one who saw the unpleasant encounter between the Fourth Prince and Wei Yuejiao that day.

“Your Highness, Third Younger Sister is still young and somewhat willful. I hope Your Highness will forgive her. Since Your Highness lost something, it is reasonable for you to investigate. This is my purse. Please take a look, Your Highness.” Wei Fengyao’s target today was not Wei Yuejiao. Of course, she couldn’t let Wei Yuejiao be embarrassed too much. She immediately stood out to smooth things over. She reached out to take off the purse at her waist and turned to Wei Qiufu behind her.

Wei Qiufu had remained quiet. When she saw Wei Fengyao looking over, she smiled and took off the purse at her waist and placed it beside Wei Fengyao's purse.

She was followed by Wei Qiuju and Wei Yuewu, who took off their purses almost at the same time. However, when Wei Yuewu put down her purse, she specially placed it a little further away from Wei Qiuju's purse so that it was closer to Wei Qiufu's purse.

Seeing that Wei Yuewu had also taken off her purse, Wei Qiuju and Wei Fengyao exchanged glances, and both of them revealed an expression of delight. Wei Fengyao even nodded to a maid behind her.

The maid silently retreated. Coincidentally, she happened to be close to Jin Ling who was holding the puppy. The maid slightly shook her sleeves and a faint smell spread out.

This kind of smell was almost impossible to detect by humans, but dogs were different!

Jin Ling was holding the puppy in her arms. At this time, she was standing behind Wei Yuewu. Now that something had happened, she was even closer to Wei Yuewu and she was only half a step behind Wei Yuewu. Her attention was focused on the sudden accident, and the puppy in her arms was quite close to Wei Yuewu's shoulder. At this time, it slowly woke up and moved its body slightly...

"Third Younger Sister..." Wei Fengyao turned her head and spoke to Wei Yuejiao, but her eyes slid past Wei Yuewu. The corner of her eyes carried a trace of viciousness and ruthlessness. Her younger sister Wei Yan was ruined by this slut. How could she not seek revenge?

"Third Younger Sister, take off your purse as well. Just let His Highness examine it!" Wei Fengyao pretended to persuade Wei Yuejiao.

Actually, since the rest of them had already taken off their purses, how could Wei Yuejiao not take off hers? Angry and embarrassed, she directly pulled off her purse and threw it on the table, feeling extremely annoyed.

Seeing that the five sisters had taken off their purses, the Fourth Prince nodded to a eunuch beside him, who hurriedly stepped forward and first opened Wei Fengyao's purse. Nothing was found!

Then, he opened Wei Qiufu's purse and also shook his head at the Fourth Prince.

The next purse was specially placed by Wei Yuewu. The eunuch also picked it up. However, in the next moment, the eunuch's eyes widened as he stared at the safety talisman in front of him. He was the Fourth Prince's most trusted servant. Of course, he and the Fourth Prince both guessed that it was Wei Yuejiao who did it, but he never expected that he would find his master's safety talisman in Sixth Miss Wei's purse. For a moment, he didn't know how to deal with it.

Seeing the eunuch's unusual behavior, Wei Qiuju became even more elated. She had seen Wei Yuewu put a safety talisman inside the purse with her own eyes.

The Fourth Prince strode over and grabbed Wei Yuewu's purse from the eunuch. He looked at it and then turned to Wei Yuewu with a cold expression. "Sixth Miss Wei, is this your purse?"

After the Fourth Prince asked this, everyone looked at Wei Yuewu. They sighed in their heart that such a beautiful girl would actually hide the Fourth Prince's personal stuff. She was such a beauty, but how would she choose to be a thief? No matter how good the Fourth Prince's stuff was, she shouldn't hide it without trying to find its owner!

Wei Yuewu raised her eyes and said calmly, "Your Highness, this purse belongs to me."

"Where did the thing inside it come from?" The Fourth Prince asked sternly.

Wei Yuewu did not seem to recognize the anger of the Fourth Prince. She smiled and asked calmly, "Your Highness, are you asking about the safety talisman inside the purse?"

"Yes!" The Fourth Prince said coldly, his eyes filled with disappointment. Such a lady actually possessed such a personality. How did the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang educate its daughters?

"Your Highness, the answer is actually very simple. It was begged from the Plum Blossom Nunnery. Last time, I followed the two princesses to admire plum blossoms there, but unfortunately, I was injured. Later on, my maid went and begged a safety talisman for me. I have been carrying it with me these days. Could it be that this is exactly the same as yours?"

Wei Yuewu answered with a light smile.

Coincidentally, the Fourth Prince did obtain his safety talisman from Plum Blossom Nunnery. Otherwise, how could there be Master Fenghe's name on it?

Hearing that she was so sure, the Fourth Prince also became suspicious. He stretched out his hand and took out the safety talisman. Then, he carefully examined the safety talisman.

Wei Qiuju looked at Wei Yuewu from the side as she explained the origin of her safety talisman. Seeing that the Fourth Prince was really going to buy her story and let her go, Wei Qiuju became extremely anxious for a moment.

"Sixth Younger Sister, this purse isn't the one you wore this morning, is it? I've never seen you wearing such a purse before. How could it be the purse which you have always been wearing?" She uttered those words in a low voice as if she was only secretly talking to Wei Yuewu. However, the room was very quiet now. Everyone immediately heard her words.

So she meant that this purse Wei Yuewu was wearing wasn't the one she wore when she entered Prince Nan'an Mansion. That was to say, she had changed the purse after she was in the mansion. Why would she change the purse for no reason? There must be a problem with it.

Although the Fourth Prince still lowered his head and looked at the safety talisman in his hand, his expression became even colder.

"Fourth Elder Sister, don't talk nonsense. This is really the purse I've been wearing these days." Wei Yuewu gently refuted.

"How is that possible? You don't usually wear a purse!" Wei Qiuju asked in surprise as if she didn't realize their whispers were audible to everyone in the room. "Third Elder Sister and Fourth Elder Sister, did you see Sixth Younger Sister wearing a purse?"

"I've never seen Sixth Younger Sister wearing a purse!" Wei Yuejiao was the one who wanted something bad to happen to Wei Yuewu the most, so of course, she responded without thinking at this time.

"I... didn't pay much attention to that!" Wei Qiufu looked at the calm Wei Yuewu and then at the obviously anxious Wei Qiuju. She didn't quite believe that Wei Yuewu would be so easily trapped. Therefore, her words were unbiased, but she intentionally hesitated for a moment. In the eyes of outsiders, she was trying to protect Wei Yuewu.

The Fourth Prince finally finished examining the purse. Holding the safety talisman in his hand, he looked coldly at Wei Qiuju and asked sternly, "Fifth Miss Wei, are you saying that Sixth Miss Wei has never worn a purse?"

"No... I've never seen it before!" Wei Qiuju had never been brave, especially when the Fourth Prince stared at her so intently. She subconsciously shrank her head. However, she had no choice but to reply.

"Third Miss Wei, you have never seen Sixth Miss Wei wearing a purse before, right?" The Fourth Prince turned around to Wei Yuejiao, his eyes filled with undisguised disgust.

Being so disgusted by the Fourth Prince, Wei Yuejiao blushed again. She stretched out her neck and said angrily, "No, I have never seen it before!"

The Fourth Prince remained silent with a grim face. He put down the safety talisman in his hand and reached out to pick up the purse that Wei Qiuju had put aside. He opened the purse and a safety talisman was exposed. A trace of anger flashed in his eyes.

Although it was impossible for him to ascend to the throne, he was after all a prince. He had never been fooled by a woman before.

"Fifth Miss Wei, what is this?" The Fourth Prince pointed at a safety talisman and berated her sternly, his gaze condensing onto Wei Qiuju's face.

"I... This, this isn't mine!" Wei Qiuju was so frightened that even her voice trembled. She was almost unable to stand firmly. How come there was a safety talisman in her purse?

Wei Fengyao was also dumbfounded. At this moment, she tightly gripped her handkerchief and looked at the two similar safety talismans in disbelief. She could not tell which safety talisman was the one she had given to Wei Qiuju.

"Fifth Miss Wei, are you going to say that this safety talisman also belongs to Sixth Miss Wei? Well, you and Sixth Miss Wei are truly good sisters. She even begged an extra safety talisman for you." The Fourth Prince mocked coldly.

At this moment, he had every reason to believe that Wei Qiuju wasn't telling the truth. Despite the chaotic situation, this Sixth Miss Wei stood there with a calm expression, and she didn't panic at all even after a safety talisman was found in her purse. By comparison, this Fifth Miss Wei clearly had a guilty conscience judging by her words and expression.

Chapter 199 – An Affair Exposed By Two Safety Talismans

"I... I didn't..." Wei Qiuju was really about to faint. She didn't know why a safety talisman appeared in her purse. At this time, she suddenly realized that there was a hole in the safety talisman that appeared in her purse. The one in Wei Yuewu's purse was intact and it was clearly the one she had sent over to Wei Yuewu.

At this time, Wei Qiuju only wanted to shirk her responsibility and pointed at the other safety talisman and shouted, "Fourth Prince, this isn't yours. The one in Sixth Younger Sister's purse is yours. This...This safety talisman is mine!"

"How can Fifth Elder Sister be so sure that this item in my purse belongs to the Fourth Prince?" Wei Yuewu smiled. Her voice was calm, but there was a hint of ridicule in her expression. "Previously, you said that I don't usually wear a purse, but now you are sure that the safety talisman in my purse belongs to the Fourth Prince. What exactly do you mean? Fifth Elder Sister, please explain it clearly."

Looking at the calm Wei Yuewu, Wei Qiuju felt a chill running up her spine. She was instantly covered in cold sweat and she suddenly remembered that each time she ganged up with Wei Yan and Lady Li to plot against Wei Yuewu, they were defeated by Wei Yuewu with ease. Wasn't it really because of Wei Yuewu that Wei Yan ended up like that?

She suddenly regretted agreeing to cooperate with Wei Fengyao. She didn't dare to look at Wei Yuewu anymore. She turned her gaze to Wei Fengyao as if she had grabbed the last life-saving straw in her panic. "Eldest Sister, say it. Say that the safety talisman in my purse is mine, and the safety talisman in Sixth Younger Sister's purse is the Fourth Prince's. Is that right?"

At this time, Wei Qiuju was like a drowning person who would catch at any straw.

"Fifth Younger Sister, I don't know what you're talking about. How do I know about what happened between you and Sixth Younger Sister?" Seeing everyone's gaze landed on her, Wei Fengyao quickly denied it.

The current situation was too weird. Before she was confident of easy success, Wei Fengyao did not dare to get herself involved.

Wei Fengyao's reaction was exactly the same as Wei Yuewu had estimated. The corners of her lips curled up silently. She turned to look at the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an. Sure enough, she saw the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an getting nervous. Everyone looked at Wei Qiuju with disdain. Only this Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an looked at Wei Qiuju who was about to cry with a face full of pity.

"Fourth Prince, since you have found your safety talisman, forget about the incident. They are just a bunch of ignorant unmarried young ladies. It's not a big deal!" The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an walked over and comforted the furious Fourth Prince. His gaze involuntarily fell on Wei Qiuju.

Wei Qiuju stood there timidly with tearful eyes and a panicked expression. The way she wiped her tears with her handkerchief made her look truly pitiful.

"Fifth Miss Wei, what if I say the one in your purse is my safety talisman!" The Fourth Prince said coldly.

"Impossible!" Wei Qiuju subconsciously screamed.

"Why is it impossible? Could it be that you watched the Sixth Young Lady putting my safety talisman into her own purse?" The Fourth Prince asked coldly. He was inexplicably infuriated. He had long heard that the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang did not value this youngest Sixth Young Lady the most. Now, he saw with his own eyes that even an inconspicuous concubine-born daughter dared to smear her.

"I...I did not!" How dared Wei Qiuju admit that? She continued to look at Wei Fengyao pleadingly. However, Wei Fengyao turned around and ignored her. She could only struggle to defend herself.

"Fifth Miss Wei, I may tell you with certainty that the safety talisman in your purse is mine, but the one in Sixth Miss Wei's purse was begged by her and it has nothing to do with me. Now tell me why my safety talisman appeared in your purse?"

The Fourth Prince picked up the damaged safety talisman, shook it in front of Wei Qiuju, and asked coldly.

"So it turned out that Fifth Miss Wei hid the Fourth Prince's safety talisman in her purse?"

"No wonder Fifth Miss Wei kept testifying against Sixth Miss Wei just now. It turned out that she had a guilty conscience and was afraid of being discovered!"

"Wait, Third Miss Wei also testified against Sixth Miss Wei along with Fifth Miss Wei."

"No doubt, it is a story about two concubine-born daughters being jealous of the legitimate daughter!" Several young masters who followed the Fourth Prince instantly began to discuss the issue as if they were suddenly enlightened.

Although their discussion wasn't loud, their comments still kept entering Wei Yuejiao's ears. As a result, Wei Yuejiao, who had always thought she was nobler even than a legitimate daughter, to turn green and pale for a moment. She knew that she couldn't get involved with Wei Qiuju at this time, so she lowered her head hatefully and kept playing with the handkerchief in her hand, pretending not to hear the discussion.

Wei Qiuju did not expect that although they made such a sophisticated plan, they still failed. When she saw Wei Fengyao completely abandoned her, she suddenly became extremely upset. "Eldest Sister, help me. Tell them the truth, please. You know that I... I didn't take the safety talisman of the Fourth Prince. It was not me... you... you tell them..."

At this moment, she cared about nothing and only wanted Wei Fengyao to testify for her so that she could get off the hook.

Hearing that Wei Qiuju had actually said these words, Wei Fengyao was very angry. She knew what she was about to say, and she was extremely anxious because she knew that Wei Qiuju was extremely stupid. She was afraid that Wei Qiuju was ready to confess and testify that it was she, Wei Fengyao, who stole the safety talisman of the Fourth Prince. This was a charge she could not bear. She immediately had a cold expression and interrupted Wei Qiuju.

“Fifth Younger Sister, I really want to prove that you’re innocent, but this safety talisman was indeed found in your purse. Please explain why the Fourth Prince’s safety talisman appeared in your purse first. If what you say is reasonable, I will naturally stand on your side and speak up for you.”

The message conveyed by those words to Wei Qiuju was clear: come up with a reason to prove her innocence and do not completely rely on her help.

But now, Wei Qiuju was so panicked that she could not think of a reason. She just felt that Wei Fengyao had pushed her into such a desperate situation and refused to save her. A trace of hatred flashed in her eyes. She pressed one hand on the table to support herself and pointed at Wei Fengyao with the other hand. Her face was as pale as snow. She shook her body twice before she fell down and fainted.

Fortunately, Yueya reacted quickly and caught hold of her. She cried out loudly, “Miss, Miss, don’t scare me. Wake up.”

Seeing that the beauty in his heart had actually fainted like this and fallen to the ground, the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an was extremely anxious. He couldn’t help but take a few steps and rush to Yueya’s side. He reached out his hands trying to take Wei Qiuju from Yueya, but he suddenly felt that something was wrong. He could only help Yueya wake up Wei Qiuju from the side.

Wei Yuewu had kept an eye on the development of the situation. She walked to Yueya’s side and took Wei Qiuju from Yueya to help make Wei Qiuju feel better.

Wei Fengyao had wanted to go over, but when she thought that Wei Qiuju was now in trouble and it was very likely that she would betray her, she stayed where she was. Wei Yuejiao also stood there without moving. Wei Qiuju wanted to offer help, but when she saw the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an standing behind Wei Qiuju, she frowned and did not move either.

The Fourth Prince's gaze involuntarily fell on Wei Yuewu. His eyes revealed a hint of admiration. The girl who had been smeared before was actually generously helping the person who attacked her. On the contrary, the other sisters were very indifferent towards Wei Qiuju.

Wei Qiuju slowly woke up...

Seeing Wei Qiuju waking up, Wei Yuewu suddenly whispered, "Fifth Elder Sister, did someone else give that safety talisman to you? You definitely didn't know it belonged to the Fourth Prince, did you?"

"If only someone admitted giving it to you!" As if she was murmuring to herself, she added, "Otherwise, Fifth Elder Sister, I'm afraid that this time you will definitely..."

Her voice was very soft, and she was half-squatting on the ground. Only a few people beside her could hear her.

Hearing these words, Wei Qiuju's eyes lit up. She looked up at Wei Fengyao, but when she saw Wei Fengyao's dodging gaze, she was filled with despair!

"Judging by the Fourth Prince's angry appearance, it was possible for you to be accused of stealing from the royal family. Fifth Elder Sister, such a crime is really too serious for you, and you might even be sent to prison." Wei Yuewu's words carried deep meaning. "It would be easy if someone from the royal family is willing to speak up for you, especially those who have good relations with the Fourth Prince. They can persuade the Fourth Prince to believe that you didn't steal it but picked it up somewhere."

Those who had good relations with the Fourth Prince? Wei Qiuju closed her eyes in despair. She had clearly provoked the Fourth Prince. How could he let go of her? Two rows of tears fell silently down her cheeks. Although she did not cry out, her delicate appearance of begging for death made her look extremely pitiful.

A voice suddenly sounded, "Fourth Prince, I gave this safety talisman to Fifth Miss Wei."

Everyone was amazed and turned to the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an. Even Wei Qiuju, who had closed her eyes in despair, widened her eyes and looked at the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an.

Wei Fengyao shook her body and looked at the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an in disbelief. She almost fainted and couldn't help but scream, "Nonsense!"

"I'm not spouting nonsense." The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an's fat body turned to the Fourth Prince and he said with a serious expression, "I picked up your safety talisman. It looks pretty exquisite. I thought it was very good, so I asked someone to send it to Fifth Miss Wei. After she accepted it, she put it in her purse and hung it around her waist."

Before the Fourth Prince could speak, Wei Fengyao shouted. "Nonsense, how could you send something to Fifth Younger Sister? You don't even know her!"

"I've seen Fifth Younger Sister before. Last time on my birthday, I met Fifth Younger Sister. The two of us are in love and it is natural for me to send her some small gifts. I was just afraid that you would get angry, so I didn't tell you in the first place."

The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an acted like a responsible man, but Wei Fengyao almost vomited blood from anger.

"Fifth Younger Sister...you...you tell me, is it true?" She turned to Wei Qiuju and asked loudly.

"Fifth Elder Sister, are you going to be a concubine?" Wei Yuewu sighed softly right next to Wei Qiuju's ear. Wei Qiuju suddenly remembered what she had said to Wei Yuewu in the carriage. In her current situation, if she wanted to marry someone, she could only marry into an ordinary wealthy family. In the future, she would have to kneel and bow to Wei Fengyao when the two of them met.

Thinking that everything that happened to her was caused by Wei Fengyao, a trace of hatred flashed in Wei Qiuju's eyes. She looked at the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an who was so much concerned about her and assumed all the responsibilities. Then, she looked at the angry Wei Fengyao and finally nodded her head slightly to acknowledge what the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an had said.

"Nonsense, nonsense. It's not like that. You two can't..." Wei Fengyao's eyes were red and she was going crazy. If both the man and the woman involved in an affair admitted their relationship in front of a group of people, it was almost certain that they did have an affair.

She had only been married into Prince Nan'an Mansion for a few months, but now her younger sister had actually hooked up with her husband. Judging by the current situation, Wei Qiuju would definitely enter the mansion as a concubine of the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an. With Wei Qiuju's status as a concubine-born daughter, even if she was just a concubine of the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an, the status was pretty high. How could she endure this? This was simply a slap in her face.

The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an said unhappily, "We did not spout nonsense. If it weren't for you, I would have declared my relation with Fifth Miss Wei long before. In that case, today's embarrassment wouldn't have occurred at all." Wei Fengyao did not acknowledge his announcement at the first possible moment. This made him feel that Wei Fengyao did not put the interests of the whole above her own interest.

Chapter 200 – Puppy Missed The Target

"Fourth Prince, I'm really sorry. I didn't know it was your safety talisman." Said the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an, cupping his hands to Fourth Prince.

The two of them were cousins and grew up together. Of course, it was impossible for them to really care about such a thing. Moreover, in the beginning, it was only said that a young lady picked up Fourth Prince's safety talisman.

"Forget it, it's nothing. It's just..." The Fourth Prince was also stunned. Things had developed completely beyond his expectations. No one would have thought that a safety talisman would actually expose the affair between the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an and Fifth Miss Wei from the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang.

"Your Heir-apparent, don't talk nonsense. How could you send safety talisman to Fifth Younger Sister? After Fifth Younger Sister entered the mansion, she has been staying with me. You have been in the outer courtyard, so it is impossible for you to send anything in." Seeing that the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an was actually wholeheartedly defending Wei Qiuju regardless of her face, Wei Fengyao gritted her teeth in hatred, but she slowly calmed down.

"I've already entered the inner courtyard. I've accompanied the Fourth Prince for a while. Otherwise, how could the Fourth Prince lose his safety talisman in the garden?" The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an said impatiently. He felt that Wei Fengyao was so annoying.

He had already admitted there was an affair between Wei Qiuju and him, which he thought wasn't a big issue. In this case, he could have a beautiful lady as his concubine. What was wrong with that? Wei Fengyao was now making trouble for him and she wasn't broad-minded at all.

"You can't do it. Wei Qiuju's conduct is not good. She can't enter Prince Nan'an Mansion." Wei Fengyao's face was ashen as she roared angrily. She hated the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an for defending Wei Qiuju so much.

"Eldest Sister, give Fifth Elder Sister a chance to survive!" Wei Yuewu sighed and helped Wei Qiuju stand up with Yueya. "Even I can forgive Fifth Elder Sister, why can't you forgive her?"

She was referring to the fact that Wei Qiuju smeared her a moment ago. But now everyone knew that Wei Qiuju had an affair with a man. No one wanted to be discovered by others to do such a thing, especially since the man was her brother-in-law. No matter what, she shouldn't do such a thing. It was therefore understandable that Wei Qiuju had just gone all out to testify against Wei Yuewu to cover up her affair with the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an.

When these words were spoken by Wei Yuewu, people thought that she really cared about her elder sister.

"Fifth Elder Sister, why don't you beg Eldest Sister?" Wei Yuewu then said to Wei Qiuju.

Wei Qiuju immediately got her message and she immediately understood. She knelt down in front of Wei Fengyao and hugged Wei Fengyao's leg, crying, "Sorry Eldest Sister, I... His Heir-apparent and I.....I, I'm sorry... It's my fault..."

She cried so hard that she couldn't speak, but her hands were tightly hugging Wei Fengyao's legs.

She also extremely hated Wei Fengyao. If it wasn't for Wei Fengyao, she wouldn't have been so close to being imprisoned. Since something had gone wrong, Wei Fengyao couldn't dream of pushing it all onto her and making her a scapegoat.

"Alright, Fengyao, take it easy. Can't I have an extra woman in my backyard?" Seeing that his beloved beauty was crying so sadly, the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an flung his sleeves in displeasure.

Wei Fengyao's legs were hugged by Wei Qiuju as she heard the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an's nonsense. Her entire body trembled with anger. She couldn't conceal the hatred in her heart, "Your Heir-apparent, have you ever reported this to Her Highness? What will happen when Her Highness finds out about this?"

Thinking of his powerful mother, Princess Nan'an, the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an couldn't help but hesitate. Princess Nan'an wasn't Wei Fengyao, so he would definitely be severely punished if he offended her.

At this moment, Wei Qiuju also became clever. Seeing that the situation was going against her, she looked at the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an with a pair of eyes filled with tears and wept sadly, "Your Heir-apparent, if you are so hesitant... why did you hanker after me in the first place? Forget it, forget it, since neither Eldest Sister nor Your Heir-apparent has pity for me, I will die to apologize to you! "

As she spoke, she suddenly stood up, covered her head with sleeves and slammed towards the pillar beside the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an.

"Fifth Young Lady, no!" Seeing that the beauty was about to lose her life in front of him, the Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an didn't care about anything else. He reached out and held Wei Qiuju in his arms and shouted anxiously.

Wei Qiuju had fainted by this time.

"Eldest Sister..." Seeing the farce in front of her, Wei Qiuju had no choice but to plead on behalf of Wei Qiuju. After all, she and Wei Qiuju were both daughters of the third branch, so she must say a few words for her at this time. Otherwise, people would feel that she was cold-hearted. "Eldest Sister, please let go of Fifth Younger Sister!"

"Eldest Sister, forget it!" Wei Yuejiao also echoed on the side. Today's matter had developed beyond everyone's expectations.

"Eldest Sister, look at Fifth Elder Sister. Just give her a chance to live. Whatever Eldest Sister says in the future, Fifth Younger Sister will listen to you!" Wei Yuewu raised her eyes and her gaze coldly landed on Wei Fengyao's face.

When such a calm and cold gaze fell in Wei Fengyao's eyes, Wei Fengyao felt it was almost equivalent to ridicule and provocation. In her precise plan, Wei Yuewu was the one who would lose her reputation. But now, she dropped the stone on her own feet. There was a hint of ruthlessness in her eyes. Needless to say, today's matter must have something to do with Wei Yuewu.

She fiercely thought that she would in no case give her consent today, and she would like to see how Wei Qiuju could enter the mansion. But in the next moment, the cold smile on her face froze.

While she gritted her teeth and refused to admit Wei Qiuju, Wei Yuewu had already turned to the Fourth Prince for help. After a graceful bow, she pleaded, "Your Highness, I beg you to make things right for Fifth Elder Sister!"

Wei Fengyao was already furious now. Well, she hoped that the angrier Wei Fengyao got, the better. Wasn't there still a farce that hadn't started yet?

The Fourth Prince said gently, "Don't worry, I will report this matter to Mother Empress."

After the initial fury, the Fourth Prince had completely calmed down. He was very disdainful of this Fifth Miss Wei. A young lady in aristocratic family actually did not behave properly and had an affair with her eldest sister's husband. From whichever perspective, Fifth Miss Wei was not a well-educated person.

But when he realized that she was just a concubine-born daughter, he felt that everything she had done made sense!

He had heard that Fifth Miss Wei's reputation wasn't that good before.

However, he originally didn't want to interfere in this matter. In any case, his cousin was also a notorious playboy, and he and this Fifth Young Lady made a perfect match.

However, the Sixth Young Lady that he appreciated also spoke in favor of Wei Qiuju. Therefore, the Fourth Prince felt that he might as well offer a helping hand, which wasn't a big thing for him at all.

“Thank you, Your Highness!” The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an was also very smart at this time. He looked at Wei Yuewu gratefully and hurriedly thanked the Fourth Prince. Things would be completely different if the Empress gave her consent.

If the Empress agreed, then Princess Nan’an would agree no matter what. After that, Princess Nan’an could go to the palace and ask for royal permission to make Fifth Miss Wei his secondary concubine. That would be great!

Although Wei Qiuju, who was being held by him, had her eyes closed, she had been listening carefully. Now that she heard that the Fourth Prince agreed to help, she heaved a sigh of relief and knew that she would definitely enter Prince Nan’an Mansion.

Wei Fengyao looked at Wei Yuewu, almost unable to hide the hatred in her eyes. She clenched her teeth and winked at the maid standing behind Jin Ling.

Although Jin Ling had moved along with Wei Yuewu, she wasn’t standing too close to Wei Yuewu now.

After being pushed by the maid beside her, she leaned over to Wei Yuewu. Unexpectedly, Wei Yuewu seemed to have something to tell Wei Fengyao and she actually started to walk towards Wei Fengyao.

“Eldest Sister, what do you think?” Wei Yuewu asked Wei Fengyao, standing opposite her.

With Wei Fengyao’s hint, the maid kept pushing Jin Ling, who couldn’t help but move along with Wei Yuewu. The maid swung her sleeves and stood behind Wei Yuewu. At this time, the puppy had woken up completely. Its eyes were bloodshot under its curly hair and it suddenly detected an attractive smell. It widened its eyes and leaned forward, screaming ferociously!

The puppy stretched out its claws and grabbed towards the face of Wei Yuewu who was standing in front of it.

The thing happened all of a sudden, and someone couldn’t help but cry out in alarm. In the blink of an eye, the extremely beautiful face was about to be destroyed by the puppy’s claws. Even Wei Qiuju couldn’t help but sigh.

Such a beautiful face was almost a masterpiece of the heavens, and it was about to be destroyed.

The Fourth Prince wanted to help, but he realized that the distance between the two of them was too far. He couldn't do anything, so he was extremely anxious.

However, in the next moment, the puppy suddenly flew forward over Wei Yuewu's shoulder. It fiercely clawed at Wei Fengyao's face.

"Ah!" Wei Fengyao covered her face in pain and fell to the ground with a miserable scream. She rolled on the ground. Everyone was shocked, unable to react for a moment. They stared blankly as Wei Fengyao kept kicking and rolling on the ground.

The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan'an was stunned for a moment, but he immediately reacted and shouted, "Hurry... hurry up and get a doctor, hurry up and go!"

Immediately, servants started running out, some to fetch an imperial doctor and some to report to Princess Nan'an, while the mad puppy was also restrained by Fourth Prince's guards.

Wei Qiuju also opened her eyes and looked nervously at the puppy. She clearly remembered what Wei Fengyao had specifically instructed her to do when she told her to send the writing brush to Wei Yuewu. "You must put it where the puppy can smell it."

Could it have something to do with the writing brush that she had sent to Wei Yuewu?

The other three maids who were holding the puppies couldn't hold them anymore. They all put the puppies on the ground and hid far away.

These things happened all at once. When people looked at the puppy that was struggling and roaring in the hands of the guard, no one would think that it was cute at all.

The doctor was the first to arrive at the scene. By the time Princess Nan'an arrived, Wei Fengyao had already been taken to the wing room to be bandaged.

“What’s going on?” Princess Nan’an angrily swept across everyone’s face and finally landed her gaze on Wei Qiuju’s face. Someone had told her that her son had admitted to having an affair with the Fifth Young Lady of the mansion of Marquis Hua Yang. Although the two of them did not make any movements at this time, it was clear that this Fifth Miss Wei was hiding behind her son.

“The puppy suddenly went crazy. It jumped out and scratched Fengyao in the face.” The Heir-apparent of Prince Nan’an replied with a shocked expression. He looked at the struggling puppy in the guard’s hand with lingering fear.

Princess Nan’an was briefed on what had happened on her way here, so she no longer stared at Wei Qiuju. She turned over and asked Wei Yuwu, “This dog belongs to Sixth Miss Wei?”

“It’s just the puppy that Eldest Sister sent me yesterday.” Wei Yuwu said generously and suggested that the puppy was given to her by Wei Fengyao.

Someone was already examining the puppy, but they did not find anything. At this time, the person came up to report to Princess Nan’an, “Your Highness, it seems that this dog was stimulated by something and suddenly went berserk and hurt people.”

“What kind of stimulation did it receive?” Princess Nan’an asked with a deep gaze.

“Let me ask a few questions. Who was carrying the puppy just now?”

“Me!” Jin Ling replied.

“Have you ever done anything to it, such as stabbing, pinching, or hurting it?”

“No, I didn’t do anything to it. The puppy has been sleepy since it fell asleep last night. I saw it was asleep and carefully hugged it. If I had really hurt it, the puppy would have barked a long time ago. But before the accident, the puppy had been asleep.” Jin Ling replied with a confused expression.