

## **Boss Mommy 541**

Chapter 541: Indistinguishable

Shen Ruoqing gave Shen Qianhui some calming medicine, and after the latter fell asleep, she left the palace.

Her father, Jing Zhen, was probably still busy dealing with some matters and hadn't returned yet.

Hence, she went out to look for Song Chen.

As she left, she took out her phone and sent a WeChat message to Chu Cichen: "Have you had dinner yet?"

Country A was close to China, and there was no time difference between the two countries.

After sending the message, Chu Cichen did not reply.

Shen Ruoqing stared at her phone for a while, sighed silently, and when she looked up, she saw Song Chen standing outside the palace.

He was wearing the unique uniform of the Royal Guard of Country A, belonging to the ground forces. The uniform had white and yellow crossed stripes, and the waist belt was tightly fastened. A pair of black leather boots tightly wrapped around his calves.

Because he was standing at attention, his posture was straight, and his originally thin figure now appeared broad-shouldered and narrow-waisted. The uniform made him look less youthful, and except for his slightly pale face, his demeanor actually resembled Chu Cichen's to some extent. For a moment, she became confused and couldn't tell the two apart.

Shen Ruoqing shook her head.

Six years later, when they met again, she could always tell the difference between the two, just by noticing the subtle differences with one glance. Why was she getting confused again now?

Was it because Song Chen, wearing this military uniform, had gained a bit of the tough demeanor similar to Chu Cichen's?

As she was pondering, Song Chen seemed to have noticed her as well. His eyes lit up slightly, and he walked over quickly. "Ruoqing... I don't know how a royal guard should behave, but I've seen Mr. Chu usually keeping a straight face and looking very serious. Do I imitate him well?"

Shen Ruoqing looked at him, feeling at a loss for words.

So it was Song Chen imitating Chu Cichen again. No wonder they looked so similar.

She lowered her eyes. "Don't imitate him, just be yourself."

A trace of laughter flashed in Song Chen's eyes. He lowered his head and said softly, "Alright."

Shen Ruoqing looked at him. "Have you discovered anything through your contacts?"

Shen Ruoqing was asking whether he had seen any familiar faces here.

However, Song Chen shook his head. "No."

After saying that, he hurriedly looked at Shen Ruoqing in panic. "I'm sorry, I haven't been able to help you."

Shen Ruoqing:

In the past, whenever Song Chen showed weakness in front of her, she had never been soft-hearted. But today, seeing him like this, she couldn't help but feel a little sad.

She pondered for a moment, perhaps it was because the other party had traveled a long way to be with her without any complaints and was even worried about not being helpful. This was why she felt soft-hearted.

So she sighed and said, "It's okay. After all, it's only the first day. Just observe more, and they will eventually reveal their flaws."

"Alright," Song Chen replied weakly. "As long as you don't mind me, that's good."

Shen Ruoqing's mouth twitched.

Just as she was about to say something, a low voice came from the side. Song Chen seemed to want to say something, but Shen Ruoqing immediately glanced at him. Seeing her gaze, he seemed to understand her meaning and closed his mouth.

After that, the two walked to the side, hiding around a corner. They saw in the garden ahead, by a fake rock, Luo Sha was scolding a girl wearing a pink maid's outfit.

Shen Ruoqing understood that the palace servants were divided into several levels, distinguished by their clothing.

Pink outfits were for the lowest-ranking female servants, and Nanny Rong's blue servant dress was the highest ranking.

The little girl being scolded by Luo Sha was the maid who was cleaning the courtyard outside their room when they had just entered the palace.

At this moment, the little maid knelt on the ground, both hands facing up.

Luo Sha was scolding her, " ..I didn't ask you to spy on Princess Shen, nor did I have any other intentions. I won't harm her. I just want you to report her movements to me! If you come and tell me every day, I can give you a generous bonus. I heard your brother is about to go to college soon, and your family can't afford the tuition, right? Why not do it?!"

The twenty-year-old little maid buried her head in the ground, but her voice was very determined. "Your Highness, the first rule when we start working is not to disclose any information about our masters. I am a maid assigned to Princess Shen by Nanny Rong, and I cannot betray her."

Hearing this, Luo Sha became furious and stepped on the girl's hand with her foot!

Luo Sha was wearing a pair of gold high heels today, and the slender heel directly stepped on the little maid's palm. With a little force, the little maid's tears immediately flowed out.

She wanted to pull back her hand but didn't dare to.

The butler next to Luo Sha then scolded, "Do you know why the princess is punishing you? Who allowed you to be careless and sweep dust onto the princess?"

The little maid dared not resist and lay flat on the ground. "I'm sorry, it was my fault. Please, Princess Luo Sha, spare me this time..."

Luo Sha sneered. "If you want me to spare you, you can agree to the request I just made. Otherwise, I'll tell the steward and have you driven out of the palace! It's not easy for a girl to find a job outside, right? Then your brother won't be able to go to college..."

In Country A, women's status was quite low. Even though it was somewhat better now, and they could go to school, girls still faced discrimination when looking for jobs. Also, most of them would stay home to take care of their husbands and teach their children.

The little maid obviously came from a poor family, and staying in the palace to earn a salary every month was the best choice.

The butler next to Luo Sha immediately said, "Princess Luo Sha is giving you another chance, don't be ungrateful! Isn't working for someone just working?"

The King has just returned, and Princess Shen has no foundation in the palace. Working for Princess Luo Sha not only allows you to earn a large sum of money, but after the King's enthronement ceremony, Princess Luo Sha can also ask for you to be transferred..."

The little maid raised her head, her round face stained with tears. She then looked at Luo Sha for a while and finally said, "Princess Luo Sha, I cannot violate the employment rules..."

Upon hearing this, Luo Sha's face changed dramatically. "Alright, then I'll scratch your face today!"

When she released her foot, the little maid's palm was already bloody.

She took a step back and said to the people behind her, "Catch her!"

Two guards stepped forward and grabbed the little maid.

Seeing this, Luo Sha sneered and raised her hand.

At this moment, her butler handed her a fruit knife. Luo Sha then took the fruit knife, slowly approached the little maid, and squatted down. She said, "I'm giving you one last chance. Who will you choose?"

The little maid clenched her teeth, her eyes full of fear, but she stubbornly remained silent.

A fierce look flashed in Luo Sha's eyes, and she raised the knife, slashing it across the little maid's face!

Chapter 542: Rescue!

Just as Luo Sha's knife was about to touch the little maid's cheek, a stone flew from a distance and hit Luo Sha's hand directly, causing her fingers to instantly lose their strength and the knife to fly away!

Luo Sha's hand hurt from the impact, and she angrily stood up, looking into the distance. She then saw Shen Ruoqing and a handsome and bright-faced guard slowly approaching.

Luo Sha's gloomy gaze fell on Shen Ruoqing, but when she saw the guard, she hesitated slightly. Somehow, the guard gave her a feeling of nobility and intimidation, causing her to frown.

While she was distracted, Shen Ruoqing approached the little maid.

Shen Ruoqing kicked the two guards who were holding the little maid's shoulders and helped the little maid to her feet.

Since entering the palace, Shen Ruoqing had been observing the people around her to find a few reliable servants for her mother. She was good at judging people, and the little maid had been diligent and responsible in sweeping the courtyard. Moreover, the maid had been determined when resisting Luo Sha, showing that she was a principled person.

That was why Shen Ruoqing chose to save her. But they had arrived too late to hear the argument, allowing the little maid to get hurt.

The little maid was trembling all over, and blood was gushing out of her palm.

Shen Ruoqing frowned and immediately pressed several acupoints on the maid's hand and arm. After a while, the bleeding slowed down and eventually stopped.

During the process of stopping the bleeding, Luo Sha was already furious. "You again, doctor? Do you think this is China? Here, we value respect and hierarchy. This little maid offended me, and I don't even have the right to punish her?"

Shen Ruoqing looked at Luo Sha. "Princess Luo Sha, this is the palace of the King and Princess Shen. Even when beating a dog, you have to look at the owner first, let alone that she isn't under your jurisdiction. If she did make a mistake, it should be up to Princess Shen to punish her. On behalf of Princess Shen, I apologize to you. As for your clothes... how much do they cost? We will compensate you later."

Luo Sha was even angrier when she heard this. A mocking look flashed in her eyes. "Can you afford to compensate for it? I know your Princess Shen is from the Shen family of China, but their wealth is nothing to us. What are you bragging about here?"

Shen Ruoqing calmly replied, "Indeed, the wealth of the Shen family is not as great as that of the royal family, but it's not so bad that we can't afford to pay for a dress. Moreover..."

Shen Ruoqing paused and her next words were quite infuriating. "Who said the Shen family will pay? The little maid belongs to the King's palace, so it's only natural for the King to compensate you."

This statement made Luo Sha almost jump up. She then shouted, "What are you? What right do you have to make the King compensate me?"

After saying that, she furiously ordered the guards behind her, "You all, catch her and that little maid! They are disrespectful to me, and I want to send them to prison!"

There was a prison inside the palace.

Other than imprisoning palace maids who made mistakes, the prison could also hold royal consorts.

When the Queen Dowager was in power, a favored imperial consort offended the Queen Dowager, who was the Queen at the time. Regardless of the King's opinion, the Queen still imprisoned the imperial consort for half a year.

The imperial consort then understood the importance of respecting hierarchy.

After her release, she was especially respectful to the Queen and knew to prostrate herself while greeting her.

The prison was dark and gloomy, and being locked in there was psychologically torturous.

Upon hearing this, the little maid turned pale, and she was about to kneel and beg for mercy. "Princess Luo Sha, please spare me, it's my fault..."

But before she could kneel, Shen Ruoqing supported her arm.

At this moment, five guards stepped forward and surrounded the three of them.

These guards were clearly skilled, and Shen Ruoqing frowned. She wasn't afraid of them but was worried that the little maid would be caught in the crossfire if they fought.

As she was pondering, the guards began to attack.

Shen Ruoqing first grabbed a guard's arm, pulled him to the ground, and prepared to kick another one.

At that moment, Shen Ruoqing noticed a guard attacking the little maid from the corner of her eye.

Hence, she quickly stepped forward, pulling the little maid back and avoiding the attack. However, another guard was already attacking them.

Shen Ruoqing could definitely handle five guards on her own...

But protecting the little maid and Song Chen at the same time was a problem...

Just as the nearby guard attacked and Shen Ruoqing didn't have time to react...

Bang!

Unexpectedly, Song Chen moved behind her and kicked the guard away.

Shen Ruoqing immediately narrowed her eyes and glanced at Song Chen.

Before she could think about how he knew martial arts, she saw the five guards suddenly raise their guns, surrounding and aiming at them.

Shen Ruoqing:

Damn!

She hadn't realized in time and thought that this was China, where people wouldn't be armed with guns!

Now, with five people pointing their guns at them, Shen Ruoqing shielded the little maid behind her. Although Song Chen also had a gun, he was clearly at a disadvantage against so many opponents.

Seeing the stalemate, Luo Sha knew things were at an impasse. She then walked over with a cold smile.

However, the butler beside her suddenly tugged on her sleeve. "Your Highness, it's fine if you want to punish a little maid, but if you punish this doctor, it would be too targeted... This doctor seems to be no ordinary person. Look, the

King even sent a personal guard to protect her..."

Luo Sha didn't dare to confront Jing Zhen completely.

She still wanted to please Jing Zhen, so she couldn't openly target Shen Qianhui. After pondering for a moment, she sneered. "Miss Doctor, for the sake of Princess Shen, I won't hold a grudge against you this time. Take your guard and leave."

Before Shen Ruoqing could speak, the little maid behind her stepped out and said to Shen Ruoqing, "Miss Doctor, thank you for your help. You should leave first."

She began to cry. "Even if you save me this time, Princess Luo Sha will still target me in the future. I should just leave the palace!"

Shen Ruoqing was silent for a moment. "...What's your name?"

"Yu Jing."

The little maid smiled at her, her face pale from the pain in her hand. "You don't have to offend a noble for my sake, just leave."

Shen Ruoqing sighed.

She had originally planned to hide her identity for a while longer, but now it seemed...

She said to the little maid, "They won't shoot me."

Hearing this, Luo Sha revealed a mocking smile. "What do you think you are? Just a private doctor! Apart from not daring to point their guns at the royal family members, the palace guards dare to point them at anyone else!"

The little maid also hurriedly said, "Miss Doctor, what Princess Luo Sha said is true. You, you should step aside and don't worry about me!"

Shen Ruoqing gently patted the little maid's hand and then looked at Luo Sha. Before she could speak, Song Chen seemed to understand something and immediately said, "Do you know who she is?"

Luo Sha scoffed, "Who? No matter how famous, she is just a doctor. To our royal family, she is ultimately just a servant. Even if she's from China, she must follow our rules when she's here.. Do you think our royal family would be afraid?"

Chapter 543: Who Is The Mastermind?

The situation Luo Sha created made a huge commotion. If Shen Ruoqing didn't reveal her identity, it would be difficult to end the situation today.

Shen Ruoqing thought so, and when she saw Song Chen glance at her, she nodded at him.

Song Chen instantly understood something and shouted, "She is from the royal family..."

Before the word "princess" could be spoken, a stern voice came from the side. "What are you doing here?"

Hearing this familiar voice, Shen Ruoqing excitedly turned her head and saw Jing Zhen walking over. He had changed into an emperor's uniform. With golden ornaments on his shoulders, he looked tall, mighty, and very imposing.

Upon seeing him, Luo Sha and others were suddenly frightened, including the guards. They all immediately knelt.

Only Shen Ruoqing stood there without moving.

The little maid named Yu Jing saw this and immediately tugged at Shen Ruoqing's pants, whispering a reminder, "Kneel quickly!"

But Shen Ruoqing remained unmoved.

Although she could kneel to heaven and her parents, she was not used to that kind of prostrating kneeling posture, where her whole body was almost lying on the ground. She always felt that it was humiliating.

She didn't kneel, making her stand out.

After performing the kneeling ceremony, Luo Sha turned her head and saw Shen Ruoqing not kneeling. She immediately became angry. "You dare not pay your respects in front of His Majesty the King?!"

Shen Ruoqing looked at her calmly, examining her expression. However, her anger seemed genuine as if she really felt that Shen Ruoqing had offended Jing Zhen.

Before she could speak, Jing Zhen helped her out. "This is my personal doctor from China. She doesn't have to follow our rules and doesn't need to kneel." Luo Sha was slightly stunned upon hearing this. She then looked back and forth between Shen Ruoqing and Jing Zhen, her eyes filled with doubts. Finally, she lowered her head. "Yes, Your Majesty."

Jing Zhen first glanced at Shen Ruoqing. Seeing that she was alright, he then frowned at Luo Sha, scolding, "What are you doing here? And you the one who told the guards to draw their guns?"

Luo Sha immediately said, "It was that little maid who bumped into me and dirtied my clothes. This doctor from China insisted on protecting her and was very disrespectful to me, so..."

Before she could finish, Jing Zhen interrupted with a half-smile, "So, you're helping me deal with the people in my palace?"

Luo Sha immediately looked up, and upon seeing Jing Zhen's handsome face, her eyes seemed to be in a daze.

Jing Zhen, however, was very disgusted with her gaze. "Get out! Without my permission, you are not allowed to step into my palace again!"

Upon hearing these words, Luo Sha's expression turned to disbelief. "Your Majesty..."

“Didn’t you hear what I just said?”

Luo Sha bit her lip, her face turning pale and her eyes red.

She slowly stood up, but before leaving, she turned her head and glared fiercely at Shen Ruoqing and Yu Jing. Only then did she leave in anger.

After she left, Jing Zhen walked up to Shen Ruoqing and asked, “Are you alright?”

His face was solemn, exuding an intimidating aura, and his demeanor was that of a superior, making Shen Ruoqing feel somewhat unfamiliar.

Was this the same Jing Zhen who used to laugh and joke as her father?

As she was thinking, Jing Zhen suddenly glanced at Song Chen and then whispered to Shen Ruoqing, “Jingjing, this guy looks like Chu Cichen. If you like Chu Cichen, it’s quite troublesome. After all, we can’t kidnap Chu Cichen to Country A to be your husband. What if you abandon Chu Cichen and choose him instead?”

He spoke just loud enough for Shen Ruoqing to hear.

Shen Ruoqing.

Okay, she had misunderstood her father.

She knew Jing Zhen wouldn’t be serious for more than two minutes!

She then looked at Song Chen, who usually had a shy demeanor, and saw that his face seemed a bit unhappy now, as if... he was angry?

Shen Ruoqing didn’t understand why, but she looked away and said to Jing

Zhen, “No need, I still like Chu Cichen.”

Jing Zhen clicked his tongue, somewhat disdainful and disappointed. “What’s so good about him that you’re so devoted to him?”

Shen Ruoqing didn’t answer, just giving him a shallow smile.

Jing Zhen then waved his hand, “Forget it, I won’t bother you. Has my wife gone to bed yet? I’m going to check on her. Sigh, I don’t know if she can get used to everything since she just arrived...”

Jing Zhen left as he spoke.

After that, Shen Ruoqing looked at Song Chen, but his face seemed to have softened again. She wondered if she had misinterpreted his anger and dark expression earlier.

However, Shen Ruoqing didn’t pay him any attention and instead looked at Yu Jing. After thinking for a moment, she decided to inquire about the three consorts from her to determine who the mastermind was.

She approached Yu Jing and asked, “Do you know anything about the three consorts?”



Yu Jing was slightly startled. She thought Shen Ruoqing was asking on behalf of Princess Consort Shen, so she nodded.

Shen Ruoqing then asked, "Based on what you know, which of the three princess consorts would have control over Country A's death squad?"

Upon hearing this question, Yu Jing was taken aback. She answered, "All of them."

Shen Ruoqing.

Yu Jing explained, "The royal death squad is trained together, and all royal family members can issue orders to them."

Shen Ruoqing was confused... So all three of them were still suspects.

She pondered for a moment and asked again, "Who do you think is the most calculating among the three consorts?"

Yu Jing hesitated for a moment before saying, "Among the three consorts, Princess Consort Luo is young and impulsive. As for Princess Consort Yan, she is calm and dignified. She is highly praised in the palace, and everyone speculates that she will be the future queen. As for Princess Consort Ji... she is kind to us maidservants and prefers to stay in her palace instead of going out like the other two consorts."

Shen Ruoqing furrowed her brow.

Based on this information, Consort Ji seemed the most suspicious.

Because those who achieved great things generally maintained a low profile. She hid in her palace every day, and no one knew what she was doing...

As the two were talking, someone else ran over and shouted, "Sister Yu Jing, it's not good! I just heard Princess Consort Luo calling her family, saying that she was bullied by a little maid and a little doctor! Her family is now preparing to enter the palace to help her!"

Upon hearing this, Yu Jing's face turned pale instantly.

Feeling terrified, she grabbed Shen Ruoqing's hand. "Miss Doctor, you... you should leave quickly and return to China! Princess Consort Luo's family holds a high position in Country A.. The Queen Dowager chose her to enter the palace to appease her family! If they make a fuss, the King and the Queen Dowager will definitely sacrifice us two insignificant characters to appease them!"

Chapter 544: Each Harboring Their Own Schemes

Yu Jing was truly terrified. Thinking about Princess Consort Luo's various schemes, she shivered all over.

Seeing this, Shen Ruoqing couldn't help but sigh. She held Yu Jing's arm and said, "Don't be afraid, we'll be fine."

Yu Jing heard this and looked at Shen Ruoqing.

Seeing her calm expression and hearing the reassuring tone of her voice, Yu Jing bit her lips and tried to calm herself down.

Shen Ruoqing said to her, "Just now, His Majesty the King said that Princess Consort Luo would not be allowed to enter this palace again. As long as you don't go out, you'll be fine!"

Yu Jing was relieved when she heard this.

After Yu Jing left, Shen Ruoqing turned to Song Chen and hesitated. "Do you think this Luo Sha is really stupid or just pretending?"

Song Chen shook his head. "If she really lets her family come and cause a scene, then she truly doesn't know your identity and is really stupid. Let's see what happens next."

Outside the palace.

Luo Sha was on a video call with her father.

She was crying, gasping for breath, and feeling aggrieved, "Princess Consort Shen looks like a bad person. She's pregnant but still found a beautiful and enchanting personal doctor. The King obviously protects the doctor because he's attracted to her! Father, am I, your daughter, not even as good as a little maid and a personal doctor in the palace?"

Luo Sha's father, the current head of the Luo family, laughed and comforted her, "My daughter must not be wronged. I will go to the palace and ask the Queen Dowager to stand up for you!"

Luo Sha hesitated for a moment after hearing this and asked, "But will this upset His Majesty the King and make him dislike me?"

Her father laughed. "Who was the one crying like a little kitten when entering the palace? You said you wouldn't marry that almost fifty-year-old man. What? Are you afraid of being disliked by His Majesty the King now?"

Luo Sha immediately became coy. "Father, don't talk nonsense. His Majesty the King is only 46 years old, not ? Besides, he's the most handsome man I've ever seen. I like him!"

"Since my little kitten likes him, your father will definitely help you fight for him. At the very least, I'll make sure he comes to your palace tonight. Well, you should also try your best and hopefully get pregnant soon!"

Hearing this, Luo Sha's face turned even redder.

She shyly lowered her head. "Oh, Father, what are you talking about?! I'm hanging up now!"

After hanging up, Luo Sha's mind flashed with the image of King Jing Zhen. Her face flushed even more, but then she remembered how he had defended the doctor from China, and she gritted her teeth in hatred. "Seductress! She must have seduced His Majesty the King!"

With that, Luo Sha strode forward.

She then bumped into Princess Consort Yan.

Princess Consort Yan looked calm and asked immediately upon seeing her,

"Sister Luo Sha, what's wrong? Why are your eyes red?"

Luo Sha angrily said, "It's all because of that doctor around Princess Consort Shen!"

After she told the story indignantly, Princess Consort Yan sighed. "Princess Consort Shen has a special status, and the people around her naturally have a different position than us. Why are you comparing yourself with them?" This made Luo Sha even angrier. "But they are servants, and I am the master!"

Princess Consort Yan continued to fuel the fire. "Some people's servants are untouchable even for us. Princess Consort Shen has given birth to the king's only daughter and is pregnant again now..."

Luo Sha's face turned even uglier after hearing this. She sneered and looked at Princess Consort Yan. "You are afraid of her, but I am not! Let me tell you, I am not done with them! My father has already told me that he will enter the palace and ask the Queen Dowager to stand up for me! I will wait for them now!"

After she finished speaking, she waved her hand and led a large group of people toward the Queen Dowager's palace.

Princess Consort Yan stood there, watching her walk away. She then turned to her nanny and said, "You see? We don't need to get involved in the palace affairs; someone will naturally help us solve them."

The nanny was slightly stunned. "But if Princess Consort Luo stirs up trouble like this, the King will have to appease the Luo family by handing over those two people. Then, her prestige in the palace will definitely grow, and the Queen Dowager might even ask the King to visit her palace. Won't that let her steal the limelight?"

Princess Consort Yan smiled. "Do you really think that doctor is just a doctor?"

The nanny was taken aback.

Princess Consort Yan lowered her head. "She is a princess." The nanny was instantly dumbfounded. "What?"

Princess Consort Yan just smiled without saying anything.

At this moment, Princess Consort Luo quickly walked toward the Queen

Dowager's palace and happened to run into the reclusive Princess Consort Ji.

Princess Consort Ji was not very noticeable in the palace, so Princess Consort Luo didn't pay much attention to her.

Princess Consort Ji lowered her head and respectfully gave Princess Consort

Luo a half-bow.

Although she entered the palace earlier than Luo Sha, Princess Consort Ji was very clear about her own status. Her humble attitude pleased Princess Consort Luo, who snorted coldly and continued walking.

As Princess Consort Ji watched her walk away, she stood in place and stared in Luo Sha's direction.

Thinking of her angry appearance just now and then looking back at Princess Consort Yan walking in the opposite direction, a dim light flashed in Princess Consort Ji's eyes as she lowered her head.

The maidservant by her side asked, "Why did you bow to Princess Consort Luo? You entered the palace before her, and your status is clearly higher!" Princess Consort Ji's gaze remained lowered, hiding her feelings.

After a while, she said, "Let's take a walk outside Queen Dowager Yan's palace."

The maidservant didn't understand her actions. "Why? Haven't you always been indifferent to such matters?"

Princess Consort Ji didn't say anything and just followed Luo Sha.

Soon, Luo Sha arrived at the Queen Dowager's palace and knelt down. "Queen Dowager, it's too humiliating for Luo Sha to be treated like this in the palace. It's a disgrace to my family and a betrayal of their trust. Please let Luo Sha return home!"

Her father and brother also quickly arrived at the Queen Dowager's palace, both seeking an audience with the Queen Dowager.

For a time, the matter stirred up quite a commotion.

Shen Ruoqing quickly heard the news, and the little maid Yu Jing hurriedly ran over. Her face was pale, her body trembling, and her legs were shaking. "Miss Doctor, we're done for, done for! Princess Consort Luo has really made a big fuss!"

Almost as soon as these words fell, someone from the Queen Dowager's palace walked in and directly said, "Yu Jing, and you..."

That person glanced at Shen Ruoqing and said indifferently, "You're the doctor from China, right? The Queen Dowager has summoned you!"

As these words fell, Yu Jing's legs gave out, and she collapsed to the ground..

Chapter 545: Dream

Shen Ruoqing raised her eyebrows.

She glanced in the direction of the main hall and saw that Jing Zhen hadn't come out, so she understood what was going on.

She smiled and helped Yu Jing up by her arm. "Let's go."

Yu Jing's body was trembling uncontrollably, but she still tried her best to stand up and follow the person sent by the Queen Dowager.

As Shen Ruoqing followed the group out, she suddenly noticed that Yu Jing had become calmer.

She raised her eyebrows and asked, "Not scared anymore?"

"Scared." Yu Jing's voice was still trembling. "But I know that being afraid is useless now that I have to go to the palace. My life is given to me by the royal family, and I must be loyal to them. Even if I'm driven out or beaten to death, it's not a pity."

In Country A, the royal power was supreme, and ordinary people had a deep sense of awe for it, even to the point of subservience ingrained in their bones.

Hearing this, Shen Ruoqing lowered her eyes and sighed silently.

She didn't have any illusions about changing a country. After all, the people of Country A were living a prosperous life now, and the royal power had its benefits.

As she was lost in thought, she saw Yu Jing suddenly take out a bag containing a pastry from her pocket. She sneakily ate a piece and noticed Shen Ruoqing looking at her. Yu Jing then handed her a piece of it. "This is a green bean pastry made by the imperial chefs in the palace. It's sold outside as well, but the price is extremely high, a thousand dollars a piece. I was lucky enough to receive one as a reward last time. Before dying, we should at least eat our fill so try a bite."

Shen Ruoqing stared at the pastry in her hand.

It was very clean.

She pinched a piece and put it in her mouth.

Yu Jing smiled. "Isn't it delicious? This is the best pastry I've ever had in my life! You've never had anything this tasty in China before, have you?"

Shen Ruoqing thought that the taste was good but not as amazing as Yu Jing made it out to be. Still, she played along and just said, "Yes, it's delicious."

Yu Jing immediately said, "I have one more piece hidden away. If we both get kicked out, I'll give you my last piece. I don't know what people from China like, but this pastry can be considered a specialty of our Country A"

Shen Ruoqing was infected by her optimism and laughed. "We won't be driven away."

But Yu Jing immediately leaned in close. "Why not? Don't even think about it."

When the Queen Dowager sent someone to call us earlier, I saw His Majesty the King standing by the window. He saw it but didn't come out to stop it. He has given up on us.'

Shen Ruoqing didn't expect Yu Jing to be so sensitive and was slightly taken aback.

Yu Jing asked, "His Majesty the King has a daughter in China, have you seen her? Since both the Queen Dowager and the King are so good-looking, the princess must be beautiful too. She has been a high and noble person since birth. Actually, I really want to be the princess's maid because she is the most esteemed woman in the world...'

She put the word "woman" in emphasis, so Shen Ruoqing understood.

In Country A, women had a low status, and even consorts were merely tools for marriage alliances between families and the royal family. Only the King's daughter was truly of noble birth.

Yu Jing spoke with admiration, "The princess must be able to do whatever she wants, and she can work with men and appear in public... Most importantly!" Yu Jing paused slightly. "The princess can eat green bean pastries every day!" Shen Ruoqing.

She twitched the corner of her mouth, looking at Yu Jing's excited face, and couldn't help but sigh silently in her heart.

As the two were talking, they arrived at the Queen Dowager's palace.

Upon seeing the palace from afar, the smile on Yu Jing's face immediately disappeared. She quickly put away the unfinished mung bean pastry in her hand and looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Doctor Miss, don't go against the Queen Dowager later. She is the most terrifying person here!"

After finishing, she looked frightened. "They all say that the number of people killed by the Queen Dowager is so high that their bodies could circle the palace!"

Shen Ruoqing.

She twitched the corner of her mouth, nodded, and said, "If you want to be a maid of the princess, I will make your wish come true."

But Yu Jing just laughed at her. "Miss Doctor, don't joke... I know you don't want me to be so nervous, but it's okay. I'm already mentally prepared."

Being expelled today and becoming a maid to the princess?

Yu Jing felt that what Shen Ruoqing said was a bit far-fetched.

She then lowered her head and continued to enter the palace with Shen Ruoqing.

At the entrance, they were greeted by the Queen Dowager's personal butler. Shen Ruoqing had met him in China, so when they met, the butler smiled with a gentle demeanor. "Miss Doctor, you are here."

The butler didn't understand why Shen Ruoqing wanted to hide her identity, but since the princess wanted to play, the butler would definitely cooperate.

Shen Ruoqing nodded.

Yu Jing looked at the butler in panic and then whispered in Shen Ruoqing's ear, "They say that the gentler the butler is to someone, the angrier the Queen Dowager is. Are we going to die today?"

Shen Ruoqing.

She quickly walked two steps and distanced herself from Yu Jing.

When they entered the main hall, they heard Luo Sha crying from afar. "His Majesty has humiliated me for two servants, making me lose face and disgracing my family. Father, take me home!"

The head of the Luo family also questioned, "Queen Dowager, do you not need the Luo family anymore? Why do you humiliate us like this? Are these two servants nobler than my daughter?"

Luo Sha continued to cry. "His Majesty must hate me too. What's the point of staying in the palace?"

As soon as these words came out, the Queen Dowager coldly said, "The royal family will not have divorced women, so sending you back home is impossible... Unless you die, you will always be a woman of the royal family." These words were very imposing, making Luo Sha pause.

The Queen Dowager immediately continued, "Alright, there's no need to cry. Just say what you want. What do you want exactly? Since Princess Consort Luo was neglected today, how about the King goes to your palace tonight?"

Luo Sha's face turned red instantly.

The head of the Luo family said, "That would definitely be great. Luo Sha has been waiting for years to serve the King. However... those two servants in the King's Palace..."

As he was speaking, Shen Ruoqing and Yu Jing entered the room..

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When Luo Sha turned and saw them, her countenance immediately changed.

She pointed to the two of them and said to the head of the Luo Family, "Father, it's those two over there who treated me badly!"

The head of the Luo Family also threw a surveying glance at them.

Yu Jing looked very ordinary and was still shaking all over, so there was nothing good to see about her. Therefore, the Luo Family's head turned his gaze to Shen Ruoqing. He saw that it was true that Shen Ruoqing did look quite pretty like what his daughter had said. His eyes then narrowed.

Shen Ruoqing also looked straight at the Luo Family's head.

Country A's clothing style had a hint of minority tribe style to it. Everyone liked to use the golden color, as if this could accentuate their status.

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No wonder the Queen Dowager was trying to get close to them.

Shen Ruoqing then withdrew her gaze.

Yu Jing groveled to the ground. 'Paying respects to the Queen Dowager!'

Shen Ruoqing continued to stand there, cupping her hands together at the Queen Dowager as a form of greeting that Chinese martial art practitioners would use.

The Luo Family's head sneered and looked at the Queen Dowager. 'This maid offended Luo Sha, so she should be handed to her to take care of. As for this doctor, since she isn't accustomed to Country A's royal customs, shouldn't we get someone to teach her or let her return to China?'

The moment this was said, Yu Jing immediately slid a few steps forward in her groveling position. She said respectfully, "It's this servant's fault! Please punish me! It has nothing to do with Miss Doctor! Moreover, she is Chinese and our country has external ties with China. If we were to deal with this matter poorly, there might be issues between the two countries if she reports to the embassy."

After Yu Jing said this, the Luo Family's head narrowed his eyes.

The Queen Dowager also surveyed her seriously.

Not many women in Country A could have this degree of knowledge.

Seeing that the Queen Dowager remained quiet, the Luo Family's head said again, "The maid is right. Let's do this then."

Yu Jing's eyes turned red.

She lowered her head, not daring to look up. Just as she was about to abide by the order, she suddenly heard Miss Doctor's voice.

Yu Jing immediately turned to look at Shen Ruojing, only to see the latter having a faint expression. Her attitude when saying the word "no" was very firm.

Yu Jing immediately tugged Shen Ruojing's pants. When Shen Ruojing lowered her head, Yu Jing smiled and said, "Miss Doctor, just listen to me. Princess

Consort Luo won't do anything to me. I'd be chased out of the palace at most. Nothing will happen..."

She then lowered her voice. "Miss Doctor, the King won't protect us. It's already very good that you can get out of this. Princess Consort Shen has just come to Country A and won't stand up for these things. Moreover, the Queen Dowager

is also one who doesn't change her mind easily. Your resistance will only bring about greater vengeance from the Queen Dowager!"

Yu Jing was very anxious and was just about to persuade Shen Ruojing further when she suddenly heard the Queen Dowager's voice. "Oh? Then what do you think should be done?"

Yu Jing was slightly stunned.

Even Luo Sha and the Luo Family's head was stunned. All three of them turned to look at the Queen Dowager. The Queen Dowager's words were actually targeted at... Shen Ruojing?

Shen Ruojing didn't show any fear in front of the Queen Dowager. She then took a step forward and said, "Yu Jing serves the King. Even if she has offended Princess Consort Luo, this should be handled by His Majesty. We don't have to trouble Princess Consort Luo to handle this matter!"

Luo Sha was enraged. "Who are you to interrupt when we're talking here?

You..

Before she could finish her words, the Queen Dowager said, 'Alright, we'll do it this way then.'

Luo Sha was stunned.

She looked at the Queen Dowager in disbelief.

The Luo Family's head wanted to say more when the Queen Dowager looked at him. "His Majesty has just come back, but you guys want to make him unhappy over just a mere maid?"



Luo Family's head narrowed his eyes but could only lower his head and clasp his hands together. "I understand."

Shen Ruoqing looked at the Queen Dowager.

She had never felt any hostility toward this paternal grandmother. Back in

China, the Queen Dowager had tried to force her to marry her father, Jing Zhen. But after discovering Jing Zhen's identity, the Queen Dowager's attitude toward her became quite good.

Therefore, after knowing that the Queen Dowager had called for her, but Jing Zhen didn't take any action, Shen Ruoqing knew that her grandmother should have no hostility toward her.

It was just how things were now. Her grandmother was using her prestige to protect her granddaughter without exposing her identity.

She smiled. "Thank you.

The Queen Dowager let out a cold snort and didn't say anything.

Her attitude was awkward and prideful as she continued to say, 'Get someone to pass the word that His Majesty will go to Princess Consort Luo's palace tonight.'

This was an attempt to placate the Luo family.

After saying that, the Queen Dowager turned to look at Shen Ruoqing.

Shen Ruoqing raised her brows but didn't say anything.

Let Jing Zhen take care of his problems himself.

Shen Ruoqing then lowered her head and helped Yu Jing up, bringing her out.

Yu Jing was still in a state of loss and confusion. She didn't understand how the Queen Dowager, who was supposed to be a difficult person who'd kill easily, would spare the two of them so easily.

Yu Jing opened her eyes wide. She was dumbstruck and still in disbelief.

Shen turned and looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Miss Doctor, was the person who spoke to us just now the Queen Dowager?"

She had seen the Queen Dowager from afar before but had been forced to lower her head from the pressure of her disposition.

The Queen Dowager today seemed to have changed to a different person... as though she became gentler?

Shen Ruoqing said, 'She is the Queen Dowager.

This Queen Dowager didn't seem as unapproachable as she imagined... maybe it was because she was her biological grandmother.

As Shen Ruoqing thought of this, Yu Jing spoke up, "Miss Doctor, it must be you... was there some story between you and the Queen Dowager in China?"

Yu Jing's imagination started to run wild. "I've got it. Did you save the Queen Dowager's life

Shen Ruoqing.

Her lips twitched. But before she could say anything, Yu Jing spoke up once again, "Then can you help to transfer me to the princess's palace to work for her? Although Her Highness hasn't come yet, she'll come sooner or later for His Majesty's coronation!"

Shen Ruoqing smiled. "Sure."

It was a pity that she had just said this when she heard a stifled laugh.

Princess Consort Luo then walked over from the side with a dark and gloomy expression.

She looked at Shen Ruoqing with an air of superiority and said to the maid, "So that's what you're thinking. You've gone to the wrong person! She's just a little doctor, so how can she handle the transfer of manpower in the palace? You're too ignorant!"

Princess Consort Luo then looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Or are you thinking of getting into the King's bed? To become a woman in the palace?"

Yu Jing instantly broke into a horrified expression again. "She didn't, she never... Princess Consort Luo, please have mercy!"

Shen Ruoqing narrowed her eyes. "Princess Consort Luo, please be careful about what you say."

Seeing that Shen Ruoqing didn't show any hint of fear at all, Princess Consort Luo was infuriated. She immediately took a step forward, reaching out her arm and wanting to slap Shen Ruoqing...

But all of a sudden, someone walked out from the side. It turned out to be Princess Consort Ji!

Princess Consort Ji took a step forward timidly, pulling Princess Consort Luo's arm. "Princess Consort Luo, you, you can't hit her..."

Princess Consort Luo pushed Princess Consort Ji away impatiently. "Who are you to comment on when I'm teaching a small maid a lesson in the palace?"

Princess Consort Ji bit her lip nervously and said timidly, "She isn't a small maid.."

"No? Then what is she?"

After Princess Consort Luo said this, she saw Princess Consort Ji suddenly kneeling at Shen Ruoqing. "Paying respects to the princess!"

Princess Consort Luo.

Yu Jing.

Both of them were stunned and instantly turned to look at Shen Ruoqing in disbelief!!

Chapter 547: Princess Consort JPs Secret

The sudden appearance of Princess Consort Ji left everyone present stunned.

Shen Ruoqing frowned as she scrutinized her. Princess Consort Ji remained kneeling, performing a half-bow.

As the princess consort, she was considered half of Jingzhen's wife, so she should not have given a bow to Shen Ruoqing as a matter of protocol.

However, within the royal family, the status of princesses and princes was indeed higher than that of princess consorts.

Therefore, although Shen Ruoqing did not reveal her identity, it was indeed a prudent and respectful gesture for Princess Consort Ji to perform a half-bow.

Shen Ruoqing examined Princess Consort Ji.

Compared to the glamorous Princess Consort Luo, she appeared plain and unremarkable, with a mediocre appearance and a less-than-impressive demeanor. At least, she did not look like a young lady from a noble family like Luo Sha or Yan Rushuang.

Luo Sha wore a golden, tight-fitting dress with bare shoulders, exuding an air of nobility. The jewelry on her hand was also of considerable value.

On the other hand, Princess Consort Ji wore a black long dress with long sleeves and a high collar, concealing herself entirely. Apart from an ordinary necklace around her neck, there was no other embellishment, making her look low-key and almost transparent.

Yet, this woman suddenly appeared when Luo Sha and Shen Ruoqing were about to come into conflict. Shen Ruoqing narrowed her eyes and said,

'Princess Consort Ji, please rise.'

Princess Consort Ji stood up and lowered her head. She then stood by the side. Luo Sha, still skeptical, looked at Shen Ruoqing and said, "Ji Nina, what are you talking about? How could she be Her Royal Highness the Princess?"

Shen Ruoqing also looked at Princess Consort Ji and asked, "How did you recognize me?"

Princess Consort Ji hung her head and answered, "Her Royal Highness the Princess and His Majesty the King look very much alike, especially their eyes. It is not difficult to recognize them.'

Only then did Princess Consort Luo look at Shen Ruoqing.

Shen Ruoqing actually bore a 50% resemblance to Jingzhen, especially those peach blossom eyes.

However, Jingzhen's eyes carried a romantic charm, while Shen Ruoqing's were always clear and cold, giving people a completely different feeling. Therefore, if one didn't look closely or wasn't alerted by someone, one wouldn't notice that her eyes were identical to Jingzhen's.

Princess Consort Luo was stunned. People of Country A had a deep reverence for the royal family.

Hence, Luo Sha looked down on Shen Qianhui, thinking that she was a daughter sent over from some family in China, but she dared not look down on the princess.

She only looked at Shen Ruoqing in astonishment and realized her previous behavior and the misunderstanding it caused.

She bit her lip and clenched her fingers tightly. After that, she remembered what had happened earlier and suddenly understood why the Queen Dowager had not punished her. Honestly, she was the one who had collided with the princess, not the other way around.

Princess Consort Luo bit her lip tightly and did not bow to her.

Shen Ruoqing herself did not like those who knelt without understanding the situation, so she did not mind. She just smiled and looked at Princess Consort Ji. 'Is there something you want to tell me for you to suddenly appear like this?'

Princess Consort Ji still had her head lowered. 'It's just a coincidence. I saw Princess Consort Luo talking with you here, so I came to say hello. Nina will be leaving now.' She then left without any hesitation.

Princess Consort Luo also did not want to stay here and face Shen Ruoqing, so she spoke up, 'I also have things to attend to, so I'll leave first.' She then turned around and left with her servants.

Shen Ruoqing looked at the two women's backs and slightly furrowed her eyebrows.

Was Princess Consort Ji able to recognize her because of their similar appearance, or did she know about it in advance? In either case, Princess Consort Ji was not to be underestimated. If she could judge based on appearance alone, it meant that Princess Consort Ji had a very sharp mind. If she already knew, then perhaps she was the one in the palace who had schemed for Song Chen to have a child with her.

Thinking of this, Shen Ruoqing asked, 'What is the relationship between

Princess Consort Ji and Princess Consort Luo?'

Sometime after she spoke, she did not hear Yu Jing's answer. Hence, she turned her head and saw that Yu Jing was still staring at her dumbfoundedly. Seeing this, Shen Ruoqing could not help but raise an eyebrow. 'Yu Jing?'

Yu Jing suddenly came back to her senses and took a step back, looking at Shen Ruoqing in disbelief. 'You, you, you really are Her Royal Highness the Princess?'

Shen Ruoqing's mouth twitched. She realized that Yu Jing was still stuck on the previous topic. Now there was no point in hiding her identity, so she nodded.

Yu Jing's legs suddenly went weak and she knelt on the ground with a loud thud. 'Greetings, Your Royal Highness the Princess!' She was about to perform the full prostration ceremony.

Shen Ruoqing disliked this kind of ceremony the most, so she quickly grabbed Yu Jing's arm and pulled her up from the ground. 'Don't do this. You'll dirty your clothes.'

However, Yu Jing stubbornly insisted on performing the full ceremony before standing up, her eyes shining brightly. “Your Royal Highness the Princess, I had no idea you look this beautiful! You’re so pretty!”

Shen Ruojing’s mouth twitched again, and she asked again, “Are the Princess Consort Ji and the Princess Consort Luo on good terms?”

Yu Jing was taken aback and shook her head. “No, Princess Consort Ji is only on good terms with the Princess Consort Yan. Princess Consort Yan is in charge of the affairs of the harem, and Princess Consort Ji has a good temperament, so she respects Princess Consort Yan very much. Princess Consort Yan has never withheld anything from her. On the other hand, Princess Consort Luo has been very arrogant since she entered the palace, often insulting Princess Consort Ji for her low birth and not showing her any respect. She even made the Princess Consort Ji bow to her.

Shen Ruojing was taken aback. “Low birth?”

Yu Jing nodded and lowered her voice: “Both Princess Consort Yan and Luo are the legitimate daughters of their families, while Princess Consort Ji is just a concubine’s daughter. Her mother was supposedly a slave in the Ji family. When Princess Consort Ji entered the palace, she only brought a maid and a few changes of clothes...”

Although a man could marry several women in Country A, there was still a distinction between legitimate and illegitimate children.

Seeing that Shen Ruojing looked puzzled, Yu Jing continued, “During the years when the King did not return to the country, everyone thought that he might have been killed in China or would never return. Unwilling to send their legitimate daughter to the palace, the Ji family sent their illegitimate daughter instead... But I heard that when the King was about to return, the Matriarch of the Ji family hurried into the palace to see Princess Consort Ji and even gave her some jewelry...”

Shen Ruojing narrowed her eyes. “Did Princess Consort Ji accept them?” “Princess Consort Ji accepted them!” Yu Jing said happily.

‘The status of an illegitimate daughter in the family is very low. Since Matriarch Ji was willing to send her money and gifts, it was already very good for her. Princess Consort Luo has a rich family and has been taunting Princess Consort Ji since she entered the palace, saying that the latter has no money and even lacks decent jewelry, which damages the royal prestige. Later on, Princess Consort Yan also gives Princess Consort Ji some jewelry, which makes her look more dignified whenever she goes out...’

As Shen Ruojing listened to these words, she became even more suspicious of Princess Consort Ji.

Just then, she seemed to hear something and turned her head suddenly, shouting, ‘Whop!’

Yu Jing was also startled and looked vigilantly at the artificial mountain next to them.

After a moment, a man in a guard uniform walked out from behind the fake mountain. He had a slight smile on his face and looked very elegant.

Yu Jing immediately explained, “This is someone from the Ji family. He is Ji Nina’s illegitimate younger brother, Ji Wuyou... He’s in charge of the guards’ shift.’

Shen Ruoqing narrowed her eyes and saw the man approaching quickly. Suddenly, he said, "Your Highness, I have a secret about Ji Nina.. Do you want to hear it?"

Chapter 548: Who Is Good, Who Is Bad?

Ji Nina's secret...

Shen Ruoqing looked at this fellow and said, "Go on.'

Hearing this, Ji Wuyou curled his lips and suddenly leaned closer to Shen Ruoqing. He whispered in her ear, "Among the royal guards, there is a man who is Ji Nina's first love. They have some entanglements in the palace."

After saying this, he immediately took a step back.

Shen Ruoqing frowned at him. 'Why are you telling me this?"

Ji Wuyou sneered. "Ji Nina's mother took away a lot of my father's love from my mother. We have been at odds since we were young. If she secures the position of the princess, my mother's life will definitely be difficult! But regardless, the Ji family hopes that she can secure the position of the Queen and even dreams that she can ascend to that high position with the identity of a commoner's daughter. However, I don't want that!"

Shen Ruoqing stared at him.

Ji Wuyou bowed to her. "Your Highness, you can go to Princess Consort Ji's residence at eleven o'clock tonight to watch a good show. If you are willing to help me bring down Princess Consort Ji, I am at your disposal any time!" After saying this, Ji Wuyou left quietly.

Yu Jing widened her eyes, looking at the direction he left, and said in amazement, "I didn't expect there to be such dirty things in noble families, even siblings fighting each other..."

After she finished speaking, she patted her chest. 'See, there are benefits to being poor. At least, my dad couldn't afford to have three wives, so he only married my mom."

Shen Ruoqing.

She pondered for a moment and said, "Go and help me find out if the Ji family's affairs are really like what he just said.'

Yu Jing immediately nodded and left. "I'll go right away!"

After she left, Shen Ruoqing looked to the side and saw Song Chen coming out of bushes.

Shen Ruoqing looked at him and asked subconsciously, "What do you think?"

After saying this, she suddenly realized that it was inappropriate.

This was Song Chen, not Chu Cichen, so how could he give her advice?

Unexpectedly, Song Chen blurted out, 'Ji Wuyou's behavior is very suspicious.' Shen Ruoqing was slightly taken aback. 'How so?'

Song Chen said, "In Country A, family honor is above all else. Ji Wuyou is now just a small captain in the royal guards, and his position is not very high. According to reason, Princess Consort Ji and he should be supporting each other. With Ji Wuyou on her side, Princess Consort Ji's life in the harem would be much easier. Likewise, with Princess Consort Ji as his backing, Ji Wuyou's path to promotion would be smoother. The two of them being so hostile is not what a smart person would do."

After saying this, he smiled. "However, it is also possible that they have a grudge due to their mothers. In that case, it would be understandable."

Shen Ruoqing looked at him in surprise. "Where did you learn all this?"

Song Chen was slightly taken aback. He then coughed and said, "I just heard it from royal guards."

After saying this, he naturally walked beside Shen Ruoqing. "I can't just eat and drink for free in the palace. I have to do something for you. JingJing, I can help you more than Ji Wuyou. Don't believe him."

Shen Ruoqing.

Just now, she had felt that Song Chen and Chu Cichen were becoming more and more similar, but as soon as he said those words, the sense of childishness emerged again. Where was the strong and masculine aura that Chu Cichen had?

She must have been overthinking it.

So she took out her phone and glanced at it, only to find that Chu Cichen had replied to her message. [Just busy.]

The cold words made Shen Ruoqing sigh softly and send another message.

[Don't be angry.]

After the message was sent, there was no response from the other party.

Shen Ruoqing then tried to make a video call with Chu Cichen.

But the other party didn't pick up.

pouted.

Song Chen's voice drifted over. "Princess Consort Ji's behavior is also very suspicious. She is clearly on good terms with Princess Consort Yan, so why she only remind Princess Consort Luo of your identity?"

If Princess Consort Luo hadn't known Shen Ruoqing's identity, she might have done something more outrageous.

In that case, when Shen Ruoqing's identity was exposed, the one who would suffer would be Princess Consort Luo.

Hearing this, Shen Ruoqing also frowned in confusion.

Princess Consort Ji walked a little slower and was soon caught up by Princess Consort Luo.

She frowned at Princess Consort Ji and said, 'Were you reminding me just

Princess Consort Luo had figured out something at this moment. If she continued to make a fuss, she would only provoke the King's disgust and have to endure the Princess's punishment. Thus, when Princess Consort Ji suddenly appeared and revealed Shen Ruoqing's identity, she was actually helping her.

Princess Consort Ji smiled gently at Princess Consort Luo.

She usually had a bitter expression, but her smile now added a bit of sweetness to her face, which made Princess Consort Luo feel slightly stunned.

After that, she heard Princess Consort Ji say. "I saw that Princess Consort Yan was very polite to the doctor, so I observed a bit more and accidentally learned about her identity..."

As soon as these words were spoken, Princess Consort Luo's face changed. 'Well, it turns out that Princess Consort Yan knew her identity long ago! She even encouraged me to fight with the Princess, making a fuss in front of the Queen Dowager...

Princess Consort Luo's eyes reddened. "This poisonous woman! Her goal is to make His Majesty abandon me!"

However, Princess Consort Ji did not join her in cursing and just said, "After all, Princess Consort Luo is young and has the best chance to bear His Majesty's offspring among us, other than Princess Consort Shen..."

Princess Consort Luo snorted coldly. 'Of course, Princess Consort Yan is almost forty..."

As she said this, she suddenly realized something and angrily said, "Yan Rushuang's goal is to prevent me from giving birth to His Majesty's child! She is forty years old and has no competitiveness, so she is trying to set me up?! Now, I am at odds with her!"

Princess Consort Ji didn't follow up on that. Instead, she added, "I heard that the Queen Dowager has ordered His Majesty to rest in your palace tonight. It can be considered a blessing in disguise. Princess Consort Luo, you should prepare well tonight.

Hearing this, Princess Consort Luo thought of Jing Zhen's appearance and her face turned red. She immediately quickened her pace. 'You're right, I'll go back to take a bath and change my clothes now..."

Inside the palace.

Shen Qianhui slowly woke up.

She had slept very deeply this time, and when she woke up, she felt soreness in her waist. Moreover, as she opened her eyes, she saw a high and unfamiliar ceiling, which made her feel a little panicked.

After that, she felt her hand being held by Jing Zhen. "Wife, are you awake? Are you hungry? I'll have the kitchen prepare some food."



The familiar voice made Shen Qianhui let down her guard and relax.

She smiled at Jing Zhen, who then helped her up.

Just as Jing Zhen helped Shen Qianhui to the dining table, a maid walked in. 'Your Majesty, Princess Consort Luo has prepared a meal, please go there to dine.'

Shen Qianhui was slightly taken aback and looked at Jing Zhen in astonishment.

The couple had always been together in China, but now Jing Zhen was going to have a meal with another woman?

Jing Zhen frowned, about to speak, but the other party spoke up, "The Queen Dowager asked you to prioritize the bigger picture. After all, the Luo family controls all the military forces of Country A."

For a country, no matter how wealthy it was, the most important thing was its military power.

With regard to the Yan family, the Queen Dowager came from the Yan family, and the current head of the Yan family was Jing Zhen's uncle. Hence, he could afford to neglect Princess Yan a bit. But in the case of Princess Luo, Jing Zhen had to make sacrifices in order to appease her.

This had been the choice and responsibility of emperors since ancient times!

Shen Qianhui's fingers tightened slightly.

Her heart also felt like it was being tightly gripped by an invisible hand.

Although she already knew before coming to Country A that there were several princesses and had prepared herself to coexist peacefully with them, when her husband was really going to visit another woman's palace, she couldn't help but feel heartache and sadness...

Chapter 549: Delay

Shen Qianhui looked at Jing Zhen and saw him fall silent for a while before saying, 'Wife, I need to go and appease the Luo family.'

Shen Qianhui was slightly taken aback.

She had thought that Jing Zhen would refuse...

In the entertainment industry, many beautiful women, young actors, and even executives had tried to get close to Jing Zhen.

But Jing Zhen had never paid attention to them.

It was the same when Shen Qianhui was in the Shen family, and later when they left the Shen family and relied solely on Jing Zhen's income.

The couple had actually experienced ups and downs and had been tested, so they trusted each other.

Because of it, Shen Qianhui never had to worry about him when it came to women. However, she had never expected that one day, they would have to face reality...

The Luo family controlled the army, and if the Luo family was unstable, then Country A would be in chaos.

The Luo family couldn't be touched..

Shen Qianhui forced a smile and nodded. "Alright, you go."

Jing Zhen patted her shoulder. "I'll have Jingjing come and keep you company."

Shen Qianhui didn't say anything.

Jing Zhen waited until Shen Ruoqing was called before he left.

Shen Ruoqing then saw him out.

When they reached the door, Shen Ruoqing didn't argue on behalf of Shen Qianhui but instead, she raised an eyebrow. "Are you sure you want to target Luo Sha first?"

Jing Zhen rubbed his forehead.

He was silent for a moment before saying, "The Luo family is the most difficult to appease, so we must target Luo Sha first.'

The Ji family had sent a lowborn girl into the palace, which was disrespectful to the royal family, so they didn't dare to ask anything of Jing Zhen. Since the Yan family was Jing Zhen's maternal family, even if they were dissatisfied, they wouldn't really overthrow Jing Zhen.

Only the Luo family had sent in their legitimate daughter. Luo Sha was the beloved daughter of the head of the Luo family.

Shen Ruoqing nodded and said, "Alright then."

After that, she went back to accompany Shen Qianhui.

Sitting at the dining table, Shen Ruoqing wanted to say something, but Shen Qianhui sighed.

Shen Ruoqing wanted to comfort her. "Mother, Father, he..."

"I know."

When Shen Qianhui said this, Shen Ruoqing was stunned.

She furrowed her brows. "You already knew?"

'Yes.'" Shen Qianhui placed her hand on her abdomen and lowered her eyes. 'After so many years together with your father, I know very well what you father and daughter are up to..."

Shen Ruoqing immediately didn't dare to say anything.

On the other side.

Jing Zhen arrived at Luo Sha's palace.

Luo Sha was extremely excited and happy. She had prepared a lavish dinner, and as soon as Jing Zhen sat down, she immediately stood up to serve him food.

Jing Zhen spoke gently to her, 'Sit down, I'm not used to this.'

Hearing this, Luo Sha revealed a sweet smile and sat across from Jing Zhen.

After accompanying Luo Sha and eating a bit, Luo Sha asked, "Your Majesty, will you be staying the night?"

Jing Zhen smiled. "Of course, after all, this is the Queen Dowager's intention." Luo Sha glared at him. "What about Your Majesty's intention?"

After that, Jing Zhen's peach blossom eyes flicked up slightly, and his gaze toward Luo Sha was deep and affectionate, making Luo Sha feel for a moment that Jing Zhen liked her.

Upon further thought, she was the youngest consort in the palace and the most dazzling presence among the three. What did it matter if Queen Shen was beautiful?

Queen Shen was almost fifty years old. She was even older than Jing Zhen!

Luo Sha was very confident in herself.

She stood up directly and walked toward Jing Zhen. 'Your Majesty, let's not waste any more time and get down to business? Jing Zhen, however, smiled. "Let's take a bath first."

Luo Sha shyly smiled. "...I've already bathed.'

Jing Zhen. "?"

He was slightly taken aback and then smiled again. 'Well, I still need to bathe...'

Luo Sha's face immediately turned red. "Your Majesty, you don't have to..."

Having said that, Jing Zhen stood up. "It's not good for you like this." After saying that, he called someone in to prepare bathwater.

Jing Zhen then entered the bathroom and soaked in the bathwater. After waiting for a long time without hearing any movement outside, he immediately took out his phone and sent a message to Shen Ruoqing. [Why aren't you here yet?]

Shen Ruoqing replied quickly. [What's the rush?]

Jing Zhen.

How could he not be in a hurry?

If she didn't come soon, he'd be compromised!

Jing Zhen was stalling in the bathroom, soaking in the tub, and killing time when he suddenly heard a knock on the bathroom door. "Your Majesty, why are you taking so long? Do you need Luo Sha to help you scrub your back?" Jing Zhen.

He swallowed loudly, and the moment Luo Sha pushed the door open, he immediately stood up from the water and wrapped himself in a bathrobe.

Luo Sha then approached and reached out to hug him. 'Your Majesty, you're really too slow!'

Jing Zhen dodged Luo Sha. When she lunged at him, he suddenly pushed her away.

Luo Sha could only look at Jing Zhen in confusion, not understanding his actions.

Jing Zhen hesitated for a moment.

With no other way out, he tightened his bath towel and suddenly sneezed several times.

Then, he asked, "What perfume are you wearing? It's too pungent!"

Luo Sha.

Her face turned even redder as she sniffed herself. "I didn't use anything, did

Jing Zhen frowned. "Is it the shower gel then?"

Hearing this, Luo Sha felt wronged. "Your Majesty, I didn't use anything..."

Her eyes then reddened. 'Are you slandering me... or are you saying that you don't want to get close to me?

Jing Zhen. "!"

He immediately laughed. 'How could that be? I was immediately attracted by you when I got off the plane today..."

Luo Sha was about to step forward with a smile when there was a knock on the door. After that, Yu Jing entered. "Your Majesty, Queen Shen has a stomachache!"

Luo Sha's smile froze on her face.

Jing Zhen paused and hurriedly said to Luo Sha, "I'll go and check."

Luo Sha gritted her teeth in anger. 'Your Majesty, if Queen Shen has a stomachache, you should call the royal doctor. What good will it do for you to check?"

Jing Zhen replied, "Nonsense, she carries my only son and the future crown prince in her belly. Of course, I have to check!"

Jing Zhen quickly changed his clothes and left.

Seeing this, Luo Sha angrily smashed all the cups on the table to the ground!!

Jing Zhen quickly returned to his palace. Seeing Shen Qianhui lying in bed, he breathed a sigh of relief. He then looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Why were you so late? You know, if you were any later, someone else would have taken advantage of your father!

Shen Ruoqing lazily said, "It would have served you right."

Jing Zhen.

Shen Qianhui looked worried. "Is this okay for us?"

Jing Zhen immediately replied, "The old witch won't let me go. The only thing that can restrain her is an offspring. Qianhui, I'm sorry, but you can only be a pampered and arrogant favorite!"

Shen Qianhui didn't mind these things.

Jing Zhen leaned over. 'Wife, you don't know how nauseous I felt when Luo Sha came close to me. I had to hold it in. Ah, please send someone to rescue me earlier next time.'

Shen Qianhui nodded. "Alright, alright. Sorry for the trouble..."

Shen Ruoqing.

This couple really didn't treat her as an outsider, displaying affection openly before her.

Luckily, she had been used to it since she was a child, so she leisurely walked out. 'Alright, you two can talk privately here. I won't be a third wheel.'

Shen Qianhui's face turned red.

Jing Zhen said, "You should have left earlier."

Shen Ruoqing rolled her eyes as she left the room.

At 10:30 pm.

Shen Ruoqing quietly walked out of her room and saw Song Chen waiting outside, silently watching her.

The handsome man's face had a hint of toughness that made her feel a little dazed as if she was seeing Chu Cichen. But the next moment, the man smiled, revealing a hint of childishness.

Shen Ruoqing.

She hesitated for a moment. "What are you doing here?"

Song Chen answered, "Waiting for you to watch the show."

Shen Ruoqing frowned. 'You don't have to go. I can go alone.'

However, Song Chen followed her closely. 'Jingjing, I want to be with you. After all, you're alone in this unfamiliar place. What if something happens?'

Upon hearing this, the corners of Shen Ruoqing's mouth curled. "Whatever you say."

During the day, she had inquired about Princess Consort Ji's residence, so she took Song Chen with her at that moment. She was quietly approaching Princess Consort Ji's window with Song Chen and waited silently.

At exactly 11 pm.

A man dressed as a royal guard indeed came over and entered Princess Consort Ji's palace!

Ambiguous sounds quickly emerged from the room...

Shen Ruoqing's eyes darkened, and she cautiously peeked in through the glass window....

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Shen Ruoqing looked into the room.

There was a curtain on the glass window, so it was hard for her to see the situation inside.

However, she could still hear the ambiguous moans and the man's panting.

TWO shadows cast on the curtain. The images and sounds were enough to make one blush.

Shen Ruoqing's face turned a little red.

She quickly crouched down and turned around to see Song Chen's eyes shining brightly as he looked at her.

Shen Ruoqing.

Somehow, being watched by him like this, Shen Ruoqing thought of the scene in the room. Although she had only caught a glimpse, she still saw something...

The inappropriate images and the sounds coming from the room made her cheeks gradually heat up.

She then coughed and immediately turned her head, trying to avoid Song Chen's gaze.

But as soon as she turned her head, Song Chen came closer and whispered into her ear, "Jingjing, that man is Princess Consort Yan's younger brother."

The man's voice was very low at the moment, speaking close to her ear.

His breath somehow felt familiar to Shen Ruoqing, just like Chu Cichen's...

She had kissed Chu Cichen before...

So Shen Ruoqing was slightly stunned again.

She tightened her jaw, and her body unconsciously stiffened.

She then looked Song Chen up and down, feeling that familiar sensation again...

She furrowed her brows and heard Song Chen continue, "Princess Consort Yan's younger brother and Princess Consort Ji are of the same age. I didn't expect them to be lovers. Moreover, as far as I know, Princess Consort Yan's real brother is the commander of the palace guards, and Ji Wuyou is under his command... Jingjing, are you listening to what I'm saying?"

Shen Ruoqing suddenly came to her senses and nodded immediately. 'Of course, I'm listening.'

She coughed to cover up the heat on her cheeks. "Regarding Ji Wuyou, Yu Jing did find out some information tonight. Ji Wuyou's mother and Ji Nana's mother indeed fought fiercely. It was said that Ji Wuyou's mother was once pregnant, but Ji Nana's mother caused her to miscarry... So the two really have irreconcilable hatred. '

As Shen Ruoqing spoke, she saw Song Chen nod and show a thoughtful expression.

Only then did she realize... Why did she tell all this to Song Chen?

She had never paid much attention to Song Chen back in China.

She was very clear that she only liked Chu Cichen, so when she visited Song Chen in the hospital several times, she ignored him to avoid getting entangled and making all three of them uncomfortable.

But now, she seemed to be unconsciously getting closer to Song Chen.

This was very dangerous!

Chu Cichen was at home taking care of their three children, and she couldn't be out flirting with others.

Shen Ruoqing slapped her cheeks, trying to calm herself down.

She then coughed and looked into the room again.

At this point, the room had gone quiet, and the man was panting heavily.

Shen Ruoqing could see Princess Consort Ji kneeling on the ground, her clothes in disarray, her posture somewhat submissive when facing the man...

Shen Ruoqing frowned.

Women in Country A had a low status, but should they be this humble in such a situation?

As she was thinking, Song Chen's voice came from beside her. "What are you thinking about?"

Shen Ruoqing replied, "I'm thinking, this man isn't very good!"

Song Chen. "?"

Shen Ruoqing narrowed her eyes. "It didn't last very long."

Song Chen.

Shen Ruoqing narrowed her eyes. "It didn't last very long."

Song Chen.

Shen Ruoqing touched her chin.

Song Chen coughed and his eyes flickered a few times. "I'll work on my stamina in the future."

Upon hearing this, Shen Ruoqing was full of question marks.

She slowly turned her head and saw Song Chen's ears turning red. His gaze was filled with shyness and seriousness.

Shen Ruoqing.

She fell silent. 'Actually, it doesn't matter to me how you are.'

Song Chen paused slightly, realizing that he had inadvertently spoken his inner thoughts, but his face didn't show the disappointment of being rejected. Instead, a smile hung between his brows. "Yes, it has nothing to do with you."

Shen Ruoqing.

This guy must be crazy, being so happy even after being rejected.

Could it be that Song Chen was a masochist deep down?

As she let her thoughts wander, she heard a few lines of dialogue coming from the room. "Princess Consort Ji, are you satisfied today?"

The man was putting on his pants while smiling.

The curtain was very transparent, so Shen Ruoqing could see the man's side profile.

He was very charming, quite different from Ji Wuyou's stubbornness. His demeanor exuded a sense of being a dandy.

Hearing his words, Princess Consort Ji, who had been lying on the ground, slowly began to straighten her clothes. She then said softly, 'Very satisfied.'

'That's good.' The man gave a strange smile, walked over to Princess Consort Ji, and gently patted her face. "Remember to leave the door open tomorrow." After that, he straightened his clothes and left.

His shirt had never been messy or taken off throughout the entire encounter.

After he left, Princess Consort Ji finally adjusted her clothes and slowly stood up. After an unknown amount of time, there were gradually sounds from outside. It was her maidservant returning.

The servant stood outside and asked, "Your Highness, may I come in?"

Princess Consort Ji didn't respond immediately but first walked to the window and closed it. She then pulled the heavy curtain before saying, "Come in.'

The maid pushed the door and entered, frowning as soon as she came in.

"What's that smell?"

Princess Consort Ji said lightly, "It might be the smell of a new fragrance?"

Luckily, the maid didn't pay it any mind.

Shen Ruoqing and Song Chen listened outside, and Song Chen suddenly understood something. "No wonder she didn't close the window while sleeping at night, as though she purposely wanted us to see... It's actually to disperse the smell.'

At these words, Shen Ruoqing asked subconsciously, 'What smell?"

Song Chen.

Shen Ruoqing suddenly turned her head to look at Song Chen, her face full of confusion.

Under her gaze, Song Chen's face slowly turned red, his eyes wandering for a moment. "It should be the scent of gardenia, right?"

Shen Ruoqing was surprised. 'There are no gardenias in her room, so how could there be this kind of fragrance?"



Song Chen stuttered and couldn't speak.

Shen Ruoqing hesitated but still pressed on. "So, why is there that kind of smell? Is this very suspicious? What exactly is Princess Consort Ji up to?"

Song Chen suddenly reached out and pointed her head toward the room. "After men and women make love, there will be that kind of smell!" Shen Ruoqing.

She finally understood and her face flushed red instantly.

In this aspect, she indeed didn't know much...

Shen Ruoqing immediately changed the topic. "So, Princess Consort Ji is involved with someone else and deliberately planned for you to have a relationship with me so I would bear a child for her?"

This topic was too blunt, and Shen Ruoqing didn't know if Song Chen could understand her.

As Shen Ruoqing was pondering, she heard Song Chen's low laughter beside her.

The laughter seemed to gently scratch her heart through her eardrums, causing Shen Ruoqing's heartbeat to accelerate momentarily. It was as if she was electrified.

She coughed and was about to leave with Song Chen as they had seen enough of the exciting content. But at this moment, Princess Consort Ji's door was suddenly knocked on again.

Someone was looking for Princess Consort Luo?

It was so late at night, so who could it be?

As Shen Ruoqing thought about it, she heard the maid open the door. Princess Consort Luo's voice then rang out. "Sister Ji, I have something to tell you, can you let your maid leave first?"

Princess Consort Ji spoke weakly, 'You can leave first.'

After the maid left and closed the door, Shen Ruoqing heard Princess Consort Luo laugh. 'Sister Ji, I saw it.'

Princess Consort Ji panicked. "What did you see?"

Princess Consort Luo laughed again. "Tonight, after His Majesty left my room,

I was very angry and couldn't sleep, so I came to chat with you. Then I saw Commander Yan leaving your room..."

Shen Ruoqing.

Her eyes widened, feeling that the drama had just begun!

She had come to catch the affair because of Ji Wuyou's reminder, but she hadn't expected that by coincidence, Princess Consort Luo would also come!

Now, the story was getting interesting!

As expected, Princess Consort Luo laughed. "I'm going to tell His Majesty now that you're having an affair with a guard. You're done for, haha!"

Princess Consort Ji was terrified, and she immediately grabbed Princess Consort Luo. "Don't! I beg you, don't! I pose no threat to you. You and I both know that the only one who can compete with you for the queen's position is Princess Consort Yan! I can tell you a secret about Princess Consort Yan, please spare me!"

Princess Consort Luo indeed laughed. "Well, let's see if your secret is worth it..."

She pricked up her ears and heard Princess Consort Ji say. "Princess Consort Yan secretly holds a child of His Majesty's bloodline in her hands!"

Shen Ruoqing was stunned for a moment.

Could it be that the person who had sought her to bear a child was Princess Consort Yan?