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Chapter 2421: Ying Bao (24)

Before Huangfu Xuanye could reply, Ying Bao had already picked up the fruit knife and started to peel the apple.

Huangfu Xuanye could not help but worry when he saw the little girl cutting the apple with her knife. He was afraid that she would cut his hand.

It was Huangfu Xuanye's first time seeing Ying Bao peel an apple. The hand that she was holding the knife with was trembling a little. Instead of calling it peeling an apple, it would be more accurate to say that she had a grudge against an apple. With one slice, a huge pit was formed.

"If you don't know how to do it, let me do it!" Huangfu Xuanye could not stand it anymore.

"It's okay, I can do it! I have to practice more! My parents never let me touch knives but I have to grow up and do things by myself. I can't always rely on them for everything."

Ying Bao said as she peeled the apple.

She was probably traumatized by the experience of being kidnapped when she was young. She could not help but tremble whenever she touched a knife hand all these years.

She knew that it was a psychological problem. She had always wanted to overcome it.

"You're a princess. You don't have to do it yourself. Someone will help you."

Huangfu Xuanye felt that she could be a happy princess for the rest of her life. It didn't matter if she didn't know how to cook or perform chores. There would be servants who could do them well.

"I know I'm a princess, but I don't want to be a useless princess!"

Ying Bao smiled at Huangfu Xuanyuan.

Huangfu Xuanye understood what she was thinking and did not say anything else.

Huangfu Xuanye could not help but laugh as he looked at the round and fat apple. It seemed to have gone through a "weight loss regime" after Ying Bao's ravaging. It had become slim and trim.

"I'm almost done! Look at how fast and well I peeled it... Ah..."

Indeed, one should never be conceited too soon. Ying Bao was about to finish peeling the apple and decided to show off. In the end, she cut her index finger and cried out in pain.

"What's wrong? Did you cut yourself? Let me see!"

Huangfu Xuanye took the fruit knife and apple from her hand and pulled her hand over to check her wound.

There was a bloody wound on her index finger and blood was flowing out. Ying Bao frowned in pain and subconsciously wanted to wrap it with a napkin.

“Don't move! Let me do it!”

Huangfu Xuanye did not let Ying Bao do it. Instead, he leaned over and directly sucked on her bloody finger.

Ying Bao widened her eyes in shock at his sudden action. Her sore fingers were quickly enveloped by a moist and warm touch.

“Uncle...”

Ying Bao was actually a little embarrassed. She wanted to pull her hand back, but Huangfu Xuanye did not let her go.

After a few minutes, he took out her finger. When he looked at the wound again, it was no longer bleeding. The thin wound had already closed up.

“Alright, the bleeding has stopped,” Huangfu Xuanye said seriously, not thinking about anything else. Ying Bao, on the other hand, was blushing because of the contact.

Huangfu Xuanye was focused on her finger and did not notice the change in her expression. At this moment, a nurse came in and he asked the nurse to bring him a band-aid and an alcohol cotton ball.

The nurse brought it over to him, and he carefully wiped Ying Bao's wound with an alcohol swab before putting a band-aid on it.

He raised his head and noticed that her face was as red as a cooked shrimp. “Cherry, what's wrong?”

“I'm fine now.” Ying Bao finally pulled her hand back and shook her head.

Huangfu Xuanye did not notice the change in her mentality. He only told her, “Don't try to act tough next time. Your parents refuse to let you touch the knife because they're worried that you would hurt yourself. Now the facts have proven that you really can't touch a knife casually.”

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Ying Bao was acting like a child who had misbehaved. She did not speak and listened quietly to his nagging.

Huangfu Xuanye tidied her up and picked up the apple she had just peeled. “But this is your first time peeling an apple. I'll eat it.”

“Stop eating! There's not much flesh left.”

“It's fine. It's delicious.”

Huangfu Xuanye took a big bite. He felt that the apple that Ying Bao peeled was more delicious than any fruit he had ever eaten before.

After eating the apple, Huangfu Xuanye looked at the time and reminded her, "Don't stay up late tonight. Go back and have a good rest. You still have to go to school tomorrow."

"Okay."

"Go back and practice well. I'll be waiting to watch your show," Huangfu Xuanye encouraged.

"Uncle, are you coming to watch my show?" Ying Bao asked.

"Yes. I'll cheer you on."

"Really? That's great!"

Ying Bao was elated. They had made an agreement. At night, someone from the palace came to pick Ying Bao up and she went home reluctantly.

Soon after she left, another person came to the ward.

Tang Feimo went to the ward to look for Huangfu Xuanye, but the guards were guarding the door and did not let him in.

"Please tell the king that I want to meet him."

After the guard reported, Tang Feimo was invited into the ward.

Huangfu Xuanye thought he was looking for Ying Bao and thus, told him, "If you're here for Ying Bao, she just went back to the palace."

"No, I'm not here for her. I'm here for you."

Tang Feimo sat down in front of him. He looked at Huangfu Xuanye and said, "I hit you this time because I was too impulsive. I apologize to you now."

If it wasn't for Ying Bao, Tang Feimo would not have come to apologize.

"It's okay."

Huangfu Xuanye already knew that his relapse was related to his drinking. No wonder Tang Feimo punched him.

Since Tang Feimo had apologized, Huangfu Xuanye forgave him. Seeing that Tang Feimo had no intention of leaving, he asked, "Is there anything else?"

"Can you let go of Cherry?"

"Me? What?"

Huangfu Xuanye could not understand. He had already chosen to let go and was willing to give him and Ying Bao his well wishes. Why was he still saying such things?

“You're the king of a country, and I'm just an ordinary person. In terms of strength, I'm no match for you. But I love Ying Bao. I've liked her since she was young, I've worked hard to become more mature all these years. My only wish is to be with Ying Bao when I grow up. I want to marry her in the future and take care of her for the rest of my life. That's why I'm afraid that she will be snatched away by you. Well, because I don't have the confidence to pull her back from you now.”

'As a bystander, Tang Feimo could already feel that Ying Bao cared about Huangfu Xuanye the most.

He had been in China for the past few years, and Huangfu Xuanye had been by Ying Bao's side when she needed to be comforted the most. He was so important to her that one could replace him.

Tang Feimo had lost his best chance!

Seeing how much Ying Bao cared about Huangfu Xuanye made his heart ache. He was very upset and nervous. That was why he had come to talk to Huangfu Xuanye.

Of course, if Ying Bao knew about this, she would definitely ignore him even more!

After Tang Feimo finished speaking, the room fell into silence. Huangfu Xuanye did not speak for a long time.

“Forget it, just pretend I didn't say anything!”

In the end, Tang Feimo let out a self-deprecating laughter. He felt as if he was trying to persuade a lion not to eat meat.

“T still have something to do. I'll leave first.”

Chapter 2423: Ying Bao (26)

Tang Feimo had already said all that there was to say and thus, he stood up to leave. However, at this moment, Huangfu Xuanye exclaimed, “Wait!”

Tang Feimo stopped in his tracks and turned to look at Huangfu Xuanye who was leaning against the bed frame, with a warm and kind expression on his face.

He said, “Who said you can't beat me? At least you're younger than me and you live longer than me! I should be the one who's envious. Tang Feimo, I've already lost the right to compete with you for Cherry. You said that someone who can only live for ten years at most has no right to be in love.”

“Tang Feimo was shocked.

“You should know what's wrong with me. It's a hereditary heart disease. But you probably don't know that someone who is diagnosed with this disease will not have any longer than ten years left to live. How can I hold Ying Bao back for the sake of those ten years of my life?”

Huangfu Xuanye's eyes lit up as he spoke, his heart full of melancholy.

“Cherry doesn't belong to me, and I don't have the right to have her either. I hope you can work hard to treat her well and treat her well for the rest of your life. This is also what I want to ask of you!”

Huangfu Xuanye's words were extremely sincere. As a high and mighty king of a country, he had lowered himself to beg Tang Feimo. This was already beyond the imagination of ordinary people.

Tang Feimo was shocked. He realized how narrow-minded he was compared to Huangfu Xuanye.

His love was too selfish. And the love Huangfu Xuanye gave Ying Bao was care, respect, and more than that, he was giving her his all.

This was what it meant to love someone!

Tang Feimo was ashamed of his selfishness and apologized again. "I'm sorry, I didn't know... I've always seen you as my love rival... Don't worry, I'll definitely treat her well."

"Thank you."

Huangfu Xuanye thanked him and smiled at him.

The rivalry between the two was quietly resolved. After walking out of the ward, Tang Feimo felt like his heart had gotten heavier.

He seemed to have been entrusted by Huangfu Xuanye. For the rest of his life, he had to work harder to love Ying Bao because she did not belong only to him.

The next day, Ying Bao went to school for lessons. She sat in the classroom and listened to her form teacher teach but she kept thinking about Huangfu Xuanye who was in the hospital.

Still feeling worried, Ying Bao secretly sent Huangfu Xuanye a message under the table.

In the hospital, Huangfu Xuanye heard a notification on his phone. He picked it up and saw Ying Bao's message.

[Uncle, are you okay now? How are you feeling today?]

Huangfu Xuanye looked at the time and guessed that Ying Bao might have sent him a message during class. He immediately replied:

(Cherry, don't slack off in class. Focus on the lesson!]

[It's fine. It's not an important class. I'm bored anyway.]

The two of them began to chat. Yi Row'er, who was sitting diagonally behind Ying Bao, saw that Ying Bao was playing with her phone in class. She thought that she had gotten hold of something against Ying Bao and immediately stood up to report to the form teacher. "Teacher! Huo Yinyin is playing with her phone in class!"

The form teacher turned to look at Ying Bao. Ying Bao pressed her phone down with a book. There was a rule in the classroom that students were not allowed to play with their phones during class.

So the form teacher came over and opened her book, only to see that her phone was on the desk.

The homeroom teacher did not let her off just because she was a princess. Instead, he confiscated her phone.

“Hey, teacher

Ying Bao wanted to take it back, but it was already too late. After the homeroom teacher took her phone away, he continued with the lesson.

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She turned around and saw Yi Rou'er looking at her smugly. Ying Bao hated Yi Rou'er.

Now that Yi Rou'er had told on her and caused her phone to be confiscated, there was no way she could get it back. She could only sit quietly in the classroom and continue listening.

After Huangpu Xuanye sent the message, Ying Bao did not reply. He kept thinking about her.

He thought that it might be because she was in class and could not reply to messages, so he did not continue to chat with her.

After the class was finally over, the teacher called Ying Bao's name and asked her to go to the office.

'When Ying Bao arrived at the office, the homeroom teacher handed the phone back to her and said, “Huo Yinyin, I hope that you can pay attention in class in the future. You are a very smart girl. As long as you are willing to study hard, you will definitely see a breakthrough in your grades. I hope that you can work hard and not disappoint the king and queen's expectations for you!”

The homeroom teacher tried his best to persuade her. He hoped that she could improve her academic grades so that he could answer to the king and queen.

Otherwise, the entire school would be keeping an eye on her, a special student from his class. He would also be under a lot of pressure as their homeroom teacher.

“Tunderstand, Teacher.”

“Okay, here's your phone. Don't play with your phone in class again next time,” the homeroom teacher said as he handed the phone back to her. “You'd better not get into a relationship now and focus on your studies!”

Ying Bao was dismayed. “But I'm not in a relationship!”

“Okay, it would be best if that's the case. Go!”

She took her phone and left the teacher's office. When she met Yi Rou'er in the corridor, Ying Bao stopped her and said, “Yi Rou'er, if you try to target me again, don't blame me for being impolite next time!”

Yi Rourou was indignant. “Who's targeting you? Everyone saw you playing with your phone in class. I'm not the one who spread rumors about you. Also, everyone knows about your poor grades. If you weren't the king's daughter, do you think you could have been accepted by this school with your grades?”

“So what? My academics have nothing to do with you, right?”

“They do have nothing to do with me, but I just can't accept it. Your results are so terrible. Why are you always ahead of me? If your results are better than mine, I have nothing to say but you are clearly using your status to make yourself special!”

Yi Rou'er yelled insistently.

“Is that why you're always picking on me?” Ying Bao asked. “Are you saying that as long as my results are better than yours, you won't try to compete with me?”

“How can you beat me?” said Yi Rou'er who had always been proud of her stellar academic achievements and had never taken Ying Bao seriously.

“Just you wait!”

Ying Bao glared at her and went straight back to her class.

It was not impossible for her to surpass Yi Rourou. She was currently ranked 10th from the bottom of the class. Yi Rourou was in the top 10 and there were dozens of students in between. Ying Bao felt that if she worked hard enough, she should be able to catch up.

Just wait and see!

'When her results were up, she would slap Yi Rourou's face with the report card!

After this incident, Ying Bao originally had no concept or thoughts about studying. Now, she had also started to study hard. She listened attentively in class and would do her homework when she went home.

After school, Ying Bao asked the driver to send her straight to the hospital to visit her uncle.

Huangpu Xuanye asked when he saw her, “Were you paying attention in class at the end? I hadn't received your reply.”

“Yes. I can't use my phone during class,” Ying Bao said simply. She did not tell him what had happened during the day.

“Does your finger still hurt?”

Huangpu Xuanye looked at her finger and asked with concern.

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Ying Bao took a look at the band-aid on her finger. Her mind was filled with images of him sucking her finger last night. Her cheeks began to bum again. She shook her head and said, “It doesn't hurt anymore.”

“Okay. There aren't any big problems with me. You don't have to come to see me every day. Just go straight home,” Huangfu Xuanye instructed.

“L know. I just wanted to tell you about my rehearsal this afternoon...”

Ying Bao began to talk about her interesting stories in school while Huangfu Xuanye listened attentively.

In the next few days, Ying Bao would attend classes and rehearse during the day. At night, she would come back to the hospital to visit Huangfu Xuanye.

Tang Feimo would occasionally come with her. He had been very well-behaved recently and did not say anything unpleasant in front of Huangfu Xuanye.

Ying Bao thought that he had changed his ways, but in reality, she did not know about the tacit agreement between the two men.

On the fifth day of Huangfu Xuanye's hospitalization, he was almost fully recovered. Jing Xi and Huo Yunshen came to visit him in the ward.

Huo Yunshen told him to stay in the hospital and recuperate, but Huangfu Xuanye felt that he was fine and decided to go back home.

If he continued to stay here, he would only become a distraction to Ying Bao. Therefore, leaving was the best arrangement.

Jing Xi asked, “Should we wait until Ying Bao comes back from school and inform her about this?”

“That's not necessary, we'll meet again next time. I promised Ying Bao that I would come to see her performance.”

He was actually afraid that Ying Bao would ask him to stay. As long as she begged him to stay, he might not be able to bear to leave.

So the best way was to leave without saying goodbye.

Jing Xi and Huo Yunshen respected Huangfu Xuanye's decision. Huo Yunshen ordered his men to prepare a private plane and send Huangfu Xuanye back to the Northern Kingdom safely.

After sending Huangfu Xuanye off, Huo Yunshen and Jing Xi returned to the Triumph Palace.

Yin Feng found some clues as usual and reported the situation to the king and queen.

It was only then that they realized it was a girl named Yi Na who had snuck into the palace, changed into the servants' clothes, and secretly drugged Huangfu Xuanye's wine.

Her target was also Huangfu Xuanye!

After learning the truth, Huo Yunshen immediately issued orders for this woman named Yi Na to be punished severely.

Yin Feng had investigated the background of the Yi family and learned that Yi Na's father was the owner of a large farm in the Dragon Kingdom. Huo Yunshen ordered his men to punish him and confiscate 80% of the Yi family's land.

Yi Na would never have thought that her failure would bring disaster to her family.

From then on, she could no longer show off that her father was the head of an agricultural family who owned seven or eight manors.

After school, Ying Bao asked the driver to send her to the hospital to visit Huangfu Xuanye.

However, when she arrived at the hospital ward, she found it strange that the guards were at the door. She walked into the ward and saw that the beds were empty. The sheets had already been replaced too.

Ying Bao was dumbfounded!

'Why isn't Huangfu Xuanye here?'

"Did he leave?"

'Why didn't anyone inform me?'

Ying Bao ran out of the ward in a moment of panic and happened to run into a nurse. She grabbed the nurse and asked anxiously, "Miss, may I know where the patient is?"

'The nurse glanced at the ward and said, "He's gone."

'The nurse walked away. Ying Bao stood where she was. She had misunderstood the nurse's words and mistakenly thought that the nurse meant that Huangfu Xuanye had passed. Her tears fell uncontrollably.

'Is Uncle dead?'

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Ying Bao was very upset. She ran out and asked the driver to send her back to the palace. She had to rush to the Northern Kingdom.

She thought that since Huangfu Xuanye was dead, the guards of the Northern Kingdom must have brought him back to the Northern Kingdom. Otherwise, given his personality, how could he have left without saying anything?

Chapter 2426: Ying Bao (29)

Ying Bao immediately ran back to the Triumph Palace to look for her mother. When she saw her mother, she threw herself into her arms and cried.

"What's wrong, Ying Bao?" Jing Xi asked when she noticed how devastated her daughter was.

"Waah... Mommy... Uncle... he left..."

Realizing that that was what she was upset about, Jing Xi smiled and comforted her. "Mommy knows. He has returned to the kingdom. He didn't wait for you to come back because he doesn't want you to worry. He said that he will still come to watch your performance on the day itself."

Hearing her mother's words, Ying Bao suddenly stood up from her arms and asked excitedly, "Mommy, you're saying... you're... Uncle, he... he's not dead?"

"Yeah, who said that Xuanye is dead? He has just gone home!"

Ying Bao was finally relieved. She wiped her tears and said, "Oh my! I thought... Ah... after all this, I thought... I was scared to death!"

Ying Bao regained her composure and patted her chest. She really felt that she had misunderstood the nurse's meaning just now. She had cried so much for nothing.

Knowing that Huangfu Xuanye had only returned to the country and not passed away, Ying Bao smiled happily and said, "Mommy, I'm so stupid"

"Ha..." Jing Xi looked at her daughter's face that was red from crying and asked, "I noticed that you're quite worried about Xuanye, aren't you?"

"Of course. Uncle is sick. How can I not be worried?"

"Then... would you be willing to take care of him everyday from now on?"

"Of course..." Ying Bao replied. She suddenly realized what her mother meant and was stunned.

Jing Xi did not ask anything else. Instead, she instructed her, "Okay, hurry up and go wash your face! Your face is stained with tears."

"Okay."

Ying Bao walked into the palace. She was still thinking about the question just now. Her mother had asked her if she was willing to take care of Huangfu Xuanye every day from now on. Her first thought was, 'Of course I'd be willing.

But wouldn't taking care of someone every day be a promise of a lifetime?

At this moment, Ying Bao did not really understand. She felt as if a crack had opened up in her pure heart and something was quietly pouring into it.

'When she thought of Huangfu Xuanye's face, she felt an indescribable feeling in her heart. She did not know when it started, but her feelings for him had undergone a subtle change.

She began to miss him whenever she was away from him. She hoped that he would keep his word and come to see her performance.

Northern Kingdom.

The private plane arrived at the capital of the Northern Kingdom.

Huangfu Xuanye returned to the Hua Er Palace under the protection of his entourage.

During the time he was away from the Northern Kingdom, numerous state affairs had piled up and were waiting for him to handle when he came back. Therefore, after he returned to the country, he did not rest for a moment and immediately began to deal with the problems.

When the ministers learned that the king was sick, they all urged him to recuperate. However, Huangfu Xuanye did not want to waste any time because his days were numbered.

He finished his work late at night and summoned his secretary, Sheng Yi, whom he then gave some instructions.

What he wanted Sheng Yi to do was not related to work, but personal matters. He planned to choose a suitable woman from the country to marry and make her his queen.

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Although he did not want to marry anyone else, his country needed an heir now.

He needed a woman who was willing to bear his child.

After all, he was choosing a queen. Other than being healthy, the candidate also had to have a correspondingly presentable family background. In that case, even if he passed away in the future, the family of his child's mother could provide a reliable guarantee for the child's future and prepare him to inherit the throne.

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He did not want the country to fall into chaos after he passed away. He did not want the country to fall apart because of the power struggle.

Therefore, it was imperative to find a suitable queen.

Sheng Yi accepted the order and quickly assigned the task.

The news that the king was going to choose a suitable marriage partner among the nobles in the country was released. All the women who saw the news were excited.

Huangfu Xuanye, who was only 30 years old, could be said to be the husband of the dreams of all the girls in the Northern Kingdom. Unfortunately, he had always been single and had never mentioned anything about getting married.

However, today, he actually took the initiative to hold a selection for a marriage partner. How could they not be excited?

All the nobles in the Northern Kingdom began to sign up for their daughter after they saw the news.

Not all applicants were granted a meeting with the king, They had to go through the first round of strict selections.

Those who were unchaste, unhealthy, or had had plastic surgery would all be disqualified.

In the end, almost a hundred candidates were selected.

Sheng Yi took the last dozen application forms and went to see the king. He asked the king to look at the photos on the forms and choose a suitable partner.

Before he reached the gate of the palace, Sheng Yi was stopped by someone. The person who stopped him was none other than the daughter of the palace steward, Shen Wanxin.

“What's the matter, Miss Shen?” Sheng Yi asked expressionlessly.

Shen Wanxin was 24 years old this year. She was quite pretty, but she was not stunningly gorgeous enough to turn heads. It was because her father was the head of the Hua Er Palace that she had the chance to be in charge of the affairs in the garden of the palace.

She was in love with Huangfu Xuanye and wanted to win the king's attention. She had put in a lot of effort in this aspect. She had already pretended to “encounter him by chance” more than a thousand times.

It was a pity that Huangfu Xuanye was never interested in women. He had no interest in Shen Wanxin, and thus, Shen Wanxin could not get his favor.

Now that the king was finally going to choose a queen, she had to fight for her chance.

She had been waiting here for a long time for Sheng Yi to pass by. When she saw him coming, she jumped out and blocked his way.

“Sheng Yi, I heard that His Majesty is going to choose a suitable marriage partner. As long as the conditions are met, you can sign up. Can you help me count?”

Shen Wanxin handed over her personal information and photos.

Sheng Yi took it and looked at it. He asked, “Has this photo of you been digitally retouched?”

Shen Wanxin quickly waved her hands. “No, no, absolutely not. There's no beauty enhancing filter or digital retouching, That's a selfie taken under good lighting conditions. If you don't believe me, you can compare it to my face!”

“Fine, I'll help you put it in. As for whether His Majesty will take a fancy to you, that will depend on your luck.”

Sheng Yi was giving her a chance to skip the queue because of her father.

Otherwise, based on the most fundamental criteria, her family background was not suitable.

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“Thank you, thank youa€!”

No matter what, Shen Wanxin was very happy to be able to hand over her application. She only hoped that God would be kind to her and let the king choose her at first glance.

From now on, she would become the queen of a country, and the Shen family would also be able to soar to new heights.

In the king's study.

Sheng Yi placed all the eligible profiles in front of Huangfu Xuanye. “Your Majesty, here are all the profiles of the eligible women. Please take a look.”

Since Shen Wanxin's information was the last to be handed over, Sheng Yi placed it first. Therefore, the first person Huangfu Xuanye saw was Shen Wanxin.

“Why is Shen Wanxin here?” Huangfu Xuanye asked.

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“Your Majesty, although Miss Shen is not as good as you expect, it's a good thing that she knows everything. Her father is the most loyal butler in the palace, and we have a good understanding of her in all aspects of her character. In my opinion, it's better to find a woman that you know and can control easily than a complete stranger.”

Sheng Yi analyzed from an objective point of view and only provided Huangfu Xuanye with a reference. Huangfu Xuanye took a look at Shen Wanxin's information and pondered for a moment. In the end, he decided. “Fine, let's do it with her! Call her over. I have something to say!”

“Your Majesty, why don't you take a look at the rest?”

Sheng Yi was dumbfounded. He regretted saying those words just now. He hoped that His Majesty could look at all the candidates. What if there was someone more suitable?

“I'm just looking for a marriage partner and a tool for childbirth. There's nothing to be choosy about. You're right. Butler Shen is loyal and devoted. From my father to my generation, he has assisted us until now. The palace is safe and sound. I can trust the character of people from the Shen family.” Huangfu Xuanye hoped that his child would have good morals. Therefore, the morals of the child's mother's family were also very important.

“Okay, Your Majesty. I'll let Miss Shen in now.”

After Sheng Yi left, he immediately informed Shen Wanxin to meet the king.

At first, Shen Wanxin did not have much hope. But now, she was suddenly informed that the king wanted to see her.

It was like a pie had fallen from the sky and hit her.

She never thought that she would be so lucky to be blessed by the God of Luck!

Shen Wanxin suppressed the excitement in her heart and went to the king's study. She walked into the grand study and saw the man standing in front of the bookshelf.

Just looking at his tall back was enough to make one's heart surge.

“Your Majesty...”

Shen Wanxin called out softly.

Huangfu Xuanye found a book and turned to look at her. “Have a seat!”

“Thank you, Your Majesty.”

Shen Wanxin was flattered and sat down gently on the chair in front of the desk.

Huangfu Xuanye returned to the table and put down his book. He looked at her and said, "Do you know why I chose my marriage partner this time?"

"Your Majesty, I don't quite understand. Don't you want to get married?"

Shen Wanxin was confused. What else could they do other than get married?

"It's true that I want to get married, but I just need a marriage partner. To put it bluntly, I need a woman to give birth to an heir for me and inherit the Northern Kingdom in the future."

Shen Wanxin nodded. "I understand, I understand."

"Yes, but I have to make one thing clear. If you marry me, you might become a widow in no time. Moreover, I won't get intimate with you after we get married. Our child will be conceived through IVF. If you can accept these conditions, then I can choose you to be the queen of the Northern Kingdom. Think through it carefully."

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Huangfu Xuanye's eyes were calm and his gaze was cold.

Shen Wanxin knew that the king liked Princess Cherry from the Dragon Kingdom. She heard that he went to the Dragon Kingdom to celebrate Princess Cherry's birthday.

However, now that he had suddenly come back and said that he wanted to find someone to marry, it was inevitable that people would misunderstand that he might have suffered a blow in the Dragon Kingdom. Perhaps it was because Princess Cherry had rejected him that he had decided to find someone to marry at the last minute.

As for the possibility of becoming a widow, she knew that he was sick because she had already heard about it from her father. But who would care about that?

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As long as she could take the throne of the empress and give birth to a royal son, her son would become the king and she would be the king's mother forever.

With supreme power, she wouldn't have to be afraid of not being able to find a man.

Shen Wanxin's expression was a little stiff, but it was only for a moment. She quickly regained her confidence and said, "Your Majesty, don't worry. I can fulfill all these conditions. I can agree to them."
"why?"

Huangfu Xuanye wanted to know if a woman was willing to stay by a man's side only because of his power.

"Because... because I've always loved you, Your Majesty..."

Shen Wanxin mustered her courage and confessed. What she said was the truth. She was not afraid of being surveyed by the king.

Huangfu Xuanye did not say anything, He stared at her silently for a while and nodded. "Okay. Then prepare yourself. You might have to marry me in a few days."

Shen Wanxin was overjoyed, but she did not show much joy on her face. She pretended to be shy and nodded. "I understand, Your Majesty. I will abide by your arrangements."

Ever since Huangfu Xuanye returned to the country, Ying Bao had been focusing on her studies every day. She had really put in a lot of effort to compete with Yi Rourou. She was eager to learn and did not forget to participate in the rehearsal at the drama club.

Tang Feimo often came to look for her. He could feel the change in Ying Bao. In the past, she would often skip class to come and look for him, but she had never skipped class during this period of time. In the past, whenever she read, she would feel sleepy. But now, whenever Ying Bao and Tang Feimo met, she would not forget to bring her books with her. She would read even while eating.

Tang Feimo felt that there was something wrong with Ying Bao. He asked, "Cherry, are you okay recently? Why did you suddenly fall in love with studying?"

Ying Bao replied without even raising her head, "I must study hard and surpass that Yi Rourou. I must let her see that I'm better than her!"

Tang Feimo finally realized that she was competing with her classmate.

That was good too. Her parents wouldn't have to worry about her not studying hard enough.

"When is your performance?" Tang Feimo asked as he intended to watch her performance when the time comes.

"It's seven o'clock this Saturday at Mo City Theater."

"Okay, I'll cheer you on."

"Yes, Uncle said he'll also be there to watch my performance," Ying Bao added.

Tang Feimo did not say anything. He was very grateful to Huangfu Xuanye for letting Ying Bao go.

He had already obtained some information about the Northern Kingdom through certain channels. He heard that after Huangfu Xuanye returned to the country, he would choose a marriage partner across the country.

Ying Bao probably didn't know about this yet. If she did, what would she think?

Tang Feimo did not divulge anything for the time being. He would wait until Huangfu Xuanye came to the Dragon Kingdom and personally explain it to Ying Bao!

After a period of rehearsals, Ying Bao's performance, Sleeping Beauty, was scheduled to take place at the big theater in Mo City.

That night, Huo Yunshen, Jing Xi, and the other children went to the theater in Mo City to watch Ying Bao's performance.

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Their family kept a low profile and had booked a private room on the second floor of the theater in advance.

Apart from them, Jing Xi also invited Ye Xun and Huo Sanyan's family of four to watch the performance.

Both of Ye Xun's children were about eight or nine years old. They were only one year apart from Strawberry. The three little kids could play together.

Little Apple and Little Grape were slightly older and quieter. They did not jump around like their siblings.

The two families waited for a long time. When it was about time, a host went on stage to announce the start of tonight's performance.

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There were no empty seats below the stage. Many people heard that there would be a princess from the Dragon Kingdom acting in the drama performance tonight. They were curious and wanted to see what was going on.

The programs began, one after another.

At this time, Ying Bao and all the actresses from the drama club were preparing backstage. Ying Bao had already changed into her first costume before turning into the witch's fairy costume. She was standing beside Yi Rou'er, who was wearing a princess dress.

If there was no comparison, there would be no harm. No matter how one looked at it, everyone would feel that Ying Bao's character as a fairy was more ethereal.

Ying Bao was holding a script in her hand. She looked through the gap in the curtain and saw the audience sitting under the light outside. She was a little excited and asked Tang Feimo, "Brother Feimo, are my Daddy and Mommy here? Where are they?"

"They're all in the private room on the second floor."

"Is the king here yet?" Ying Bao asked as she couldn't make out the situation outside clearly.

"Uha€} I don't know. I think he's already here!"

Tang Feimo did not know about this. He had always been backstage and had no idea what was going on outside.

"Our show is at the end of the lineup. I'm really worried that our performance will fail!"

Ying Bao was getting impatient. The longer they waited, the more tired the judges and audience would become.

"Don't worry. Just relax and go all out."

"Okay."

'When it came to acting, Ying Bao really could not guarantee that she could act well. After all, her parents were once the best in the entertainment industry. If she acted well, it could be attributed to her parents' genes since she was their daughter. If she did not act well, it would be a great disgrace to them.

Therefore, being a princess was also very tiring. The pressure in her heart was greater.

It was finally time for the last performance of the night. Hearing the emcee announce "Sleeping Beauty," Ying Bao and the rest of the crew began to gather and go on stage according to the script.

The first scene was played by Ying Bao's character as an elf. She took a deep breath, walked onto the stage, and began to perform according to the script.

The original story of Sleeping Beauty began with the story of King Stefan and Queen Leah giving birth to the little princess, Aurora. The whole country congratulated the king and queen.

However, the version of Sleeping Beauty that Ying Bao was acting in had a different beginning than that of the fairytale. It began with the explanation that the young Stefan had met and fallen in love with the fairy princess, Maleficent, whom Ying Bao played.

'The human race and fairies were incompatible. Stefan had betrayed the fairy princess for the sake of obtaining the throne. He had cut off her wings while she was sleeping.

Stefan took her wings and became the new king of the human race, subsequently marrying Princess Leah.

However, when the fairy princess woke up, she realized that her wings had been clipped by the man she loved. Moreover, the man had already become the king of the human race and married Princess Leah.

In a fit of anger, the fairy princess, Maleficent, had set up a wall of thorns between the fairies and the humans. She, who was originally kind, had turned into an evil witch because of her betrayal and harm.

Ying Bao expressed her feelings very vividly. She could completely express the pain and despair felt by the princess after she was betrayed.

She had indeed inherited her parents' acting skills.

The background of the stage quickly changed. Next came the opening scene of the fairy tale.

Not long after, King Stephen and Queen Leah gave birth to their lovely daughter, Aurora. The whole country congratulated them, and a fairy gave the best wishes to Princess Aurora.

However, this was the turning point of the drama.