

## Weaponsmith 251

### Chapter 251: This relates to the state

Ashen faced was the Empress Dowager.

Although she understood what the Imperial Empress was conveying, but when she recalled the trickery by family of Valiant Martial Manor playing her like a fool, she could not help but be angered.

“Ai jia did not say that she is condemning Bai Ruoqi of her crimes now. Shouldn’t everything be investigated first right? We still need to wait a few days for evidence to be found?”

As the Imperial Empress was struggling to produce an appropriate response, the Imperial Tutor spoke out.

“Your Highness Empress Dowager, forgive this old man’s words. Even if we find evidence, we cannot declare Second Young Miss Bai’s crime!”

Glaring, the Empress Dowager replied with displeasure: “Imperial Tutor, Ai jia and the Emperor have always held high regard for you. But you cannot disregard state law! Although Bai Ruoqi is your disciple, since there is evidence for her crime, she must accept the consequences!”

“Then I ask Your Highness, what crimes are you condemning Bai Ruoqi? Frankly speaking, she merely plotted against her own younger sister and this did not implicate any lives. Frankly these are all affairs of Valiant Martial Manor! Even if it were the Royal Family, you cannot freely butt into the family affairs of another right? Even if Doctor Liu’s words are true, it only proves that Bai Ruoqi’s character is bad, it is not enough to imprison her!”

“This....”

The Imperial Tutor spoke with justice and logic, shutting the Empress Dowager up in an instant.

The Empress Dowager knew the Imperial Tutor was only acting on behalf of his new disciple to shed her of her crimes. Yet she could not refute in any way.

This was because the Imperial Tutor’s words were all correct. This was a matter between young ladies of the family. And according to logic, outsiders held no rights to meddle in their affairs. If it weren’t because Bai Ruoli being the daughter of Bai Liufeng, it would be impossible for her to but in.

Furthermore, the Imperial Tutor had a very high standing. Just like the Imperial Empress, she could not force them to abide by her wishes.

Wrinkling her brows, the Empress Dowager said: “This would not be considered a crime, but she can’t possibly become the Imperial Consort of the Crown Prince’s? Imperial Consort to the Crown Prince.....would be the future Imperial Empress, mother of the country! With her character, how will she be a good role model to young girls? This will impact the fate of your country!”

The Imperial Tutor replied: “Absolutely improbable, Your Highness Empress Dowager! If we do allow Bai Ruoqi to the Crown Prince’s Consort, this would be the thing to impact the fate of our country!”

“This words? How come Ai jia does not understand?”

The Imperial Tutor began to explain: “Your Highness Empress Dowager, think about this carefully. So many small countries surround South Yue and their power is about the same. Which country does not wish to obtain a future fourth realm expert as their Imperial Empress? If our Crown Prince is unwilling to take Bai Ruoqi as his Imperial Consort, this might give other Royal households to snatch her away!”

These words troubled the Emperor.

During this time, he listened to the conversation between the Empress Dowager and Imperial Tutor from the side and did not speak up until now. He could no longer help himself: “Imperial Tutor, your words make sense.....”

Furiously the Empress Dowager cut in: “Even if this is the case, we cannot allow her to become the Imperial Empress! Anyway, Ai jia does not agree to wed her to the Crown Prince. Apart from the Crown Prince, are there not many other Princes? The Third Prince is also a fourth grade talent although a bit inferior, he can barely qualify!”

Hearing this, the Imperial Empress was all the more anxious.

What she fear most was the Third Prince taking her future daughter-in-law!

“Your Highness Empress Dowager, quell your anger. Although the difference between a fourth grade talent and fifth grade talent is merely a single grade, but this difference is as different as the sky and earth! How would Bai Ruoqi be willingly to wed the Third Prince?”

The Empress Dowager knew this as well. She spoke the truth, but the Empress Dowager remained angered: “Why would she be unwillingly? Afterall, the person with the engagement to the Crown Prince is Bai Liufeng’s daughter Bai Ruoli! She is the cockatoo occupying the magpie’s nest!”

## **Chapter 252: That year’s engagement**

The Emperor let loose a sigh, feeling somewhat at a loss.

“That’s right. Despite Bai Ruoqi’s crimes, if we allowed her to become the Crown Prince’s Imperial Consort, how would I possibly explain to Bai Liufeng if he returns? Sigh....I’ve just recalled how just he was. If this promise was to be broken where Zhen also allows his daughter to be bullied, how can there still be justice?”

The Imperial Tutor snorted from the side and turned a bit depressed.

He remembered when Bai Liufeng was still a child, the Imperial Tutor was already a top expert of South Yue.

At that time, when the Imperial Tutor saw Bai Liufeng who just entered the first realm of cultivators, he wished to take that child as his disciple. But the result? He was rejected by this commoner born child.

The Imperial Tutor had always been an easy to anger person with low tolerance. At the time of his rejection, he felt very offended. But he could not find an opportunity to take revenge.

The reason being the sheer speed of Bai Liufeng's advancement. It was flying fast, a speed that far surpassed the imaginations of people like the Imperial Tutor.

Superior talent, eighth grade talent. At the age of seventeen, he had reached the fourth realm and stood on equal footing at the Imperial Tutor.

In the next few years, it was a path of breakthroughs. Afterwards, the Imperial Tutor could no longer tell the level Bai Liufeng had attained.

Not only this, Bai Liufeng had replaced his position and became the one the Emperor relied on most and trusted most!

Fortunately after a few years, Bai Liufeng mysteriously disappeared allowing the Imperial Tutor to regain his lost position.

But the degree of trust the Emperor held for Bai Liufeng always far surpassed the Imperial Tutor's.

He did not expect that even after so many years of Bai Liufeng's disappearance, the Emperor would still feel guilt over the mistreatment of his daughter. When the Imperial Tutor heard the Emperor's words, the Imperial Tutor's mood turned foul.

In his eyes, no matter the contribution Bai Liufeng had given, those were all past affairs.

Under the current circumstance, Bai Ruoli is a typical trash. Without the protection of her daddy, she should not obstruct the Crown Prince and affect his future and the future of the country!

Stroking his beard, he frowned slightly and sank deep into thought. Suddenly his eyes flashed with an idea.

"Your Majesty, this old one has an idea....that year you promised Lord Bai, you did not necessarily mean Bai Ruoli and the Crown Prince ah! You did not forget this right?"

Startled, the Emperor replied: "What? How could this be? Zhen clearly remembered that we were in the eastern Lotus Pavilion of the Yu Garden. At that time, Madam Bai had just fallen pregnant and had accompanied her husband into the Royal Palace. Mo Jun was only six at the time, and his talent had already been revealed. When Liufeng saw this, he was very pleased and Zhen brought it up as a joke....joke....."

Recalling the memory, the Emperor suddenly revealed an expression of surprise and stopped speaking.

The Imperial Tutor chuckled and laughed: "My Emperor, you have remembered? At the time, this old one was also present and heard the dialogue between you and Bai Liufeng. The child in Madam Bai's stomach if a female would naturally be the most talented female, while the Crown Prince is the most talented male. If the two most talented children were to become a pair, their children would be golden boys and jade maidens! A match made in heaven!"

The Emperor continued: "That's right, Zhen did say this."

Laughing, the Imperial Tutor continued his recount: "My Emperor, please look. What you said at the time, was to bestow South Yue's most talented female as his spouse, so naturally this still means the Crown Prince and Bai Ruoqi! This is completely unrelated to Bai Ruoli ah?"

“But....” The Emperor continued to waver, “If we must explain like this, wouldn’t this be a bit too forced? Back then, these words were clearly directed at the child in Madam Bai’s stomach, as such for Zhen’s words....furthermore, it was for Bai Liufeng that Zhen...”

### **Chapter 253: The engagement is finalized**

The Imperial Empress quickly voiced her support, “The Imperial Tutor speaks the truth! This concubine was also present at the time, so she heard those exact same words! Not to mention Bai Ruoqi is also Bai Liufeng’s niece. By choosing her, the Emperor is giving them great favour. As the proverb says, one pen cannot write two names. How can we say we are letting down Lord Bai?”

As the Imperial Empress spoke, her eyes shone with a grateful light.

Originally she was still distressing over how to convince the Emperor and Empress Dowager. But she was restricted by her harem status so those words could not be said.

The Imperial Tutor thus assisted her immensely. If she is able to make Bai Ruoqi the Crown Prince’s Imperial Consort, she must prepare a few precious gifts to really thank the Imperial Tutor!

That year when the Crown Prince became his disciple, it was the correct choice!

Listening to this, the Emperor thought those words sounded fair and did not refute them.

Thinking over it, the Imperial Empress Dowager spoke out carefully to supplement her previous words: “Emperor, allowing Bai Ruoli to marry into the Palace may not necessarily be helping her. If you truly wish the best for her, then you should not make her the Crown Prince’s Imperial Consort. And this way, you will be truly making the best decision for Bai Liufeng!”

The Emperor frowned at those words: “What do you mean by those words?”

The Imperial Empress explained: “Apart from the Imperial Consort, the Crown Prince also has four side concubines. All positions and titles that must be given in accordance to the law. As for these four side concubines, each must be chosen from prestigious families, all with talents of the second grade or higher. Bai Ruoli possesses a physique that does not allow her to cultivate, so even if she were to sit on the position of Imperial Consort, how can she possibly suppress the four side concubines? I’m afraid in the Crown Prince’s palace, it would be hard to avoid being bullied everyday.”

This was a big fact. A very reasonable argument.

As a result, after listening to their arguments, the Emperor’s biggest misgiving had been expelled. All that remained was a final sliver of hesitation.

“But, Wuwei Manor did mistreat Bai Ruoli....”

“This is very simple,” The Imperial Tutor cut in this time: “My Emperor, you can make a personal edict to punish Bai Liujing to denounce him of his crimes, but leave Bai Ruoqi out! Is he not forcefully occupying Bai Ruoli’s personal assets? Order him to return it double the value to Bai Ruoli and apologize on the spot. And for his daughter’s future, he will definitely agree!”

The Emperor nodded his head.

The Imperial Tutor continued at this signal: "As for Bai Ruoli's matters, this can be easily solved. Since there are still so many other Princes needing to select their concubines, apart from the Crown Prince, which ever one she takes fancy to shall be given to her for marriage! She is already a Lord, so we might as well add the title of Princess. For the marriage dowry, we shall give her the same status like a Princess. In this way, who will dare complain that the Emperor is mistreating Bai Liufeng's daughter?"

Considering for a period more, the Emperor finally gave in.

"The Imperial Tutor speaks great truth, then.....then we shall act like so!"

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The Emperor and company left the study and returned to the banquet hall. Unexpectedly, it was not tranquil at all.

Just as the Emperor and company left, the Bai Ruoqi slowly walked down from the stage.

On the way, not a single golden spooned young lady dared to make eye contact. The entire hall was exceptionally quiet.

Intimidating the entire scene, Bai Ruoqi felt quite pleased.

She turned her head to look at Bai Ruoqi.

She wished to see how clever and eloquent, crafty this damned girl could still be. Could she possibly be shivering from head to toe, paralyzed to putty?

On the contrary, the truth was the opposite of what she imagined.

Huang Yueli did not shake from fear, nor was she greatly startled. So much, that she didn't even bat an eye in Bai Ruoqi's general direction.

Head tilted, she supported it with her hand on the table. While her other hand pick up a piece of peach paste to slowly sample it.

#### **Chapter 254: It's all because the cake is too tasty**

Furthermore, as she ate, she also smacked her lips in a most indulging way; happiness plastered across her entire face.

Bai Ruoqi practically turned green and couldn't help but say: "Bai Ruoli, what are you doing?"

Only then did Huang Yueli notice her. Turning her head, she blinked her large watery eyes and displayed an innocent and pure smile. She then ate the remaining half of the peach cake.

"Eh? Second sister, I'm eating peach cakes? You couldn't have never tried them before? Let me tell you ah, this is very delicious; sweet and fragrant, soft and sticky. The Royal Palace's Chef's skills are too good! Hurry up and come taste them!"

Bai Ruoqi's forehead muscles tensed together as a flaming ball of anger rose in her heart, about to explode any minute.

Everyone else looked at Huang Yueli in shock as they wondered if Third Young Miss Bai's brain was broken or too filled with s\*\*t?

Could she not see? Bai Ruoqi planned to seek her debts!

Just then in front of the Empress Dowager, Huang Yueli made Bai Ruoqi suffer such a big loss and nearly captured for punishment. So now after Bai Ruoqi's display of her prowess, she planned to use her power to prove her unshakable status.

Bai Ruoqi planned to take revenge for the past event!

As long as she did not disfigure or disable Huang Yueli, in face of her astonishing talent, the Emperor will not punish her too severely.

Was Huang Yueli unable to make heads or tails of the circumstances or what?

Instead of hurriedly begging for forgiveness, she was still in the mood to eat? And deliberately brought a piece over for Bai Ruoqi to eat?

Later, she wouldn't even know how she died!

Only Li Moying did not worry for Huang Yueli in the slightest. He was looking at the little fox with a mixture of love and hate.

Looking at the remains of the cake still lingering on her tender lips, he resisted the urge to rush over and lick it off.

This little thing....why, even her calculating manner appeared so adorable?

Everytime he wished to give up, he could not help but pay attention to her. Everytime, without reason, his gaze was drawn back to her.....

Only, this adorable wittiness did not belong to him...

Choking for a moment and maybe because Bai Ruoqi's opinion of herself had changed, she did not flare up in anger.

Looking at Huang Yueli with hatred, she questioned: "Bai Ruoli, your stupidity act, did you really not see my display just then? You did not see my cultivation?"

Huang Yueli batted her eyes, "Eh, ah? I really didn't take notice, it's all because the cake is too tasty....."

This caused Bai Ruoqi to erupt, "Bai Ruoli, you still dare act?"

"When did I act?"

Huang Yueli's voice sounded as innocent as it could be.

Clenching her teeth, Bai Ruoqi glared at her. She could not believe it. Even with things reaching this degree, this damned girl she still held the ability to anger people to death!

If changed to normal times, she would have long taken out her whip. Fortunately she had some sense, she knew that if she acted this way in front of the Emperor, the titles of vicious and merciless will truly be solidified on her name.

Now, even though her current reputation was a bit tarnished, it could not influence her becoming the Crown Prince's Imperial Consort. But she did not wish for others to see her make a fool of herself again.

Realising this point, Bai Ruoqi released a breath and forcibly smothered the rage within.

"Bai Ruoli, the events earlier this morning, you forgot this quickly? In front of the Empress Dowager, you deliberately framed me ruining my name. You want this matter to pass over so easily?"

### **Chapter 255: Do not mind this Lord**

"But....." Huang Yueli vacantly muttered: "Second sister, I know that you lost face this morning and still feel very angry. But that isn't really related to me right? Did you hear me say a single bad word about you? No right? Everything said was through Imperial Physician Liu's own mouth. Everyone here can bear witness for me?"

Bai Ruoqi refuted in rage: "Shut up! Let's see who dares testify for you? Come out!"

Everyone lowered their heads, not daring to make a peep.

The previous Bai Ruoli didn't have any friends, so naturally no one would step out to sacrifice themselves for her. As for these golden spooned young ladies, even if they couldn't bear it, who would willingly put themselves in harm's way for someone they didn't even consider a friend? The person they will be offending will be the Crown Prince's Imperial Consort.

This caused Bai Ruoqi to look at Huang Yueli in triumph.

"Do you see, no one can testify for you! This proves that you are lying! Clearly it was you who deliberately slandered me and drugged your own cousin in the Royal Palace! Our Bai family.....how could we produce such a heartless and dog-hearted thing?"

Huang Yueli's slender fingers turned around to point at her own nose. Eyes wide open, her luscious eyelashes fluttered, much like a newborn forest fawn.

"Second sister, you are talking about me?"

"Pu——"

From the seats of the Princes, a sound came through and shattered the silence.

Everyone turned their heads to see the immortal-like Prince Yu take out a silk handkerchief to slowly wipe his mouth. His expression indifferent.

"Why are you all looking at this Lord? It was merely an accidental choke."

Fiercely, Bai Ruoqi glanced at Li Moying without the slightest bit of respect.

Although she did not know the reason for Prince Yu's intervention, but he was but a trash Prince. In front of Bai Ruoqi's current strength, even if he were a Prince, he still must show some courtesy to her. Let alone, Prince Yu who could not cultivate!

If Prince Yu planned to be the hero saving beauty, Bai Ruoqi will not give him any face!

But Li Moying did not reveal any expressions, and casually waved his hand.

"En, do not mind this Lord. You, continue, continue."

Only the gods knew if he truly intended to break the fight between the two. Huang Yueli's expression when she was playing with others was just too amusing to watch. So he momentarily lost control of himself and let out a small laugh. As a result, he could only hurriedly pretend to wipe his mouth.

Speaking of which, His Highness Prince was quite melancholic.

If this was seen through by that little fox, that he still cared very much about her words; oh how embarrassing that will be....oh dear.....

At least he was sensible!

Bai Ruoqi coldly snorted and turned her head back around to continued to speak to Huang Yueli: "Don't act stupid with me. I am speaking about you!"

Huang Yueli on the other hand, was still looking at Li Moying. But Li Moying had shifted to the side, a clear sign that he did not wish to look at her.

As feelings of sadness were bubbling, this caused her to miss Bai Ruoqi's words.

Looking at her, Bai Ruoqi was furious at her gall to be lost in thought.

"Bai Ruoli! Did you hear me??"

This looked like a shouting lioness, with a loud enough volume. Huang Yueli could no longer pretend to not hear her.

Scratching her ear, she looked at her innocently: "I am listening, listening. Second sister, please lower your volume, for you are South Yue's number one virtuous lady. Shouting so loudly, would be quite embarrassing....."

"Don't act naive! Bai Ruoli, let me tell you, today's events will not pass this easily!"

"Then....what do you wish to do to me?"

### **Chapter 256: Give you two paths**

Huang Yueli asked this question purely out of curiosity. Unfortunately Bao Ruoqi misunderstood this as fear.

She looked at Huang Yueli chillingly and said: "Very simple, I will give you two paths."

"Which two?"



“The first road will be you kowtowing to me three times and sincerely apologising. The kowtows must be loud enough so I can clearly hear them! Otherwise, you will kowtow until I am satisfied.”

Huang Yueli could not help but chuckle inside.

Bai Ruoqi really had a dark heart. If the sound was not loud enough, then she would deliberately make things difficult. If she could not hear anything, she must continue until there were sounds. By then her head would have probably be bleeding from all that smashing. There were even reports of people smashing their head unconscious!

Moreover, physical injury will be a trivial matter. To be tormented by someone like so, they would had lost their face all the way back home!

She asked again: “Then....the second path?”

A touch of sneer formed on Bai Ruoqi’s face.

“The second path.....since you are unwilling to apologise, for common people to denounce skilled cultivators is a great sin! Even if they were killed by the practitioner, it will still be reasonable! Of course, you are my cousin. It will be impossible for me to kill you, I will just draw on your face so you can no longer seduce men. And then things will be settled!”

Huang Yueli revealed an astonished expression, “Wait, so second sister means to say is, I need to ruin my face? Do you need to so ruthless? I am your cousin!”

“What’s the matter? You are a waste who dared to slander me. This can already be considered lenient! Cultivators naturally hold higher statuses than normal people, as they are holders of life and death. This is the same in any country!”

“But...but second sister, you are a soft and tender girl from a wealthy family. Not only this, you are known to be a model example of a lady. By acting so viciously, are you not afraid of others calling you a female snake scorpion?”

Hearing these words, Bai Ruoqi nearly went crazy.

“Everyone already thinks I am a female snake scorpion! Even the Empress Dowager thinks so! Who caused this? Bai Ruoli, let me tell you, I do not care anymore! You today you will either kowtow or ruin your face!”

Huang Yueli patted her chest with a scared expression. Weakly she asked: “Then....if I do not choose either?”

Bai Ruoqi sneered.

“That can not do! Give you three breaths to decide! If you do not, I will choose for you!”

“Three!”

“Two!”

“One!”

Bai Ruoqi quickly counted down, giving no pause or rest.

After a few moments, she immediately muttered a “stupid” and took out a dagger. Smiling, she walked towards Huang Yueli.

“It seems you want me to help you choose. Then I will choose to disfigure you! Oh, do not run, for running is useless!”

“I did not run!”

Huang Yueli blinked her eyes, looking like a obedient child but in her heart she was sneering.

Bai Ruoqi ah Bai Ruoqi, a real representation of walking the path to one’s own doom!

Since she liked to receive the despise of others so much, then she will let her know what is disfigurement. Otherwise, wouldn’t she be giving up on their closely sisterly bond?

Step by step Bai Ruoqi inched forward and closed the distance between the two.

Many golden spooned young ladies did not have the heart to watch, so they closed their eyes.

In their point of view, it would be fundamentally impossible for Huang Yueli to resist to. Once she fell into the hands of Bai Ruoqi, will certainly be miserable! No one could save her.

Liu Yiyi cried out from the edge: “Bai Ruoqi, you.....you don’t be impulsive ah!”

### **Chapter 257: What are you doing?**

Unfortunately, Bai Ruoqi did not even place that person in her eyes, not sparing a single glance.

Huang Yueli smirked. Gathering her profound energy in the palm of her hand, she prepared to give Bai Ruoqi an unforgettable lesson.

Before she could sent this strike out, an imposing and dignified voice echoed from the entrance.

“What are you doing?”

“Your Majesty!”

Respects to His Majesty!

Frightened, a sheen of cold sweat appeared on Bai Ruoqi. Hurriedly, she hid the the knife into her bosom and adjusted her malevolent expression, as well as her body posture.

This was also quite unexpected for Huang Yueli.

Just as Bai Ruoqi’s knife was about to fall and land into her intricate plan, she had to retract her profound strength. Copying the moves of others, she quickly paid her respects.

With an expression of displeasure, the Emperor addressed Bai Ruoqi: “Bai Ruoqi, Bai Ruoli, what were you two doing?”

Heart jumping, Bai Ruoqi continued to maintain that expression of tranquillity as she replied: "Res....responding to the Emperor, we were not doing anything. I was only exchanging a few words with third sister!"

"Exchanging? What were you exchanging about?"

Wrinkling his brow, the Emperor sent out his imposing aura and appeared more awe-inspiring.

On this return trip with the Empress Dowager, they could already hear the commotion from afar. They specially asked the eunuch to not announce their arrival and walk over to catch them off guard. What they saw was the two Bai Family young ladies about to break out into a fight.

Did not think that from such a short time of absence, these two were able to start quarreling.

It could be seen that the Empress Dowager's previous words were not exaggerated in the least!

The displeasure could be seen in the Emperor's eyes and severe was his tone.

Heart beating rapidly, Bai Ruoqi hastily knelt down: "Calm your anger, Your Majesty. We were really exchanging a few words and failed to take note of the occasion and spoke in slightly loud voices. Offending the Emperor as well as the several Empresses, this is all Qi'er's fault."

Hearing that her words were not sincere, the Emperor turned to question Huang Yueli.

"Li'er, how would you explain what is happening?"

Turning her head, Bai Ruoqi used a hidden and dark gaze to hint at Huang Yueli to threaten her.

On the contrary, Huang Yueli did not bother with her and replied: "Your Majesty, we were just talking about.....the events that occurred in the Peach Blossom Orchard earlier this morning.....second sister, she drugged my wine but ended up harming herself. Yet she says that I was slandering her....."

Bai Ruoqi immediately interrupted her, "Enough! Bai Ruoli! That was you who wished to tarnish me. I already gave you face by not reporting it to the Emperor, yet you dare so venomously spit blood?"

Bai Ruoli glared at Huang Yueli frostily. She held absolute faith that she would not be held accountable!

After all, for a genius like her, to bully her younger sister is not a grave or offensive thing. That could not be considered much at all!

So, today's events in the face of her revealed talent, they would not be enough to pose any threat!

What Bai Ruoqi was afraid of, was her current actions may possibly not be giving the Emperor due respect. If she was captured, she would be in the wrong.

But under the current circumstances, the Emperor did not see her take out any knife. He assumed that she was only quarrelling with Huang Yueli. With such assumptions, she did not have to worry at all!

As expected, before the Emperor could say anything, the Imperial Empress was a step ahead and spoke out.

“Enough, today’s affairs, this Royal already understands! This matter, was provoked by that charlatan Imperial Physician Liu. Just then, the Emperor personally commanded that Imperial Physician Liu will be sent to Dark Moon Forest for manual labor!”

### **Chapter 258: Cannot have both moral character and strength**

As she said this, the Imperial Empress’s line of sight passed over Bai Ruoqi and Huang Yueli.

“As for you two, you are still cousins and both are young misses of Wuwei Manor. To quarrel so openly in the Royal Palace and from just a few words of an outsider! Too unsightly! In the future, with this matter over, do not dare to mention it ever again! Return and carefully reflect on yourselves. Each one of you copy the “Female Virtues” five times. Once you are done, hand it to this Royal!”

Finishing her words, the Imperial Empress appeared to be quite just. In actuality, she was still protecting Bai Ruoqi.

If they were to really conduct an in-depth investigation, then it would be Bai Ruoqi’s fault.

At the time of the two’s location, everyone in the area witnessed all that occurred. They will all say that it was Bai Ruoqi who started everything.

Of course, as a person who could not cultivate, no matter what, Huang Yueli would not have the guts to provoke a Qi Profound Realm seventh level practitioner; Bai Ruoqi?

Therefore, the Imperial Empress intended to stumble by this matter completely, giving both parties a crime that could not be considered a crime. Then give some punitive punishment to settle the case.

She would absolutely not allow such matters to interfere with the Crown Prince’s great affairs!

The Emperor was somewhat angry but also wanted to punish Bai Ruoqi severely, at least lecture her to some degree. This would warn her not to bully Huang Yueli in the future.

However, after listening to the words of the Imperial Empress, he remembered the conclusion that came to back in the Empress Dowager’s Study.

Hah, it is the important day to decide the future concubines of the Crown Prince and Bai Ruoqi’s talent, absolutely could not be lost! As for the other matters, they can be sorted in the future.

Moreover, the two’s argument, caused the Emperor to further trust the conclusion that the Imperial Tutor and Imperial Empress came to.

Huang Yueli is a wastrel and could not marry the Crown Prince; she really did not have the ability to suppress the members of the harem. To find her a rich but ordinary husband, will make her life very comfortable.

Thinking to her here, the Emperor’s eyes fell on Prince Yu thoughtfully.

The Emperor nodded and said: “Bai Ruoqi, you are the elder sister. In any case, you should always give way for your younger sister. Moreover, you may even have to be sister-in-laws, needing to coexist in harmony.”

With his remark, a burst of excitement appeared on Bai Ruoqi and the Crown Prince's faces.

What sister-in-laws do they mean? It's unlikely that they will allow Bai Ruoqi to marry an ordinary Prince right?

Obviously, the Emperor was implying that Bai Ruoqi had been chosen as the Imperial Consort, while Huang Yueli.....most likely is going to wed another prince!

Bai Ruoqi hurriedly went to her knees and said: "Yes, Qi'er knows she is wrong and will remember this. I will listen to the instructions of the Imperial Empress and go back to give her a good reflection. Diligently reflect on myself. Third sister's five copies of "Female Virtues" I will complete in her instead!"

If one had not seen her previous actions, just based on her current performance, she really looked like a good elder sister.

However, the Emperor had just learned from the Empress Dowager, Bai Ruoqi's true colors. So looking at her this performance, he could not help but sigh a little more.

What a pity, one cannot have both moral character and strength. If Bai Liufeng's own daughter could have that cultivation instead, how good would that be...

Alas, he could only wishfully dream.

Huang Yueli looked at the Emperor and Imperial Empress' faces, her heart clearer than ever.

It seems these Palace giants had come to a conclusion; they had decided to make Bai Ruoqi the Crown Prince's Imperial Consort!

However, this was simply to be expected. Huang Yueli also felt that the Emperor had nothing to be apologetic about.

In the face of Bai Ruoqi's excellent display of talent, if the Emperor did not choose her, he would have been the retarded one!

### **Chapter 259: Imperial Marriage Edict**

In the Soaring Heavens Continent were the strong ruled the weak, if a ruler were too kind, then that country would have long disappeared in the annals of history.

But, if Bai Ruoqi believed she was already sitting in the seat of Imperial Consort, then she was much too naive.

The corners of Huang Yueli's mouth gently hooked up.

Her trip today was to prevent Bai Ruoqi from becoming the Imperial Consort. How could she possibly leave her satisfied? Coming to this juncture of the show, it was time for her to take the stage.

Deciding on this course, she retreated without a sound.

Bai Ruoqi misunderstood as she had finally realised her place. Thinking to herself, she recalled the countless times she had plotted against Huang Yueli. Finally she was able to gain the upperhand, letting out a breath of resentment!

Bai Ruoqi felt happy inside and turned to look proudly at her.

The Emperor returned to his seat and looked at the audience with complex expressions. He then gestured towards Eunuch Han behind to read out the Imperial Edict.

Eunuch Han stepped forward and slowly started to open the bright yellow silk decree to read aloud: "Accepting the heavenly mandate, the Emperor Imperial words.....Valiant Martial Manor Bai Liujing's daughter Bai Ruoqi, with outstanding talent, appearance and virtue, gentle and generous, worthy of the name of model woman, a special bestowment of Prince Li Mojun, Imperial Consort...will be finalised! Acknowledge this.

The silence reigned in the banquet hall."

Despite having guessed the end result, but when everyone saw such an arrogant and vicious Bai Ruoqi finally receiving the Crown Prince's Imperial Consort status, many young ladies felt indignant.

But who told her to have such powerful talent?

The more one thought, the madder they became!

Bai Ruoqi kneeled in the middle and reluctantly suppressed a smile. Respectfully she kowtow and took the imperial edict from Eunuch Han.

However, just as her fingers touched the bright yellow silk scroll, she heard a familiar voice: "Wait! I want to protest!"

No one expected in such a solemn setting, someone dared to interrupt.

And so unceremoniously!

Everyone's eyes immediately turned to the speaker's direction. The next moment "wows—" echoed about.

"That's.....Bai Ruoli? ? ?"

"She dared to jump out to protest?"

"Hey, what will happen with her protest? The Emperor has already decided! Even if the date is not fixed, what qualifications does she have to compete with Bai Ruoqi?"

"Then you are the ignorant one. If you do not have the qualifications, you would not jump out right? From what I heard, Bai Liufeng left some letter for her?"

"Oh, in any case, this will be a good show to watch!"

Whispering amongst themselves, the various golden spooned daughters held many gloating faces.

Although they did not believe Huang Yueli could really pose a threat to Bai Ruoqi, but who allowed Bai Ruoqi to be this eye-catching? To be able to give her some trouble, will make them very happy.

Bai Ruoqi wished to kill Huang Yueli with her eyes.

“Bai Ruoli! You again! What do you want to do? ?”

Huang Yue blinked pitifully, appearing like being severely bullied little white cabbage.

“Second sister, I ... I did not want to do that? It should be me asking you what you want to do? You know I have a marriage agreement with the Crown Prince, how can you.....how can steal other people’s love? Furthermore, it is your future brother-in-law! If this were to spread, others will think that our Bai Family lacks upbringing!”

### **Chapter 260: Pick any one you please!**

“You!”

When Bai Ruoqi heard those words, her face changed greatly from Huang Yueli’s sharp intentions.

These days, there were many people who gossiped in regards to the bullying of her cousin. And that she also stole of the position of Valiant Martial Manor’s Bai Family’s young miss and snatched her brother-in-law!

Although Bai Ruoqi fel she deserved all these things, but the ugly words of outsiders had greatly upset her.

Now this trash girl dared to step on her sore feet. Was she tired of living?

She sneered: “Bai Ruoli, please understand this! That was the Emperor’s verbal agreement, while I am appointed as the Imperial Consort through an official Imperial Edict! The so-called marriage agreement between you and the Crown Prince, is but casual and random side talk. It cannot be taken seriously! As a girl, speaking of marriage so easily, robbing cherished things, do you still have face?”

“Second sister, the meaning behind a thief calling out a thief, I have realised today! I have tolerated you previously, but you are pushing harder and harder. Since this is the case, do not blame me for my ruthlessness!” Huang Yueli turned her cold eyes away.

Bai Ruoqi almost laugh out loudly.

“You want to treat me ruthlessly? How will you do that?”

Huang Yueli looked at her with an arrogant smile, eyes more chilling than ever.

She no longer paid attention to Bai Ruoqi and turned to face the Emperor. Bowing slightly, she gesture filled with politeness. Looking up, she unscrupulously opened her mouth.

“Your Majesty, there is one thing Li’er does not quite understand. I heard, before my father left South Yue, he had left behind a marriage agreement and that was with His Royal Highness the Crown Prince! My daddy left me a letter to explain this matter writing that when I turn fifteen, the Emperor would give me bestow me with marriage and fulfill the marriage engagement of that year! ”

Pausing slightly, Huang Yueli's teeth gently bit her pink lips. Her red eyes filled with unlimited grievances.

"I thought that the reason Your Majesty invited me to the Royal Palace today is for this marriage affair. How would I expect...would I expect...Why did you bestow that upon my second sister, and announce her as the Imperial Consort? Did you make mistake somewhere?"

Huang Yueli spoke with great control and levelness.

First she mentioned Bai Liufeng, evoking old sentiments from within the Emperor and then put on an aggrieved retreating stance to ask if there was a mistake.

This is much better than direct questioning.

At least, the Emperor himself would feel a little hard- pressed to answer in time.

This thing.....was quite correct, he also felt very apologetic.....

"This...Zhen has Zhen's considerations..."

"Could it be, I had done something wrong?"

"No, this is not your problem. Li girl, you do not be sad. Although you can not be the Imperial Consort, but Zhen still many other talented sons. You can pick any one you please! Zhen's next Imperial Edict will bestow you as Princess Chang Le, three thousand cattle and the best piece of land to the east to you! Giving you the best scenery!" The Emperor appeased her.

After listening to this, apart from the Crown Prince and Prince Yu, everyone displayed expressions like they had just eaten flies.

Royal Father will not really do so, in the place of the Crown Prince and make them marry a cultivational trash?

Whoever marries this blockage of a woman, wouldn't they be doomed and unable to crawl away from that tragic life?

Although she had a generous dowry, looks very cute, but.....how could this woman be their Main Consort?

Among them, the Third Prince felt the most crisis.

As the next best talented Prince behind the Crown Prince, he felt that Huang Yueli will surely choose him. After all, not only is he elegant, he was also a handsome expert!