

Divine 1111

Chapter 1111: Strategist

He was a strategist!

And he was a strategist working for the King-to-be, so what he needed to do was to help the Crown Prince find a solution to make a plan for the future of the Saint Divine Land.

Well...

There were so many important things they needed to do and make plans about, yet the Crown Prince and the Crown Prince Consort kept spending time and effort upon useless things!

What were those things, and what use could they be? Those things were so simple and yet they were asking Junyi to help make a plan?

He was an ambitious strategist. He had a heart for the world.

Even when he had not worked for the Crown Prince, he had never thought about working for business people for the sake of money and survival like the other disciples of his.

And now... He was asked to do this kind of thing? He was asked to make a plan about how to take over one small restaurant?

What was the point of this? Why should a talent like him work on a small thing like this?

Junyi was furious.

He frowned and said, "Crown Prince, Destiny Monk is now in the capital and there are many things we need to work on, why are you working on such small things?"

"What do you mean, you servant?" Gu Ruxue got very displeased. Her brother wanted to take over Yellow Crane, and there were so many people at the Crown Prince's Mansion so they could just get some people to have this solved in one go, why did it cost any energy?

"Crown Prince Consort, what I mean is that you are the Phoenix Girl, and since Destiny Monk is back, we should do everything to make you honored." Junyi did not feel like speaking with this stupid woman, but he still gave an explanation to convince her, so that she could drop her pestering.

Hearing his words, Gu Ruxue smiled. She remembered how she got dressed on the day when she went to the temple and this servant's eyes were sparkling when he saw her.

She was charming and it was very normal that many people might find her attractive. Otherwise they would want to spend effort thinking about the request she had just raised.

So she stopped being so furious.

"I don't care, we have to get Yellow Crane for my brother." Gu Ruxue sounded spoiled and arrogant.

Junyi truly did not want to spare another look at this stupid woman. Women were just barriers, stupid and impractical. They should just stay in the yard and give birth to babies. Stupid ones like her should not get involved with the business men were dealing with.

However, she was the Crown Prince Consort so he could do nothing about her.

Zhou Huailing thought for a while and consoled. "Alright, I will just speak with Eighth Brother in a couple of days. It is such a small thing that I will make sure Yunhe gets it."

"Really?" Gu Ruxue looked very happy.

"Of course." Zhou Huailing answered and replied gently. "If he doesn't want to give the restaurant to us, I will get people to force them to give it to us. All restaurants will be easily taken over by us."

"..."

"Anyway, just go to take a break, me and Junyi need to talk about something else."

Gu Ruxue nodded, then she stood up and headed towards the yard. However, after a few steps, she paused in front of Junyi and showed him a very exaggeratingly beautiful smile.

Chapter 1112: Stupid

She was born a beautiful woman, and when she smiled, she looked prettiest. When the Crown Prince was still Lord Ling, he decided to marry her, who was just a minor lady from Gu Mansion. That was what made Lord Ling marry her, and treat her better than the real Princess Consort.

She put on makeup, because she believed that she was pretty enough to be protected by the Crown Prince. The previous Princess Consort was too serious to look equally pretty.

Gu Ruxue was very certain that she looked very beautiful when she smiled.

She could just do that to make more men get fascinated by her, if her smile could achieve that result.

Well...

She did not think that a servant like Junyi would be a match for her, yet she enjoyed being admired by as many people as possible.

After the brief smile on her face, she walked away with a look of arrogance. She was quite confident.

Junyi frowned slightly.

In his eyes, women were all stupid, and women like the Crown Princess Consort were even more stupid and annoying than most women. She was both stupid and conceited. She had no manners. She was a Crown Princess Consort, yet she had walked into the Crown Prince's study without getting the servant to announce her arrival.

She did not even have any hint of being elegant!

He was just a strategist. She should behave seriously in front of him.

How could a Crown Princess Consort smile at a strategist in that way? It was a smile that made her look like a woman from a brothel. He just could not take it.

He would have disciplined her, if that had been his own wife.

And yet the Crown Prince did nothing about this.

This woman was so stupid, but she was lucky enough to be the Phoenix Girl.

What on earth had she done, so that she could have such luck?

If not for her identity as the Phoenix Girl, Junyi would really suggest that the Crown Prince divorce a Crown Princess Consort like this. She was not even worth being a concubine.

When the Crown Prince made it to the throne in the future...

A woman like that should never be the Queen, if there was any chance. Otherwise the court would be a mess, and he as the King's strategist would be a laughing stock as well.

Well...

Those were all something to talk about later.

There was always a chance for him to make proper plans.

What mattered above all right now was the Crown Prince's throne.

Junyi looked at Zhou Huailing and said, "Crown Prince, what do you plan to do about Yellow Crane?"

Zhou Huailing drank some tea indifferently.

Junyi said all of this for his sake, hoping that he could focus on the major things, but it was not going to be a big issue, so he could help Gu Yunhe anyway.

He said calmly, "Nothing special. I will ask Eighth Brother to join me for a chat in a couple of days. Eighth Brother should give the restaurant to me if he is smart enough."

"..."

"If the Eighth Brother doesn't want to give me the restaurant, then we can arrange some strong men to break in. We don't have to put too many thoughts in it. If you don't want to get involved, then you can stay away from this errand. I will let my guards handle it."

Then he smiled.

Junyi looked at Zhou Huailing and sighed helplessly.

He knew that the Crown Prince believed that it was a simple thing to do, but he did not think that it was a good idea for the Crown Prince to spend so much energy on a small restaurant. That was not part of the major plan. It was not worth the while.

However, he knew the Crown Prince well so he dropped the topic.

He continued. "Crown Prince, let's continue where we left off. I have a plan for the banquet at Madame Min's family in a couple of days."

Chapter 1113: Zhou Huailing's plan

“The Min Family has never been involved with the game for the throne. Nevertheless, the Min Family is the biggest noble family in the capital, and the children of the Min Family are easy to deal with, but what is most difficult to get is Madame Min’s help. Madame Min is not actually a real member of the family, but she belongs to the Min Family, so if we can get the Min Family to take our side, then Madame Min would automatically belong to our team,” Junyi said with excitement. It was the great Min Family he was talking about.

Zhou Huailing looked quite calm, despite Junyi’s excitement.

Of course he knew what the Min Family was like.

Because of his knowledge towards the family, he did not think that they were easy to deal with.

Junyi grew up in the capital since childhood, yet he did not start to get involved with the imperial family and noble families until he was much older. He might be intelligent and careful, but he was a little bit too simple-minded regarding this errand.

The Min Family was a real noble family.

The family was deeply-rooted in the capital and did not need to get involved with the game for the throne.

Apart from the Min Family, Madame Min held the most important forces, and it was very difficult to get them to show support.

“Junyi, the Min Family never takes sides. They are different from the Chu Family, who have no forces and will only take sides for the family’s sake. The Min Family is different. They don’t need to,” Zhou Huailing said.

“Crown Prince, that is the reason why we absolutely need to have the Min Family on your side. Just think about this – if a family that never takes sides suddenly takes a side, then Crown Prince, you will be totally blessed by the Heavens!” Junyi said, “Also, the Min Family did not take sides because there had never been a Crown Prince or one of the King’s sons who has ever married the Phoenix Girl as you have done. Therefore the Min Family will not just stay out of the game. Why not just give it a try?” Junyi said, trying to convince Zhou Huailing.

After he said this... He thought for a while and continued, fearing that the Crown Prince would give up this idea because he was too negative about it.

He analyzed. “Crown Prince, we have many people taking our side, either in the court or the circle of noble families, but they are all wary. Those who take our side right now are all small, and even Prime Minister Chu has not yet taken our side.”

“...”

“Besides, General Liu has the military power, but you and his daughter do not get on well with each other, so General Liu is your enemy, for sure.”

“...”

“Apart from General Liu, you will have to consider the Jiang Family’s remnants as well as the King’s men.”

“...”

“We are in an advantageous position on the surface, yet we are actually in a dangerous position. Remember North Qi’s Prince? He is not going to give any magical monsters to us.”

“...”

“So we have to get the Min Family’s support.”

“...”

“Apart from the Min Family, we also need to obtain military power, and we also need to establish our own troops as well as the other six ministries. We are now in charge of the Ministry of Architecture and the Ministry of Rites, but we need to have the Ministry of Personnel, which is the most important and is still out of our control.”

Zhou Huailing looked serious again.

“I can deal with military power and troops, but you have to work on the Ministry of Personnel and the Min Family.”

“...”

“The banquet is around the corner, so we have to get ready.”

“...”

“Also, we have not yet caught Xie Yan. He knows too many secrets of mine, and I am worried... Junyi, what do you think we should do?”

Chapter 1114: Yunhe’s Preference

As for Xie Yan...

Junyi could not help but frown as well. He became the Crown Prince’s strategist after Xie Yan betrayed the Crown Prince, so he did not clearly know what was going on.

However, he knew Xie Yan well. He was just a strategist who shared the same school with him. The strategists had been trained to work on strategies since they were little, and were civilized ministers who did not get acknowledged by the court. So it would be very easy to catch someone like him, since he had no military background.

Therefore, when he made the arrangements, he did not dwell on it any more, because he believed that he was definitely going to catch him. However, what was beyond his expectations was that Xie Yan had become too sneaky. He even managed to escape such a hunt.

It had been almost a month, and yet they had not even found a trace of him. There had not been any news regarding Xie Yan either, it was as if he had evaporated into thin air.

Nevertheless, Junyi was not very interested in Xie Yan, though the Crown Prince was extremely worried. Since he could not be found... It could be possible that he had been spending his time in the mountains. He did not like Xie Yan at all. They were just strategists, yet he set up so many rules for himself as if he were not ambitious at all.

However, if he had not been ambitious, he would not have been working for the Crown Prince. He only left because he could not stand it any more.

However... He did not need to worry about Xie Yan. He was annoying, but he had his own rules which he would stick to firmly.

Although he was no longer the Crown Prince's strategist, he would not reveal what he knew about his former employer. So there was no need to worry that he would reveal a thing.

Nevertheless, the Crown Prince did not trust Xie Yan, so Junyi said, "Crown Prince, we don't have to spend too much energy on Xie Yan, as long as we can keep the gate guarded, we will be able to find him. Also, he is nothing more than a strategist, so if he dares to reveal any secrets about you, no one would believe him."

Well...

Zhou Huailing nodded in agreement.

It was he who cared too much about Xie Yan.

He got up and patted Junyi's shoulders. "Alright, just work to get the Ministry of Personnel and the Min Family, I will be off now."

"Where are you going, Crown Prince?"

"It is early, so I will have a talk with the Eighth Brother. I haven't chatted with him in a long time," Zhou Huailing said indifferently, as if he were out for a stroll. He did not even plan to bring Junyi with him.

In his eyes, Yellow Crane was a very easy thing to deal with. It was just saying a few words.

Eighth Brother would not counter him, considering what was going on.

No imperial children would be so stupid as not to see what was really going on.

Zhou Huailing thought for a while before he asked his coachmen to take him to Lord Huai's Mansion.

Lord Huai's Mansion was not very far away.

It was a lord's mansion, so it was located in the best spot in the capital. It was just that there were some differences in size and details.

Lord Huai's Mansion was a new mansion. It was very small.

The old Lord Huai's Mansion was under construction for the Crown Prince's Mansion.

When Zhou Huailing arrived, he asked the messenger to fetch Lord Huai, whilst he walked in automatically.

After he had sat for a while Zhou Huaijin arrived.

Zhou Huailing looked up at him indifferently and said, "Eighth Brother, just come and sit down. I am just here to tell you that Yunhe is interested in taking over Yellow Crane, and I think you should give it to him."

Chapter 1115: Yellow Crane for the Crown Prince 1

Zhou Huailing sat there and looked down at Zhou Huaijin from a commanding point of view. He did not show any respect. Instead of getting up, he sipped his tea and spoke indifferently, as if he were the lord for the mansion rather than Zhou Huaijin.

He didn't even put forward a hint of negotiation. Instead, he just demanded that Zhou Huaijin give Yellow Crane to him, just because Yunhe liked it.

Zhou Huailing did this because of one reason – in his opinion, it was just a restaurant, and his Eighth Brother must be a wise enough person who understood what was going on right now. If he were not wise enough, he would not have agreed to give Lord Huai's Mansion to him.

Since his Eighth Brother had knowledge of what was going on and gave Lord Huai's Mansion to him, the Crown Prince was sure that as long as he made the proposal, his Eighth Brother would definitely say yes to giving the restaurant to him as well. After all, it was a proposal made by the Crown Prince and it would be stupid for his Eighth Brother to say no.

Having said this, Zhou Huailing sipped the tea and glanced about the hall of Lord Huai's Mansion. He wondered what the previous Lord Huai's Mansion looked like right now and he was waiting for Zhou Huaijin to give him an answer. He thought that it was just an easy request, and he could just make some promises to his Eighth Brother as an exchange.

As long as he could get Yellow Crane, he could just do anything he wanted about the promises he made.

Zhou Huailing sipped some more tea and looked at Zhou Huaijin.

Zhou Huaijin had no expression on his face from the moment he saw Zhou Huailing walk in arrogantly, sit down and tell him to give Yellow Crane to him. He did not even show any extra emotions.

Instead, he chose a vacant seat to sit down, then he also picked up a teacup and drank.

He did not say anything and did not answer Zhou Huailing.

Zhou Huailing frowned seeing how he reacted. He was a little annoyed.

He was being polite by asking Eighth Brother for the Yellow Crane!

It was just a small restaurant. If he agreed to give him the restaurant, then he could help him later when he took the throne. Why couldn't Eighth Brother understand this? And why did he not even want to answer him!?

Well...

Eighth Brother was still in charge of Yellow Crane, so it would be better if he could deal with the issue properly.

Zhou Huailing tried not to show his impatience. He added. "Eighth Brother, it is just a restaurant. I need it, but you don't want to give it to me?"

"..."

"I don't care about the restaurant, because it doesn't earn much money, we don't need the profits. I can just ask our father for money if I really need money! Our land is very rich, isn't it?"

"..."

"It is just that the Crown Prince Consort's brother likes it, and she is trying to help him, and I am trying to make her happy."

"..."

"Eighth Brother, we can only live well when we are taken care of by our father and have power. There is no need to stick to a restaurant."

"..."

"Give me the restaurant, and I will treat you well too."

Chapter 1116: Yellow Crane for the Crown Prince 2

"Everyone wants to stay in the flourishing capital of the Saint Divine Land, and the best thing is to live well in the capital. Look at our Elder Brother, and how he is doing at the border, and how he is doing here? He came back as soon as he had the slightest chance."

"..."

"In the past, you and our Sixth Brother went out of the capital and you know that he is always drifting around everywhere. Do you think that he really enjoys a life like that? Everyone likes to live stably here in the capital and to be respected."

"..."

"I am the Crown Prince, and I will definitely take the throne in the future."

"..."

"I am different from our father. I care about our brothers, and if you like living in the capital in the future, I will not make you move. It is that easy."

"..."

"But it depends on you if you want to keep our brotherhood."

"..."

“If you don’t want it, then I don’t think that I will be able to treat you well in the future.”

“...”

“You know pretty well what you ought to do.”

Zhou Huailing spoke gently, yet he had a very fierce look on his face. Having said that, he stared at Zhou Huaijin.

He spent so much effort in saying this, not only because he needed Yellow Crane, but because he was telling his Eighth Brother, who was born by the Queen, that he might have had a good life in the past, but things were different at the moment.

He was warning his Eighth Brother to understand the situation he was in currently.

Apart from Yellow Crane, there would be other things like this in the future.

Since he said everything like this, he would make sure that his brother understood it all. Then a lot of trouble would be saved.

Zhou Huaijin showed no expression on his face after hearing the Crown Prince’s threatening words.

Fu Bao, however, looked very annoyed. He believed that this Crown Prince thought too highly of himself and how dare he threaten Lord Huai like this.

This Crown Prince must have no idea what Shadow Door could do. He had not yet taken the throne and yet he already believed that he could do something to suppress Lord Huai!

If not for the fact that Shadow Door should not be revealed at the moment, this Crown Prince would not be living so leisurely right now.

How dare he ask for Yellow Crane so straightforwardly! The Yellow Crane was built by Lord Huai and Lady Chaoyan. Even Fu Bao, as an outsider, knew how much Lady Chaoyan had done for Yellow Crane. They should not take it away for themselves or for the Gu Family!

Yellow Crane was part of Lady Chaoyan’s dowries, and the Gu Family and the Crown Prince were just shameless!

Fu Bao was thinking this inside his heart.

Zhou Huaijin heard what Zhou Huailing said to him, but he showed no expression.

He knew pretty well what Zhou Huailing was like – he never fulfilled his promises. So he did not even fear Zhou Huailing. If by any chance, he feared Zhou Huailing to any degree, he would not have trusted him.

Zhou Huaijin smiled briefly. “Crown Prince, I don’t think that will work.”

“...”

“Chaoyan likes Yellow Crane as well.”

Chapter 1117: Yellow Crane for the Crown Prince 3

“I will keep whatever Chaoyan likes. I don’t want to make her sad,…”

“…”

“Also, you may not know that though I am one of the shareholders in Yellow Crane, Chaoyan is mostly in charge, and it is the dowries her mother left for her.”

“…”

“I don’t think that it is proper for you to take her dowries right?”

“…”

“You are the Crown Prince, so don’t steal Chaoyan’s property and dowries, okay?”

“…”

“Otherwise… civilians may not have a good opinion for you, right?” Zhou Huaijin said calmly, as he sipped his tea.

Zhou Huailing’s expression sank when he heard what Zhou Huaijin said.

He believed that he had put everything clearly and Eighth Brother would know pretty well whether he should do as he was told. Unexpectedly, however, Eighth Brother still refused to let the restaurant go, even though he heard what he had said.

He was so narrow-minded and could not look into the future!

He was not going to offer him anything in the future since the Queen had not taught him well!

Zhou Huailing was very furious, but as he was about to vent his anger, he remembered what Junyi told him – he was still the Crown Prince and did not have a stable position in the capital, so he should not be impulsive causing him to lose something. One small restaurant might make him leave a bad impression, so that was not worth the while.

Zhou Huailing pressed down his anger.

After a long while he said, “Eighth Brother, what do you want, just say it.”

“…”

“You want money or tasks in exchange for Yellow Crane? I can offer anything, as long as I am capable of doing it.”

“…”

“You and I grew up together in the capital, so we have a special bond. You can just reveal what you are thinking to me straightforwardly rather than through riddles.”

“…”

“What I need is nothing more than Yellow Crane, and I already told you straightforwardly what the whole thing is about, just tell me what you want in exchange?” Zhou Huailing was getting very impatient.

He was not very interested in Yellow Crane, but Ruxue already asked him for the favor and since he already nodded at the request, Zhou Huailing decided to make it work, to keep himself from losing face.

He could not depend on force at the moment, so he needed to offer some soft means and his own conditions.

Eighth Brother was so narrow-minded, so he decided to offer him anything he wanted. However, he was not going to treat his Eighth Brother well in the future.

Zhou Huailing was becoming very angry inside.

Zhou Huaijin shook his head. “You are right, Crown Prince, it is just a restaurant, you can get any restaurant in the capital, why do you want Yellow Crane?”

“...”

“I won’t give away anything that Chaoyan likes.” Zhou Huaijin insisted.

Zhou Huailing’s face turned dark. He could not pretend to be friendly any more. His expression sank as he stared straight at Zhou Huaijin. “Are you sure?”

Chapter 1118: Yellow Crane for the Crown Prince 4

Zhou Huaijin ignored him as if he did not exist. He nodded calmly.

Zhou Huailing sneered, flung his sleeves and left. He had a twisted look on his face. He was furious, obviously.

Other princes might get very anxious seeing the Crown Prince leaving like this, but Zhou Huaijin did not even frown. He only asked the servants to clean up the things in the hall.

He behaved as if nothing had happened.

By this point, Zhou Huailing was already in the wagon heading back towards the Crown Prince’s Mansion.

He was really furious.

He kicked the coachmen several times the moment he got onto the wagon, and he smashed the teacups out of the wagon constantly, kicked the wagon and made a huge fuss in front of Lord Huai’s Mansion before he vented his anger and headed back formally.

His Eighth Brother was stupid to counter him because of one minor restaurant! He would not spare him in the future!

Zhou Huailing was thinking furiously, with his fists clenched.

The wagon arrived at the Crown Prince's Mansion without delay. Zhou Huailing kicked the coachmen several times again when he got off the wagon, before heading back to the study in a hurry.

Junyi had his own study in the yard, but Zhou Huailing did not think that it was very convenient because he had to ask Junyi to come to him every time he needed him, and it would take some time. Zhou Huailing had no patience, so he had a study set up just for Junyi, and Junyi would appear the moment he returned.

It was very convenient.

So Zhou Huailing went straight into the study whenever he needed something.

The moment he went into the study, and before Junyi even realized what was going on, Zhou Huailing vented his anger by throwing everything onto the ground.

The vases were all shattered.

Junyi saw the mess in the room when he arrived and was startled.

What was going on? What made the Crown Prince so annoyed?

He went to stop him.

In Junyi's opinion, it was very stupid when someone smashed things just because he was angry, because it led to nothing other than losses of themselves.

The best solution was to sit down and think through the whole thing, so that they could come up with a way to solve the problem!

An established man could take revenge whenever they wanted. They could just accumulate the anger and forces to take revenge when they were ready .

"Crown Prince, what happened, what made you so mad?" Junyi asked as he picked up several books.

"What made me angry?" Zhou Huailing was so furious. "Eighth Brother doesn't even want to let go of the restaurant. He is so good, right? He doesn't even want to give me the restaurant even though I went to him! Dumbass, I must let him know the consequences of what he has done!"

Junyi was also startled.

Lord Huai did not want to give him the restaurant?

Chapter 1119: Xie Yan's Departure 1

Even he found that it was beyond expectation. At first, he did not like it when the Crown Prince decided to work on Yellow Crane, because he did not think that the Crown Prince should waste time on such a minor thing.

He had seen through the Gu Family. The Gu Family could not possibly boost the Crown Prince. Gu Zhenkang was a useless father-in-law. When the King assigned him to work at the Ministry of Personnel,

he still worked in the same manner as he did at Taipu temple. He could not even get involved with the most simple thing! He spent the whole day drinking tea.

Gu Yunhe, on the other hand, had no ambitions other than to play around all the time.

Well, he could play around if he wanted to, and Junyi did not care, as long as he did not cause trouble in the capital. However, he even got the Crown Prince involved with this fun!

That was what displeased Junyi a great deal.

However, the Crown Prince still promised to help them, so he could not possibly go deeper with this matter, so he allowed the Crown Prince to do whatever he wanted to. He did not even want to think of a strategy for him to use, since he believed that it was an easy thing to do.

However, the Crown Prince could not even settle it himself!

Junyi thought about it carefully.

And he understood what was going on – the reason why Lord Huai gave away his old mansion was not because he had understood the situation he was in and what he should do. That was not the case.

Lord Huai was born by the Queen, and in the past dozens of years, the King favored Lord Huai on the surface, so he could get anything he wanted in the capital. Therefore it was probably a little difficult for him to accept that he was no longer favored and that the position of Crown Prince belonged to someone else.

He agreed to give the mansion, probably not because of the Crown Prince, but because the King asked for it.

Lord Huai would behave well in front of the King, yet it did not necessarily mean that he would behave well in front of the Crown Prince. There was a huge difference between these two things.

“Junyi, just tell me what we should do about this?” Zhou Huailing had almost finished venting his anger when he smashed everything he could lay his hands on. So he had started to think about serious business.

Junyi almost thought through the whole thing carefully a while ago, so he looked relaxed when Zhou Huailing asked that.

“Crown Prince, that is because Lord Huai doesn’t want to bow to you. He is still dreaming! He believes that he has a chance!” Junyi said calmly. “If he is still dreaming, we can make sure that he loses his dream.”

“...”

“Lord Huai is going to be present at Madame Min’s banquet, and at that time, we can make him bow.”

“...”

“He is just a lord, and there are many ways for us to make him to realize his position.”

“...”

“Don’t worry about Yellow Crane, it just needs a couple of more days for you to get it,” Junyi said.

Zhou Huailing felt very motivated after hearing what he said. He became clear-minded again.

He liked Junyi for this. He could see through everything and say everything carefully.

He made him feel less burdened.

At Xinlin Mansion.

There were still a few days left before the one-month contract finished, but Xie Yan had already lost his patience, and decided to have a chat with Gu Chaoyan about his leaving.

Chapter 1120: Xie Yan’s Departure 2

He was not in a hurry to leave. He just wanted to give Gu Chaoyan some pressure. He had been waiting constantly for Gu Chaoyan to try to keep him, yet she had made no moves.

He got increasingly bored drinking tea in the yard, and he had been pestered by this matter.

Normally, a strategist like him required patience, but for some reason, he did not have much patience for this, and he had gotten increasingly anxious.

Well, he could no longer wait.

He was going to give Gu Chaoyan some pressure, so that she would know what she ought to do.

Xie Yan was waiting for Gu Chaoyan in the yard which Gu Chaoyan found strange. She had noticed that Xie Yan loved to be left alone, but he was also quite realistic, and he could be very defensive as well. He was worried that she would trick him, so most of the time, he would refuse to speak with her. That was why Gu Chaoyan did not go to speak with him.

However, now he showed up!

Gu Chaoyan walked out of the room and sat down by Xie Yan’s side. She poured herself a cup of tea and asked Xie Yan. “What can I help you with, Mr. Xie?”

Xie Yan could not help snorting, seeing Gu Chaoyan’s innocent look.

This girl was more tricky than ever. She needed to speak with him, but she tolerated the urge, and did not ask him to stay even at this point.

In this case, he started the conversation.

Xie Yan lost his patience for drinking tea. He said straightforwardly, “Lady Chaoyan, the promised month is expiring and I intend to leave in advance. I am extremely bored at Xinlin Mansion, so it would be best if I leave earlier.”

Then he threw a purposeful look at Gu Chaoyan, trying to see how she would react.

Gu Chaoyan was slightly surprised.

Xie Yan was, after all, a man who needed protection. And it would be she who arranged the men to protect him. However, he not only refused to stay longer, but suggested leaving in advance. That was quite surprising.

Gu Chaoyan thought for a while.

She would definitely not stop him, if he wanted to leave, but here in the capital, Zhou Huailing's men were still hunting Xie Yan. If he left in this way, then the whole month's work would be wasted.

He needed to leave under the Shadow Door's protection, but it would take some time for Shadow Door to make the preparations.

Gu Chaoyan looked at Xie Yan and said, "Mr. Xie, can't you wait a little longer?"

Hearing this Xie Yan smiled. He looked rather satisfied. This girl was getting anxious!

He knew that this girl must have thought that he was having a peaceful time staying at Xinlin Mansion, so she did not propose anything quickly. Now she suggested that he should wait, so she must be thinking about keeping him after all.

Waiting a little longer?

Xie Yan looked at Gu Chaoyan and frowned. "Waiting for what?"

Having said this, he decided to wait for Chaoyan to speak.

He smiled and looked at Gu Chaoyan, waiting.