

Divine 1251

Chapter 1251: Insisting 4

De Fu smiled as if nothing happened the day before. He said, "Elder Miss. The King is summoning you to the court, so we should not be delayed. I was wondering if you would come with me to the court."

Gu Chaoyan glanced at De Fu.

Enunches in the court often talked according to whom they met, and most of the time, they worked for their masters. Therefore, even though she did not like De Fu, she would not humiliate him considering the position he was in.

She smiled briefly and nodded. "Please, take me there."

De Fu smiled and led the way. He would not have put any thoughts on Elder Miss Gu in the past, but after what happened today, he became very cautious.

He wondered what Elder Miss Gu would come up with. He lost the game today and held a grudge against her.

De Fu regretted it a little bit too. He felt that he had acted a bit too impulsively today to drop the grudge.

Compared to the ideas inside De Fu's mind, Gu Chaoyan was in a very calm state.

They finally came to the court.

Instead of making delays, De Fu took her to Qianqing Palace directly.

Gu Chaoyan came into Qianqing Palace and saw Destiny Monk.

After meeting him at the temple the other day, Gu Chaoyan did not really believe that he was so capable. Compared to the King and Gu Ruxue, Gu Chaoyan did not seem to admire him so deeply.

She greeted the King and Gu Ruxue.

The King did not have time or energy to humiliate her. He just said impatiently, "Just get up."

He did not offer Gu Chaoyan a seat. He just let her stand where she was.

The King did not like Gu Chaoyan at all, so he did not treat her in a friendly manner.

Gu Chaoyan did not care either. She just stood there coldly.

Destiny Monk felt quite assured when he saw Gu Chaoyan.

"I have predicted that there will be a huge disaster in the Saint Divine Land soon. Lady Chaoyan, please, what is your opinion?" Destiny Monk asked.

Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly.

Although she did not think that Destiny Monk was as capable as his name sounded, what he had predicted could be true to some degree. A disaster in the Saint Divine Land?

What would the disaster be?

“Lady Chaoyan, what do you think?” Destiny Monk asked.

“What do I think? I can’t predict destiny.” Gu Chaoyan said coldly, “If there is going to be a disaster, it has to be related to the war going on right now. The North Qi Land is invading us and our military power is stronger than that of the North Qi Land, but wars lead to many other things. It is just a matter of time before the other two countries join the war.”

“...”

“There will be some forecasts before the so-called disaster happens.”

“...”

“I am just an ordinary woman so it is useless to come to me!” Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

Destiny Monk’s face twisted.

An ordinary woman?

Destiny Monk really could not believe that Gu Chaoyan was an ordinary woman.

How could an ordinary woman break through his array formation so easily?

Destiny Monk shook his head and did not believe her words.

Suddenly, silence dominated Qianqing Palace, but Gu Ruxue struck the table and shouted. “You witch, victory news arrived from Jiayu Pass, and you are saying that nothing good is happening at Jiayu Pass. What are you implying?!”

Chapter 1252: Blinded

Gu Ruxue screamed so loudly that she got up out of excitement. She pointed at Gu Chaoyan, looking rather pissed.

She continued with fury. “The North Qi Land invaded the land and the Crown Prince led the army to Jiayu Pass in concern for the civilians. You are cursing not only Jiayu Pass but also the Crown Prince! Gu Chaoyan, don’t ever forget that you are marrying Lord Huai, and you are living at the Saint Divine Land as well. You are going to be a Princess Consort as well. Only when the Saint Divine Land is doing well will you be good!”

Gu Ruxue spoke very quickly.

She said these because she was going to crush Gu Chaoyan.

She had not expected that Destiny Monk insisted on meeting her. She did not care about Destiny Monk's ideas. She only wanted to gain the King's trust. And the best solution to get the King's trust is to crush Gu Chaoyan!

It was great that she offered to be crushed! So she had to take this chance.

The King understood what Gu Chaoyan was saying, if Gu Ruxue pointed that out. The King would understand what to do.

Gu Ruxue looked very confident.

The King frowned slightly as well.

The Crown Prince was leading the army at Jiayu Pass so if something happened there, it would be his Eighth Son who benefited from that. It was very true for Ruxue to think so.

It was victory news that arrived from Jiayu Pass, so why would any disasters happen there? He even expected to conquer the North Qi directly.

As the King thought about this, his expression sank.

He was very dissatisfied.

"Gu Chaoyan, what are you implying?" the King said with displeasure.

Gu Chaoyan was standing in Qianqing Palace since the King did not let her take a seat. She was not qualified to take a seat, thus only standing there.

The King and Gu Ruxue were both within her sight.

She was quite surprised.

Gu Ruxue suddenly became very smart.

She knew what the King was like – so if she followed his personality, the King would follow her words as well.

She shook her head slightly.

She was about to say something, when Destiny Monk said with a serious look on his face. "I believe that Lady Chaoyan is right."

"..."

"We are thinking from the general situation, so we don't need to blame Lady Chaoyan for just making a guess. Anything can happen right? We should just stay calm."

"..."

"Please, don't be blinded by just one leaf," Destiny Monk said straightforwardly. He had to say it clearly, since it was a very important thing.

He was born and called Destiny Monk and he lived for this mission.

He needed to avoid anything that might affect the Phoenix Girl. Even if it meant that he needed to counter the King.

The King, who had been holding a look of punishing someone, stopped after hearing what Destiny Monk said.

He gave a small cough and said seriously, "Okay, I got it. Since you have predicted the disaster, I will pay attention to that."

"..."

"Since you are here, Destiny Monk, what about living here?" The King looked at Destiny Monk as he said.

Chapter 1253: Anxious

Despite it being an inquiry, the King was not giving him any chance to turn down the proposal.

The King was the head, and he loved to have everything in his control. He had insisted on trying to get Destiny Monk to the court when he was in the temple, yet none of his men broke through Destiny Monk's array formation, thus he gave up the idea.

Now that Destiny Monk was already out of the practice and here in the court, he was not going to let him go so easily.

He had predicted that the Saint Divine Land was going to meet a disaster, yet he had no idea what the disaster was. Besides, the Phoenix Girl's function had not been told, so the King was not going to let him back to the temple.

The King looked quite threatening, but Destiny Monk did not really care.

He could either stay at the temple or in the court, because he had the array formation that he could use to defend himself against anyone except for Gu Chaoyan.

Destiny Monk nodded.

The King let out a sigh of relief.

Although the King had already made up his mind, whether or not Destiny Monk was willing still made differences. It was good that he was willing to stay.

"I will walk you there personally," the King said with some respect.

The King was arranging Destiny Monk's schedule right now, so he told Gu Chaoyan and Gu Ruxue to leave respectively.

Feeling relieved, Gu Chaoyan left directly.

Gu Ruxue went out of Qianqing Palace with Gu Chaoyan.

It was not until they walked out of Qianqing Palace that Gu Ruxue stopped Gu Chaoya. With arms over her chest, Gu Ruxue glanced down at Gu Chaoyan and said disdainfully, "Gu Chaoyan, stop dreaming."

"..."

"Destiny Monk said that you might be the Phoenix Girl, so what?"

"..."

"You are just dreaming."

"..."

"You were born from a business family, so you can never become the Phoenix Girl." Gu Ruxue smiled as if she had heard a huge joke.

Gu Chaoyan shrugged, looking indifferent.

"Yeah, so what?" Gu Chaoyan countered indifferently.

Gu Chaoyan respected Heaven, but did not believe in Heaven. She believed that people could make their own opinions.

Instead of sticking to the legend of the Phoenix Girl which Destiny Monk had no confirmation of, she could just change her own destiny.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head slightly and walked away.

"You!" Gu Ruxue felt even worse when hearing that she was not concerned about what she was told.

"Crown Prince Consort, Honored Princess Jing is asking for you." A maid whispered.

Gu Ruxue withdrew her hands.

She adjusted her own expression momentarily and started to walk towards Honored Princess Jing's palace.

The chaos happened in the court. She had no idea why she was summoned to Qianqing Palace, so after she was delayed in Qianqing Palace, she had no idea what happened and how it went with Chu Xiwen.

Now Honored Princess Jing asked for her and wanted to have a discussion with her.

Gu Ruxue did not dare to delay and hurried away.

She was not anxious about Gu Chaoyan, because she had time to figure out what she was like.

Gu Ruxue let out a sigh of relief.

Ronghua Palace was not as quiet as Gu Ruxue had thought. Everyone was very anxious.

Chapter 1254: Solutions

Especially Honored Princess Jing.

Honored Princess Jing learned about Destiny Monk's visit to Qianqing Palace, but had no idea what happened there. She believed that Destiny Monk was out of practice because the Phoenix Girl needed to become useful. That should be related to the world. The Crown Prince was at Jiayu Pass, and he could not just come back in time if something happened.

She did not think that the Crown Prince should have left the capital in the past, but the Crown Prince and the King insisted, so she dropped the idea. Now she is very worried about it.

The maid, who was waiting close to Qianqing Palace, got quite anxious when she waited for too long.

Honored Princess Jing got very excited when Gu Ruxue hurried over. "Ruxue, what happened in Qianqing Palace?"

"Nothing serious. Destiny Monk is out, saying that there is going to be a disaster, but the Phoenix Girl is not yet in the world. So annoying," Gu Ruxue said.

She was not very satisfied with Destiny Monk.

She was the Phoenix Girl! She was the Phoenix Girl no matter what! Yet he said that Gu Chaoyan might be one too.

She was extremely unhappy about this.

She was going to punish Destiny Monk if she came to the world as the Phoenix Girl, how stupid that monk was!

However, Gu Ruxue did not say those words.

She knew well that the Crown Prince as well as Honored Princess Jing and the King trusted Destiny Monk deeply and honored him as a God, so she did not dare to say anything.

Honored Princess Jing let out a sigh of relief.

She could not even stand so she collapsed to the chair.

It was good that nothing happened. Good that nothing happened.

Gu Ruxue was distracted.

She glanced about and saw Mrs. Gu. She had wanted to ask her straightforwardly, but as she thought of Honored Princess Jing, Gu Ruxue still asked Honored Princess Jing, "Where is my Elder Brother? Is it done? The chaos in the court helped him to drive away the distraction, he should be done."

Gu Ruxue could not stand the Chu Family.

The Chu Family humiliated them by not letting a pregnant girl marry them.

She would very much like to see how the Chu Family was going to deal with them this time.

This time... She wanted to see Prime Minister Chu's expression personally.

"No." Mrs. Gu answered. "Things were settled here, but when your Elder Brother arrived, the girl was gone. I wondered where the b*tch went."

“...”

“Your Elder Brother can’t just go and find her. So we had to drop it. They missed it!” Mrs. Gu snapped.

Gu Ruxue’s face changed.

How could that be? How could something so well-prepared fail?

Gu Ruxue’s hands were tightly clenched.

Chapter 1255: Had to

“It is a grand banquet the Yao Family, which has been a family for hundreds of years, has to hold. Since the Yao Family’s offspring are not in the court any more, the banquet at the Yao Family becomes especially important. Everyone tries to get close to the Yao Family. Although the Yao Family are not working in the court, they are still a huge family!”

“...”

“In the meantime, the Yao Family are Empress Dowager and my family clan, so the banquet will become even more important.”

“...”

“On that day, we can bring the Chu Family here again. When the lady from the Yao Family asks the Elder Miss of the Chu Family to come, she has no reason to turn her down.”

“...”

“When we are in the Yao Family, we will be in control and can do whatever we want. She has no reason to counter,” Honored Princess Jing said with a look of pride.

After all, Honored Princess Jing was a lady from the Yao Family.

Although Honored Princess Jing already had the plan of getting rid of the Yao Family, the Yao Family was still a huge useful family for the Crown Prince, so she was going to make use of it, and decided not to drop this great opportunity.

Also, it would be the Crown Prince that benefited if the Chu Family fell into their hands.

She was going to work hard on this matter. She was going to continue with her plan, rather than give up.

Honored Princess Jing closed her eyes.

The Crown Prince was in an advantageous position but there was still a lot to pay attention to. There was a long way to go before the throne was taken. She could not allow the Crown Prince to get the best position at birth, but the further she went, the more she needed to make efforts to help him to get the best he desired.

Honored Princess Jing looked at Gu Ruxue and felt slightly assured. They had the Phoenix Girl!

Gu Ruxue was still uncertain. She frowned as she asked, "Many soldiers died in the chaos this time, will there still be a banquet held at the Yao Family?"

The words had just been spoken when Honored Princess Jing could not help laughing so loudly that it made a cracking sound.

She looked at Gu Ruxue. The Crown Prince Consort was indeed too young to be considerate. Holding the cup in her hands, Honored Princess Jing heard the clicking sound of cups. She said calmly, "Thanks to that, the Yao Family is going to hold the banquet no matter what!"

"..."

"The officers attending the banquet know well about the chaos in the court, but the civilians outside the court will not hear the news. Therefore, the King would definitely let the Yao Family hold the banquet, and he is even going to let the Yao Family hold it ahead of time. The King wants the officers to think that nothing is going on in the court through the banquet."

Hearing that, Gu Ruxue was startled for a moment, but regained her understanding, then she smiled.

She felt very assured. Everything was going as planned.

She wanted desperately to know what the Phoenix Girl could do, and she also expected to have the Elder Miss of the Chu Family settled.

In that case, nothing would make her feel worried.

After the deal was made... Honored Princess Jing sent her staff to walk Mrs. Gu out of the court, whilst Gu Ruxue was asked to move to the palace she had arranged for her.

As she walked out of Huarong Palace...

Gu Ruxue saw some withered and broken plants as well as some blood traces that had yet to be cleaned. As she looked down from the long corridor outside Huarong Palace...

Chapter 1256: The Chu Family's Plan 1

She saw the mess and depression after the whole chaos happening in the court, but in her eyes, she saw her future.

Destiny Monk came out of practice so when the disaster he predicted occurred, the Phoenix Girl should step up and come into use.

When that happened, she was going to become an existence that exceeded everyone except for the King. She seemed to have witnessed the scene, where everyone was kneeling down at her and worshipping her.

At that time, she was going to stomp Gu Chaoyan beneath her feet and make her understand what consequences she had to bear for countering her.

Gu Ruxue smiled brightly. She stopped looking and headed towards the palace that she was supposed to rest in.

At Huarong Palace.

After Gu Ruxue and Mrs. Gu left...

Honored Princess Jing hurriedly wrote a letter and had it delivered to Jiayu Pass. She did not know what the King had arranged, but since Destiny Monk was out of seclusion the Crown Prince had to return as soon as possible. Anything could happen and the Crown Prince should not miss a thing.

Honored Princess Jing looked really anxious.

At the Chu's Mansion.

The Chu Family rushed back to the mansion in a very messy way.

The Chu Family had never experienced such a mess before.

Seated on the chair, Chu Tian looked outside with distraction. He was watching the whole family and every plant out of it.

Three months ago, Chu Tian still insisted on his thoughts and the rules of the Chu Family – it was a rule they needed to stick to since the time of their ancestors. In the capital, they only worked for the King, and no matter which son took over the throne, all the Chu Family needed to do was to stay out of the game and focus on themselves.

However... the reality and truth were all shown in front of him.

While the Chu Family wanted to stay away from the game and work for the King only, there were many people who tried to force them!

The Crown Prince had been trying to set them up and force them to take his side. Just look at what they did to Chu Yeying and Chu Xiwen... they were not even respecting the Chu Family and were trying to force them to bend down.

Well...

The Chu Family no longer had the choice to stay neutral.

If they remained neutral, the Chu Family would be pushed into fire.

Both of the daughters of the Chu Family had been set up and soon the Young Master of the Chu Family would be framed as well, until he became the last one.

The Crown Prince was not yet the King so what more would he do if he really became the King? What would happen to the civilians?

It was time. It was time for the Chu Family to take a side.

Chu Tian let out a sigh of relief.

He was feeling very emotional.

The ancestor of the Chu Family was a very straightforward and honest person, thus there was a rule like this, but now...

Things were different. Being straightforward and honest caused them trouble.

"Father." Chu Yu hurried in.

Chu Yu checked on Chu Xiwen at the back yard after he left the court, and came to the hall after he had made sure that she was doing well. He ran into his father who was sighing.

Chu Tian looked at Chu Yu who was already tall. He nodded. "Yu, you are here. I am going to talk about the future of the Chu Family with you. The capital is no longer in peace and we can't just stay neutral any more."

Chapter 1257: The Chu Family's Plan 2

Chu Yu sat down with a very serious look on his face. He looked at his father and saw some traces of blood on his blouse. He must have gotten that in the court and he had not gotten the time to clean up.

He was very clear minded. It was time to make a decision about the Chu Family's future.

"Lord Huai was born by the Queen. For the Saint Divine Land, he is the lineal son. Lord Huai was considered as lethal and unreasonable, but after I spent some time with Lord Huai, I realize that some of that are just rumors, and some are just his ways of protecting himself."

"..."

"After General Jiang passed away, the Jiang Family lost their supporters. It was Lord Huai's ability which allowed him to stay firm on the ground, when he was faced with someone like Lord Ling, who has the Yao Family as his back supporter."

"..."

"Apart from the Crown Prince, the only princes remaining are Lord Yan and Lord Yu as well as Lord Huai."

"..."

"Lord Huai is capable of staying firm on the ground. He was born by the Queen. He even has Lady Chaoyan behind him. Lord Huai is the most suitable candidate for us to side with," Chu Tian said with determination.

The words had just been spoken when he looked at Chu Yu and asked with a low voice, sounding hoarse and serious. "Yu, what do you think?"

"We can't let the Crown Prince take over the Saint Divine Land!" Chu Yu said with determination. "I agree with you!"

Hearing that, Chu Tian realized that the future of the Chu Family was already confirmed.

He let out a sigh of relief. He sounded relaxed. He believed that there was hope in front of him. He had something to look forward to.

Chu Tian patted Chu Yu's shoulders. "Okay, too much has happened today. You can go and take a rest. You shall visit Xinlin Mansion tomorrow."

Chu Yu nodded.

Because of this decision that was made, some hope arose.

Chu Tian went to the ancestral hall of the Chu Family later.

The following day...

It was still quiet in the Saint Divine Land. Civilians were still soaked in the victory news arriving from Jiayu Pass. For them, they believed that victory would bring them a good and peaceful life.

Everything seemed quiet in the court as well. Morning sessions took place as usual, as if nothing had happened the day before.

Well...

Apart from the fact that the officers had learned that it was the Crown Prince Consort who saved the day. Nothing else happened.

Chu Yu came to Xinlin Mansion early in the morning.

He was there to discuss something, so he had no presents with him.

He looked very serious.

Seeing that the Young Master of the Chu Family was here, Sword One did not look very surprised.

It had been her Elder Miss who saved the Chu Family the day before. It was within expectation that someone from the Chu Family was here.

Chu Yu was invited into the hall.

Sword One went to the yard and decided to wake up Elder Miss.

Elder Miss went to bed early so she must have had plenty of sleep by this time.

Sword One walked into the room.

Gu Chaoyan was sleeping on her side. Sword One first spotted her side profile and pale neck. Elder Miss was sleeping in silence, just like an infant in the cradle.

"Elder Miss, time to get up." Sword One called.

No response.

Sword One repeated. It was the same.

Sword One started to panic. She shook Gu Chaoyan. "Elder Miss!"

Chapter 1258: Elder Miss' Problem 1

Gu Chaoyan still had no response. Sword One panicked. It made her realize that something similar happened to Elder Miss before, and she had not woken up for a long time, and no one had any idea of what happened.

However, that never happened after Mr. Zhao checked on her, so it was not something that people paid attention to in the past. They believed that Elder Miss would never run into a situation like this again.

Why so suddenly? Why did Elder Miss suddenly not wake up?

Sword One felt Gu Chaoyan's forehead, and noticed that it was heated.

It was beyond a common cold, but Elder Miss looked very healthy, and her cheeks did not turn red. However, that was not what her body felt like.

Sword One felt her head buzzing, and felt like exploding.

"Qing! Qing!" Sword One called.

Only Sword One and Qing were serving Gu Chaoyan. She did not tell them what they should do specifically, but after spending a long time together, Qing and Sword One already found their own tasks. Qing was more cautious so she was in charge of urging the kitchen to make breakfast, whilst Sword One took care of getting Gu Chaoyan dressed.

So when Sword One called her, Qing thought that something big happened. She rushed out and asked. "What is wrong?"

Qing took a look at Elder Miss as she asked.

Elder Miss was like usual, but Sword One's voice did not wake up Elder Miss? Qing suddenly realized something.

She bent down to feel Elder Miss' face.

"I will fetch a doctor now!" Qing said anxiously and was about to leave.

Sword One suddenly took hold of Qing.

She was panicking since she saw her Elder Miss in this state. That was why she went to Qing. She had been very anxious, but now her mind was clearer.

She could not fetch a doctor.

She suddenly remembered that Mr. Zhao told her never to fetch a doctor if her Elder Miss ran into any problems in the future, and that they should go to fetch Mr. Zhao. However, Mr. Zhao was down in the South and could not come directly nor should any other doctors be called.

She needed to find Lord Huai first!

Yes, Lord Huai first!

“Qing, listen to me, go to Young Master Chu. Tell him that Elder Miss is not feeling well, and that she can’t receive him today. When Elder Miss gets better, she will visit them at the mansion. She will also check on the Elder Miss of the Chu Family as well. Please, let him leave. I will deal with Elder Miss here.” Sword One tried to force herself to calm down, as she said to Qing.

Qing looked at Elder Miss in bed.

She could tell that Elder Miss seemed to have turned paler than before. Elder Miss was slender as she laid in bed. She felt really worried.

She felt really stifled. She could not help feeling anxious.

She felt that this time, things seemed much worse than before.

She looked up at Sword One, nodded and left.

When Qing left, Sword One went to fetch Sword Two. “Go fetch Lord Huai. Elder Miss has a problem, hurry up!”

Chapter 1259: Elder Miss’ Problem 2

Sword Two did not even have time to check on Elder Miss before he hurried away.

Sword One returned to the room, took hold of Elder Miss’ hands, still feeling really anxious.

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In the hall.

Qing’s face was very pale-looking.

She kept thinking about her Elder Miss, as she realized that something was wrong with her. She could not hide her emotions.

“Young Master Chu, our Elder Miss is not feeling well, so she can’t see you today. She will visit you at your mansion later and meet Elder Miss of the Chu Family as well.” Qing’s voice trembled. That was after she tried to press down her own emotions.

Hearing that, Chu Yu’s face changed.

Lady Chaoyan was not feeling well? Was it because of what happened the day before?

He had met numerous people in the capital and how Qing reacted told him that she was telling the truth.

It was totally unexpected.

Chu Yu could not help feeling worried.

He wondered if it was because of what happened the day before, causing her to feel unwell now.

Since she told him that she would visit him at the mansion later, she did not plan to tell him what was going on. So Chu Yu nodded without asking more. "If you need any help, come to us anytime. We will help you with whatever we can. I will be off now."

Qing nodded with teeth clenched. She walked Chu Yu out of Xinlin Mansion before she hurried back to check on Elder Miss.

Chu Yu returned to the mansion with a serious look on his face.

It was totally beyond their expectations, so Chu Yu felt slightly anxious.

After being seated in the hall, he kept drinking tea.

Chu Yu had just become an adult. He was an experienced Young Master who could deal with different kinds of things, but he was, after all, too young to stay stable.

Chu Tian walked in and read what happened through Chu Yu's face. He asked in surprise. "What happened? Is it not going well?"

Chu Yu nodded.

"Lady Chaoyan is not feeling well. I did not get to see her. She said that she would visit us when she feels better, and check on Xiwen," Chu Yu said.

Not feeling well?

Chu Tian was surprised too.

Yesterday when the chaos happened in the court, Mu Yihan's metal humans kept killing people. It had been Lady Chaoyan who had suppressed the forces. He was there and witnessed everything. Lady Chaoyan was not injured despite the exhaustion, and she looked well when she left. So he had not expected that Lady Chaoyan would fall ill, but...

The whole thing must be real.

Lady Chaoyan was an honest lady who would not find this kind of excuse to turn down the invitation.

"Yu, don't panic. Since Lady Chaoyan says that she will visit us, we shall just wait right here." Chu Tian trusted Gu Chaoyan totally.

Chu Yu nodded.

"At the morning session..." Chu Tian was about to say something, when the housekeeper of the Chu Family hurried in. "Prime Minister Chu, someone from the Yao Family is here, asking for you."

The Yao Family?

Honored Princess Jing's family? What were they doing here?

"Bring him in," Chu Tian said expressionlessly, looking slightly furious.

The housekeeper did what he was told.

Soon the messenger from the Yao Family came in.

He showed a smile at the sight of Chu Tian. "Prime Minister Chu..."

Chapter 1260: The Yao Family's Banquet

Chu Tian looked expressionless. Faced with the messenger's smile, Chu Tian still did not react to them. The messenger smiled because he came with a plan, and the Yao Family belonged to the Crown Prince's team, thus smiling so happily and trying to set up his daughter.

The messenger was here for some other plan, he believed.

That was why Chu Tian would not treat them in a friendly manner.

Whenever he closed his eyes, he kept thinking of how Xiwen suffered. Honored Princess Jing did not just drug her. She was trying to make her handicapped!

He was tolerating the fury instead of making plans, because he was really trying to calm himself down.

So when he was facing the messenger Yao Liqing, he could not conceal his fury.

Seeing Chu Tian's cold face, Yao Liqing coughed and got a bit displeased.

The Yao Family had always been an important family even before the Crown Prince was in his position, and a noble family like them was far above the Chu Family in every way.

Also, Lord Ling had already become the Crown Prince and married the Phoenix Girl, who was going to take the throne.

The Yao Family had never bent down to the Chu Family in the past, and right now, the Yao Family considered themselves very generous to have given the Chu Family a smiling face. What was the Chu Family thinking to have shown a terrible look to Yao Liqing? Yao Liqing did not think that their temper would take them anywhere.

Within a moment, Yao Liqing's expression sank too.

He looked at Chu Tian and said in a very formal manner. "The banquet for the Yao Family is taking place in three days. Normally, the banquet will be held in the middle of this month every year, but due to the victory news from Jiayu Pass, the Yao Family decided to make this a bigger event – and to host the banquet."

"..."

"Our two families have been hanging out for years, so I am passing on the invitation personally. Prime Minister Chu, please, do remember to come."

"..."

“Also, Qingqing said that she has not met the Elder Miss of the Chu Family for ages, so you have to bring the Elder Miss of the Chu Family with you this time. So that these two girls can have a chat with each other.” Yao Liqing smiled as if he were a really good friend with the Chu Family.

Honored Princess Jing stressed that the Elder Miss of the Chu Family had to be at the banquet, though he had no idea what for. Honored Princess Jing was the Crown Prince’s mother and Yao Liqing was just working for her devotedly.

Yao Liqing came to pass on the invitation personally, because he was devoted. He wanted to complete the mission.

Chu Tian snorted.

Sure enough...

Honored Princess Jing and the Gu Family kept coming up with different plans just to try to set them up.

Xiwen must go to the banquet? Xiwen was forced to go into the fire pit!

Chu Tian was not going to say yes to this invitation.

He did not take the invitation. Nor did he ask his servant to take it. Instead, he said calmly, “Xiwen got startled in the court and she is still sick in bed. Xiwen is not going to be there.”

“...”

“If Lady Qingqing misses Xiwen, she can come to my mansion to have a chat with her.”

“Prime Minister Chu, this is the banquet held by the Yao Family!”