## **Divine 1341**

Chapter 1341 Battle 3

The North Qi Land had 10,000 soldiers and 30 magical monsters, and one magical monster possessed the same strength as at least 1,000 soldiers. Therefore, the North Qi Land should be dozens of times stronger than the Saint Divine Land, and it should be an easily-overcome battle.

That was why Xuan Lin and his right and left generals had nothing to worry about, and just waited for the news of victory, but right now...

The soldiers and magical monsters not only failed to rush at the gate of the North Qi Land, but kept spinning in one place as if they could not see what was going on in front of them. They kept bumping into each other as the arrows of the Saint Divine Land kept attacking them. They tried to defend themselves, but they did not know how and where to. In the meanwhile, they ended up hurting many of their fellow soldiers.

Suddenly, there were many dead bodies in front of them, and the scent of blood spread through the air. Even Xuan Lin had some blood on him.

The Left and Right General kept giving them instructions, but the situation did not change at all.

They continued to get themselves killed.

Within a quarter of an hour, the soldiers present had almost all died, and their magical monsters were badly injured. They could not take down Xinzhou, and if the Saint Divine Land attacked again, the generals would have dropped dead in Xinzhou.

The Left and Right Generals, when seeing the scene, made a decision – they were going to leave those soldiers and go away by themselves.

They went to Xuan Lin. "Prince!"

Xuan Lin felt shocked after seeing what happened.

He had just bragged about the upcoming victory, yet now they were meeting with such results. He was going to be a laughing stock!

He was furious! He patted the horse's back and rushed forward. He was definitely going to take down Xinzhou!

However, the two generals looked very frightened as they stopped him directly.

Left General said anxiously, "Prince, let's just leave!"

Xuan Lin ignored them and insisted on going forward.

The Left and Right Generals grabbed him.

The Left General said anxiously, "Prince, let's just leave, it is a horrible scene ahead and we have barely any soldiers left. If the Saint Divine Land sends someone to catch you, we won't be able to keep you safe."

Only at this point did Xuan Lin adjust the horse and get ready to head back.

Gu Chaoyan, who was standing on the top of the gate watching Xuan Lin and the generals of the North Qi, could not help but laugh. She said disdainfully, "Prince from the North Qi, you don't seem that good, are you? You are rushing about like a mouse. That is not what you claimed you would do, right?"

Gu Chaoyan understood clearly that if they wanted to bring down the enemies, they should hold the chief first. If they were able to catch the Prince of the North Qi, then the Saint Divine Land would have peace for a very long time, and they would also have a bargaining chip.

The Prince was arrogant and impulsive, and he was about to rush towards them.

Gu Chaoyan understood his personality clearly, thus trying to irritate him and making him come after her on any condition.

After all, the people from the Saint Divine Land could not take the risk of running after him.

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, Xuan Lin got so irritated when he realized that he was being looked down upon by a woman. It was something he could not stand.

He turned around and wanted to catch Gu Chaoyan, but his generals took hold of his horse.

"Prince, we need to look at it in the long term, we will have a chance in the future, but we will be doomed if you run into an accident right now!"

## Chapter 1342 Battle 4

"Magical monsters are useless and soldiers remain very few. We aren't able to take down Xinzhou, let alone the woman. If you go on like this, you will run into the trap of the Saint Divine Land! And we will lose big! You mustn't take the risk!"

" ..."

"It is just a single woman, and we have all the opportunity of teaching her the lesson, we will have a good time discipling her!" the Right General said as he pulled Xuan Lin's horse away.

The two generals were not assured until they were faraway.

The two of them had been working devotedly for the Prince, and they were going to go through honor and shame with the Prince, so they were even more worried about the Prince's security than their own.

If something happened to the Prince, their lives would come to an end as well.

Something weird must have taken place at Xinzhou, otherwise the people from the North Qi would not have gotten themselves killed instantly. They had not figured out what was going on, so whoever went forward would end up in the same situation.

Since the North Qi Land had magical monsters, they won in almost every battle against the Saint Divine Land, with an easy manner as well.

However, after they decided to take down Xinzhou, something weird happened. Suddenly, they had no idea what to do, and even lost so many forces, without knowing what was going on. They were definitely going to have to talk about what they should do later.

Both generals felt very concerned, as they returned to their own territory.

That was 10,000 people and 30 magical monsters, half of their entire force. Luckily they did not lose everything. There was still time for them to take revenge.

That woman must be the problem, otherwise Prince would not have insisted on catching her.

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At the top of the gate of Xinzhou.

They brought down a large amount of the army of the North Qi.

Rather... they lost no forces themselves but took down North Qi directly.

That was a historical event that would be recorded in the Saint Divine Land's war history.

After a moment of silence, some excited voices arose. "Lady Chaoyan, Lady Chaoyan, Lady Chaoyan!"

Every soldier was calling out Gu Chaoyan's name.

They knew very well that Lady Chaoyan had made the victory happen.

Hearing the voices, Gu Chaoyan flushed and hid behind Zhou Huaijin's coat. After a long moment of silence, she said calmly, "Now we have won the battle, and we can leave the gate."

Zhou Huaijin found it amusing.

She was a very imposing woman, but she would get shy very easily.

Those soldiers might not have noticed this.

Zhou Huaijin nodded and took her down to the gate, whilst the soldiers were all calling out her name.

After they went down, General Huangpu walked up to her and saw Gu Chaoyan, letting out a sigh of relief. "Lady Chaoyan, what should we do about the dead bodies outside."

Gu Chaoyan was very startled.

Those dead bodies could not be removed by ordinary soldiers, because they might not walk out of the array formation once they approached the dead bodies.

It would not work if they were just told about how to solve the array formation.

Those were soldiers from the Saint Divine Land... but...

There could be some moles. If the array formation was broken through, the North Qi would launch a more serious attack.

Chapter 1343 What Next

Gu Chaoyan did not want to think ill of the soldiers who were cheering at her name, but it was related to Xinzhou and the safety of so many people, so she had to be very careful.

However, there were many dead corpses outside that needed to be dealt with.

The corpses would spread viruses to the civilians at Xinzhou. The snow cut some of the possibility, but the weather could change all of a sudden.

That was why General Huangpu came to ask her what they should do.

Gu Chaoyan walked as she thought about it.

Huangpu and Wu Leng followed them, knowing that they should leave Lady Chaoyan alone when she was thinking.

Gu Chaoyan took a few steps and stopped, as she said to General Huangpu. "We can't open the gate or let our soldiers walk into the array formation. The only method is to pour wine over the corpses and throw a torch to burn them up. Currently the snow hasn't covered the corpses, so we must hurry up to do so. In the meanwhile, inform the civilians that they don't need to get shocked seeing the fire."

General Huangpu nodded and gave the missions to some of his soldiers.

It was quite dangerous but was the best method so far.

They continued forward and went into the chief's tent.

They had won the battle, but it was not yet time to relax.

They needed to make a plan regarding what to do.

Back at the tent, General Huangpu soon had tea arranged for Gu Chaoyan. General Huangpu learned about Gu Chaoyan's hobby from Xia Yinghan. The condition here at Xinzhou wasn't that pleasant, but General Huangpu tried his best to meet up with her interest so he had almost everything prepared for her.

Gu Chaoyan knew that the tea was prepared for only her, so she did not get particular about it. She kept drinking the tea while she was in the tent, though the tea already tasted much worse.

"What are we going to do next?" Wu Leng was so anxious that he asked straightforwardly.

Gu Chaoyan sipped her tea before she put it down.

"We have held Xinzhou very easily, but after failing two battles, the North Qi should definitely prepare themselves fully for the next battle. There will be a lot of danger hidden ahead, but I have already got some of my men into their army."

"..."

"In this way, we will know ahead of time what they are up to and will be able to prepare," Zhou Huaijin said calmly.

The Shadow Door had many hidden guards and that was what they were best at.

General Huangpu and Wu Leng's eyes sparkled when they heard that.

Lord Huai had always stayed low-profile in front of the shining Lady Chaoyan, so what he did and how he arranged the whole situation surprised them. No wonder Lord Huai got engaged with Lady Chaoyan!

"Also, what we need to do is to take back our lost towns!" Gu Chaoyan said resolutely.

Chapter 1344 Duke North's Request

"Ning County and Feng County, as well as the civilians of Jiayu Pass are still in trouble. No matter whether the battle this time is won or not, the civilians of the Saint Divine Land will not have a peaceful day at all."

"..."

"We are already able to keep the town, so what we need to do next is to get our towns back!"

"..."

"Please, Generals, what do you think? I will definitely help you if I can do anything," Gu Chaoyan said with a resolute look on her face.

"Okay!" Wu Leng struck the table and said excitedly.

Actually...

He was thinking the same.

The North Qi Land lost the battle today and the prince got very annoyed so he would definitely vent his anger on the civilians. They must regain the towns of the Saint Divine Land.

Lady Chaoyan was right...

They subconsciously relied on Lady Chaoyan and expected that she could help them, but they were the generals who knew how to fight a war, so they should be the ones that worked out a plan to retake the town.

They needed to think about the plan carefully.

Wu Leng looked at General Huangpu and then at Lord Huai.

"Currently we have kept Xinzhou and the North Qi lost the battle." General Huangpu said, "The capital should give us orders about whether we are to keep the town or reclaim the lost towns. If the latter is the order, we need to get more soldiers from the King," General Huangpu said with a frown.

He had been working at the border so he was more experienced about the process.

Therefore, he was able to think through everything before starting the battles. In his opinion, what mattered the most was to keep the civilians at Xinzhou safe, and Ning County, Feng County and Jiayu Pass came later.

"Okay." Zhou Huaijin answered briefly.

The discussion ended at that moment.

Wu Leng opened his mouth and was about to say something when he stopped. He was just a Left General so he needed to obey orders from the chief.

Gu Chaoyan went back to her tent and Wu Leng did not dare to disturb her, so he went back to the top of the gate.

Zhou Huaijin still had some affairs to deal with so he asked Sword One to accompany Gu Chaoyan back to the tent.

As soon as they went back to the tent, Gu Chaoyan saw Duke North's guard waiting for her outside the door, looking embarrassed yet urgent.

Gu Chaoyan had a good impression of the guard, so she called him directly into the tent.

She sat down and asked. "What is it?"

The guard was startled for a moment then he said, "Lady Chaoyan, could you please check out Duke North? He has not been feeling well and Doctor Yinghan has no idea what to do. I thought that you could go see him and then I will feel more assured. I am leaving for the capital with Duke North in a couple of days, so I hope that everything will be ok."

Gu Chaoyan frowned. She threw a calm look at the guards.

"You can leave." Gu Chaoyan's face turned cold. She had no intention of following him there.

The guard looked at Gu Chaoyan and sighed, thanked her and took his leave.

Sword One walked him out.

On the way back, Sword One asked confusedly, "Elder Miss, are you going to check on him? What if something really bad is going on?"

"No, there won't be anything bad."

"Why?"

Chapter 1345 News Back to Capital

Sword One was completely confused.

If Doctor Yinghan couldn't cure him, nor could Li Qing or Yu Feng, only Elder Miss was able to heal him. Duke North was very badly injured and if her Elder Miss did not check up on him, maybe something would happen.

Gu Chaoyan said calmly, "I cured him so I know what will happen. And he should be fine."

"…"

"One more thing, if something really happened, the guard would have been more anxious rather than guilty."

"..."

"So I don't think that it is necessary for me to go there," Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

Sword One thought about it and believed her.

She had not thought it through, but Elder Miss was always a very observant person.

Sword One smiled, got up and prepared a fireplace and small snacks for her Elder Miss, who must be very tired and hungry by this point.

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In the capital.

General Huangpu sent the message about the victory at Xinzhou as soon as possible, but the news did not arrive until the following day.

The messenger was very fast when he came to pass on the message. He expected to get awarded for passing on the message of victory.

The King was seated on the throne with Zhou Huailing next to him. They looked very serious.

Seeing the messenger, the King nodded expressionlessly. "Just say the news."

Zhou Huailing looked at the messenger. They might have a serious look on their faces, but they were quite relaxed inwardly.

He knew pretty well what was going on at the border. They had sent very few soldiers to help, and Lord Huai was always idling about, and was not at all qualified for being a chief. He was just not a match against him. Therefore, he knew pretty well what the news would be.

Xinzhou must have been lost and the casualties were very serious.

His Eighth Brother would suffer as well. He loved errands, right? Now he did have some and he managed to ruin it so he was never going to get any again in the future.

Zhou Huailing was playing with his ring and looked as if he already knew everything.

"King, we have managed to keep Xinzhou. The North Qi invaded us twice, but failed with large losses. At Xinzhou, they lost almost 10,000 soldiers and dozens of magical monsters were killed outside the gate." The messenger looked incredibly happy as he delivered the message. It was so wonderful that they won the battles and he might even get awarded as the messenger, thus he felt quite happy.

The words had just been spoken when both the King and Zhou Huailing were startled.

Especially Zhou Huailing, who was wearing a look of disbelief. "How could that be possible!"

"Crown Prince, it is true. Lord Huai is excellent as the chief and Lady Chaoyan is even better. She made all the plans! Our lost towns will soon be reclaimed if we continue to work like this!"

Hearing that, Zhou Huailing gave him a kick and glared at him. The soldier was so shocked and frightened after he received the kick.

Zhou Huailing kicked the man into a coma.

Only after that did he feel better.

The King said nothing upon seeing Zhou Huailing's move. He was surprised too.

His Eighth Son was lucky enough to keep Xinzhou?!

"De Fu, write the imperial order and bring Lord Huai and Gu Chaoyan home now!"

Chapter 1346 The King's Attitude

The King made the decision directly without any consideration and hesitation.

The Eighth Son needed to come back to the capital.

The reason why he arranged this son of his to Xinzhou was because he expected that as a Lord, he was in the right position to be the chief.

However, he had not expected that this son of his would be lucky enough to defend Xinzhou!

If he continued to remain at Xinzhou, he would create endless potential trouble. All the civilians, including those in the lost towns and in the capital, were very frightened that the enemies would march to the capital. General Liu was injured and Duke North failed, so if Lord Huai won the battle, the civilians would support him like a god.

He was not going to allow this son of his to reach this kind of position, because he was part of the Jiang Family. He did not even want to keep this son of his.

However, though the Queen and General Jiang were gone, Madame Jiang was still alive. He thought about letting this son of his just live in the capital, which was all he could do. The Queen would have understood his decision as well.

However, he was not going to allow this son to be awarded for what he did to Xinzhou.

He let out a sigh of relief when he asked De Fu to make the imperial order.

De Fu paused.

Xinzhou was defended which should be good news! That basically meant that the rest of the towns of the Saint Divine Land would not fall and they might even reclaim Ning County!

He had thought that the King would ask him to give an imperial order for Lord Huai to reclaim the lost towns, yet the fact was that he was summoning Lord Huai home.

It would be a huge loss for the border and the Saint Divine Land for Lord Huai to come back.

De Fu just did not understand what was going on.

He slowed down in making the imperial order. He hoped that the King would calm himself down and make the right decision. If the imperial order was written, nothing could be changed.

The King never noticed this. In his heart, he had to bring this son back, and he was thinking about who to send to Xinzhou instead.

All the officers filled up the court when it was peaceful, but when it was time for him to make a decision, he realized that none of them were qualified.

He would need to pick someone from the noble families since none of the ministers and officers worked.

The Yao Family, or maybe the Min Family? Could anyone from the two families be qualified enough?

The King was very bothered.

Zhou Huailing looked up at the King a few times, but the King did not notice.

Zhou Huailing was quite confused inwardly as well. Xinzhou had been defended, and the North Qi Land had failed the battle, so the Saint Divine Land should be in a very advantageous position. Therefore, anyone who went there would be taking over a very good situation.

He wanted to go there personally so that he could be rewarded for that, but the border was very dangerous and he was the Crown Prince, so he should not get hurt.

Therefore... he was trying to make a decision at the moment, but Junyi was not next to him, so he was stuck with his own confusion.

After a while...

Zhou Huailing made up his mind and said, "Father, please send me to Xinzhou once Eighth Brother comes back."

Chapter 1347 Shocked

The King, who had been thinking about picking someone from either the Yao Family or the Min Family, suddenly heard what the Crown Prince said. The King was quite shocked. He looked at the Crown Prince, confirming that it was exactly what the Crown Prince meant.

He looked quite worried.

It was true that Xinzhou was defended and that the Saint Divine Land was taking the lead, and that the casualty for the North Qi Land was big, but the North Qi had magical monsters, and wars were never predictable, so no one knew what would happen afterwards. Among his sons, the Crown Prince was the only son he liked and acknowledged. So the King did not want him to take the risk at the border, despite the fact that he proposed the idea personally.

The King felt even more bothered by this point.

Zhou Huailing looked at his father, feeling a bit annoyed.

His father was still defensive against him.

His father still wanted to keep the throne, thus pushing him down in every aspect. The reason why his father was bothered by this proposal was because he did not want him to steal the show.

He frowned.

"Crown Prince, the border is not a stable place, and no one knows what is going to happen next. Are you sure you want to go to Xinzhou?" The King asked for confirmation, looking really serious.

"I am not afraid, father," Zhou Huailing said resolutely.

The King sighed and nodded, then he asked De Fu to continue with the imperial order.

"Go and visit your mother and the Empress Dowager before you leave." The King stressed.

Zhou Huailing frowned and nodded.

He felt quite unconvinced inwardly.

His father approved of his proposal, but he still tried to get his mother and the Empress Dowager to talk him out of the intention. Nevertheless, he had made up his mind to go to the border. He needed the support of the civilians and that was the easiest way to get their support.

He could not just wait for these days to pass.

He needed to spare no efforts to hasten the day when he took the throne.

The imperial army had taken away the messenger and De Fu had already written the two imperial orders. Subsequently, Zhou Huailing walked out of Qianqing Palace.

When he walked out of Qianqing Palace, Zhou Huailing did not go to visit Honored Princess Jing or the Empress Dowager, but hurried out of the court.

He did not have time to waste on these small affairs.

He hurried out of the court and saw Junyi waiting for him by the wagon. He said straightforwardly, "Get onto the wagon, I have a few things to discuss with you, now."

Then he went into the wagon directly.

Hearing the tone in which Zhou Huailing spoke those words as well as his behavior, Junyi understood that something was wrong. He looked very serious as he followed into the wagon.

The wagon headed towards the mansion at a very high speed.

It was very quiet inside the mansion, because the women were all in the back yard and Zhou Huailing as well as his trusted men were active in the front yard.

The moment they got off the wagon, they headed directly to the study.

"Junyi, I am heading back to Xinzhou, so you should get prepared so that we can leave directly." Zhou Huailing said, "Also, one more thing. Eighth Brother won the battle in Xinzhou and he managed to defend the town. Our plan failed."

Junyi looked extremely shocked.

So...

Chapter 1348 Startled

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General Liu did not manage to defend Jiayu Pass, and he who helped the Crown Prince, failed to defend Feng County, and Duke North failed to defend Ning County... but Lord Huai managed to defend Xinzhou and beat North Qi? How could that be possible?

The Crown Prince would not lie about that.

The soldiers were the same, but the chief was changed, so the battle was won?

Had he underestimated Lord Huai all this time?

Seeing Junyi in confusion, Zhou Huailing was sure that he was still thinking about how Lord Huai won the battle. He felt quite displeased as he said stiffly, "Junyi, what are you thinking about?"

Only then did Junyi wake up from his contemplation.

He said, "Crown Prince, I am just very surprised that Lord Huai managed to defend Xinzhou!"

"He is just lucky! Eighth Brother is so spoiled that he can kill people whenever he wants to, and he has never been serious about any mission. Do you think that he is capable as a chief? Don't be silly! He is just lucky, he is always lucky! Look at who his mother was, the Queen, and his grandparents are the Jiang Family! But he has nothing other than luck and he is incapable of anything other than running into some lucky things every now and then, that is all," Zhou Huailing said disdainfully.

If his Eighth Brother was really capable, how could he be in such a horrible position after his mother passed away.

Zhou Huailing shook his head. He did not think that it was worth thinking about.

He was thinking about how to march to the border.

Junyi nodded and agreed with what the Crown Prince said. Lord Huai did not have any competences, so that would be extremely ridiculous.

"Crown Prince, you are right, let's just go to the border to win the civilians' support, which should be beneficial for you when you take the throne." Junyi approved.

The Crown Prince might be stupid sometimes, but he was ambitious and brave. If he could just guide him, he would definitely make it in the future.

However..."What should we do with the Crown Prince Consort?"

"Take her along with us. You should arrange some people to guard the Crown Prince Consort so that she will be safe on the way there," Zhou Huailing said.

He needed to obtain the civilians' support and he needed to father a son with the Phoenix Girl. He must obtain both.

And on the way to the border, he was going to make use of all the intervals.

Zhou Huailing really liked this kind of arrangement.

Junyi nodded in agreement.

They could not give up halfway, so they needed to have a wagon prepared, which might take some time, but that should not be an issue. That was a better way to keep her to himself.

Losing his patience, Zhou Huailing waved his hands. "Anyway, go and arrange the trip to the border, and I will speak with the Crown Prince Consort."

Junyi nodded and left and Zhou Huailing headed directly to the back yard.

He had been grounding Ruxue during the past few days, and he loved it.

For one thing, he did not need to be distracted by what happened to Ruxue when he was busy with serious matters, and for another, Ruxue was not as arrogant as before, which made it much easier for him to control her.

As he was thinking, he reached the gate of the yard.

The maids showed him in.

The moment the door was opened, Gu Ruxue jumped as if she was extremely startled. She subconsciously wanted to move away.

Chapter 1349 Order

She had been grounded in the house after the Crown Prince returned from the border and the Crown Prince did not want her to leave the door, since everything became so weird in the Saint Divine Land. She understood that it was only because the Crown Prince loved her deeply and that she was worth the care, but after learning that Liu Qingqing had a child, she really wanted a son too with the Crown Prince, who had been trying very hard to get her pregnant.

The Crown Prince had even arranged for some people to remove Liu Qingqing's son, in addition to what he did in bed.

She had witnessed that all, so she knew that the Crown Prince did this for her sake, but she still felt quite frightened.

Especially when she knew that the Crown Prince was here to have sex with her again.

She was suffering badly, but she needed to have a son, so she tried to press down her misery.

So she subconsciously retreated, after seeing the Crown Prince arrive, but she soon regained her composure.

Zhou Huailing did not notice her strange reaction. Instead, he sat down next to the coal basin and tried to relax. It was very cold outside.

"Eighth Brother has won the battle in Xinzhou and Gu Chaoyan has gained her reputation alongside. Ruxue, pack up a few things because we are heading to the border to take back Ning County. Normally, we men should be the only ones that go to the border for the war, but Gu Chaoyan has obtained some reputation, and you are the Phoenix Girl so you should not lose your reputation! You should tell the civilians that you are the Phoenix Girl!" Zhou Huailing sat down, looking serious.

Gu Chaoyan was Eighth Brother's future Princess Consort, so Zhou Huailing did not want her to gain anyone's support.

Well...

He was telling Ruxue so that she would feel stressed and behave well at Xinzhou. She was going to behave better than Gu Chaoyan so that she could obtain a better reputation.

"What? What a bitch!" Gu Ruxue looked both furious and disdainful after hearing what happened to Gu Chaoyan. This stubborn woman went to the border to do her job when she could not do anything in the capital. She was just like her mother, who took all the opportunities she could get.

Unfortunately... She was not going to be as good as Gu Ruxue!

Gu Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl, the Crown Prince Consort, someone who was going to be the Queen. Someone that a bitch like Gu Chaoyan was not going to match.

"When are we leaving? I am going to the border to make sure that she understands something!" Gu Ruxue opened her arrogant fingers and looked very vicious as if she was going to rip someone off.

She was going to keep Gu Chaoyan alive. She was going to force her to see what a Queen she would become!

Seeing Gu Ruxue's reaction, Zhou Huailing was quite pleased.

Ruxue was ambitious and jealous, but she was better than an ordinary woman who was not the Phoenix Girl.

Also... They were going to make everyone forget Lord Huai and Lady Chaoyan this time.

They were going to remember only the Crown Prince Consort and Crown Prince!

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At Xinzhou.

In General Huangpu's tent.

General Huangpu was the Chief Deputy General, but the chief always changed, except for him, so he moved to this tent instead.

"The imperial order is here." General Huangpu was in a good mood.

Chapter 1350 Calming Down

He glanced at those seated in the chief's tent, who looked delighted.

They won the battle against the invasion of the North Qi, and managed to defend Xinzhou. As they were waiting for the imperial order from the King, the enemies had done nothing more towards them, whilst they were getting prepared to reclaim Ning County. They were at the edge of heading off as soon as the order arrived.

They were very confident that Lady Chaoyan and Lord Huai would definitely reclaim Ning County with them.

General Huangpu was smiling, so was Wu Leng.

However, Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin had a very calm expression and no one could tell what they were thinking.

"Just read the imperial order." Wu Leng told the soldier with the order. He was a very urgent person and he did not like to wait. He always said what he wanted to say, and did not want to hide anything. He could not wait to hear the order, so what was the man doing, looking so hesitant.

The soldier nodded.

He opened the bamboo roll and took out the golden imperial order.

He started to read accordingly, "The imperial order passes on the message from the King – Xinzhou has been defended, which is a lucky thing for the Saint Divine Land. All here will be awarded with bonuses. Also, Lord Huai has finished his mission, so he and Gu Chaoyan should return to the capital as soon as possible. That's all."

When the imperial order was read...

General Huangpu and Wu Leng as well as many other soldiers had their expressions change.

How could that be?

Lady Chaoyan and Lord Huai were summoned back to the capital?

Then what were they going to do with Ning County?

They had been waiting for so many days for the imperial order to arrive so that they could attack Ning County as soon as possible.

What were they going to do with the order?

The messenger was confused too, but he still added. "General Huangpu and the other soldiers, you can wait for the imperial order instating the new chief later."

Having said that, he passed on the imperial order to General Huangpu, who did not want to take it. It was such a stupid order! Lord Huai helped to defend the town and won two battles, and they won because of Lord Huai and Lady Chaoyan... now the King was summoning Lord Huai and Lady Chaoyan home? What should they do about Xinzhou, and what should they do about the soldiers?

General Huangpu was furious, but he did not dare to counter the King's order, he just did not want to accept it.

The messenger said helplessly, "Please, General Huangpu, accept the order, we have to act according to the King. If you don't take it, you will be branded a criminal, it's not worth it, right?"

Then he held the imperial order back to General Huangpu.

Wu Leng could not stand it any more. He burst out and cursed. "God damn the imperial order!"

"..."

"What does the King mean? Is he trying to give Xinzhou back to the enemies?"

"..."

## "Horrible King!"

Wu Leng was so furious that even the messenger could not stop him. He kept cursing.

Gu Chaoyan got up and said with a serious look, "Deputy General Wu, calm down, keep your words concealed. This is the border under the charge of the King, so don't bring yourself any harm because of your words, you need to lead the army to the battlefield, remember?"