

Divine 1381

Chapter 1381 Responsibility

Sword One was more worried than surprised.

Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly, assuming that it was because of the sweat she had in the wagon. She had no special feelings right now.

She shook her head. "There was a lot of coal at Qianqing Palace, which made me sweat."

Having said that, she went into the bathtub.

Hearing the answer, Sword One did not dig further, but got changed and helped her bathe.

Gu Chaoyan felt a little tired. So she sat in the tub with her eyes closed as Sword One helped her rub her back. At this moment, Sword One spotted a red, small wound on Elder Miss' neck. She took a closer look at it and asked, "Elder Miss, what happened to your neck?"

Gu Chaoyan, who had had eyes closed, was about to talk about what happened to the neck when she stopped herself. She covered the wound and tilted her head, saying, "I am okay."

Having said that, she got up, flushing as she walked aside.

Sword One found Elder Miss a bit strange today, but she could not figure out what made her strange. So she said nothing and just tried to wipe the water from Elder Miss' body and help her get changed.

Qing, who was outside, had already gotten the food prepared. It was very late so the food was quite simple. Gu Chaoyan ate everything. She was never particular about it.

After dinner, Gu Chaoyan felt tired and went to bed.

It was going to be a very busy day tomorrow. The King was going to get sick and get the imperial doctors to check him, but the imperial doctors could not do anything so he was going to ask for her. So she needed to have a good break now.

Zhou Huaijin left and went back to his own room after seeing that the light in Chaoyan's room was off.

Chaoyan was not feeling well today which made him nervous. Luckily, she was fine for the time being.

On the day when Chaoyan did not wake up, he had already ordered hidden guards of the Shadow Door to seek for Mr. Zhao. He only trusted Mr. Zhao to take care of Chaoyan physically, thus sparing no efforts to find him. During this time, there was a message which came back from Shadow Door, stating that Mr. Zhao was not very far away. So he was no longer too worried.

As Zhou Huaijin thought about this, he returned to his own room.

He had no servants around him, except for Fu Bao. When Fu Bao was busy with something else, he took care of himself as well. That was something he was used to.

Lying in bed, he heard the sound of a blizzard outside. It was not a peaceful night for him.

He was worried about the Saint Divine Land and Chaoyan so it took a long while before he fell asleep.

The following day...

Early in the morning, De Fu hurried towards her against the snow. He no longer looked as arrogant as before but urged anxiously, "Is your Elder Miss ready? The King is very sick and we should not delay."

De Fu looked really anxious.

Gu Chaoyan seemed very quiet when she came out. She asked confusedly as she looked at De Fu. "If I have been asked to go to the border, why do I need to go to court again?"

Chapter 1382 The King 1

Gu Chaoyan looked very calm and reflected a touch of confusion. She was not at all anxious as she looked at De Fu.

De Fu's face stiffened. He knew clearly that Gu Chaoyan was not a pure-minded lady. She always had a very calm look on her face, but she held a grudge inwardly. He had been listed as one of her enemies due to what he did to her in the court. He was always very worried about being taken revenge on, but there was nothing he could do to her.

De Fu felt very irritated having to speak with her like this, but he had to show respect at the same time.

"Lady Chaoyan, the King discovered a rash on him when he got up in the morning. He had thought that it was a small thing, but after the morning session, the rash had become really big, and the imperial doctors had no idea what it was. You have to visit him and see what has happened to him. The King is not a lady who cares about his face, but he is the King, and he can't have such a rash on his face. You better come with me to the court." De Fu looked anxious, but did not want to show that with his words. He almost stiffened.

Hearing what The Fu said... Gu Chaoyan let out a small okay sound, as if she realized what had happened.

"In that case, I will go and fetch the medical kit." Gu Chaoyan asked Sword One to fetch the kit.

De Fu got very sweaty due to his anxiety.

What took her so long to fetch the medical kit?

He had never expected that there would be one day, when they needed to ask Gu Chaoyan for help, otherwise he would not have developed an enemy relationship with her, so that he would need to beg her or flatter her at the moment rather than get embarrassed.

Sword One finally fetched the kit for her.

De Fu let out a sigh of relief.

He was very worried that the King would become worse due to the delay.

Gu Chaoyan and Sword One followed behind him at a steady pace.

She knew exactly what was happening to the King. A delay would not cause any major problems, just a few miserable moments.

One hour later...

They finally arrived at the court.

De Fu showed them the way into Qianqing Palace, looking very messy. He had snow on him, but was sweating as well. His hat was tilting too.

Finally, Gu Chaoyan arrived at Qianqing Palace.

In Qianqing Palace, the King was groaning, looking as if he were in a huge pain. He kept smashing things about.

De Fu was startled, so instead of passing on the message, he rushed in and said, "Lady Chaoyan is here!"

"Come and check on me!" the King said anxiously. He did not smash things any more, but sat up, getting ready for Gu Chaoyan to check on him.

He found it strange as well.

In his opinion, Gu Chaoyan was not a skillful doctor, because he believed that there were many excellent doctors in the huge land that was the Saint Divine Land, but every time he became sick, he subconsciously decided to turn to Gu Chaoyan.

When he saw Gu Chaoyan here, he believed that he would be saved, and that he would be fine.

Gu Chaoyan glanced at him.

He had a rash all over his face, and some wounds were already created.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head and could not help letting out a speechless sound. She turned around and looked at De Fu.

De Fu caught her gaze and felt the hair standing on his back.

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Seeing her look, he realized that something was going on in her mind – she was going to get him involved.

Ever since he set Gu Chaoyan up in the court, Gu Chaoyan would return the "favor" every now and then, and those "favors" were always too reasonable to be countered, so each time, he could do nothing but accept it.

Gu Chaoyan looked at him and then said to the King calmly, "You are having an allergy, and it may have something to do with your daily life, or food. Does anyone else work at Qianqing Palace? That person doesn't know what you eat and what you should not touch... how cruel that person is!"

Gu Chaoyan said as she started to go through her medical kit, as if seeking for something.

The King thought about what she said – did anyone else work at Qianqing Palace? De Fu was always the only one working here...

He frowned and glared at De Fu.

De Fu had been working for him for so many years so how could he have made such a mistake about what he ate and his daily routine.

Causing him to end up feeling so bad.

De Fu felt sweat coming out of his back. He kneeled down. "It is my fault, sorry, sorry, please, punish me!"

He kept kowtowing.

The King inhaled heavily.

"You will get no bonus this year!" The King snapped angrily.

He was not going to give him a real punishment. He trusted De Fu the most and knew that he was devoted enough not to get replaced, so he had to give him some small punishments that would not hurt.

That was the best arrangement he could make, but the King was still quite annoyed. He just could not vent his anger.

De Fu wiped his sweat.

He knew what the King was like. He received punishment but the King was still unhappy with him.

He would rather that the King scolded him or vented his anger, so that this would be the end of it, but the King did none of this, which made him feel very worried.

He sighed and continued to stay on his knees.

He felt so regretful for having offended Gu Chaoyan just to make the King happy the other day. Now she was totally out of his control and kept giving him a hard time.

De Fu felt very bitter inside.

Gu Chaoyan was very calm. She took out the medical cream, passed it to a maid and said carefully, "Give the medical cream to the King, and the pain and itch should fade."

Having done that, Gu Chaoyan started to write prescriptions.

The prescription was simple, and she had already come up with it.

Taking advantage of the spare time, she glanced at De Fu from the corner of her eye, and saw his dejected expression, Gu Chaoyan did not take pleasure in his misfortune. She did this to him this time, not only because De Fu offended her at the beginning, but because of the sudden thing on the King's face. She needed to find an excuse, or she would get herself in trouble.

So she had to use De Fu as the scapegoat.

De Fu was not a good guy. He was in the same team as the King, and she was not giving him an unjust punishment either.

Gu Chaoyan continued to write the prescription.

The King felt much better after the medical cream was applied, so he asked straightforwardly, "So I can rely on the cream from now on?"

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He really did not like Gu Chaoyan, but none of his imperial doctors knew what to do. So he had to ask Gu Chaoyan for help.

If the medical cream worked, she could disappear from front of him.

She should be sent to Xinzhou to suffer some bitterness, since it would make him feel better.

Since the Crown Prince Consort hated her too, she would be happy if Gu Chaoyan was sent to Xinzhou.

The King was thinking, waiting for Gu Chaoyan to answer.

Gu Chaoyan was writing a prescription, and put away her pen as she finished the last word, then she got up from the chair, looked at the King and said calmly, "Of course not."

The King frowned and looked very disappointed.

Seeing the King's disappointment, Gu Chaoyan could not help but smile. She liked it when the King and his servants set her up but could not do anything about her.

"My King, the rash on your face differs from ordinary ones. You might have eaten some contradictory things that should not have been eaten. The rash is quite poisonous as well. Ordinary cream will relieve your pain, but if you want your rash to be cured, you need better medical cream, and need to eat medicine accordingly," Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

The King looked even more concerned.

Rash with poison?

What did De Fu feed him that he became like this?

The fury arose inside the King's mind again! He looked extremely annoyed.

De Fu really became scared of Gu Chaoyan.

He turned a pleading gaze at Gu Chaoyan, hoping that she could drop it. He had been working for the King for so many years, and he could tell that the King trusted doctors like her, and a doctor like her could say anything she wanted.

One sentence might determine his destiny, and it depended on how she was going to put it. If Gu Chaoyan wanted to drag him down, then he would have a lot of problems.

It had been his fault for having offended her, and he knew that he was wrong. If Gu Chaoyan could speak for him, he would offer her everything she wanted, including money.

Gu Chaoyan sized up De Fu.

De Fu was not a bad or a good guy, and she appreciated his personality. Although De Fu had done quite a lot of bad things, he was devoted to the King, and did everything from the King's point of view.

Because of that... Gu Chaoyan decided not to throw him all the way into trouble.

"The rash is poisonous, but it is very easy to cure, it just requires a period of treatment. The weather at the Saint Divine Land is strange so it may have been caused by the strangeness," Gu Chaoyan said seriously.

Snow in June was already a very strange thing, so that was a reasonable explanation.

De Fu let out a sigh of relief.

"However..." Gu Chaoyan continued.

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Hearing that Gu Chaoyan had something to add, De Fu could not help feeling nervous again.

Gu Chaoyan was never predictable. No one knew what she was going to do next. De Fu was very worried that she was not going to let him go like this, and that she would drag him down.

He looked very afraid.

The King looked at her, wondering if there was anything else wrong with his rash.

"But... before I am able to make you the cream, I would like to meet Destiny Monk. Since the rash is related to the strangeness of the weather, I have to confirm with Destiny Monk before making the medical cream," Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

Hearing that... The King hesitated when she made the proposal.

Destiny Monk was a very important existence, and Gu Chaoyan was engaged with his Eighth Son, a future Princess Consort, so meeting with Destiny Monk might be very important.

He wondered if she had any other purposes.

After a long while, the King said, "You can meet Destiny Monk, but not now, tomorrow, okay? You bring your herb and medical kit to the court and I will set up the meeting, does that sound okay?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

She knew pretty well what the King was planning.

They all let out a sigh of relief.

The King no longer felt so worried after seeing that the problem was curable. De Fu felt so lucky that he dodged an accusation here. If the King blamed him for getting the rash, he would be punished.

Gu Chaoyan had very little chance to meet Destiny Monk face to face, since the King kept Destiny Monk inside the court. So she was going to take the opportunity to meet him.

Everything was still within how Gu Chaoyan planned it.

When the King had the arrangement made, he ordered De Fu to walk Gu Chaoyan out of Qianqing Palace. Silent though he was, De Fu was also feeling very grateful.

After all, Gu Chaoyan would not have let him go like this, because of what he did to her a while ago, but now she did.

“Here is where I can see you off, Lady Chaoyan. It is snowing heavily outside, so do be careful. Just have everything the King requires ready when you come to the court tomorrow. The court is not going to be very considerate.” Before Gu Chaoyan left, De Fu cautioned her.

“Thanks, Eunuch De Fu!” Gu Chaoyan answered and left with Sword One.

On the way out... Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly. She could not help but feel some warmth.

That De Fu gave her warning was totally unexpected, and the reason why De Fu did that was because she did not embarrass him in the court, after all.

De Fu was neither a bad nor a good guy.

He was devoted.

It was an unexpected fruit she obtained today.

The two walked out of the court and went into the wagon.

The wagon headed towards Xinlin Mansion, but Gu Chaoyan was not at all sleepy as she sat inside.

Seeing that, Sword One could not help but ask. “Elder Miss, did you never worry that the King would suspect you for causing him the rash? It was just the right timing!”

Chapter 1386 Situation

They were already out of the court and seated in the wagon, so Sword One asked this question since they were surrounded by their fellows. They did not need to worry about eavesdropping.

Only those who were on their side knew the truth behind the King’s rash.

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly as she held the hand warmer in her hands. “Of course not. He would suspect anyone else, but never me.”

“...”

“The King made a lot of effort to get onto the throne, and is a very calculative person, otherwise he would not have deceived the Queen for so long.”

“...”

“He is actually very confident and arrogant, so he would never suspect that I would dare challenge him, the King!”

“...”

“And, did you see how DeFu reacted when he was with the King? De Fu is devoted and has worked for the King for a long time, and he knows what the King is like. He subconsciously feared the King because he knows him well. That is why he begged me for help. So even if anyone who is around the King knows about it, and suspects me, they would not have raised the question to the King.” Gu Chaoyan smiled, speaking confidently.

Hearing what Elder Miss said, Sword One went over the whole thing in her head.

She had been confused, but now she understood what was going on. Then she showed a look of admiration towards her Elder Miss.

Honestly, Sword One had thought that it was a very risky move.

She feared that if something went wrong, Elder Miss would not be able to solve it, but when Elder Miss explained everything, she suddenly realized that though Elder Miss had made the decision to make the move within a short time, she had thought the plan through.

Elder Miss had gotten herself out of the trip to Xinzhou, and she even understood how people around her would think and what they would do.

It was perfect!

She felt that she would see something awesome done by Elder Miss, every time they were together.

That was something she did not learn when she was trained at Shadow Door.

Apart from martial arts and good planning, one should take the enemy’s personality and ideas into consideration.

Sword One felt that she had learned a lot as she worked with Elder Miss, so she served Gu Chaoyan tea, saying with a smile, “Elder Miss, please, have some tea.”

Gu Chaoyan looked at Sword One, and found her very funny. She was not like how she was at the beginning, when she wore a serious expression on her face all the time.

It was a good change.

Then she took a sip of tea.

They were soon arriving at Xinlin Mansion.

The snow had stopped, but Sword One still had a cloak on hand when they went out. She was worried that the cold air would go into her body.

When they went inside, Zhou Huaijin was seated in the room, seemingly having come back from outside. He seemed to have just taken a seat – he must have been out for the affairs at the Shadow Door.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan going inside, he passed a hand warmer to her. It was just prepared and gave out a lot of warmth.

“How did it go?”

Chapter 1387 Unexpected

Zhou Huaijin asked as he saw Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan sat down with a hand warmer in her hands, speaking as she looked at Zhou Huaijin. "The King should be fine, but he has a rash, which the imperial doctors could not deal with. I have already gotten the cream ready, so he should get better soon."

"..."

"However, I am afraid that I may have to stay in the court these days. The King is very suspicious and after I said that I wanted to meet Destiny Monk, he already made plans to let me stay in the court." Gu Chaoyan confessed.

The King was very annoying, but she was not going to poison him all the time. Also, the King was Huijin's father so Gu Chaoyan was not going to hurt the King unless they were in a difficult position.

That was why Gu Chaoyan used a very light poison.

Gu Chaoyan had thought through the plan before she took action.

Zhou Huaijin did not really care about how the King was doing. He was just listening to her plan.

Chaoyan had to meet Destiny Monk at the moment. It was good that she raised the proposal now.

Also...

Even if she was in the court, she would not run into any danger.

Zhou Huaijin looked very serious.

"There are hidden guards of Shadow Door everywhere in the court, and the underground passage already leads to the court, and if anything happens, you should be fine, however..."

Zhou Huaijin frowned and said anxiously, "I am worried that someone will set you up while you are in court, and that could cause you a lot of trouble, what about..."

Zhou Huaijin was about to say something... when Gu Chaoyan told him not to be worried.

She added. "There won't be any big barriers in the court. The King needs me to cure him, so he can do nothing to me. As for setups... De Fu begged me for help today so he should be of some help though I might not need to ask him for help."

De Fu asked her to get everything ready when she left the court. It was just a simple warning, especially since De Fu was the one who said that.

She would get everything ready for the next day.

If De Fu gave her a warning... then he might at least remember that she helped him once.

If De Fu did nothing, who else would dare to do anything?

So Huaijin was being overly worried. Nothing would happen in court.

Hearing that... Zhou Huaijin was surprised.

De Fu had worked devotedly for the King since he was little, and the King trusted him more than he trusted anyone else.

He never expected that De Fu would be bought out.

Unexpectedly... Chaoyan did it.

Surprised as he was, Zhou Huaijin finally realized that Chaoyan must have played a trick on De Fu, so he decided to help her.

Devoted people were always grateful.

Then...

Chapter 1388 Not Worried

Chaoyan did not need to worry about what was going to happen in the court. There was always some way out, and they had Shadow Door stationed there.

Zhou Huaijin let out a sigh of relief.

The following day... people from the court arrived. It was De Fu who came to meet her.

He was no longer wearing the vicious expression when he met her. Instead, he looked much more gentle.

When Gu Chaoyan and Sword One came out, De Fu even glanced at the things they had prepared. It was snowing in June, so it was cold and chilly, thick clothes were necessary.

So De Fu gave them a reminder.

He thought that a smart person like Gu Chaoyan would understand what he meant, so she had everything prepared. He could have ignored the help she needed. Also, he had two minor eunuchs who might help them to carry stuff, but...

He saw that she had prepared nothing, and the maid had only a few clothes with them. That would not be enough.

Those clothes were not enough under such cold conditions.

It was not easy to get what they wanted when they were in court, especially if the King stressed that they should not be taken care of.

De Fu thought for a while and believed that it was not proper.

He reminded her explicitly, "Lady Chaoyan, it is still very cold, and we don't have so much in the court, you better bring some things that might help you resist the cold."

When he said that... De Fu even gave her a glance, trying to make her understand what he meant.

He was the chief eunuch in the court. Although those who were with him right now were those who worked with him, after spending so many years in the court, he had gotten used to being extremely careful and making no mistakes.

So he could only give some faint suggestions rather than saying it out loud. If someone reported him, he would be doomed.

That was all he could do for them now.

He could only ignore other suggestions the King made in the future.

He was devoted to the King, after all.

Gu Chaoyan smiled as she saw how anxious De Fu became.

De Fu was a fun guy. He might be a bad guy in other people's eyes, but actually, he was nice inside.

In this era, imperial power was supreme, officials, farmers and merchants, and servants were the most humble existence, and as a servant, the most important thing was sincerity. De Fu was a sincere person, so strictly speaking, De Fu was a good person.

Like now.

De Fu had accepted her favor, and was paying her back. So she did not make a mistake in judging him.

Gu Chaoyan felt quite gratified.

She looked at De Fu and said gently, "Eunuch De Fu, thank you for your offer, but this is enough for me, I have my own plan and ideas."

Having said that, she told De Fu that they could set off.

De Fu had tried to advise her about this again, but then he suddenly thought of what Gu Chaoyan was like...

Chapter 1389 How Did She!!

She was not a stupid person. Instead, she was smart, and a little tricky, otherwise he would not have been set up by her the day before. And a chief eunuch like him owed her a favor... so he was going to see when he was able to pay back the favor.

De Fu sighed inwardly.

He had done what he could, so he was not going to do anything else about it.

De Fu lowered his head and led the way.

Gu Chaoyan and Sword One followed him, walking towards the wagon that would take them to the court.

Sword One had one bag of clothes with her, and Gu Chaoyan only had a medical kit.

They headed into the court.

The wagon took them all the way to the court, steadily.

Destiny Monk was living in the last palace, which was closest to Qianqing Palace according to the King. Although Destiny Monk was a guest of the King, he was still surrounded by the imperial army, which made it impossible for him to leave the palace.

That was where De Fu dropped Gu Chaoyan.

De Fu said, "The King asked me to bring you here directly, but Destiny Monk has many rules, and he won't see you if he doesn't want to. You have to come up with ideas of how to make him see you. I will be waiting for you outside."

Having said that, De Fu turned around.

There was nothing he could do to help her at the moment. He owed her a favor, but he could only do something that would not cause too much fuss, not anything else.

Gu Chaoyan suddenly remembered what she had been through.

This Destiny Monk was still as tricky as he had been at Temple.

No wonder the King tried to keep him as well.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief.

She did not care about the trick.

Destiny Monk's array formation might be difficult for others, but for her, it was totally useless. She could make a similar one as well!

Gu Chaoyan walked directly into the room where Destiny Monk was living.

De Fu was watching her as well.

On one hand, the King stressed that he should watch Gu Chaoyan and see what she was going to do.

On the other hand, De Fu was also very curious about what Gu Chaoyan was going to do with Destiny Monk. He could tell that Gu Chaoyan was a very smart person, who could do something no one else dared to do and achieve something no one else dared to achieve.

So he was full of hope at the moment.

Gu Chaoyan did not plan to conceal anything.

Watched by so many people, she walked forward without any barriers.

She reached the door and knocked at the door. "Destiny Monk, can I see you?"

Destiny Monk was startled inside the room.

So was De Fu who was outside.

He had thought that Gu Chaoyan might come up with a way, but he had never expected that Gu Chaoyan would do it so easily and fast.

Without any more thoughts... he asked the imperial army to watch Chaoyan whilst he hurried to Qianqing Palace.

Chapter 1390 Array Formation

The King kept Destiny Monk in the court, claiming that he was afraid of the strangeness in the Saint Divine Land or because he was protecting Destiny Monk's safety, but in fact, the King was imprisoning Destiny Monk in case any accidents happened.

Destiny Monk could predict heaven and the future, but he was just a monk. The King was on the throne, way above Destiny Monk.

That was why he was very annoyed by the array formation set in front of Destiny Monk's yard. He had intended to break through it.

He had ordered the imperial army to break it, and then some elites, but none were able to break the array formation and reach Destiny Monk.

The King had no choice but to give up trying to break the array formation.

He sent Gu Chaoyan to go to Destiny Monk first, because he wanted to cause trouble for her. And when she was in deep trouble, he would step forward and solve the problem himself.

He even looked forward to Gu Chaoyan being embarrassed in front of him.

He had not expected that Gu Chaoyan would break the array formation so easily and go inside the room directly.

De Fu subconsciously believed that Gu Chaoyan might have been looked down upon by the King, who should make a new plan.

He hurried to Qianqing Palace so much that the decorations in his hair became messy, and snowflakes landed upon his head.

He came to Qianqing Palace, saying hurriedly, "My King!"

The King was reading while he held a hand warmer. He was in a leisurely mood when he saw De Fu's anxious face, so he became serious, and frowned.

De Fu... For some reason, he keeps making mistakes these days.

He first allowed him to get a rash, probably because he had not taken good care of him. And now, he was so anxious just because he had run into such a small matter. What a terribly-mannered person!

The King was furious.

He said angrily, "What happened? Didn't you take Gu Chaoyan to Destiny Monk directly? Is she still not in the court?"

He did not think that anything would happen to Gu Chaoyan.

He was the King, after all. Gu Chaoyan and his Eighth Son had to obey him and take him as their supporter. It was a good thing for her to be able to treat him in court, so she should not want to make a mistake.

He wondered if something happened because De Fu made a mistake again. If that happened, he was not going to skip his punishment! He had been working for him for decades, but he still needed to be punished.

De Fu kept thinking about what he saw with Gu Chaoyan, and whether she was going to help Lord Huai in some way. If that was the case, the King and the Crown Prince would be in big trouble.

He did not sense the King's emotion.

He said anxiously, "My King, I did bring Gu Chaoyan directly to Destiny Monk, but the moment she arrived, she broke Destiny Monk's array formation and walked into the room directly."

"..."

"No one is able to break the array except for her, so I was very worried that something weird might happen, so I hurried here to inform you about this."