

Divine 1401

Chapter 1401 Present Time

Lin Qin had already taken full control of Duke North, so when he took her down, he hesitated, moved his mouth and was about to say something, but Zheng Chenyi cast him a sharp look, stopping Lin Qin from saying anything more.

He forced Madame Duke North out of the room.

He had been working at the mansion for years, but he was still, after all, a servant. Inside the mansion, he could only obey the master's words. Duke North was in a very unsteady mood, and what Madame Duke North said was all things that happened in the past. The Duke hated to hear about this. Though he said nothing in the past, it did not necessarily mean that he approved of these thoughts. He had been holding the feelings inside his heart for a long time and they broke out today.

Duke North would only hate his mother more, if Madame went to find Lady Chaoyan like she used to.

Madame should take a break to calm down.

It was still snowing outside.

Madame kept mumbling "foxy woman."

When Lin Qin walked out, and passed by Ms. Zhao who was outside. He said to her, "Mrs. Duke North, the Duke is asking for you."

Having said that, he nodded and continued forward with Madame.

Ms. Zhao glanced at Madame Duke North and no longer felt so annoyed about her.

Looking at Ms. Zhao, Madame held close to her and said with strength. "Ms. Zhao, you have to talk with him, and you have to tell him not to be obsessed any more!"

Ms. Zhao was a bit confused as she saw her mother-in-law walking into the distance.

She could feel that everything had changed since Duke North returned from the border. She had not intended to change anything, but after today, everything would change at Duke North Mansion.

It was not easy to survive at Duke North Mansion, so everyone was very extreme inside.

They could control their temper, so they looked harmonious on the surface, but the Duke must have experienced something at the border, so he did not want to control himself and pretend any more. He was showing the real him.

Then... what about her? What was her role at the mansion?

She was at Duke North Mansion, but she was never accepted by Duke North Mansion.

Seeing Madame walking further and further away...

Ms. Zhao walked into the room quietly. She approached the man lying in bed. He was reading the book that he never allowed anyone else to touch.

She never gave the book a deeper thought, until this moment.

Duke North had lost a lot of weight and he had many wounds.

He had become pale because of the poison, and his eyes were sinking. He had not had a good rest and he was not in a good mood, so he looked extremely gloomy.

She had suspected that he drugged himself and ate the antidote later. He was not dying but it still hurt.

Her mother was right – she could have just married a small mansion to save some trouble, and her mother could still help her out when needed.

Duke North Mansion was in a very complicated situation right now.

She had been too young to think about any of this.

Zheng Chenyi moved his eyes to Ms. Zhao.

Chapter 1402 To Xinlin Mansion

Ms. Zhao had been a very obedient person after getting married. And she respected him all this time. She never made any mistakes, nor did she make any fuss.

She was very straightforward and sturdy, like Chaoyan, but at the same time very far from the real Chaoyan.

He had thought that he could respect the woman and live a life like this, but his mother could not be assured, and Duke North Mansion needed an heir.

However...

He experienced life and death at the border and he did not want to lie to himself.

If he accomplished his own mission, then he would need to sacrifice others.

Ms. Zhao... Ms. Zhao was the person to be sacrificed.

He believed that she resembled Chaoyan, so he was going to let her go.

Zheng Chenyi's mouth moved, he first picked up the medicine bowl at his side, took a few sips, and felt a little better. Although the poison he took in the past two days did not kill him, the side effects were still very serious, so he could only lie here for a few days, unable to do anything and feeling a little uncomfortable, so he could only drink medicine continuously to feel better.

Chaoyan left one bottle of medicine for him, but he knew that the pills worked better, but he did not want to use them now.

He licked his lips and said quietly, "I can divorce you, or you continue to live at Duke North Mansion. I can raise you, but you will have no title, or if you have other ideas I will help you achieve it."

As he was speaking, Duke North looked up at Ms. Zhao. His hands were holding the bottle tightly, "I am sorry, but there is no better way."

"..."

"It was Madame Duke North's fault for having picked you. She forced me to marry you and I am a victim too," Zheng Chenyi said.

He always believed this.

If not for his mother, things would not have become this way.

Ms. Zhao, who had been thinking, could not help but frown. She shook her head.

She had misjudged Duke North!

Madame Duke North was wrong, but if Duke North himself had not approved of this marriage, things would not have come to this stage. If he insisted on not doing so, she would not have ended up being like this either.

Now he felt that he was the victim and it was all his mother's fault, but had he ever thought that if not for his own personality, he would not have come to this stage?!

She suddenly found the whole thing ridiculous.

"I want to divorce," Ms. Zhao said without hesitation. If she remained at Duke North Mansion and let them raise her, she would not have any freedom to leave. "I want to divorce, so Duke North, I believe that you can handle it all well. Bye!"

Having said this, Ms. Zhao left angrily.

After divorcing, she was going to go back to the Zhao Family.

However, before she went back home, there was one more thing she needed to do.

She was going to see and ask clearly what on earth was going on and what role Gu Chaoyan played in the whole show.

After she came out of the room, she walked out of the mansion with her maid.

The housekeeper had gotten the wagon ready.

Ms. Zhao said straightforwardly as she went into the wagon, "Go to Xinlin Mansion. I need to speak with Gu Chaoyan."

Chapter 1403 In Court

Hearing that, the coachman thought that Duke North fell ill again so they headed directly to Xinlin Mansion.

Ms. Zhao's maid was worried. "Are we going to find Gu Chaoyan? What about the Duke...?"

"Just do it," Ms. Zhao said resolutely.

The maid said nothing more.

It was still snowing outside, and the road wasn't easy to walk on. The coachman was already fast enough, and he could not go faster, but Xinlin Mansion was luckily not very close to Duke North Mansion.

The reason why Xiu Jie found this place was because it was very quiet there, and it was located in the center of the capital, a very rare location. Apart from the size, Xinlin Mansion was already better than many other mansions.

When they reached Xinlin Mansion, the maid knocked at the door and the person inside opened it.

It was Xiu Jie.

He did not recognize this person so he was startled. "Lady, who are you looking for?"

"Gu Chaoyan," Ms. Zhao said straightforwardly.

"Elder Miss is in the court and I'm not sure when she will be able to return. If you need her, you will have to return in a couple of days. Is there anything important? I can pass on the message. I will tell Lord Huai so that he can pass on the message for you too," Xiu Jie said politely.

This lady did not look very friendly, but Xiu Jie was very sensitive and gentle. That was why he made such a suggestion.

In the court?

Not available until a few days later?

Ms. Zhao seemed to understand something, but not everything. Nevertheless, she understood that she was not in a position to get involved with something related to the court.

She thought for a while. "I will be back in a couple of days."

Xiu Jie greeted her and closed the gate.

Gu Chaoyan was in the court, lying in bed under the broad daylight. She had not continued with her medicine making.

Sword One covered her up with a blanket. "Not feeling cold, right?"

Gu Chaoyan blinked at her and said happily, "Sword One, I don't feel cold, but I need to pretend to feel cold. When someone from Qianqing Palace comes, just tell them that it is too cold here for me to continue with making the medicine, so I am taking a nap."

Sword One understood what she meant.

When her Miss told her that she was not feeling well, she felt very worried, so she brought her into the room which was totally done out of purpose.

Why on purpose?

Well, she knew that well.

Those from the imperial hospital must have done it on purpose too – they had no braziers and they were fed cold food.

Those imperial doctors did not dare to do this to her Elder Miss, so... the King must have ordered it.

No wonder De Fu kept reminding them about the danger.

Sword One suddenly realized what she should do.

She was about to fetch some hot things when she ran into De Fu, who asked anxiously, "Is your Elder Miss done with the medicine? The King's cream doesn't work that well, and if the medicine is done, I will pass it on to him."

Chapter 1404 Not Extra

The King had a rash on his face, and the cream from Gu Chaoyan seemed to work well. That was why he felt quite assured while he was waiting for the new cream to be made.

However, the cream suddenly became ineffective so the King was throwing his temper in Qianqing Palace. He had smashed almost everything, and the servants were all having a hard time.

That was why he hurried to ask about the cream. Gu Chaoyan had been living in court for a few days so the cream should have been done by this point.

De Fu trusted her for that.

Sword One looked very calm, compared to De Fu.

She said quietly as she looked at De Fu, "Chief De Fu, the cream is not yet done."

"..."

"We ate cold food given by the servants during lunchtime, so Elder Miss is lying in bed after eating it. There are no braziers or thick blankets, and Elder Miss must have fallen ill. Sorry, I am fetching some hot water from the kitchen so that she can get better."

"..."

"The cream might not be available for another few days. Our Elder Miss can't even get out of bed." Sword One looked helpless. "The King invited us in, so you can't be this unprepared, right?"

Sick? Unable to get up? No cream?

De Fu's face twisted.

If Gu Chaoyan said that there was no cream, then there would be none. He did not suspect that, because Gu Chaoyan was a very strange person.

And at this moment, he suddenly realized what was going on.

No wonder when he reminded Gu Chaoyan and her maid back at Xinlin Mansion, they did not care about his reminder. They had already prepared enough counter measures for what might happen.

Gu Chaoyan did not even care about the King, so she was countering him!

It seemed that the King failed to punish this girl but had to suffer himself.

De Fu could not help but sigh emotionally.

He thought for a while and said to the eunuch behind him. "What are you staring at? Did you hear that? Have hot food prepared for Lady Chaoyan, and some warm water too. If anything happens to her, you are responsible!"

Those eunuchs rushed away quickly and went down to business.

When everything was settled, De Fu showed a flattering smile. "Miss. Sword One, can you ask your Elder Miss to give us some medical cream, otherwise I don't know what to say to the King."

Sword One shrugged and instead of answering him said, "I will ask Elder Miss."

De Fu nodded and waited outside.

Soon Sword One came out.

She looked at De Fu calmly. "Chief De Fu, Elder Miss says that the cream was the last bottle left, there is no more."

Chapter 1405 Something Up

Not an extra bottle...

What...?

De Fu looked quite displeased. He did not think that the whole situation looked very good.

He craned his neck and tried to look inside, but got stopped by Sword One. He was peeping into a girl's room and even though he was an eunuch, he could not do something like that.

De Fu sighed.

Knowing that there was no way out, he had to give up.

He was about to turn around, when he stopped and thought of something. He lowered his head and said seriously, "Miss. Sword One, I have a few words to pass on to your lady."

"..."

"Lady Chaoyan is very tough, but that can be both a good or bad thing. Considering the situation Lady Chaoyan is in, it is not a good thing to behave like this. The King is still on the throne, so if he causes you trouble, what would Lady Chaoyan do then?"

Having said this, De Fu nodded and turned around without any response.

He came in a hurry so he came without any thick clothes.

Taking a look at him, Sword One turned around and went into the room.

Gu Chaoyan was not asleep. She was leaning against the headboard, looking quite bored.

"Heard that, Elder Miss?" Sword One asked.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

De Fu was speaking very loudly while he was outside, since there was no one around. He told Sword One to pass on the message, but he was saying this to the lady inside the room.

De Fu was saying it for her sake, and it was not easy for De Fu to say such a thing. He did so because he was thankful for what she did for him the other day.

However, Gu Chaoyan did not retreat from anything, especially not in front of the King, if she wanted to survive.

If that was the case... she was going to keep the King helpless forever.

Exchanging a few words with Sword One, Gu Chaoyan saw the things carried in by the eunuch that De Fu arranged. She laid down and slept.

She was not making any medicine the next two days.

At the Qianqing Palace.

De Fu hurried back and even had a few snowflakes on his shoulders. He had not dusted them away but hurried in, panting.

The King had just vented his anger, and was drinking the tea while suppressing his anger. He asked angrily, "Where is the medicine?"

"My King, it seems that Lady Chaoyan has fallen sick and is in bed due to the cold, so the medicine has not yet been prepared." De Fu said with a look of helplessness, "I can't just allow it to be delayed, so I arranged some hot food and a brazier for her. I can't just let you wait, my King!"

"What?!" The King looked at De Fu in disbelief – she was sick?

So troublesome and fearless.

He was just trying to cause her some trouble, but she didn't take it. There had never been anyone as bold as her.

The King became both furious and annoyed, but there was nothing he could do.

When his rash turned better, he was not going to let her go like this!

The King was furious so he panted heavily.

De Fu was about to serve the tea, when the imperial soldier next to Destiny Monk came in a hurry. "My King, something has just happened!"

Chapter 1406 Incident

The King was no longer angry. He looked at the messenger soldier, who was working at Destiny Monk's yard according to this order. He must know what was going on with Destiny Monk.

There were either good or bad things happening at Destiny Monk. So what is going on now?

The King suddenly felt his head becoming messy, and he said with a trembling voice, “What happened to him?”

“My King, I am not sure. Destiny Monk asked me to inform you about this, but he did not say what was going on.” The soldier looked very calm as he gave this message. He had no idea what was going on between the King and Destiny Monk, all they needed to do was to protect Destiny Monk and obey the rules, that was all. That was why they were not as excited as the King.

The King asked nothing else. He stood up, and despite the pain on his face, flung his sleeves and hurried out of Qianqing Palace.

De Fu hurried after him.

It was suddenly very snowy outside, with a blizzard rushing by. Before they came out of Qianqing Palace, they felt a cold wind attacking their faces with a chill.

De Fu had just returned from the imperial hospital, on his way back, it was still snowing a little, but such a short time passed, yet the day changed and the wind was blowing coldly.

The eunuch took the things for defending against the cold and hurried to follow the King’s footsteps.

The King was focusing on Destiny Monk, not on the bad weather, but they soon arrived.

They hurried all the way to Destiny Monk’s room and De Fu reminded him. “Be aware of the array formation!”

However, the King was already inside the array formation, but he was not wandering about. The array formation seemed to have disappeared, so the King could pass by the array formation into the room. By that time, the King was already inside the room.

De Fu was not motionless any more. He followed.

Something really happened – the array formation was gone and the day was getting worse. De Fu felt very worried.

“What happened? Monk?” The King asked as he walked in.

Destiny Monk did not turn back at him, or greeted him. Instead, he looked at the window as the chill blew in. The room was filled with coldness.

He pointed outside the window with his aged hands, saying, “Look!”

The King walked up fast and looked in the direction Destiny Monk pointed at. It was snowing outside and it was not different.

The King was confused. “What is it?”

“Look at the place for the imperial tombs.” Destiny Monk sounded distracted and excited.

The King looked into the direction of the imperial tombs.

He saw what was there...

The King opened his mouth and looked surprised. "That is..."

Chapter 1407 The Door to Enchantment

He looked through the deep snow outside and then at the imperial tombs. Snow did not cover the tombs, and the trees were still growing green, surrounded by a patch of white cloud. On the top of the imperial tombs, there was a faint-looking white outline of the door to enchantment.

The King would have the tradition of passing on secrets to the next King before they took the throne.

And the King did hear a lot about the Phoenix Girl and the door to enchantment from his predecessor. He knew that it was undoubtedly the door to enchantment on top of the imperial tombs.

And the door to enchantment was giving out unprecedentedly magical energy.

When the door to enchantment appeared, it basically meant that it should be opened.

Destiny Monk fetched him excitedly for this reason.

He looked at Destiny Monk, who had a different kind of excitement as he looked at the door to enchantment. He was feeling more gratified.

During these years, he had been holding the mission and secret his master left to him, and now, he was almost going to finish his mission!

That was so exciting!

However, he became more confused than ever.

The door to enchantment appeared, and the door to enchantment should be opened by the Phoenix Girl, then what? What more could he do?

Where was he going to go?

Destiny Monk looked quite distracted.

"Destiny Monk!" the King shouted excitedly.

Destiny Monk brought himself back, and looked at the King that no longer looked intimidating but excited, saying calmly, "My King, the door to enchantment has appeared, meaning that it is time for the Phoenix Girl to open the door. You can get the Phoenix Girl to do that. I am left with nothing more to do."

The Phoenix Girl!

Exactly!

The King tried to calm himself down and then regained his dignity, saying to De Fu. "Pass on the message to the border – the Crown Prince Consort and the Crown Prince should come home as soon as possible, and that is the most important thing! The Phoenix Girl has to be present to open the door to enchantment. The Saint Divine Land needs the Phoenix Girl now!"

De Fu nodded and went off to carry out the order.

The King stood by the window, looking extremely excited.

His heart, which had been quiet for so long, started to throb excitedly as if he were back at the day when he took the throne, and when he stood by the throne and looked down at everyone on their knees in front of him. It was a feeling that made him the King.

And now... the Saint Divine Land would become his, together with the whole world. He was very excited about that.

Destiny Monk glanced at the King.

He had no idea what to say to the King. He had been thinking about Gu Chaoyan and thought that he might be able to calm himself down by talking with Gu Chaoyan.

"My King, I am going to go get some medical cream from Lady Chaoyan's place," Destiny Monk said.

The King ignored him and nodded instantly. "You can go now."

The door to enchantment had appeared and he had the Phoenix Girl in his control too, so he had nothing to worry about and he did not have to stay as cautious towards Destiny Monk as he used to be.

Destiny Monk quickly headed towards the imperial hospital.

Chapter 1408 Strangeness

The eunuch led the way, and it was not as messy as in the court. The snow was very heavy, so when Destiny Monk reached the imperial hospital, he was covered with snow. The eunuch dusted away the snowflakes on his back, but Destiny Monk had already walked in impatiently.

Gu Chaoyan was already up. She was not pretending to be sick in bed any more.

There were hidden guards in the court, and she received the message from them, saying that Destiny Monk had witnessed something strange, and that the King had hurried to his place. She suspected that the door to enchantment had appeared. So she walked out and looked into the direction of the imperial tombs. Sure enough, the door to enchantment had just appeared.

When the door to enchantment appeared, it meant that the Saint Divine Land as well as the whole continent was going to change entirely.

She could not be sure if that was bad or good, yet there was nothing they could do now.

Gu Chaoyan took the teacup in her hands.

After she said that she was too sick to make the cream, she suddenly got a lot of things in the room. There were braziers, and the coal was the best sort. There was no other smell but the room was warm.

Destiny Monk walked in and saw Gu Chaoyan drinking tea leisurely.

She looked up at Destiny Monk, and seemed a little surprised. The door to enchantment had appeared at the imperial tombs, so he should be pestered by the King at the moment. It was a huge incident, which was related to both the Saint Divine Land and the whole continent but he was here, in front of her. Why?

Nevertheless, Gu Chaoyan still showed a very calm expression.

“The door to enchantment has appeared.” Destiny Monk came and sat down, saying, “What do you think?”

Gu Chaoyan put down the teacup.

She looked at Destiny Monk with a pair of clear eyes. “I don’t know. The door to enchantment has appeared and the Phoenix Girl should be asked what they think, right? Only the Phoenix Girl is able to open the door to enchantment, isn’t she?”

Destiny Monk smiled.

He understood why he had the urge to meet Gu Chaoyan right now.

“You really think that Gu Ruxue is the Phoenix Girl?” Destiny Monk picked up a teacup and sipped the tea.

He did not think so.

Who the Phoenix Girl was had not been settled before the door to enchantment was opened.

He did not care who the Phoenix Girl was. He only cared about what would happen after the door to enchantment was opened and whether or not he would be able to answer for the consequences after the door was opened.

Destiny Monk felt a little unsure.

Gu Chaoyan frowned and did not answer Destiny Monk. She looked forward and said, “The North Qi Land has invaded us and taken down Jiayu Pass easily. They have more forces than that of the Saint Divine Land since they took down Feng County and Ning County and those magical monsters from their land come from somewhere we have no idea of, and they are very powerful, more powerful than human beings.”

“...”

“Strange things have been happening, and I am not sure if it is related to the door to enchantment. However...”

Chapter 1409 Gu Ruxue’s Fury

“But since these are about to happen, we can only follow nature instead of stopping it. We won’t make the whole thing better by stopping it,” Gu Chaoyan said seriously as she looked at Destiny Monk.

The North Qi Land’s aggression had already caused the other three countries trouble, so she was very certain that the door to enchantment should be opened.

Destiny Monk came to her at this moment, because, according to his actions and expression, he was not very sure about the door to enchantment.

That was why she said that directly.

Destiny Monk nodded. He more or less understood what Gu Chaoyan meant.

He stood up directly.

“Hang on.” Gu Chaoyan stopped him, and gave him a small white bottle, saying, “This is the cream required for the King’s rash for the moment. I am going to make some more accordingly.”

Destiny Monk took the bottle.

He was here for this, but he totally forgot about that.

Destiny Monk returned when the bottle was in his hands.

Gu Chaoyan sighed slightly.

At Xinzhou.

Gu Ruxue was seated in the room, as her maid was massaging her shoulders. It was very warm inside the room, and all the braziers were in her room, and there was abundant pastries on the table, but Gu Ruxue still looked really annoyed despite this abundant treatment.

The Crown Prince confidently claimed that he was going to reclaim a town and put the fruits of the victory upon her, but when they tried to attack Ning County, the Saint Divine Land lost many soldiers, and she as the Phoenix Girl was humiliated!

She even heard some gossip saying that she was worse than Gu Chaoyan! She had those people killed, but she was still really annoyed.

She could tolerate many things, but she could not tolerate that someone preferred Gu Chaoyan to her.

She was very annoyed at the moment.

The Crown Prince suggested that he could bring Gu Chaoyan here and put her at her disposal and that had made her feel rather happy, but days passed... and yet she was still not here.

That irritated her to a maximum degree.

The more she thought about this, the less cozy she felt. She slapped the maid on the face, saying, “What force are you using?”

Being slapped on the face, the maid almost burst into tears. “I am not...”

Gu Ruxue frowned and slapped her again. “Did I mistakenly accuse you?”

“No, no, please, Crown Prince Consort, I am sorry.” The maid knelt down directly. She countered her because she acted impulsively when she got misjudged. She was not supposed to serve the Crown Prince Consort, and the reason why she was here was because of the arrangement, but after serving her for a while, she realized that the Crown Prince Consort was not a reasonable person. She would always punish the servants when she was in a bad mood by scolding or hitting them. She did not use force, but the Crown Prince Consort claimed that she did, and she could not possibly counter her.

Furious, Gu Ruxue gave her a kick – how dare she counter her? Who did she think she was?

Zhou Huailing had just hurried in and saw Gu Ruxue kicking the maid. He pulled Gu Ruxue away.

Chapter 1410 Back to the Capital

Gu Ruxue, who had become less angry, got even angrier as she was tugged by Zhou Huailing. She glared at him. "Crown Prince, what do you mean? Is she so important to you that I can't even punish her?"

She had wanted to spare this maid, but Gu Ruxue now wanted to have her killed. Maybe this foxy lady had seduced the Crown Prince out of her sight.

Gu Ruxue dared to vent her anger like this now.

She knew clearly that she needed to keep her identity as the Phoenix Girl and there was nothing for her to fear sorry about. The Crown Prince was definitely going to pamper her.

Zhou Huailing did not get angry but laughed as he heard what Gu Ruxue said.

Ruxue cared about him so she behaved in this way and acted so suspicious. They had not yet had a child by this point after so many efforts, but if Ruxue cared about him, they could definitely get something out of it.

Also, he heard the good news so he would not get mad any more.

He took Gu Ruxue in his arms, saying gently, "Ruxue, what are you thinking? I won't have anything to do with low-class maids!"

"..."

"News has just come from the capital. The door to enchantment has appeared. So father is asking us to go back as soon as possible. A ceremony is being held at the court, and the door to enchantment should be opened with you there, as the Phoenix Girl."

"..."

"Ruxue, when the door to enchantment is opened, we will be above everyone else!" Zhou Huailing said with a gentle yet excited voice.

He had been waiting for so long and making plans just for this day to come.

He did not even care about the incident that happened in Ning County. What mattered the most was to open the door to enchantment!

He did not care about this maid either.

The moment Zhou Huailing finished speaking, Junyi arrived as well and said with a low voice, "Crown Prince, we are ready, let's leave now."

Zhou Huailing nodded.

"Don't pack anything, we leave now, back to the capital with no time to delay!" Zhou Huailing said to Gu Ruxue, and then glanced at this maid as he said indifferently, "If you don't like this maid, we don't have to have her with us. There are so many soldiers at Xinzhou and they have worked hard so this maid can serve them!"

Having said that, he ignored the maid and left with Gu Ruxue directly.

Gu Ruxue, who had been dumbfounded, had not yet realized what was happening, but when she finally understood what was going on, she ignored the maid and became really happy.

Finally... The day came!

She started to imagine the glory she was going to receive, one that she had been dreaming of since she was little!

And! She was going to humiliate Gu Chaoyan and bask in her humiliation!

Zhou Huailing and his team hurried back to the capital at the highest pace.