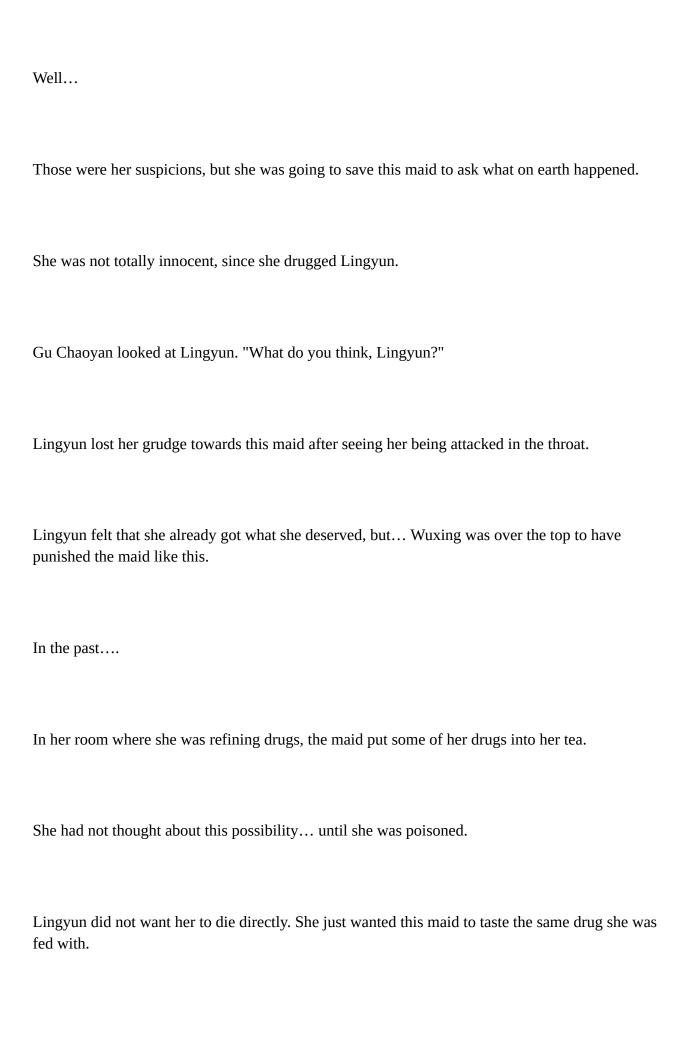
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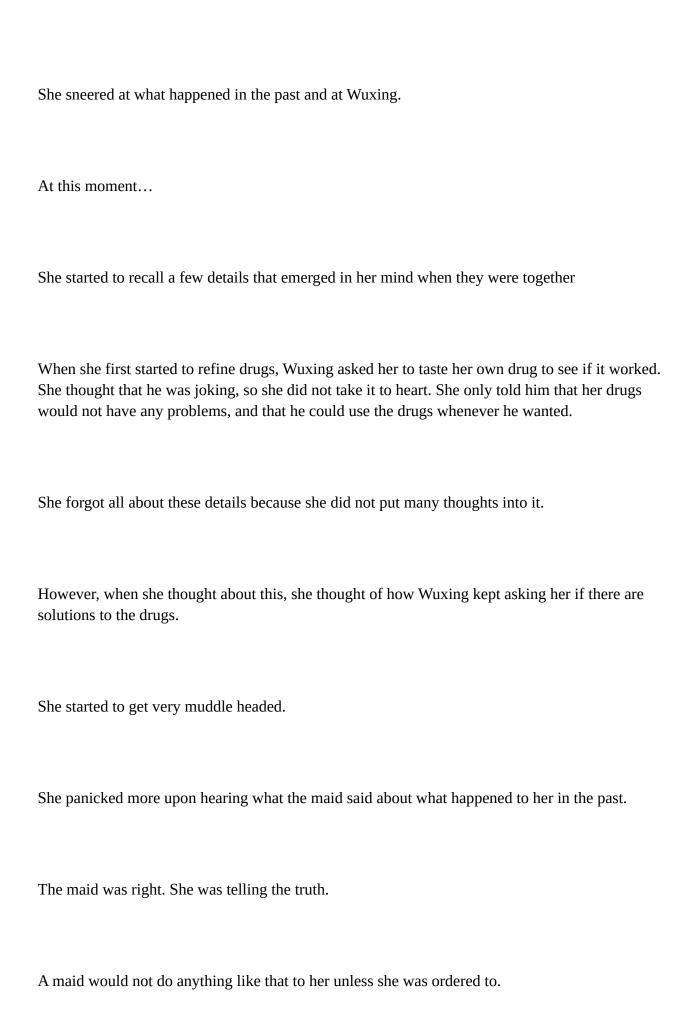


However, with the weapon in her throat and her bleeding constantly, she looked very unconvinced with popping eyes.
"Can you get her back?" Lingyun asked.
Gu Chaoyan felt that she had picked the right person to work with her.
Lingyun could make the worst drugs, but in her heart, she was a kind and soft-hearted woman.
That could both help and harm her.
Gu Chaoyan shook her head slightly.
She was skillful, but this maid was in a terrible state.
Wuxing clearly knew how to kill a person.
All she could do was to keep her alive for a while.
Just a while.

"I put the drug but I was tricked." The maid forced out the words, with eyes shot with blood. She was still holding her fist and bearing the utter pain, saying with an unconvinced tone, "He said someone needed to test the drug and you should be the one to test it because you are useless I only needed to drug you so I could serve him forever I could have his child so I did"
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"But" She forced a smile as she reached this point. "But he killed me"
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"He will never live peacefully when I die!"
Having said the last words, she used her own strength to pull out the weapon. Blood burst out, and she passed away. Chapter 1622. Truth
Chapter 1632 - Truth
The maid's blood sprayed on Gu Chaoyan's white dress. She closed her eyes slightly and moved away from the maid. She never liked the smell of blood. She did not frown, because the maid should die, but not in this horrible way.
What she had told her fit her guesses.

Also, she did not deserve to be treated.

The maid did drug Lingyun, but she was just an accomplice. The person who ordered her to drug Lingyun was the man named Wuxing.
She was dead, and her sin was paid, but her death did not cheer up Lingyun. Instead, she looked really distressed.
Gu Chaoyan stood next to Lingyun, waiting quietly.
At this time, she needed someone to stand by her side.
When she heard the truth from the maid, Lingyun almost got choked by it. She felt her heart ache, as she tried to think about what the maid said.
If what the maid said was real then Wuxing was the most disgusting person she had ever known. And he was the murderer.
If that was true, Wuxing not only lied to her, but also tried to kill her.
She had been used by him to do so many things, but she did not think that she was drugged because of him. He must have considered her a burden even at that time, but he could not think of a way to deal with her, thus using this method.
With a few words he made her live miserably for years.
Lingyun sneered.



Lingyun stood up and stared at Gu Chaoyan. Her eyes were almost out of focus. "Phoenix Girl, I am going to take revenge on Wuxing for everything he did to me before." Having said this, she looked at the dead maid. "And he is not going to die so easily. I am going to give back all the suffering he once gave me. And he will know that he has given me pain and misery."
Gu Chaoyan nodded. "You are working for me now. I will definitely help you as long as I can."
That was the second time Gu Chaoyan made the offer.
Lingyun nodded.
She was a very nice woman. She had given her life.
"When I am done with the revenge, I will work for you and serve you with all my life until the end of my days."
Chapter 1633 Open And Fair 1
Upon finishing speaking, Lingyun took out a black bottle and ate the pill inside. Then she took out another bottle and passed it to Gu Chaoyan. "This is the ice worm controlling the poison inside my body. If I ever betray you in the future, you can kill the ice worm. At that time I will definitely die too!"
Gu Chaoyan did not accept it directly, but looked at Lingyun in utter surprise.

Lingyun was kind and gentle, so she had not expected that Lingyun would be so extreme in dealing with this matter.
She told her that she would work for her after she took her revenge. She trusted her word, so she had not expected that she would show her loyalty by eating a poison!
"Is there any antidote for that?" Gu Chaoyan asked.
"No." Lingyun shook her head.
Wuxing asked her to make a drug like that, but many things happened and she did not give it to Wuxing.
She had not expected that it would one day work on herself.
Also, she was using it without feeling any regrets.
Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly. She was very worried about Lingyun.
Lingyun had no antidote for the poison. And she had no way out to deal with this thing. So she had to put away the bottle.
She said to Lingyun gently, "I asked you to serve me for five years, because that is the payment I wanted to get from you. I don't have strict rules for you if you work with me. You don't have to assume that you are betraying me whenever you do something. You can leave if you want to."



That showed the ruthlessness of the imperial family.
However, Zhou Huaijin could not be trapped by the imperial army. He could go anywhere he wanted, except that he could not do it in public.
If not for his special abilities, he would have been crushed to bone dust in the court.
That day was the first time that Gu Chaoyan came to see him since he was grounded, but she was stopped by the imperial army the moment she approached.
Gu Chaoyan had never met the chief who guarded the mansion.
She did not know him, but apparently, he knew who Gu Chaoyan was, thus being quite anxious.
He had thought that it was a nice mission to guard Lord Huai's Mansion, but the Phoenix Girl ignored the King's order and came to the door.
The King's order was that no one was allowed to go into the mansion, but she was the Phoenix Girl should he allow her?
"I am here to see Lord Huai. Let me in." Chapter 1634 - Open and Fair 2

Gu Chaoyan spoke in a calm voice, but she sounded quite imposing to the imperial army.
The chief could not help but wipe the sweat from his forehead.
The King gave the order, but the Phoenix Girl gave another one. What should he do?
"Phoenix Girl, please, the King ordered that Lord Huai is to be grounded in the mansion. I am doing this based on the imperial order. Don't make me make a choice, please. I can't do anything about it," the chief said, looking very pitiful. He hoped that the Phoenix Girl would not give them a hard time.
They were the group that could never speak with the Phoenix Girl, but she was the Phoenix Girl and her news spread around.
It was said that the Phoenix Girl had a weird temper, but she treated servants very nicely. Those servants who worked at the Gu Mansion, and those who served her but came from the court and those who were by her side shared almost the same privileges as their Miss.
So if he told her what was going on, she should not give him a hard time.
Gu Chaoyan glanced at him.
She said reasonably, "The King did ground Lord Huai, and didn't want him to leave Lord Huai's Mansion, but the King has never forbidden me to walk into Lord Huai's Mansion. I am not disobeying the King's order, and I am not asking Lord Huai to leave the mansion."

Hearing Gu Chaoyan's words, the chief was startled.
The Phoenix Girl was absolutely right.
He got the order to watch over Lord Huai, and that Lord Huai was not allowed to walk out of the mansion, but there was no order saying that there should not be any guests.
So it was a very reasonable request.
However, he was working for the court and he knew that the King wanted Lord Huai to die in the mansion alone.
Before no one would dare go into the mansion without permission, so no one had predicted that the Phoenix Girl would come.
He was not in the position to stop her, so he stepped aside and told his men to pass on the message to the court.
Gu Chaoyan went directly into Lord Huai's Mansion with a straight back, under the imperial army's watch.
Sword One was chuckling after seeing how embarrassed the imperial army was.



The King grounded Lord Huai because he wanted him to die alone in the mansion, with no future. Before something happened to Lord Huai's Mansion, no one visited Lord Huai, but now that Lord Huai was grounded, everyone was staying even farther away from it.

If Lady Chaoyan wanted to stay away from them, that was totally reasonable, but Lady Chaoyan came to them, so Uncle Zhou personally hoped that she would not be involved. She had had a bad time in her childhood, but she was the Phoenix Girl so she was on the rise. It was not good for her to be dragged down.

That was why he made that speech and got worried, but as a servant he could not possibly drive her away, so he had to lead her to the Warm Pavilion.

As they reached the Pavilion, Uncle Zhou reminded her. "Lady Chaoyan, Lord Huai is inside the Pavilion. I will come to serve you some tea, after you go in."

Lady Chaoyan liked tea and was very particular about her tea as well. Uncle Zhou did not know Lady Chaoyan well, but he learned that from Lord Huai.

There were no servants working for the mansion. Some were even leaning towards the court. Uncle Zhou was not assured about their loyalty. They even offered Lord Huai cold tea.

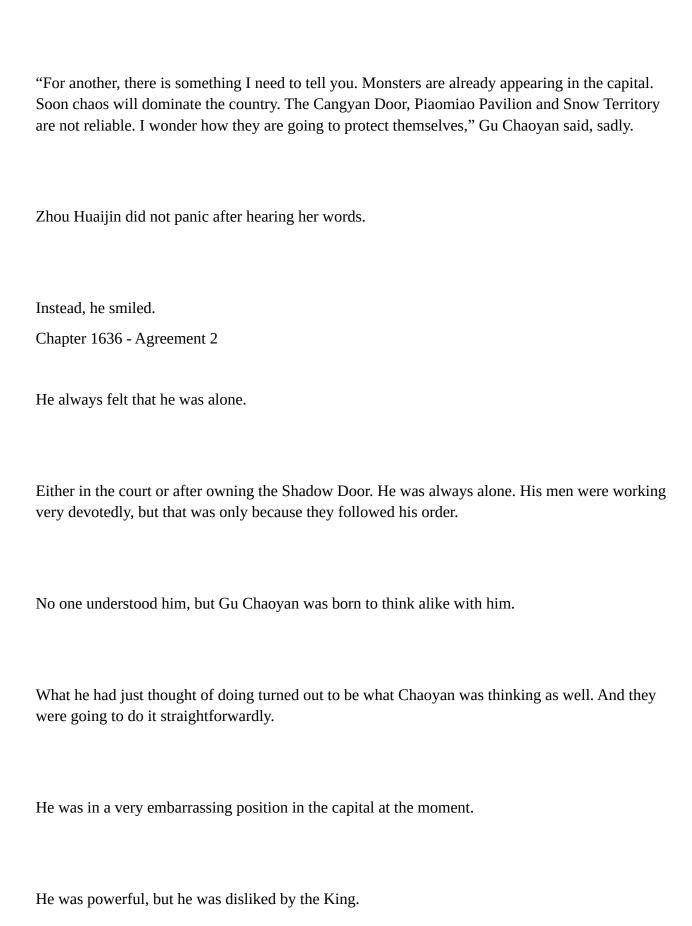
Uncle Zhou did not want Lady Chaoyan to be served badly, so he went to fetch the tea personally.

Gu Chaoyan thanked Uncle Zhou and walked into the Pavilion.

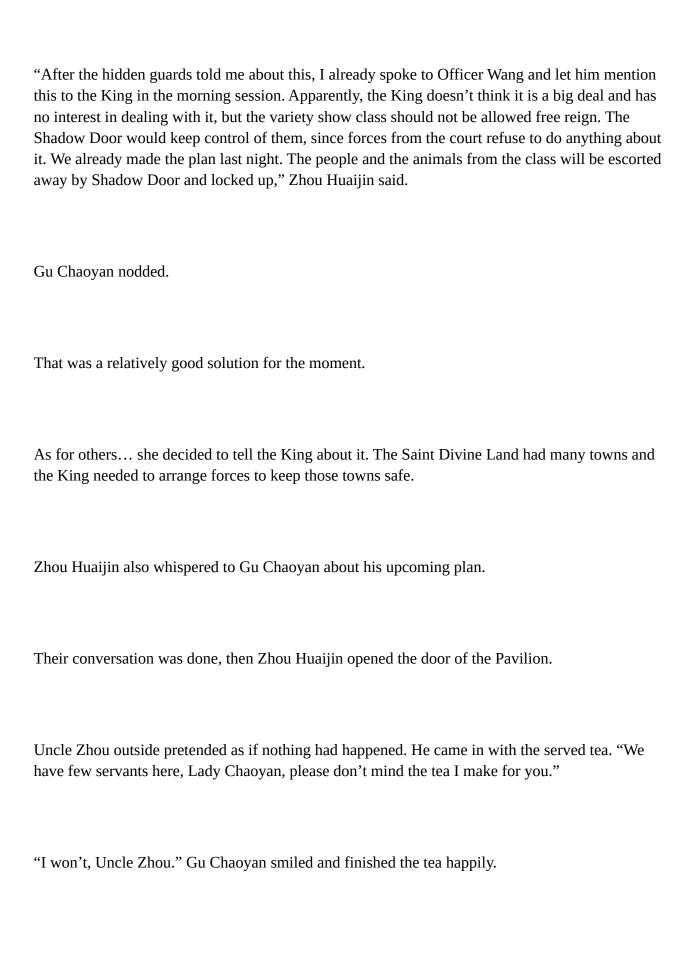
The mansion was the second place that Lord Huai moved into, because the original one was given to Zhou Huailing for expansion.

The Pavilion was very shabby, only containing a few vases and a few books.
Zhou Huaijin was inside, dressed in a long robe. He was reading, but as Gu Chaoyan approached him and saw that the book was upside down. She was amused. "The book is upside down! Can you read what is inside?"
"Of course." Zhou Huaijin said confidently, "It's not as good as it is to hold and make a profit. If you try to keep it sharp, you can't always keep it. The hall is full of gold and jade, don't be proud of your wealth and honor, but blame yourself. Leave when you make an achievement, that is the way destiny should be"
Gu Chaoyan threw a look at the book. That was right when read upside down, but Gu Chaoyan did not think that was how he read it. It was just that he remembered the contents.
She was amused and laughed.
Zhou Huaijin did not continue with that. He stood up and sat down by Gu Chaoyan's side. He asked gently, "What are you doing here?"
He knew that she was here, the moment she arrived outside Lord Huai's Mansion. He had been waiting for her all this time.
He was waiting for Uncle Zhou to bring her here, and for her to finish the conversation with Uncle Zhou.





If he intended to take the throne fair and openly, he would need the civilians to see how ridiculous the King was. However, what he was going through and what the civilians had seen was not enough. He needed to get more.
Chaoyan would need help to make "the more" happen.
The King might do something even more ridiculous just to give him a hard time, after knowing that Chaoyan was with him today at the mansion. When the ridiculous things reached a certain degree, he would have the excuse to take the throne.
By that time, he could do everything fair and openly.
He would no longer be under anyone's control and the civilians would be protected by his Shadow Door, though it might be a bit chaotic at the moment. Shadow Door could keep them safe.
That was the agreement he had with Chaoyan without saying out loud. Both of them understood the situation, and there was no need to say more about it.
As for the monsters some hidden guards from Shadow Door came to remind him about the strangeness of the variety show class. They believed that they were monsters, but
Monsters were strange things for him and Chaoyan.
All they could do was to keep control of them so that the Saint Divine Land would not fall into their hands.



When messengers from the court hurried in, Gu Chaoyan was just discussing the tea with Uncle Zhou.
The messengers from the court exchanged a surprised look between themselves.
When they received the report from the imperial army, they came to stop the Phoenix Girl from spending too much time with Lord Huai. Unexpectedly, she was speaking with the servant of Lord Huai's Mansion, whilst Lord Huai was expressionlessly standing next to them.
Gu Chaoyan tugged Zhou Huaijin's sleeves upon seeing the messengers' expressions. Zhou Huaijin caressed her head.
Frightened, one messenger said, "Lady Chaoyan, the King is asking you to come to the court." Chapter 1637 - In Court 1
Those servants from the court might be in a low position, but they worked for the King, so they clearly knew the rules here.
Lord Huai was grounded because the King preferred the Crown Prince and wanted the Crown Prince to marry the Phoenix Girl. However, Lord Huai and the Phoenix Girl were engaged, and the Phoenix Girl only wanted Lord Huai. That was why the King thought of this idea and tried to make Lord Huai disappear gradually from the capital.
Things had been going well, since Lord Huai was grounded whilst the Phoenix Girl moved around in her mansion and sometimes met the Crown Prince, but the Phoenix Girl went to Lord Huai's Mansion to meet Lord Huai personally!

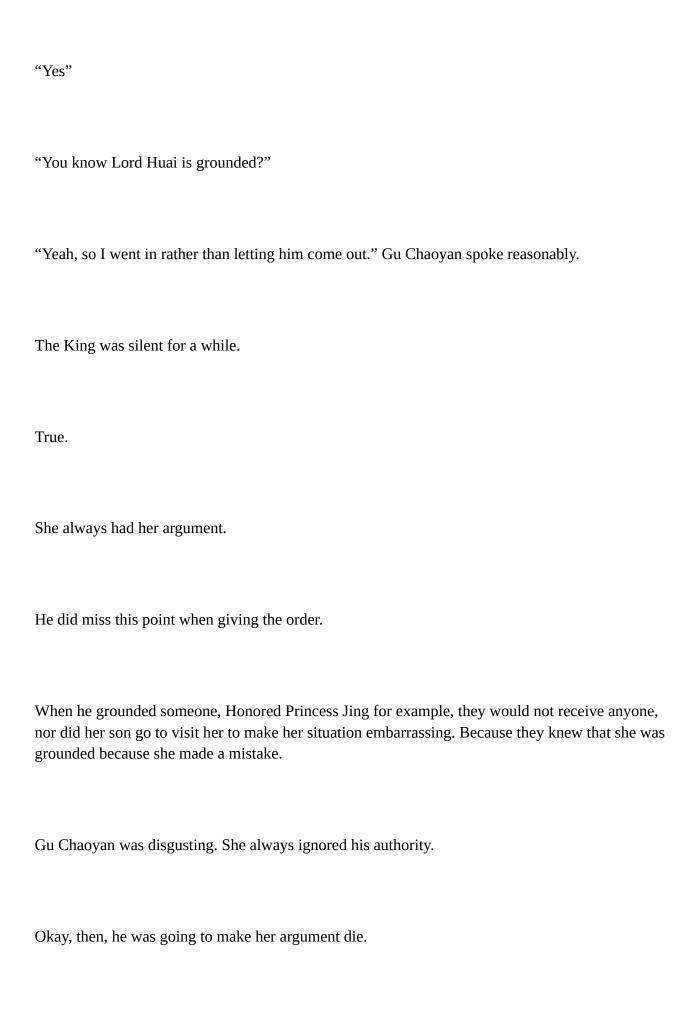


The servants threw a very disdainful look at Zhou Huaijin and Uncle Zhou and followed her.
Zhou Huaijin looked calm. He did not care about how those servants treated them, but Uncle Zhou was very angry. He was about to snap at those servants, when Zhou Huaijin stopped him.
He did not care about those small trivialities.
Uncle Zhou sighed, feeling that God was totally unfair and Lord Huai was too pitiful.
"Uncle Zhou, don't think too much about it. Let's drink tea. Chaoyan says that the tea is good, so it should be." Zhou Huaijin smiled and poured Uncle Zhou some tea, telling him to drink it.
Zhou Huaijin always wore a very cold expression on his face, but he was gentle in front of people who served him.
Uncle Zhou sighed heavily.
Uncle Zhou wondered whether he should be happy or not, but he could not just sit down and drink the tea camly.
He left directly, grabbing the stuff. "I have a lot of other work to do, so I won't continue to drink tea here. Lord Huai, you can drink it yourself, if you want to."







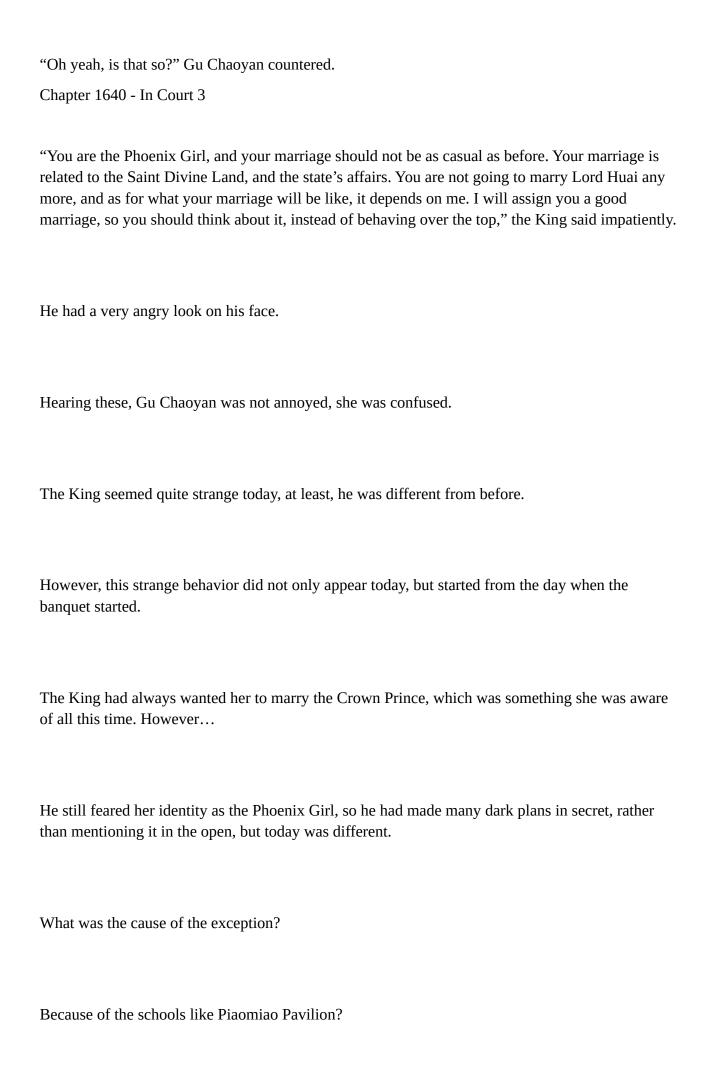


"De Fu, give the imperial order that no one is allowed to walk into Lord Huai's Mansion from today on!" the King said, distressingly.
The imperial order was made purposefully for Gu Chaoyan, because of what she did today.
De Fu was surprised, but he did not think about it. So he went to give the imperial order.
"You are not allowed to walk into Lord Huai's Mansion again, now that the imperial order has been given." The King said, "You are the Phoenix Girl, and I did not put it clearly in the past, because I hoped that you would figure it out yourself, but it seems that you can't. So I am going to tell you clearly right now."
Chapter 1639 - Coincidence 1
She did not have the Golden Rolls in her hands.
Even if she did, she was not going to offer it because of her opinion towards Piaomiao Pavilion and the Snow Territory.
The King had never thought that Piaomiao Pavilion and the Cangyan Door would be better than the Saint Divine Land.
So before that, he never wanted to offer the Golden Rolls.
Briefly the King and those people were the same kind. They were selfish, and because they were selfish, they wanted to get things for themselves, but after a short while





He had spent some time with people from Piaomiao Pavilion and they all looked down at the Saint Divine Land. They had some purpose, that is why they were lingering here. They had not even offered any good conditions, and yet the King already helped them. If they really saw the Golden Rolls, what more would they do?
However, if the Phoenix Girl could hold the Golden Rolls and restrain them, the situation would be great.
The King, however, did not seem to think so.
De Fu was quite worried, but he was just a servant and all he could do was to do what he was capable of, rather than getting involved with court affairs.
De Fu put away the teacup and asked the eunuch to take it away.
At that moment, Gu Chaoyan walked out of Qianqing Palace and Sword One followed.
Neither of them spoke. They just headed out of the court one after the other.
After making a turn a white silhouette popped up.
He was smiling brightly and looked at Gu Chaoyan with a sparkling gaze. "Feng Le, what a coincidence that I would run into you here."



Those schools were here for her sake, so the King should fear her, rather than cause trouble with her.
Gu Chaoyan just could not understand what was going on.
"Do you understand what I said?" The King sounded furious, as he asked Gu Chaoyan.
"Of course."
"I make the arrangements for the country, and for you. Marrying Lord Huai was a good thing for you before when you were not the Phoenix Girl, but you are the Phoenix Girl and Lord Huai doesn't deserve you."
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"Lord Huai has been spoiled by the Queen and he has no business and can do nothing. He has no use because he has to be supported by the country. He will only slow you down," the King said with a softer tone, because he was trying to persuade Gu Chaoyan with whatever words he could think of.
Well
Gu Chaoyan believed that what the King said was true.

In his eyes, among all his sons, the Crown Prince was the only excellent son who resembled him the most.
If one day, he knew that the Head of the Shadow Door was the son he liked least, she wondered what expression he would have.
"You can think about this, and I won't force you to do anything." The King felt that it was enough. So he stopped and hoped to leave some time for her to accept the truth.
Women always cared more about love than the state's situation. That was what Jiang Shuang did.
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"I thought that you would realize this point yourself, but you are still hiding the Golden Rolls."
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"I am not asking you. I am ordering you to give them the Golden Rolls." The King stared at Gu Cangyan whenever Golden Rolls were mentioned. His eyes were reddened.
Gu Chaoyan frowned.
The Golden Rolls she was not going to give it to them, because