

Divine 1631

Chapter 1631 It Was He

Wuxing aimed to kill her.

And because of this move, Gu Chaoyan was trying her best to keep her alive.

Lingyun said that this maid drugged her back then. If a hard-hearted person wanted to flatter Lingyun with a maid's life, he should have given her to Lingyun so that she could take revenge.

Wuxing did not even ask what happened back then before he killed this maid. Was it because he believed that something did happen?

Also, Wuxing's expression was very weird when Lingyun spoke of this request.

When every sign was combined together...

Gu Chaoyan suddenly felt that things weren't so simple.

Therefore the maid could not die right now.

Wuxing was trying to gag her by killing her.

Well...

Those were her suspicions, but she was going to save this maid to ask what on earth happened.

She was not totally innocent, since she drugged Lingyun.

Gu Chaoyan looked at Lingyun. "What do you think, Lingyun?"

Lingyun lost her grudge towards this maid after seeing her being attacked in the throat.

Lingyun felt that she already got what she deserved, but... Wuxing was over the top to have punished the maid like this.

In the past....

In her room where she was refining drugs, the maid put some of her drugs into her tea.

She had not thought about this possibility... until she was poisoned.

Lingyun did not want her to die directly. She just wanted this maid to taste the same drug she was fed with.

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.

Also, she did not deserve to be treated.

"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..."

"..."

"But..." She forced a smile as she reached this point. "But... he... killed me..."

"..."

"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 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.

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.

She sneered at what happened in the past and at Wuxing.

At this moment...

She started to recall a few details that emerged in her mind when they were together

When she first started to refine drugs, Wuxing asked her to taste her own drug to see if it worked. She thought that he was joking, so she did not take it to heart. She only told him that her drugs would not have any problems, and that he could use the drugs whenever he wanted.

She forgot all about these details because she did not put many thoughts into it.

However, when she thought about this, she thought of how Wuxing kept asking her if there are solutions to the drugs.

She started to get very muddle headed.

She panicked more upon hearing what the maid said about what happened to her in the past.

The maid was right. She was telling the truth.

A maid would not do anything like that to her unless she was ordered to.

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."

"..."

"You must be tired. You can go and have a rest," Gu Chaoyan said to Lingyun.

This small speech made Lingyun admire Gu Chaoyan even more, and that admiration made her feel that she was never going to feel regretful for what she did.

Then she nodded and left.

She was very tired.

Within such a short time, she had learned so much of the truth. She had gone through all the experiences she had in the past few years. That made her feel quite distressed.

After Lingyun left... Gu Chaoyan asked Sword One to bury the maid so that she could leave the world in a more proper way.

Then... she decided to visit Lord Huai's Mansion with Sword One to speak to him about the monsters.

Many layers of the imperial army were guarding Lord Huai's Mansion. After the King's order reached the mansion, Lord Huai was only allowed to stay inside the mansion, and was not allowed to go anywhere else.

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.

Uncle Zhou came forward the moment she walked in. He glanced about and looked outside. “Lady Chaoyan, they did not give you a hard time, did they? You might get into trouble now that you have come here. Lady Chaoyan, just go back.”

Uncle Zhou made the speech, but he was very moved.

Everyone dodged Lord Huai when he was in trouble, but Lady Chaoyan was here.

What more could he say about this lady.

Gu Chaoyan smiled. “Uncle Zhou, it is fine. The King never said that we aren’t allowed to come to the mansion, did he? Where is Lord Huai? I would like to speak with him.”

“Reading in the Warm Pavilion, let me take you there,” Uncle Zhou said, worried.

Chapter 1635 - Agreement 1

Uncle Zhou used to work for the Jiang Family, but when the young Lord Huai moved out of the Jiang Family and lived on his own, the Queen was worried, so she transferred him to Lord Huai’s Mansion.

It had been years since that happened.

He was experienced and old, and he had witnessed everything in the capital.

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.

“...”

“For another, there is something I need to tell you. Monsters are already appearing in the capital. Soon chaos will dominate the country. The Cangyan Door, Piaomiao Pavilion and Snow Territory are not reliable. I wonder how they are going to protect themselves,” Gu Chaoyan said, sadly.

Zhou Huaijin did not panic after hearing her words.

Instead, he smiled.

Chapter 1636 - Agreement 2

He always felt that he was alone.

Either in the court or after owning the Shadow Door. He was always alone. His men were working very devotedly, but that was only because they followed his order.

No one understood him, but Gu Chaoyan was born to think alike with him.

What he had just thought of doing turned out to be what Chaoyan was thinking as well. And they were going to do it straightforwardly.

He was in a very embarrassing position in the capital at the moment.

He was powerful, but he was disliked by the King.

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.

“After the hidden guards told me about this, I already spoke to Officer Wang and let him mention this to the King in the morning session. Apparently, the King doesn’t think it is a big deal and has no interest in dealing with it, but the variety show class should not be allowed free reign. The Shadow Door would keep control of them, since forces from the court refuse to do anything about it. We already made the plan last night. The people and the animals from the class will be escorted away by Shadow Door and locked up,” Zhou Huaijin said.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

That was a relatively good solution for the moment.

As for others... she decided to tell the King about it. The Saint Divine Land had many towns and the King needed to arrange forces to keep those towns safe.

Zhou Huaijin also whispered to Gu Chaoyan about his upcoming plan.

Their conversation was done, then Zhou Huaijin opened the door of the Pavilion.

Uncle Zhou outside pretended as if nothing had happened. He came in with the served tea. “We have few servants here, Lady Chaoyan, please don’t mind the tea I make for you.”

“I won’t, Uncle Zhou.” Gu Chaoyan smiled and finished the tea happily.

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!

All they saw was the Phoenix Girl and Lord Huai's servant speaking with each other, which made their mission easier. They could even tell the King about this and the King might grant them a bonus.

However, after a short while, Lord Huai and the Phoenix Girl were almost hugging each other.

They were shocked!

They were worried that when the King got angry, they would be punished too.

So they had to make the Phoenix Girl leave Lord Huai's Mansion as soon as possible.

Those servants had an ever-changing expression on their faces, so Gu Chaoyan noticed it directly and could tell what they were thinking.

She was not worried that they would report this to the King. Instead, she wanted them to do that.

She was not going to cause the servants more trouble, since she knew that the King was getting so anxious about her whereabouts.

Standing up from the seat, she looked at Zhou Huaijin. "Then I will go into the court first, and come to you after I leave. Uncle Zhou, you have made great tea. I will come to drink it whenever I have time."

Having said this, she walked out of the Pavilion calmly.

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 calmly.

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.”

Uncle Zhou left, angrily.

Zhou Huaijin stopped smiling and his face turned cold.

He just wanted Uncle Zhou not to be worried, thus putting on that look.

He told the hidden guards to come to him, before telling them what they should do.

At that moment... Gu Chaoyan had already walked out of the mansion.

It seemed that many more imperial soldiers had surrounded Lord Huai's Mansion, and things were becoming weird. She made an observation and saw that the chief had been changed. The chief that led her in was gone.

Gu Chaoyan frowned and her expression sank.

Chapter 1638 - In Court 2

She knew pretty well that the chief must have been punished because of her entering the mansion. She did not need to think deeply about that.

The chief stopped her because that was his order, and he let her go because the order did not tell him that she should be stopped.

He had not made any mistake. He was just following his orders.

She had underestimated the King's cruelty.

He did not even forgive those who worked for him!

He should not have punished everyone he disliked.

She whispered to Sword One and then, she got into the wagon.

Sword One could not ride in the same wagon as her when the wagon was from the court. So she had no choice but to walk outside.

Gu Chaoyan fell into contemplation inside the wagon.

When the wagon entered the court, the servants asked her, discreetly, to get off the wagon.

Gu Chaoyan was never a very critical person, but that was usually what servants from the court did, so she let them do it.

She got off the wagon and was led to Qianqing Palace by the servants.

Honestly... the King barely used Qianqing Palace after Piaomiao Pavilion and the Cangyan Door arrived. He only received guests at Ronghua Palace.

This time... the King must be planning to meet her alone, since the meeting was taking place at Qianqing Palace.

He must want to ask her about her visit at Lord Huai's Mansion.

Gu Chaoyan had already sorted things through on the way to meet him, so she knew what to do.

Sword One could not follow her in, according to the rules, so Gu Chaoyan walked in Qianqing Palace alone.

Seated on his chair, the King was being served by De Fu.

The King was not reading, but sat there transfixed, which was very surprising.

After the Queen left, the King read the petitions or the books the Queen left for him. Gu Chaoyan did not think that was because he missed the Queen. He must be feeling very guilty, but he was not reading now.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan entering the palace, the King stopped staring and turned to Gu Chaoyan, looking unfazed.

"You went to Lord Huai's Mansion?" the King asked, sounding distressed.

“Yes”

“You know Lord Huai is grounded?”

“Yeah, so I went in rather than letting him come out.” Gu Chaoyan spoke reasonably.

The King was silent for a while.

True.

She always had her argument.

He did miss this point when giving the order.

When he grounded someone, Honored Princess Jing for example, they would not receive anyone, nor did her son go to visit her to make her situation embarrassing. Because they knew that she was grounded because she made a mistake.

Gu Chaoyan was disgusting. She always ignored his authority.

Okay, then, he was going to make her argument die.

“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...

The King suddenly changed his mind and started to defend the schools, asking her to offer the Golden Rolls.

Gu Chaoyan looked directly at the King, and said without showing fear. “Impossible.”

“...”

“Lord Huai and I are engaged and I am definitely marrying Lord Huai.”

“...”

“As for the Golden Rolls, it still depends on me whether I want to offer them, despite your imperial order.”

“...”

“Also, for your information, the door to enchantment is opened and monsters are in the capital. You better think about how to keep the Saint Divine Land safe so that yhe civilians won’t be hurt by them.”

“...”

“Under such a chaotic circumstance, do you think it is right for you, the King, to think about my marriage and the Golden Rolls?”

“...”

“Bye,” Gu Chaoyan said, and turned around, leaving without greeting the King.

The King stared at Gu Chaoyan with eyes popped. He could not believe that Gu Chaoyan could be so wild in front of him. Did she still respect him as the King?

“You!” The King pointed at Gu Chaoyan, who was already out of Qianqing Palace.

In the end, he struck the table, and the teacup leaked tea because of this. It fell upon the table where the teacup stood.

He was very frightened.

For some reason, the King was getting increasingly irritable. He tossed and smashed things easily.

And he was even having a row with the Phoenix Girl!

In his opinion, the Phoenix Girl belonged to the Saint Divine Land, and the King should stand by the Phoenix Girl’s side rather than help Piaomiao Pavilion all the time.

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."

“Oh yeah, is that so?” Gu Chaoyan countered.

Chapter 1640 - In Court 3

“You are the Phoenix Girl, and your marriage should not be as casual as before. Your marriage is related to the Saint Divine Land, and the state’s affairs. You are not going to marry Lord Huai any more, and as for what your marriage will be like, it depends on me. I will assign you a good marriage, so you should think about it, instead of behaving over the top,” the King said impatiently.

He had a very angry look on his face.

Hearing these, Gu Chaoyan was not annoyed, she was confused.

The King seemed quite strange today, at least, he was different from before.

However, this strange behavior did not only appear today, but started from the day when the banquet started.

The King had always wanted her to marry the Crown Prince, which was something she was aware of all this time. However...

He still feared her identity as the Phoenix Girl, so he had made many dark plans in secret, rather than mentioning it in the open, but today was different.

What was the cause of the exception?

Because of the schools like Piaomiao Pavilion?

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.”

“...”

“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.

“...”

“I thought that you would realize this point yourself, but you are still hiding the Golden Rolls.”

“...”

“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...

