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Chapter 1761 - Meeting with Xie Ya

Xie Yan knew clearly why Junyi was here. He knew Junyi well, not because they were close friends, but because Junyi did not know how to conceal his personality and ambition.

All these years, what he had been doing was to prove himself in front of their master, trying to convince himself that his master was wrong about him, and that he could overturn his words.

In order to reach the goals, he had spared no efforts.

With the demise of the previous Crown Prince, his practical authority would have dwindled even if he had managed to survive. The Jin King, on the other hand, held an undeniable advantage in the current situation. For Junyi, the Crown Prince's death brought a sense of relief, as he could now turn his attention towards expressing his ambitions to the King.

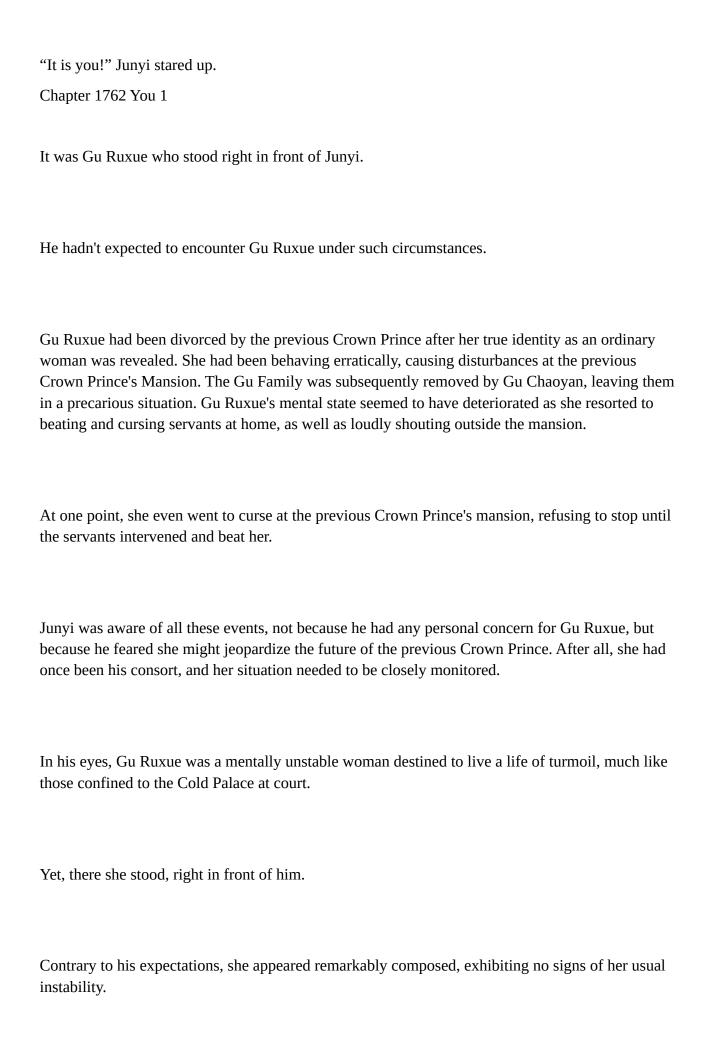
In most cases, an ordinary king would have eagerly accepted someone as skilled and capable as Junyi. It was unfortunate that the Jin King harbored a dislike for individuals of Junyi's nature.

Xie Yan keenly observed Junyi's crumbling state, as if he were on the verge of collapse. Junyi's subconscious interrogation echoed in the air, "Why you?"

Why did he run into them when he was hunted? Why did he become friends with the King just after a few teas. Why did he get so lucky so he came to where he was today?

Whilst on the other hand, Junyi believed that he had done so much and during the past few months, and he had not even taken a day off from his work. But he failed in the end.
It was unfair.
Totally unfair!
He failed to become the strategist for the King, not because he was not talented. It was because he was unlucky!
It must have been the best explanation!
But why?
Why must he be treated like this?
"Why me?" Xie Yan countered.
Xie Yan looked at Junyi with a mixture of sympathy and firmness. He understood that Junyi was feeling defeated and overwhelmed by the turn of events. Despite their differences, they were still connected through their shared lineage under the same master.
"I can tell you why!"

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"I am not as talented as you. But I am an ethical strategist. I have always been remembering what our master told me when I first went into his school. He said that we are strategists, but we have our own rules. We need to have talents, but more importantly, we need to stick to our rules and loyalty. We need to have our principles."
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"Just look at what you have been doing and how you treated the previous Crown Prince. Do you still remember your own rules and principles? Do you think, under such a circumstance, the King still wants to hire you?"
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"I am not working for the King, so he admires me. I never betray anyone." Xie Yan said in a serious tone.
Junyi's smiled stiffened.
Then he walked past Xie Yan.
He rushed out of the court. When he had no idea where to go, a very familiar voice stopped him. "Officer Junyi?"



What had caused this change in her behavior?
Furthermore, she was addressing him as Officer Junyi, a title she had never used before. Previously, she treated him as a low-class servant, constantly shouting at him.
Given his current predicament, stripped of his position as the Crown Prince's strategist, it felt odd to hear such a title. This only heightened his caution when encountering Gu Ruxue.I think you should take a look at
He and Gu Ruxue shared a common experience of being discarded.
This was a woman he had never held in high regard, and he suspected she must be secretly mocking him.
Junyi's expression remained devoid of any hint of a smile. He observed Gu Ruxue as if she were a complete stranger, disregarding her previous status altogether. His response lacked politeness. "What is your purpose here?"
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"If you have nothing else to say, I will take my leave. Second Lady, it would be best for you to return home. Your presence here is inappropriate, and if The Queen's servants were to see you, they might seek retribution for past grievances," Junyi remarked sarcastically. He saw no reason to be courteous to a woman who was no longer the Crown Prince Consort.

Both he and Gu Ruxue found themselves in disarray.

A flicker of anger crossed Gu Ruxue's face as she mentioned The Queen and their unresolved conflict, but she quickly restrained herself.

"Officer Junyi, do not fret. I have a few matters to discuss with you. I can tell from your reaction that you must have failed in your endeavors. Officer Junyi, you are a man of ambition, and it would be a waste to see your talents go to waste. Why not join us?"

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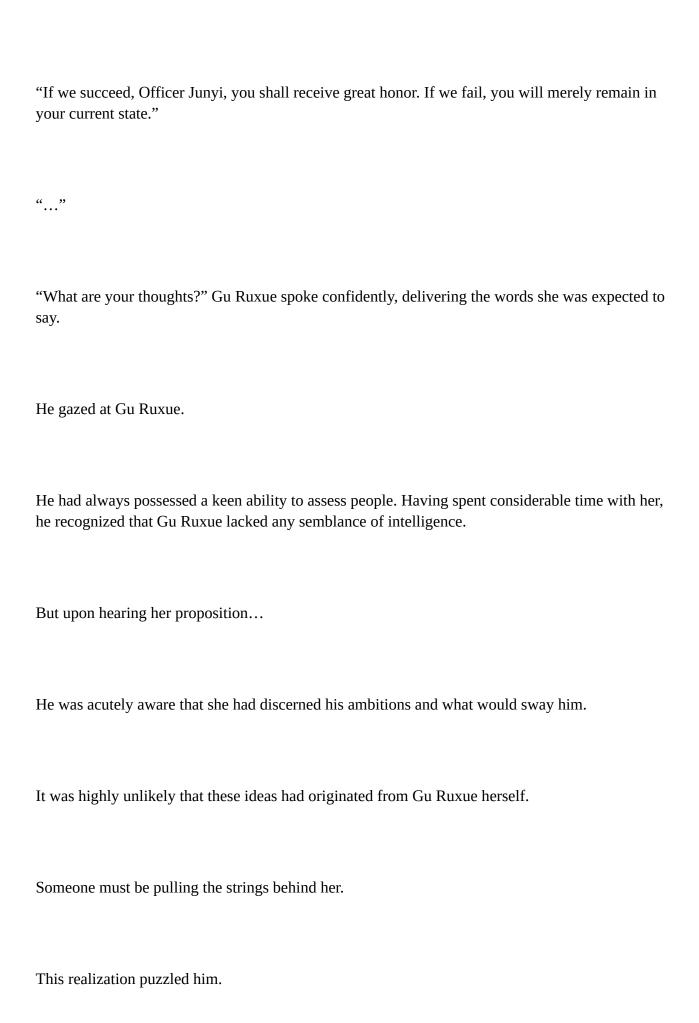
"Yes, the Jin King may be on the throne now, but remember, the previous King also fell after ruling for many years. The Jin King could face a similar fate, couldn't he?"

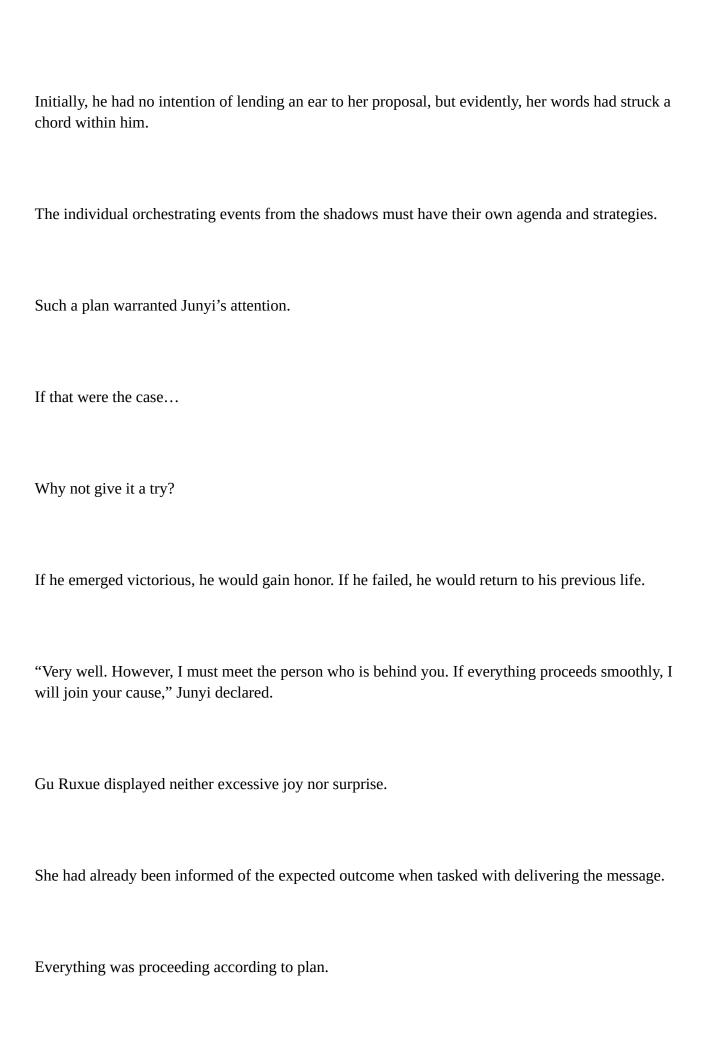
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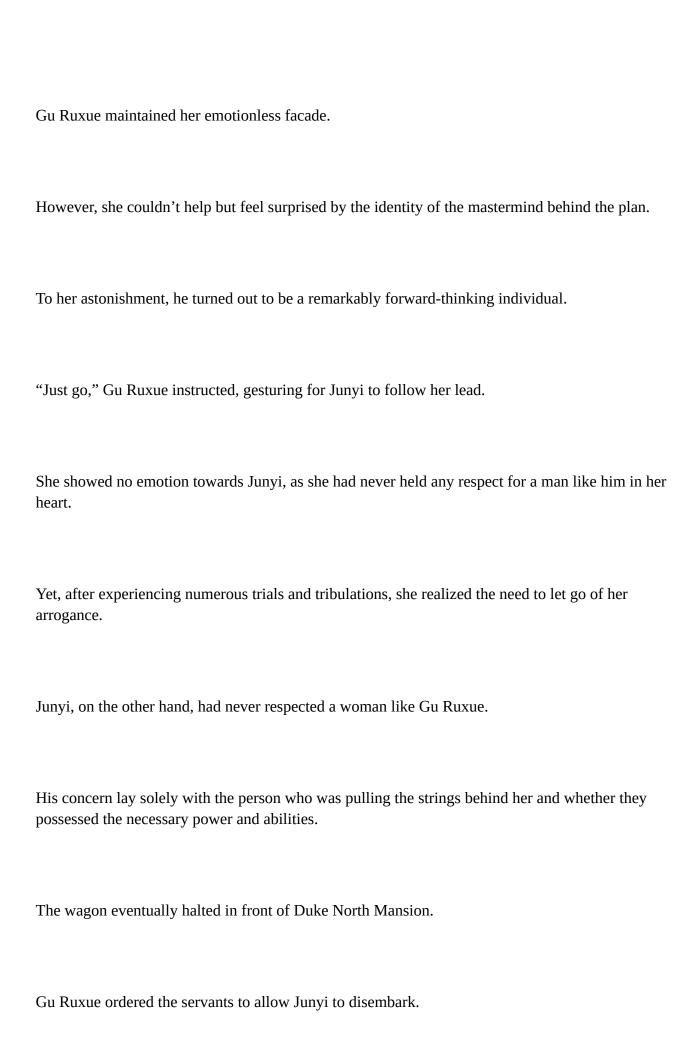
"The Saint Divine Land is under the rule of two lords, Lord Yan and Lord Yu. Lord Yan may be lacking in intelligence, while Lord Yu is astute but uninterested in court affairs. Whoever we choose to support will prove advantageous for us."

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"Officer Junyi, your aspiration is to become the strategist for the King. However, the Jin King already occupies the throne, fortified by the Shadow Door, the Phoenix Girl, Prime Minister Chu, and General Liu. You have not been recruited. If you desire access to all these resources, why not collaborate with us and forge new possibilities?"







As Junyi stepped off the wagon, he found himself taken aback by what awaited him.
Duke North?
Junyi recalled Duke North's past endeavors to attain his rank. However, despite his efforts, Duke North held no substantial authority. When entrusted with military responsibilities, he faltered at the border and subsequently lost everything.
Could it really be him?
Junyi hesitated.
Duke North was not known for his power or competence. Rebellion required strategic thinking and intelligence. It demanded individuals with abilities.
"Officer Junyi, please don't waste Piaomiao Pavilion's time." Chapter 1764 No Chance
A servant approached Xie Yan, delivering a report about what he had witnessed.
Upon hearing the news, Xie Yan couldn't help but feel a tinge of disappointment. Junyi was considerably younger than him. When Xie Yan had already matured into a man, Junyi was still a mere child. They had both been disciples of the same master, and Xie Yan had watched Junyi grow. Although he harbored no fondness for Junyi, they were, after all, classmates. Xie Yan believed that

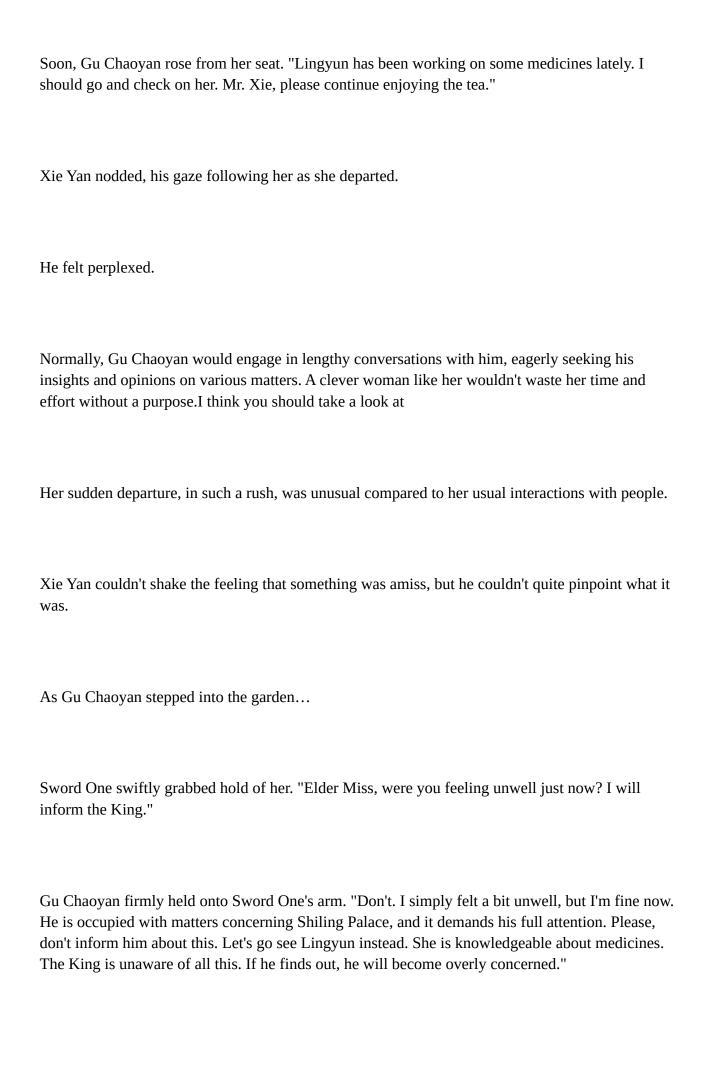
their master wouldn't have wanted Junyi to meet such a fate.

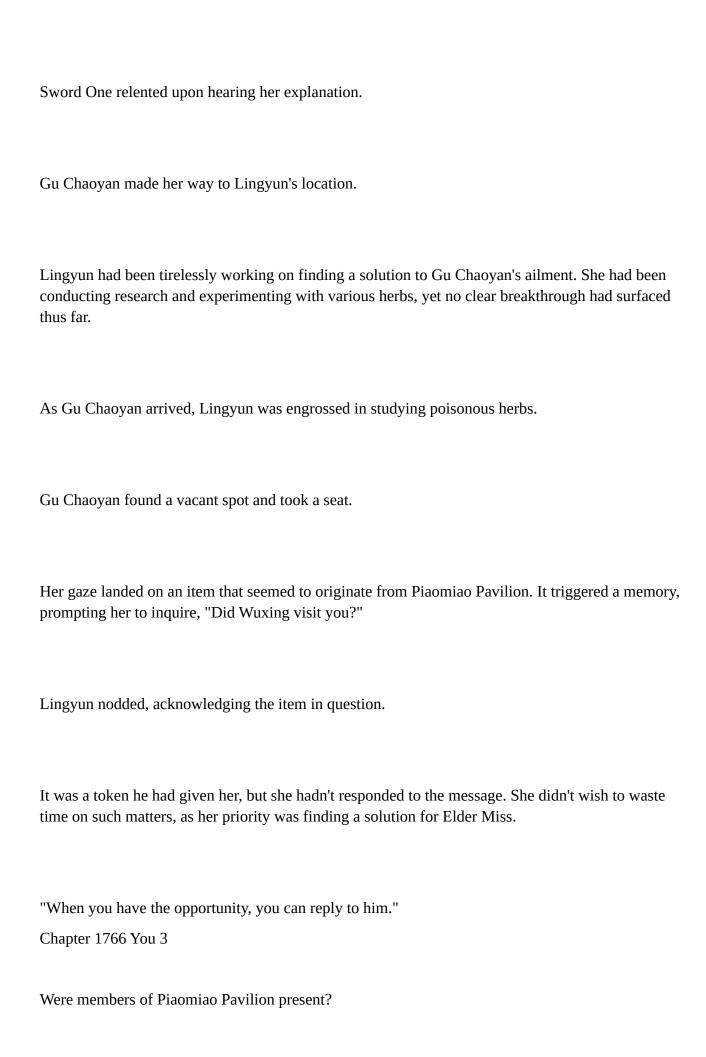
That was why he had extended an opportunity to Junyi.
Now, at this crucial juncture, Xie Yan realized his previous mistake. Nevertheless, he was still willing to ensure Junyi's well-being, allowing him to live as an ordinary strategist.
However
Junyi had not returned to the previous Crown Prince's Mansion but had chosen to depart with Gu Ruxue. It appeared that he had no intentions of experiencing regret.
Xie Yan understood Gu Ruxue's true identity.
She was the younger sister of Elder Miss Gu, who had always been at odds with her. Gu Ruxue had caused harm to Elder Miss Gu on multiple occasions.
Their alliance boded ill intentions.
Yet, to Xie Yan's astonishment, Junyi had decided to join forces with her.
Junyi remained unchanged. He failed to recognize his own mistake, stubbornly clinging to his old ways.

Disappointed, Xie Yan shook his head before turning away and making his way into the court.
By imperial decree, Xie Yan entered Fengxian Palace.
Gu Chaoyan was garbed in autumn attire within the courtyard, with tea and some simple pastries laid out on the stone table—her preferred treats.
Upon seeing Xie Yan's arrival, Gu Chaoyan poured the tea and gave him a playful wink. "Took you long enough. Did you get lost in the palace?"
Her tone conveyed both concern and amusement.
Elder Misguided, though bearing a cold demeanor, treated others with kindness and gentleness. Her benevolence had to be savored subtly.
Glancing around, Xie Yan took in his surroundings.
Although it was Fengxian Palace within the court, the decor mirrored that of Xinlin Mansion. Only a few familiar-looking servants attended to Gu Chaoyan, and there were no new faces in sight. She was dressed in simple yet elegant attire, devoid of extravagant grandeur.
Observing the presence of trusted individuals around them, Xie Yan spoke candidly, "I encountered Junyi on my way here. My messenger informed me that he departed with Gu Ruxue. As far as I recall, neither of them holds favorable sentiments towards you. I believe their intentions may be dubious. Be cautious not to fall into a trap, understood?"

With the demise of the previous Crown Prince and the absence of Xie Yan's former master, he felt a sense of liberation. He could now provide this warning to Gu Chaoyan without the weight of past obligations on his shoulders.
Even if the previous Crown Prince were still alive, he would have implicitly issued this reminder.
"They left together?" It wasn't difficult to comprehend. One was the former Crown Prince Consort, while the other was the Crown Prince's strategist. It was only natural for them to have some level of interaction.
Gu Chaoyan responded confidently, "No need to worry. Nothing will happen. I have hidden guards working for me throughout. Even without them, I have no fear of those two."
Nodding in understanding, Xie Yan recognized that she had grasped his message.
Just as Gu Chaoyan was about to speak further
A sudden interruption occurred. Chapter 1765 Cold And Hot 1
A chilling sensation swept through Gu Chaoyan's body, causing her to turn pale and yearn for a warm place to seek refuge.
Sensing that something was amiss, Xie Yan looked at her intently. "Are you alright?"

Although Gu Chaoyan still felt uncomfortable, the sensation had subsided to some extent. She used her own warmth to shield against the coldness.
She realized that she had been enduring various minor and major issues all this time. Life at Fengxian Palace, including Huaijin, was far from peaceful. If she could bear with it, she would do so for now.
Forcing a smile, she reassured Xie Yan, "I am fine."
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"Let's try a new tea, the first harvest after the spring rain. It has been carefully processed and baked, exuding a delightful aroma. It suits this season quite well. Winter will arrive soon, which isn't ideal for this tea. Let's enjoy it while we can," Gu Chaoyan suggested calmly.
"You possess extensive knowledge of tea, Elder Miss" Xie Yan began, then corrected himself, "Chaoyan."
"I'd prefer if you called me Chaoyan since you aren't working for us. I'm not accustomed to the Queen's title," Gu Chaoyan stated frankly.
"Alright." Xie Yan feigned a slightly aggrieved expression before replying.
Gu Chaoyan let out a laugh, finding Xie Yan's playful side quite enjoyable.





So Duke North and Piaomiao Pavilion were collaborating? Was he expected to join forces with both Duke North and Piaomiao Pavilion?
Piaomiao Pavilion was renowned for its exceptional prowess, capable of captivating people with a single charm. Junyi had previously heard that every member of Piaomiao Pavilion practiced martial arts, and even the lowest-ranked disciples could take down ten imperial army soldiers.
They were also skilled in utilizing various magical pills and weapons.
In the court, they appeared to have a strained relationship with the Jin King, who had driven them to live in hostels.
This animosity likely explained why they didn't get along.
Suddenly, everything started to fall into place.
Junyi, who had contemplated quitting, halted his thoughts and felt a surge of motivation.
Observing Junyi's reaction, Gu Ruxue smiled. Everything was proceeding according to Duke North's plan.
Gu Ruxue led Junyi all the way to the main hall of Duke North Mansion.

The mansion had changed since Junyi's last visit. It lacked the bustling atmosphere it once had and appeared rather vacant. Hidden in the corners were a few guards, Duke North's trusted subordinates.
Though the mansion seemed empty, the presence of Duke North could still be felt through his silhouette.
In the lobby, Duke North sat in the central chair, his appearance capturing Junyi's careful attention.
Duke North appeared gaunt, his complexion pale and sallow, as if he were clinging to his last breath. There was a lack of vitality that contrasted sharply with the demeanor of an ordinary person.
Amidst the seemingly vacant Duke North Mansion, Junyi couldn't help but feel a shiver run down his spine.I think you should take a look at
He glanced around, unable to spot anyone from Piaomiao Pavilion. Was he deceived?
"No need to search further. The elders from Piaomiao Pavilion retreated when they didn't see you. They have a gift for you," Zheng Chenyi explained, instructing his men to present it to Junyi.
Junyi recognized the charm—a powerful item that had rendered the previous Crown Prince immobile.
Piaomiao Pavilion had claimed it was nothing to them.

"Join forces with us and bring down the Jin King. Piaomiao Pavilion can offer you something far greater if you agree. Once we succeed, you will gain extraordinary rewards beyond your imagination. However, if your interest lies in the Saint Divine Land, you may serve your puppet King. What you choose to do is of no concern to us. What I desire is Phoenix Girl, and what Piaomiao Pavilion desires are Phoenix Girl's Golden Rolls," Zheng Chenyi declared.
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"What do you think?" Zheng Chenyi clarified their intentions, then turned to Gu Ruxue and continued, "She desires to become the Queen and indulge in a luxurious life with Gu Yunhe."
Junyi's gaze shifted from the charm to Zheng Chenyi and Gu Ruxue, and he responded, "Okay."
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Back in the court.
Xie Yan remained in place even after Junyi had departed. He patiently awaited the messenger to relay the information.
"He didn't go anywhere else; he joined forces with Gu Ruxue," the messenger reported. Chapter 1767 Cold And Hot 2

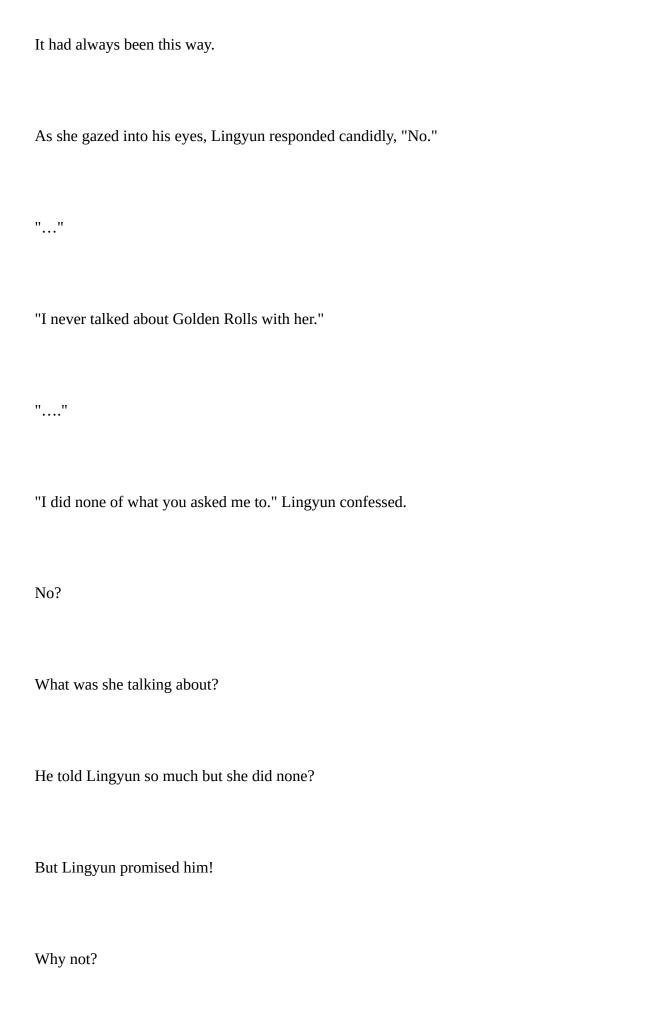
So, Piaomiao Pavilion was indeed involved in this plan.

Lingyun hesitated for a moment before nodding in agreement with Gu Chaoyan's statement. "Elder Miss, this time when I see him, I will reveal everything. My purpose has been fulfilled by making him suffer as I did. I won't waste any more time seeking revenge. My focus now is finding a solution for you."
Gu Chaoyan appreciated Lingyun's decision and replied with respect, "Lingyun, if you believe that revenge is enough, then that's sufficient. I don't want to interfere with your choices. You have the freedom to work with me or not, even when seeking revenge."
However
Regarding the solution
Gu Chaoyan felt it was necessary to have a thorough conversation with Lingyun.
"I experienced an extreme sense of coldness in my body, something I could barely endure. But after a while, a moment of warmth arrived, dispelling the coldness. So I've been feeling alternations between cold and hot. Lingyun, what could be causing this?" Gu Chaoyan inquired with genuine concern.
She was a skilled doctor, yet she couldn't heal herself. It seemed she lacked a solution for her own condition.
Cold and hot sensations?
Could it be a combination of Charm Drug and Happiness Drug?

Three types of drugs mixed together?
Lingyun's expression became intricate as she considered the possibility.
"You don't have to directly focus on that for now. Why don't you work with Wuxing? Perhaps taking a walk outside will inspire you," Gu Chaoyan suggested, concerned that Lingyun would become consumed by the problem and neglect her own well-being.
Lingyun nodded in agreement. She had been feeling overwhelmed by the issue and had made little progress. She would trust Elder Miss' advice and prioritize finding a solution.
Lingyun handed a pill to Gu Chaoyan. "Elder Miss, take this. If you find it difficult to control yourself, consume it."
Gratefully, Gu Chaoyan accepted the pill, acknowledging Lingyun's concern.I think you should take a look at
Then she considered Sword One's duty to serve her, which meant she couldn't accompany Lingyun herself.
"I will have Sword Two and Sword Four accompany you when you're outside, ensuring your safety," Gu Chaoyan arranged.
Lingyun did not object to the proposal.

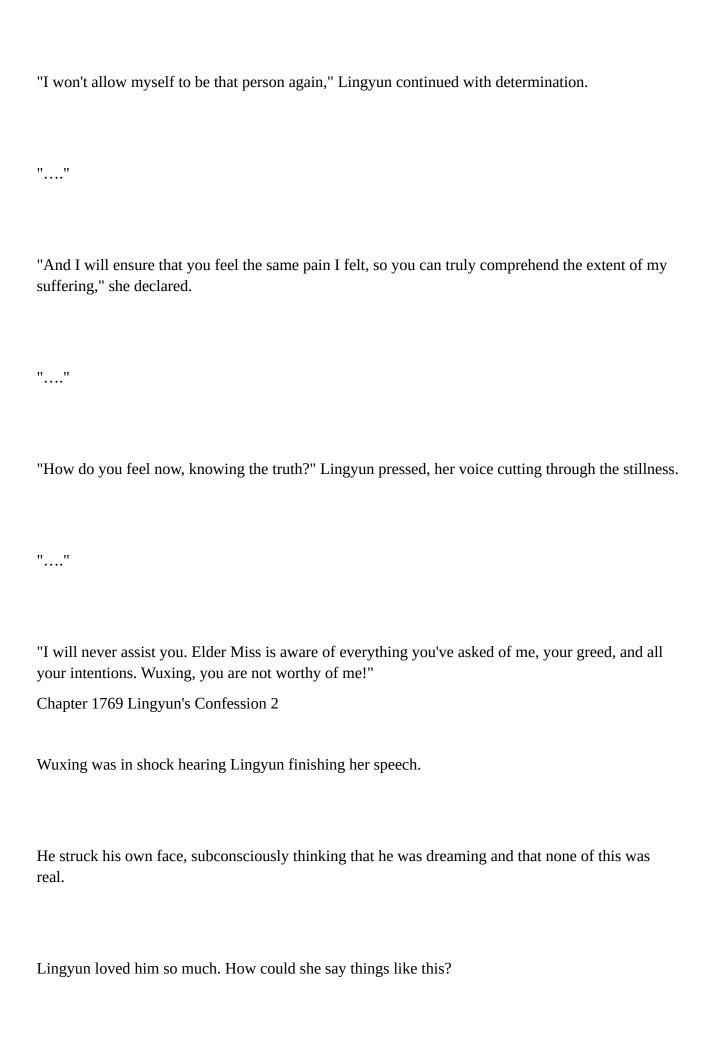
Wuxing was not known for his chivalry, and his capabilities were unpredictable. Hence, it was crucial for Lingyun to have protection.
Lingyun dressed in casual attire and departed from the court with Sword Two and Sword Four accompanying her.
The item she received from Wuxing was a pass token to his hostel. As Lingyun had previously declined to meet him, he had no other option but to provide her with the token, allowing her to visit him whenever she found it suitable.
That explained why he had been waiting for her all this time.
Upon arriving at the hostel, Lingyun presented the token, and they were granted access without any hindrance.
Soon, she encountered Wuxing, who appeared visibly worried at her direct entry. "You simply walked in! Aren't you concerned that you might be discovered by Phoenix Girl's men?"
"No need," Lingyun responded with a directness in her tone.
Wuxing's initial worry dissipated, replaced by a sense of joy.
Lingyun's assertive manner of speaking indicated her satisfaction with holding a prominent position next to Phoenix Girl. With such an advantage, their plans would become significantly smoother.

This was Lingyun's characteristic approach—she delighted in surprising others when she achieved her objectives.
It was reminiscent of how she had operated in the past when creating drugs. Chapter 1768 Lingyun's Confession 1
In that case, was Lingyun going to acquire Golden Rolls for him?
Lingyun had never divulged any details prior to this moment, choosing to keep everything under wraps for the sake of a grand surprise. Otherwise, she wouldn't have been absent for so many days without any contact, only to show up before him unexpectedly and unannounced.
Wuxing's face quickly lit up with a smile. He exuded confidence in the matter.
"Alright, Lingyun, don't keep me in suspense. Tell me the outcome. Is it related to the Golden Rolls? Have you dealt with Phoenix Girl?" Wuxing inquired directly, his eyes locked onto Lingyun's.
His smile was genuine and heartfelt.
Lingyun could perceive that.
Wuxing's true happiness only emerged once everything had been resolved. It was then that he revealed his underlying joy.



Why?
"Is it because you found it too easy, or is it because you didn't dare to, afraid that Phoenix Girl would lose trust in you?" Wuxing asked quietly, his tone filled with concern. Surprisingly, he managed to keep his temper in check. He was perplexed, and his worry for Lingyun grew stronger.
This was a new reaction from him.
In the past, Wuxing would often display anger or discontent.
However, he remained oblivious to his own change in behavior, as his attention was solely focused on Lingyun and her response. I think you should take a look at
Lingyun locked eyes with Wuxing.
She could sense that he genuinely cared for her.
Truly.
This time, he was genuinely concerned about her.
What a pity.

It was too late.
If Wuxing had shown this level of concern earlier, she might not have developed such a strong dislike for him.
Lingyun averted her gaze.
In a cold tone, she replied, "I don't want to do it. Who do you think you are to command my obedience?"
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"Who do you think you are to assume that I must marry you simply because you want to marry me? Have you ever bothered to ask if I even want to marry you?" Lingyun's voice was filled with frustration and anger.
Silence hung heavy in the air as Wuxing remained speechless.
"Wuxing, you have deceived me all these years. I can see now how poorly you treated me. I was blinded by my deep love for you, so I overlooked all the mistreatment. All I could see were the small acts of kindness you showed me. But now I've awakened. Do you think I am still easily manipulated like I once was? Do you think I'm still foolish enough to be used by you again?"
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How could she do such a thing to hurt him?
Impossible.
But no matter how much Wuxing hit himself, he was still confronted with nothing but truth.
That was impossible!
"Is that real?" Wuxing asked, confused.
"Yes." Lingyun answered. "I am here to tell you that I don't want to waste time on you, not even wanting to make you pay back! I have a lot to do and I don't want to spend any effort on you!"
Having said that
Lingyun turned around and was about to leave the hostel.
It was real.
Everything was real

No wonder she came to the hostel in such an open manner.
Wuxing got so furious that he walked forward to grip her.
Wuxing wasn't prepared for this.
He knew clearly that if Lingyun left now. She would be gone for good. She would never look back ever again.
Just as she said, she did not even think about wasting time on him!
When someone lost both love and hatred towards another, it meant that he or she was gone for real.
But he was not going to allow this to happen.
He was not going to let Lingyun go like this.
She could lie to him and do all of these. But she must not leave.
She had been by his side for so many years and he was used to having her around. Even if he was not going to make use of her, he must keep her by his side, or his life would have no meaning at all.





Lingyun left, without turning back.
Wuxing showed a look of misery.
He had never expected that there would be one day when Lingyun left him. When she left him on the day when she was drugged, he knew that one day, she would return and join him when she found a way out.
But now, she was leaving for real.
After Lingyun left
Qianji walked up and came to Wuxing's side.
Chapter 1770 Lingyun's Confession 3
He had known about this when Lingyun came to them. He knew how important Lingyun was and whether Piaomiao Pavilion was able to get what they needed depended on her. So Qianji stopped whatever he had been doing and came to listen to their conversation.
He could not show up to disrupt their talk. Wuxing needed to be left to talk her through.
So Qianji heard the whole conversation.
He was furious.

But not as furious as Wuxing.
Perhaps that was because Qianji had observed how Lingyun, during her time at Piaomiao Pavilion, had gradually shed her submissive nature and stopped fixating solely on Wuxing. She had grown beyond being completely consumed by him, and Qianji had witnessed her rediscover her own individuality.
Women were dumb, but they were fickle.
He had witnessed Lingyun's changes. So he did not put all hope in her, just had some lingering hope. But Wuxing was different, he had been waiting for her and trusted her deeply for the result.
That was a loss for Piaomiao Pavilion.
But what else could they do about it?
Wuxing failed to keep this woman to his side.
"Enough dwelling on it. Lingyun has made her choice, and there's no use pretending otherwise. She has shown that she no longer holds any affection for you, and despite your efforts to convey your needs, nothing has worked. It's time to let go. Lingyun is now aligned with Phoenix Girl, and it's evident by the presence of guards surrounding her. Phoenix Girl considers her important."
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