

## Divine 1791

### Chapter 1791 Collaboration 2

Upon hearing that it would be a performance, Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin began considering the proposal more seriously. Ouyang Mingjing's plan relied on Phoenix Girl agreeing to work with them.

Although Ouyang Mingjing appeared composed on the surface, internally he was filled with bitter laughter. He had always believed that he would go to Snow Territory as the City Lord and marry Phoenix Girl. However, he hadn't anticipated that he would have to deceive her in order to bring her to Snow Territory, where he would finally meet his future wife.

Ouyang Mingjing felt a pang of distress.

As Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin contemplated the proposition, now aware that it would be a performance, they started to consider the potential arrangement.

Ouyang Mingjing required Phoenix Girl's involvement due to her special social status, while they sought the Fire Lotus that could cure her profound poison.

It appeared to be a proposal worth considering.

After carefully pondering the possibilities, Zhou Huaijin turned to Gu Chaoyan and nodded. "If that's what you require, City Lord, Chaoyan and I will accompany you to Snow Territory. We will assist in stabilizing the situation there in exchange for the Fire Lotus."

Ouyang Mingjing smiled and nodded in approval. "Excellent. I will begin making the necessary arrangements. Your Majesty and Phoenix Girl, please prepare for the journey to Snow Territory. It is a turbulent place, and I would like to return there as soon as possible, without wasting any time."

"Understood," Zhou Huaijin acknowledged.

Ouyang Mingjing rose from his seat and bid farewell, departing from the palace.

The matter had been resolved, and it no longer seemed as daunting as before.

However, Ouyang Mingjing couldn't find solace in the outcome. He was overwhelmed with distress.

He experienced a sense of helplessness, akin to when he confronted the rebellious Elder Men.

This feeling was detestable to him, utterly unbearable.

Nevertheless...

Upon exiting the palace, he didn't return to the hostel as planned. Instead, he proceeded to Duke North Mansion with his entourage, following through with his original intentions.

The poison within Phoenix Girl had surfaced prematurely, indicating that she had been set up. Considering her recent movements, Duke North Mansion was the sole location she had visited in the past two days. Thus, it was undoubtedly the source of the predicament.

His subordinates had conducted a thorough investigation, confirming Duke North's incompetence.

As the leader, Ouyang Mingjing adhered to the principles of the Saint Divine Land, not Snow Territory. He couldn't simply take a man's life at will. Nevertheless, he intended to enlighten that fool about the extent of his own stupidity.

The manager promptly relayed Ouyang Mingjing's arrival at Duke North Mansion directly to Duke North.

Zheng Chenyi was taken aback upon receiving the news.

"Why is he here?" he wondered aloud.

Could it be that he wanted to collaborate, similar to Piaomiao Pavilion?

Zheng Chenyi sneered in response.

Indeed, when one held a certain degree of power, everyone seemed to flock to their side.

Wasn't that precisely what Ouyang Mingjing was attempting to do?

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So, if Ouyang Mingjing had intentions of rebellion, this was the perfect opportunity for him.

Moreover, his presence was desperately sought after by the various schools nowadays.

With a confident gaze, Zheng Chenyi glanced at Gu Ruxue, ready to assert that choosing him had been the right decision. Now, even the Head of Snow Territory was personally at his doorstep.

Gu Ruxue was genuinely surprised.

While she had placed some hope in Zheng Chenyi, she had also lost a significant amount of confidence she had when she believed she would marry the Crown Prince. After all, Zheng Chenyi was merely a Duke. Nevertheless, she decided to take the risk; it was always better to take action than do nothing.

But now...

The situation had changed.

She even began to believe that their shared goal would come to fruition.

Zheng Chenyi was being sought not only by Piaomiao Pavilion but also by Snow Territory.

Gu Ruxue was well aware that Snow Territory wielded far more power than Piaomiao Pavilion, as their conversations had occasionally revealed.

She showered Zheng Chenyi with flattery and smiled. "Congratulations, Mr. Duke. You are now one step closer to attaining what you desire!"

Zheng Chenyi's previously somber face was now adorned with a smile. "Hahahaha, you know how to flatter people. Don't worry, once I achieve what I want, you will receive your share as well!"

Gu Ruxue's smile gleamed brightly, as if she could already envision herself as the future queen.

"Go and bring him in. I'm eager to have a pleasant conversation with him!" Zheng Chenyi proclaimed proudly.

The City Lord himself had come to their doorstep, sparing Zheng Chenyi the need to personally greet him. All he had to do was wait here until Ouyang Mingjing arrived.

Maintaining a composed demeanor was crucial. After all, the man was coming to him personally!

Growing up in Duke North Mansion, Zheng Chenyi had gained insight into worldly affairs. He understood that sometimes, maintaining a calm composure without compromising one's own status was essential. Only when you respected yourself would others respect you.

Dressed in a moonlight-white blouse, Ouyang Mingjing entered expressionlessly, accompanied by the housekeeper.

Zheng Chenyi put on a hospitable expression. "Welcome, City Lord of Snow Territory. What brings you here?"

Simultaneously, he gestured for his servants to pour the tea. It was imperative for him to maintain an air of arrogance, yet he also needed to show respect to the City Lord of Snow Territory. After all, he required the assistance of Snow Territory.

Ouyang Mingjing disregarded the pleasantries and focused on suppressing his anger as he addressed Zheng Chenyi. “Phoenix Girl paid a visit to your mansion yesterday, didn’t she?”

Zheng Chenyi was taken aback momentarily, but swiftly composed himself.

So, Ouyang Mingjing had come to Duke North Mansion to inquire about Phoenix Girl’s visit? That made sense.

After all, it was his own accomplishment, wasn’t it?

“Yes,” Zheng Chenyi replied directly.

“And what did you do under the influence of Piaomiao Pavilion? You drugged Phoenix Girl! She placed her trust in you and never doubted you. But you betrayed her,” Ouyang Mingjing interrogated sternly

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Zheng Chenyi's expression shifted as he absorbed the words being spoken to him.

He couldn't help but feel a sense of detachment from the outsider's judgment. His interactions with the City Lord of Snow Territory were purely based on their mutual interests and held no relevance to anyone else. He was not obligated to explain himself or be interrogated in such a manner.

However, a subtle discomfort washed over him as he was accused of betraying trust. What was wrong with his actions? From his perspective, he wasn't causing any real harm. The discomfort she would experience was temporary and non-fatal. There was nothing to be afraid of, and he could assure that much.

In fact, he had grand plans for her once she became his wife. He intended to treat her with utmost care and affection, surpassing the treatment she had ever received from anyone else. He envisioned a future where she would be his queen.

"So what if I did? What right do you have to question me? Who are you to her? You hold no closer connection to her than I do," Zheng Chenyi retorted defiantly.

"...."

"Furthermore, it's clear that you have your own motives for her. I know all about your need for Golden Rolls. We each obtain what we desire by doing what we must. City Lord, what is your true purpose for being here? Speak plainly, without beating around the bush."

"...."

"Piaomiao Pavilion and I have a cooperative relationship. If you have a specific request, just state it," Zheng Chenyi responded with displeasure evident in his voice.

He truly disliked the arrogant demeanor of the City Lord of Snow Territory. The way he spoke was infuriating.

The City Lord scoffed, unable to contain his frustration. "You imbecile!"

"...."

"Do you really think you've accomplished something by betraying her trust and causing her pain? Do you believe you're so capable that both Piaomiao Pavilion and we are seeking your assistance?"

"...."

"Piaomiao Pavilion is manipulating you. They are forcing you to offer up the Golden Rolls!"

"...."

"But you are all such fools!"

"...."

"Now, she will accompany me to Snow Territory to retrieve the Fire Lotus, which can detoxify her," Ouyang Mingjing stated sharply, his gaze fixed on Zheng Chenyi.



True.

The foolish actions of Duke North inadvertently served Ouyang Mingjing's plans, yet he remained displeased that his future wife had been entangled with such an indecent man.

Driven by frustration, he allowed himself to release his anger, hoping it would bring him some semblance of satisfaction. However, true happiness continued to elude him, leaving a sense of suffocation in his heart.

Yet, as he witnessed the expression of disbelief and misery on the face of the indecent man, a wave of relief washed over Ouyang Mingjing.

"I am the City Lord of Snow Territory, and while I cannot act against individuals in the Saint Divine Land, know that if you continue to harm her, you will face dire consequences!" Ouyang Mingjing snapped, his voice dripping with warning.

Having issued his caution, he turned his attention to Zheng Chenyi. "You would do well to remain in your place and cease your hurtful actions. Otherwise, I will not hesitate to cross the boundary!"

"...."

"You are unworthy of Phoenix Girl. You simply do not measure up."

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Having said this, Ouyang Mingjing turned around and left directly.

Zheng Chenyi was shocked, and did not come back to himself until this man was far gone.

What was he talking about?

So he failed the plan? And Chaoyan was pushed to someone else's arms because of him?

Then what was he? It was a total mess!

He kept thinking of how Ouyang Mingjing called him the dumb man!

If he had not put the drug, Chaoyan would not have suffered from the venom and agreed to go to Snow Territory?

Zheng Chenyi was totally tangled by this.

Gu Ruxue got anxious too. What was going on here? She thought the City Lord of Snow Territory was here to work with them? But he was here calling them dumbass and left, without showing the intention of collaborating!

Then what about her dream of being the Queen?

Gu Ruxue asked anxiously. "Mr.Duke, what should we do? Should we ask Piaomiao Pavilion for help?"

"Just shut up!" Zheng Chenyi shouted at her, glaring.

Piaomiao Pavilion might not necessarily take his side!

His plan had been completely ruined!

Zheng Chenyi's eyes were bloodshot, giving him a terrifying appearance. Gu Ruxue, standing beside him, dared not utter a word.

Ouyang Mingjing returned to the hostel from Duke North Mansion, his mind in turmoil. The foolish man had finally realized the gravity of his actions after being scolded. Surprisingly, he had managed to reach an agreement with Phoenix Girl, who was accompanying him to Snow Territory. However, something seemed amiss as Ouyang Mingjing appeared to be in a state of panic. What could be the cause?

Elder Men hurriedly approached him and asked, "What happened? What did Phoenix Girl say?"

παΙδαsNovel "She agreed. We can postpone the marriage. She has agreed to perform with me in Snow Territory. But remember, we must keep this a secret from her. Now that we have her agreement, make the necessary arrangements for our journey back to Snow Territory," Ouyang Mingjing ordered quietly.

Elder Men smiled brightly, relieved to see that everything had worked out.

Indeed...

Things were falling into place!

Although not perfect, Phoenix Girl had agreed to accompany them back to Snow Territory, which was a promising start.

Once they arrived in Snow Territory...

They would be in control.

They would have the power to make all the decisions!

Elder Men left the room to finalize the arrangements.

Meanwhile, Ouyang Mingjing sat alone, a sense of confusion clouding his clear eyes.

The Elder Men were diligently organizing the journey back to Snow Territory, ensuring everything was well-prepared. The prospect of restoring order to Snow Territory should have put his mind at ease, but inexplicably, he felt a lingering unease. Something crucial seemed to be missing.

But what was it that was missing?

Weren't they here primarily for Phoenix Girl?

Perhaps the meddling of Piaomiao Pavilion was what unsettled him.

"Bring Longqing here!" Ouyang Mingjing commanded.

Longqing swiftly arrived.

"City Lord, what can I do for you?"

"Piaomiao Pavilion is manipulating Phoenix Girl, and we need to rein them in. What do you suggest we do..." Ouyang Mingjing's desire for revenge against Piaomiao Pavilion had waned, yet he remained restless.

Then, a sudden realization dawned upon him.

#### Chapter 1795 - Revealing News 1

In that moment, a vivid image of a person suddenly emerged in his mind—the person he had encountered on several occasions. She often wore a simple green dress and carried a humble demeanor in his presence. However, her eyes shone with a special light, as if he were the sole focus of her attention.

A profound unease washed over him. The thought of leaving her behind in the Saint Divine Land left him with a deep sense of sorrow.

He had always been aware of his destiny to become the City Lord as he grew older. As the City Lord of Snow Territory, he would have to make sacrifices and prioritize the well-being of his

domain. He possessed a strong sense of self-discipline and could endure the pain, knowing his responsibilities and limitations.

But...

A selfish desire welled up within him.

He wanted to take her with him. Even if he couldn't have her or see her, simply knowing that she was nearby would be enough.

It was an incredibly self-centered thought, but it was the only option he could fathom at that moment.

That girl had her own principles. He planned to bring her, the Elder Miss, to Snow Territory, and she understood her role as a maid. She would comprehend that she could accompany her Elder Miss without causing any trouble.

So...

That would be sufficient.

It wouldn't jeopardize the overall plan.

Ouyang Mingjing firmly believed it was an excellent and fitting solution.

Turning to Longqing, he shifted the conversation away from Piaomiao Pavilion and spoke with a serious tone. "I'm assigning you a mission, but you mustn't disclose it to Elder Men. As far as I recall, Phoenix Girl relocated her maid to the temple. Inform her of this news and let her know before we depart. Additionally, assist her in joining our entourage as a servant. But keep it limited to that. This way, she can accompany us."

Longqing was taken aback by the unexpected plan.

He had assumed the City Lord sought to exact revenge on Piaomiao Pavilion as a way to express his anger for Phoenix Girl. While not the most pragmatic or advantageous strategy, it was still comprehensible. Longqing could have understood such a course of action.

But...

The City Lord was talking about the maid serving Phoenix Girl.

The maid who had inadvertently obtained the Acacia beans!

The City Lord had always exhibited great self-control, and they believed he could suppress his emotions as long as the maid remained out of sight. Besides, everyone's focus was on Phoenix Girl, and nothing else seemed to matter.

But evidently, they had underestimated the power of the Acacia beans.

He had contemplated discussing this matter with Elder Men, but it appeared that the City Lord wanted to keep it hidden from him.

Suddenly, he recalled Elder Men's words—that the girl should die when she accidentally obtained the beans.

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Initially, he believed that the Older Men were excessively cruel in their decision. However, it became apparent that the Elder Men were correct and possessed foresight. If they had acted earlier, the City Lord would never have considered bringing her along, especially since everything was going so well at the moment.

“Don't dwell on this too much; obey my order. I know how to maintain control. I won't jeopardize the overall plan due to selfish desires. If anything goes wrong, I will be the first to end it,” Ouyang Mingjing looked directly at Longqing, speaking straightforwardly.

As the City Lord of the Snow Territory, Ouyang Mingjing considered not only the people within the Snow Territory but also those who supported him.

He was fully aware of all the rules and practices.

Upon receiving the City Lord's assurance, Longqing departed immediately.

Just as Longqing left, Ouyang Mingjing sat down and closed his eyes, finally feeling a sense of calmness in his heart.

He couldn't comprehend why he kept thinking about her all the time.



He should have exercised more caution to avoid causing unnecessary trouble.

Regret filled Ouyang Mingjing momentarily, but he quickly dismissed it. What was done was done, and there was no need to dwell on it. Instead, he preferred to focus on devising better arrangements.

Ouyang Mingjing rested for a while, and soon enough, Longqing returned.

Upon hearing the footsteps, Ouyang Mingjing opened his eyes and asked, "How did it go?"

"City Lord, we have already spread the news and assigned one of our men to assist her discreetly. She will surely blend in with the crowd," Longqing informed Ouyang Mingjing in great detail.

Afterward...

Longqing remained somewhat unconvinced. He didn't like the City Lord's attachment to her. He truly cared.

Longqing reminded him, "City Lord, if you're not convinced and want her to stay nearby, it's easily achievable. I can keep an eye on her. However, City Lord, please remember that Snow Territory and Phoenix Girl are of utmost importance. Don't jeopardize everything for someone who is unnecessary."

"Longqing, I know what needs to be done and what holds greater significance. If she can quietly stay nearby, I won't delve deeper into it. But if she becomes a disruptive influence, I will show no mercy. Do you understand?" Ouyang Mingjing asserted.

Upon hearing the City Lord's detailed explanation, Longqing started to feel more reassured. He nodded and said, "I understand."

Ouyang Mingjing instructed him to leave the room.

Outside the hostel, there was commotion and chaos as preparations were being made to return to Snow Territory.

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In another courtyard of the hostel...

Duke North and Gu Ruxue hurriedly entered.

Duke North had personally requested Piaomiao Pavilion's presence, but it appeared that Piaomiao Pavilion had refused.

Chapter 1797 Revealing News 3

In this scenario, he had no choice but to appear in person.

He had meticulously planned everything, even drugging Chaoyan. But was this the result he had expected? He was utterly unconvinced.

Moreover, it was Piaomiao Pavilion who had instructed him to do so. He intended to confront Piaomiao Pavilion about this matter.

Piaomiao Pavilion was in disarray themselves.

No one paid any attention to him.

Duke North grew increasingly furious.

He stormed directly to the Older Men from Piaomiao Pavilion and demanded answers.

Qianji had no interest in entertaining him, but his incessant shouting truly irritated Qianji. Thus, Qianji stepped out.

"Duke North, what brings you here?" Qianji asked, his expression devoid of emotion.

After Duke North had drugged Chaoyan, he had become useless. Since he was now utterly useless, there was no need for them to waste any more time on him. Hence, Qianji didn't bother to speak politely to him.

"You used me and framed me! You told me to drug her, but now she is heavily sedated and leaving with Snow Territory. What about me? The entire plan has failed because of you! Find a way to compensate me!" Duke North snapped. His face contorted with anger.

However...

Only individuals like Gu Ruxue would be intimidated by his forceful demeanor. To Piaomiao Pavilion, Duke North was nothing more than an empty vessel.

Why did they bother to care?

Qianji had encountered numerous setbacks in the Saint Divine Land, something he had never experienced before. However, Duke North showed no regard for him, which infuriated Qianji to no end.

Expressionlessly, he interrogated, "Duke North, do you understand the consequences for those who speak to me in such a manner?"

"I don't care. You must compensate me!" Duke North disregarded Qianji and continued to assert his demands from a position of authority.

Qianji briefly smiled at Duke North's arrogance.

He extended his hand toward the man.

Harnessing his magical strength, he forcefully pushed Duke North.

Duke North crashed heavily into the wall of the hostel, his body succumbing to the sudden surge of magical power. He collapsed onto the floor, coughing up blood.

Since drugging himself, he had been relying on the solution as he was not in good condition.

For the first time, he felt death approaching. His internal organs seemed shattered.

Chaoyan.

Duke North's thoughts turned to her, then his breath ceased.

Gu Ruxue was shocked by the scene that unfolded before her.

Duke North had sought refuge with Piaomiao Pavilion, and she had kept him company in hopes of benefiting from his supposed imminent victory. She had sensed that Duke North possessed some abilities and was confident in his success.

But now...

Piaomiao Pavilion had treated him as if he were insignificant, snuffing out his life like an ant.

Duke North was dead.

Yet she wanted to survive!

## Chapter 1798 - Revealing News 4

She couldn't simply die, even if she couldn't become the Queen.

Survival was her only hope for a future. If she died, there would be no hope for her whatsoever.

Terrified and shaken, Gu Ruxue turned to Qianji. "I saw nothing, absolutely nothing! I came here today because Duke North forced me to! I am just a helpless girl with no other choice! I never intended to harm Piaomiao Pavilion. I was coerced into coming here, I swear!"

"..."

"Don't kill me. I pose no threat. I'll leave now. I saw nothing, and I'll keep it all a secret!" Gu Ruxue pleaded fearfully, attempting to flee.

Qianji chuckled, observing Gu Ruxue's reaction.

He had initially planned to kill her as well, but her current state of fright stayed his hand.

What else could she do in her fear?

Would she expose the events of today?

Even if she did, what would it matter?

Piaomiao Pavilion never feared the Saint Divine Land. They were merely cautious of Phoenix Girl.

This man had drugged Phoenix Girl and was aiding in removing the assassin.

Moreover, Phoenix Girl was returning to the City Lord of Snow Territory and Snow Territory itself...

Qianji's best course of action was to discuss this matter with the City Lord rather than seek help from Phoenix Girl. There was no need to fear when he had eliminated this man.

As Wuxing entered the scene, he witnessed a lifeless body and an indifferent-looking Qianji.

Wuxing was taken aback. "What's happening? Why did you kill Mr. Duke in the Saint Divine Land?"

"I don't need any explanations. Wuxing, have you forgotten who we are after being away for so long?" Qianji said, his tone dripping with arrogance.

Wuxing subtly shook his head.

Of course not.

Piaomiao Pavilion, as the leader of all the schools, never had to justify their actions or disclose their motives to anyone.

Their arrogance only intensified due to their pursuit of the Golden Rolls.

Qianji was pleased by Wuxing's response.

They continued walking, and he added, "It's good that you're here. Come with me to see the City Lord. She's returning to Snow Territory with him. Once she arrives there, we won't have access to the Golden Rolls anymore. It'll be too late by then. The Golden Rolls are of utmost importance to us, especially now that the door to enchantment has been opened."

Wuxing seemed preoccupied, but he still nodded in agreement.

They made their way to the courtyard where the people from Snow Territory resided.

Qianji understood that this was their final opportunity.

Worry gnawed at him.

When Qianji arrived, Ouyang Mingjing didn't refuse their request. He personally received them.

"Qianji, Elderly Man from Piaomiao Pavilion, what brings you here?" Ouyang Mingjing asked, sounding rather relaxed.



“I heard that Phoenix Girl is returning to Snow Territory with you. You’ve achieved your goal, City Lord, while we have come here in vain. Though we may not be friends, we bear no grudges against each other.”

“ ... ”

“So what Piaomiao Pavilion desires is a glimpse of the Golden Rolls. And we are willing to provide whatever Snow Territory needs, as long as it is within our capabilities.”

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"I acknowledge that Snow Territory is more powerful than us. However, with the door to enchantment opened and the world descending into chaos, Snow Territory doesn't have the luxury of remaining untouched. Infighting exists within Snow Territory, and City Lord, do you truly believe you can ensure the safety and well-being of everyone within your domain?"

" ... "

"We possess powerful magical weapons and pills. They are highly effective, and we have the largest quantity of them among all the schools."

" ... "

"We don't require much from Snow Territory, only the Golden Rolls. In return, we can supply you with as many magical weapons and pills as you need."

"..."

"What are your thoughts on this?" Qianji spoke with unwavering confidence.

Having learned about the infighting within Snow Territory, Qianji had acquired a valuable bargaining chip. He could exploit this information to strike a deal with the City Lord.

It became clear why the City Lord personally went to retrieve Phoenix Girl—it was all connected to the internal strife.

Any faction plagued by infighting would eventually crumble, regardless of its initial strength.

Snow Territory might find themselves desperate for assistance.

Qianji felt assured in his understanding of the City Lord's motivations. He believed he had seen through the City Lord's intentions.

Ouyang Mingjing felt a certain unease as he observed Qianji's manner of speaking, as if he had figured out Snow Territory's objectives. While Piaomiao Pavilion was undoubtedly powerful, they displayed a rather narrow-minded perspective. Such was the nature of the Elder Men and those alike.

Ouyang Mingjing had no interest in collaborating with Piaomiao Pavilion.

Maintaining a composed expression, he responded to Qianji without any emotion, "Qianji, Elderly Man, that is a dreadful suggestion."

"..."

"Snow Territory has no interest in your magical weapons and pills. Elder Man, please take your leave. We are currently occupied with pressing matters," Ouyang Mingjing stated plainly before turning and making his way back to his inner chamber. He had no intention of wasting any more time with Qianji.

Qianji's confident demeanor faltered upon hearing Ouyang Mingjing's response, and his expression became complex. He was far from pleased, but he exerted great effort to suppress his anger, refraining from displaying it to Ouyang Mingjing. Qianji understood that he could express his anger to certain individuals, but not to everyone—definitely not to Ouyang Mingjing or Phoenix Girl. However, Duke North had been an exception, as he was no longer of use.

With a dismissive wave of his sleeves, Qianji departed in a fit of anger once Ouyang Mingjing was out of sight. Wuxing accompanied him.

Once they were outside, Wuxing inquired, "Elder Man, what should we do? City Lord has shown no interest in working with us!"

Qianji's mood was sour, and he let out a snort while flinging his sleeves in frustration. He replied with anger in his voice, "There's nothing we can do. We can barely decipher the Golden Rolls! Phoenix Girl won't offer us any assistance!"

"..."

"If Lingyun were willing to help us, everything would be fine. But she does not work for us. This is our last chance, and we must..."

## Chapter 1800 - Regret

"We need to make proper arrangements and return to Piaomiao Pavilion. Once we're back, we can formulate new plans without relying on the Golden Rolls. The door to enchantment has been open for days, and it won't be long before monsters and witches begin roaming freely," Qianji declared.

"As the head of all schools with numerous disciples, witches may come to us before seeking others. We have crucial tasks awaiting us upon our return. Wuxing, ensure that you adjust yourself accordingly, or our plans will face difficulties," Qianji reminded Wuxing.

Wuxing's demeanor had changed since their failed deal with City Lord. Rather than seeking solutions himself, he had been seeking advice from Qianji.

Qianji was displeased by this change.

He had taken Wuxing out of Piaomiao Pavilion, deviating from his original plan. Yet, he had offered no assistance and had allowed Lingyun to hinder their progress.

Qianji was far from pleased to witness Wuxing's current behavior.

Wuxing wasn't particularly delighted to hear the news either.

While they were heading back to Piaomiao Pavilion, Lingyun was accompanying Phoenix Girl to Snow Territory.

Their paths were never going to cross again.

Wuxing knew he needed to have a conversation with Lingyun.

He wasn't angered by Lingyun's revenge plan, as he felt he had already settled his debts with her.

But couldn't they start anew?

What was the point of going through all of this if Lingyun wasn't present?

In truth...

Qianji had already noticed Wuxing's absent-mindedness after his speech. It seemed that Wuxing no longer cared about Piaomiao Pavilion or the Golden Rolls.

This irritated Qianji greatly.

How could the senior disciple of Piaomiao Pavilion be so consumed by thoughts of a woman?

"Wuxing, what are you thinking about? I might have to reconsider the tasks I assign to you," Qianji argued.

Wuxing appeared not to hear him at all.

Qianji let out a heavy sigh.

If Wuxing continued to be like this, Qianji would definitely reconsider entrusting him with any further responsibilities.

That's what Qianji believed.

Unaware of Qianji's intentions, Wuxing's thoughts remained fixated on Lingyun who was working for Gu Chaoyan.

Lingyun was living a simple yet happy life alongside Gu Chaoyan. She had learned the art of relaxation, taking time to enjoy moments of tranquility like sipping tea. She no longer burdened herself with excessive work in her room.

Every now and then, Gu Chaoyan would join her for a cup of tea and engage in pleasant conversations.

A few days passed.

According to Ouyang Mingjing's arrangements, it was time for them to depart for Snow Territory.

Zhou Huaijin had been occupied with matters at Shiling Palace, making him scarcely visible. Gu Chaoyan knew he would return to his room for brief periods of rest, but whenever she was awake, she found it difficult to catch a glimpse of him.

A sense of regret filled her heart.

Their departure for Snow Territory was imminent, and they would likely be separated for a considerable period of time. Gu Chaoyan had hoped to spend some cherished moments together before their departure, but...