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Chapter 1841 - Conditions 2

Huang Fu paused for a moment, contemplating the jest he had just made. He understood the significance of his words, despite them being in jest. However, he felt compelled to reveal the truth, hoping she wouldn't resist him as she had done in the past.

Nonetheless, he continued, "As I mentioned earlier, my magical power is insufficient, limiting me to reside within the space. I cannot venture outside the confines of the space for an extended period. Although the doorway to enchantment is currently open, allowing me some time here, it is not a permanent solution."

"..."

"I had hoped that as the magical energy within the space grew more abundant, I could absorb it and cultivate, ultimately returning to my original state."

"...."

"However, I have discovered that this is not possible."

"...."

"Therefore, the only way for me to regain my original state is through your assistance," Huang Fu honestly confessed.

Finally, Gu Chaoyan comprehended the situation.

No wonder he seemed less arrogant than before. He was seeking her help.

However...

She found herself strangely pleased.

It seemed like striking a deal with him would be a straightforward matter.

“What do you need me to do?” Gu Chaoyan inquired.

She did require Huang Fu’s assistance, particularly in such a perilous location.

Hearing her question, Huang Fu seemed quite obedient.

Something within her heart resonated with his words.

Huang Fu withdrew his heart and continued, “I have realized that no matter how much magical power exists within the space, absorbing it will not allow me to return to my original state. It is because of you.”

“....”

“You are the master of this space, and everything within it exists for you. However, you are currently too weak to unleash the true potential of this space, rendering it unusable for me.”

“You need to cultivate yourself.”

“As the Phoenix Girl, it is imperative for you to cultivate. Otherwise, when the world plunges into chaos, you will find yourself without a way out.”

“....”

“Failure to fulfill your mission as the Phoenix Girl will result in unimaginable punishment.”

“....”

“Therefore, I am merely seizing this opportunity.”

Upon hearing his words, Gu Chaoyan gained a vague understanding of the situation.

But to cultivate?

How was she supposed to embark on this cultivation journey?

She possessed no knowledge of the cultivation realm.

“I will instruct you in the ways of cultivation,” Huang Fu declared.

Gu Chaoyan felt a twinge of surprise.

Teaching?

“You may address me as Master,” Huang Fu added, his request veering towards the excessive.

“Master!” Gu Chaoyan responded without hesitation.

In her view, if he was going to guide her in cultivation, then she should refer to him as Master. As long as his teachings didn’t contradict her principles and she could discern right from wrong, she saw no issue in complying.

And she was prepared to strike a deal as well.

Huang Fu was taken aback by her response. He had asked for far too much, expecting her to rebuff him. He had braced himself for her to snap at him.

But she didn't.

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This left Huang Fu perplexed.

With a trembling heart, Gu Chaoyan nodded in agreement.

He turned around and made his way to the study, searching for books that pertained to the enlightenment of cultivation.

The Phoenix Girl was an exception among others. Typically, the Phoenix Girl would be unable to cultivate in this realm.

However, the Phoenix Girl possessed exceptional magical power within her, albeit suppressed due to the cold poison coursing through her body.

Huang Fu found the book and handed it to Gu Chaoyan. "Read this first, and refrain from cultivating for now. Once you reach Snow Territory, acquire the Fire Lotus flower to detoxify yourself. Then, you can commence your cultivation."

"...."

"I lack sufficient magical power to venture outside. I will distribute the items in two hours."

A sigh of relief escaped Gu Chaoyan's lips.

She caressed the book, attempting to open it.

Lingyun's provisions should sustain them for a brief respite. In two hours, Huang Fu would deliver the items, allowing them to recover within a day.

Gu Chaoyan glanced at the book in her hands and pondered the Fire Lotus flower he had mentioned. She instinctively looked at Huang Fu and inquired, "Are you familiar with Snow Territory?"

"I am somewhat acquainted," Huang Fu honestly replied.

"In that case, do you know about the longstanding engagement between the City Lord of Snow Territory and the Phoenix Girl? And what about Acacia beans?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

There were numerous aspects of the world that eluded her understanding, filling her with curiosity.

Yet, these things seemed to have endured for countless generations.

And she needed to know the explanation.

Huang Fu sneered, "Yes."

"..."

"The so-called marriage alliance does exist."

"What?" Gu Chaoyan found the entire concept incredulous. It made no sense to her.

"A long time ago, there was a City Lord in Snow Territory who married the Phoenix Girl. After their marriage, Snow Territory gained significant advantages by being united with the Phoenix Girl. They were unwilling to let her go. Hence, they coerced the Phoenix Girl, who had wedded the City Lord of Snow Territory, into agreeing to such an alliance. As for the so-called Acacia beans, it was merely a manipulative tactic employed by them. They used Acacia beans to bind the Phoenix Girl."

"..."

"There is indeed a marriage alliance, but it is a decision imposed unilaterally by individuals from Snow Territory. It is the logic of bandits!"

"..."

"They are unworthy of the Phoenix Girl!"

"...."

"She merely happened to ensnare the affections of the former City Lord."

Upon hearing Huang Fu's words, Gu Chaoyan brought herself back to reality.

That explanation made sense.

"Why is the Fire Lotus only found in Snow Territory?" Gu Chaoyan remained perplexed.

"Why?" Huang Fu sneered.

"That's because Snow Territory has monopolized it through their deceptive means," Huang Fu replied with disdain.

He was deeply displeased and held a grudge against Snow Territory. He regretted not defending her more effectively in the past. Otherwise, those despicable individuals wouldn't have exploited her and forced her to embark on this journey to Snow Territory. She had endured so much suffering and couldn't even protect her maid.

Gu Chaoyan finally grasped the situation.

Outside, the snow was falling heavily.

Huang Fu had previously informed her that they were nearing the main city of Snow Territory.

In the main city of Snow Territory, heavy snowfall persisted year-round.

Over the past few days, Huang Fu had been delivering the necessary items to her at fixed intervals. Although he appeared reluctant, he returned looking visibly pale.

"Young Miss, look ahead!"

Chapter 1843 To Snow Territory 1

Gu Chaoyan had been lost in her thoughts about Zhou Huaijin and the others, but when Sword One spoke up, she snapped out of it and followed Sword One's gaze.

She saw the towering walls amidst the snow.

The walls of Snow Territory differed from those of the Saint Divine Land. They weren't made of thick mud, but emitted a chilling aura, making people instinctively want to keep their distance.

Although Snow Territory appeared luxurious...

Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but develop an innate dislike for Snow Territory. If it weren't for the Fire Lotus flower, she would have never approached this place.

It was a city filled with conspiracies and deceit.

As Gu Chaoyan and the hidden guards approached, the sound of horns resounded, and the gates of Snow Territory swung open.

Once the gates opened, guards and civilians from Snow Territory hurriedly streamed out. They were not vastly different from the common folk in the Saint Divine Land, except that their attire was more extravagant.

They warmly greeted Gu Chaoyan and the hidden guards, kneeling on both sides and expressing their heartfelt welcome. "Welcome back to the city, City Lord and Phoenix Girl!"

Their kowtowing continued.

Upon hearing their warm greetings, Gu Chaoyan maintained an impassive expression. She knew that the people of Snow Territory were simply offering well-wishes for their own peace of mind. She had no need for such excessive enthusiasm.

Ouyang Mingjing had a bright smile on his face, relishing the adoration of the Snow Territory civilians.

However, he knew that there were some Elder Men in Snow Territory who held doubts about him. They were instigating the civilians, hoping to sow seeds of suspicion.

He had been living under suspicion for a long time.

Sometimes, Gu Chaoyan wondered if she truly wasn't fit to be the City Lord.

But that wasn't the truth.

Those Elder Men were driven by their own desires, manipulating the situation to create discord.

In reality, the civilians remained devoted to him.

Experiencing this moment, Ouyang Mingjing turned his attention to Gu Chaoyan's carriage and a hint of displeasure appeared in his eyes from the distance.

Snow Territory's people had done so much, yet she wasn't even willing to lift the curtain to take a look?

What kind of attitude was this?

Ouyang Mingjing approached the carriage and spoke softly, "They are all here to greet you. According to protocol, you should step out of the carriage and acknowledge their greetings. They want to see the Phoenix Girl of Snow Territory and their future City Lord's wife."

"...."

"Never forget that we are in this together," Ouyang Mingjing continued. "You can pretend to be the Phoenix Girl, soon to be the wife of the City Lord in Snow Territory, and I will provide you with the Fire Lotus flower you desire."

"...."

"How can you expect to obtain the Fire Lotus flower if you can't even fulfill this simple gesture?"
Ouyang Mingjing reminded her in a hushed tone from outside the window.

Gu Chaoyan scoffed inside the carriage.

She had no intention of engaging in further conversation with Ouyang Mingjing.

Lifting the curtain, she stepped out of the carriage and cast her gaze upon the people who were fervently kowtowing. Her face remained expressionless, devoid of any emotions stirring within her.

She stood there silently.

"So, this is our Phoenix Girl?"

"And she's the future wife of the City Lord?"

The civilians of Snow Territory whispered among themselves, discussing Gu Chaoyan's appearance and role.

Chapter 1844 To Snow Territory 2

Gu Chaoyan emanated an aura of coldness, maintaining a certain distance from the people around her. She seemed to occupy a position of great stature, standing above them all.

The birthmark on the Phoenix Girl's face was intimidating, yet her fair complexion and distinctive presence made her stand out amidst the snowy landscape of Snow Territory. Clad in white, she exuded an air of uniqueness, signifying her future role as the City Lord's wife.

Such thoughts ran through the minds of the Snow Territory civilians.

Meanwhile, some dissenting Elder Men from Snow Territory scrutinized Gu Chaoyan with skepticism.

For the Phoenix Girl to be recognized as such, she needed to possess the Phoenix Girl's token, which meant Ouyang Mingjing could not have presented a girl with a pleasant demeanor as the Phoenix Girl. Moreover, Gu Chaoyan appeared pale and distant, lacking the warmth one would expect from a Phoenix Girl aspiring to become the City Lord's wife.

Furthermore, they detected no traces of magical power within her, casting doubts on her identity as the Phoenix Girl. Even if she were, they harbored reservations regarding the City Lord's qualifications.

This was an unalterable reality.

Ouyang Mingjing might have been an exceptional man in Snow Territory, but he and his trusted followers had always awaited the arrival of the Phoenix Girl to ensure the security of Snow Territory. They were never meant to shoulder all responsibilities solely with their own abilities.

They were determined to bring down Snow Territory, regardless of whether they had the Phoenix Girl with them or not.

Snow Territory had not enjoyed peace in recent years, and they were not willing to let that continue.

Observing the crowd's reactions, Gu Chaoyan gained some understanding of the nature of Snow Territory.

To divert attention from the Phoenix Girl, Ouyang Mingjing suggested that she retreat into the wagon for a distance.

He then instructed Longqing and his men to escort the Phoenix Girl.

As they entered Snow Territory, Gu Chaoyan noticed that she now had twice as many guards as before, with the hidden guards from Shadow Door assigned to protect her.

Initially discontented, the hidden guards from Shadow Door were on the brink of rebellion until Gu Chaoyan intervened and pacified them.

With their limited numbers, the hidden guards would not stand a chance against Ouyang Mingjing's men in a direct confrontation. Engaging in a battle of wits seemed like a wiser choice.

Ouyang Mingjing claimed that there were ongoing conflicts within Snow Territory, as someone sought to seize power. That was why he required the presence of the Phoenix Girl to restore stability.

Prior to her arrival in Snow Territory, Gu Chaoyan had believed Ouyang Mingjing's words to be true.

But...

So many things had transpired, leaving Gu Chaoyan with a different perspective.

Ouyang Mingjing may hold the title of City Lord, but she no longer saw him as an honorable man.

If he lacked righteousness, then those who opposed him in Snow Territory could potentially become her allies.

However...

They needed to devise a long-term strategy.

As Gu Chaoyan pondered over these thoughts, she was escorted to a palace located 500 meters away. It was heavily guarded, and numerous maids were present.

Standing before her, Ouyang Mingjing spoke sternly, "From now on, this will be your residence, and you are not allowed to venture outside without my permission."

"...."

"Now that you are in Snow Territory, we must arrange the wedding. The Elder Men have already selected an auspicious day, which is in ten days' time."

"...."

"Once everything is settled, I will provide you with the Fire Lotus flowers."

Ouyang Mingjing's words hung in the air.

However, he did not elaborate further.

It was clear that he had no intention of letting her go after presenting her with the Fire Lotus flower.

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The unrest within Snow Territory, and the successful rise of those Elder Men seeking promotion, stemmed from the fact that Snow Territory was no longer the peaceful haven it once was.

However, over the past couple of years, their adversaries had grown stronger and more formidable.

Several months ago, many of their guards and civilians suffered injuries in a skirmish.

Fear began to seep into the hearts of Snow Territory's inhabitants.

A large-scale battle loomed on the horizon, threatening to engulf Snow Territory.

Snow Territory's strength lay in their familiarity with the terrain and their mastery of its unique magical energies. Yet, if an adversary were to possess similar knowledge of Snow Territory, they would find themselves at a severe disadvantage.

Snow Territory and Huayin had been ancient enemies, and the desire for revenge burned fiercely within the hearts of Snow Territory's inhabitants. They were well aware that Snow Territory alone was no match against Huayin, and thus they relied on the presence of the Pheonix Girl for their defense.

The Pheonix Girl was their last line of defense, the key to their survival.

This was precisely why Ouyang Mingjing had gone through great lengths to bring the Pheonix Girl to Snow Territory and insisted on her stay.

As these thoughts swirled in his mind, Ouyang Mingjing grew increasingly agitated. In frustration, he abruptly turned and left.

But before departing, he made sure to instruct the maids and guards to remain vigilant in their watch over the Pheonix Girl.

Elder Man, who had been closely following the situation, couldn't help but voice his confusion. "City Lord, are you truly planning to give her the Fire Lotus flower?"

“Let’s prioritize the marriage and postpone the gift of the Fire Lotus flower. Even if she suffers a little longer without the antidote, it’s fine. We shouldn’t give her the Fire Lotus Flower right away, as it would put us at a disadvantage. After all, she is not truly invested in Snow Territory,” Ouyang Mingjing explained, his expression serious and logical.

He had observed how the Huayin Faction was plotting against the Pheonix Girl.

Elder Man felt somewhat relieved upon hearing Ouyang Mingjing’s reasoning. He had worried that the City Lord might prioritize righteousness over the well-being of Snow Territory’s civilians.

However, based on what the City Lord had just said...

Elder Man decided on a more cautious approach.

He suggested, “In my opinion, we can give the Fire Lotus flower to the Pheonix Girl when she becomes pregnant. That way, she will have to stay in Snow Territory.”

Ouyang Mingjing nodded in agreement, acknowledging Elder Man’s suggestion.

But he didn’t elaborate further.

He had his own pride, and that pride didn’t allow him to keep his wife in such a manner. However, he had no choice but to do so.

In the palace, Gu Chaoyan dismissed the servants and intended to explore the space. But before she could proceed, Huang Fu abruptly emerged from the space.

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Gu Chaoyan was not surprised by the turn of events. She had already dismissed all the maids from Snow Territory, so there was no need to panic.

After a thoughtful conversation with Huang Fu, Gu Chaoyan gained further insights into his abilities. She discovered that he possessed the power to traverse through space.

Upon seeing Huang Fu, Gu Chaoyan inquired softly, "How are Huaijin and the others? Have they found a safe place outside of Snow Territory?"

Huang Fu's cheerful countenance suddenly grew grim.

He disliked it when she incessantly mentioned Huaijin in his presence.

"They have been well-settled outside the city, thanks to your medicinal skills. Don't fret, you're in a more perilous situation than they are. Instead of worrying about others, you should focus on your own safety when you have the chance," snapped Huang Fu.

Gu Chaoyan nodded in acknowledgment.

She was relieved to know that they were all secure.

Ever since she arrived in Snow Territory, they were the only ones she had been concerned about.

Just as Huang Fu was about to reveal details about the Fire Lotus flower, an unforeseen incident unfolded outside. In response, Huang Fu promptly retreated to the space.

It was not advisable for him to expose himself outside, especially considering that many people in Snow Territory were familiar with his face. If he were spotted here, it would undoubtedly lead to trouble.

As soon as Huang Fu departed, the door swung open.

A maid standing outside respectfully greeted a newcomer.

It was Ouyang Mingjing.

For some unknown reason, he had returned to the palace he had recently departed from.

Gu Chaoyan had no clue about his intentions. She simply sat there silently.

Ouyang Mingjing had come back.

The words of the Elder Man had deeply wounded him. While he had considered using the Fire Lotus flower as a means to manipulate her, the Elder Man's proposition was crystal clear—only after they were married and she became pregnant could they obtain the Fire Lotus flower.

Even the Elder Man recognized that he lacked the power to subdue the Phoenix Girl.

That was the only way to keep her.

But that was a method he refused to employ, as it struck a blow to his self-esteem.

Hence...

He had returned.

He believed that he could strive harder to win her over, rather than relying on the so-called child.

He hadn't reached such a pitiful state just yet.

The Phoenix Girl treated him with utmost tenderness whenever he assisted her in capturing monsters.

Over the past few days, he had made certain decisions, but he was convinced that he could make amends through other means.

For instance...

He had been treating her better lately.

Perhaps she would change her mind and choose to stay, especially when the King of the Saint Divine Land was in jeopardy and the people of Snow Territory held her in such high regard.

When that time came, he would be able to hold his head high.

He had returned.

A more determined and resolute expression adorned his face.

“Elder Man and Longqing will oversee the affairs within the city. Since you’re still new here, you’re probably not accustomed to this place. I currently have some free time, so I can show you around and introduce you to Snow Territory—a place entirely distinct from the Saint Divine Land,” he declared.

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Ouyang Mingjing displayed great thoughtfulness.

Gu Chaoyan gave a slight nod in response.

Going out for a walk with him?

She felt a sense of repulsion.

However, at the moment, she needed to venture outside and familiarize herself with the happenings in Snow Territory. It was the only way for her to execute her plan.

Time was running short, with just ten days remaining.

Considering this...

Gu Chaoyan composed herself and nodded in agreement.

Ouyang Mingjing flashed a brief smile.

He arranged for some casual guards and set off with Gu Chaoyan.

As soon as they stepped outside, a maid held an umbrella over Gu Chaoyan.

Umbrellas were not a common sight in Snow Territory, and only a few individuals made use of them.

Since arriving in this place, Gu Chaoyan had also observed that Ouyang Mingjing and his guards, who were known for their formidable magical prowess, remained unaffected by the falling snowflakes.

Only those like them were aware of the snow landing on their bodies.

However...

Now the maid was shielding her with an umbrella, preventing the snowflakes from landing on it.

Curiosity welled up within Gu Chaoyan, prompting her to steal a few more glances at him.

Observing Gu Chaoyan's interest in the umbrella, Ouyang Mingjing spoke up. "The maid is using her magical power to envelop the umbrella, preventing the snow from falling on it."

"...."

"When you cleanse yourself with the Fire Lotus Flower, you won't have to go through such trouble when you're out here," Ouyang Mingjing said with a smile. He mentioned the benefits of the Fire Lotus Flower, intending to instill hope within her.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, although deep down, she had no desire for it.

Ouyang Mingjing had grown accustomed to seeing her in such a state. Ever since the King of the Saint Divine Land had gone missing in Snow Territory, she had been like this.

What was so remarkable about the King of the Saint Divine Land anyway?

In truth, over the past two days, his men had also been searching for them. However, his intention was not to bring her back, but to prevent her from dwelling on thoughts of the King.

They strolled through the city.

One notable distinction between Snow Territory and the Saint Divine Land was the absence of an imperial court. Even Ouyang Mingjing only possessed a single palace of his own. As they ventured beyond the palace, they encountered numerous ordinary citizens bustling through the streets of Snow Territory.

As a result, she had only taken a few steps when all the residents of Snow Territory greeted her politely.

Gu Chaoyan didn't enjoy this sensation.

Everyone treated her as if she were a revered goddess.

Moreover, she was a shy person who disliked being the center of attention, with so many eyes fixed on her.

Ouyang Mingjing was unaware of this aspect.

However, Huaijin was well aware of it.

After the endowment ceremony, he had taken it upon himself to defend her and ensure that she stayed alone at Fengxian Palace. There were few people present at Fengxian Palace, and nothing would make her feel uncomfortable there.

"City Lord, are you taking the Phoenix Girl out for a stroll?" a composed and aged voice interjected.

Gu Chaoyan snapped back to reality.

She directed her gaze towards the man who spoke.

She vaguely recognized him. She had noticed him among the crowd when she first arrived in Snow Territory.

He and Ouyang Mingjing seemed to be on opposing sides.

This man didn't bother concealing his dissatisfaction with Ouyang Mingjing.

Furthermore, he conversed with Ouyang Mingjing without exhibiting any respect.

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Gu Chaoyan didn't harbor any dislike for this man; in fact, she admired him.

Ouyang Mingjing, on the other hand, grew increasingly displeased and impatient.

He made a faint sound of agreement and refrained from further remarks.

Upon hearing his response, the man cast a few more glances at Gu Chaoyan and promptly departed.

Ouyang Mingjing's smile faded after encountering the man. His countenance soured, and he lost his previous jovial demeanor.

"Snow Territory is a vast place, but it differs greatly from the Saint Divine Land. Many things in Snow Territory can be rather mundane. You've just arrived, and you must be tired, so take a rest here. I'll show you around when I have the opportunity," Ouyang Mingjing stated rigidly.

Gu Chaoyan didn't mind.

She had just encountered the person she longed to see the most, so whether she stayed or left didn't matter much to her.

She simply nodded in response.

Ouyang Mingjing saw her off without further delay.

As he saw her off...

Ouyang Mingjing headed directly to the Elder Man.

Restlessly pacing back and forth in the room, he spoke urgently, "I saw Gao Xiu earlier, and I sensed that he's up to something again. I'm very concerned. Elder Man, you must find a way to put a stop to their actions."

"Understood," Elder Man calmly replied.

He believed that it was because the City Lord had faced numerous challenges and bullying at a young age when he assumed his position. As a result, he harbored some lingering fears. Unbeknownst to him, the Phoenix Girl was taking care of those matters, rendering their petty tricks inconsequential in her eyes.

When they were just talking....

Suddenly, a commotion erupted outside.

"They're here again?" Ouyang Mingjing inquired.

"Perhaps. I'll go out and take a look," Elder Man hastily left. They couldn't allow Gao Xiu and his gang to take the lead in defending against the enemies. Otherwise, news of the City Lord's inaction would once again circulate.

Meanwhile, Gu Chaoyan was in the court.

She sensed the disturbance outside, indicating that something had occurred.

In her previous life, her observations and senses were sharper than most, especially after consuming the magical water.

"Sword One, what's happening?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

Sword One, who had just returned from outside, nodded gravely upon hearing Gu Chaoyan's question. "Yes, Elder Miss, Snow Territory is under attack. The city is in a state of chaos."

What?

An incident in Snow Territory?

Someone dared to provoke Snow Territory?

Well...

No wonder there were internal conflicts.

If only they could coexist peacefully, there wouldn't be any internal strife.

While it wasn't favorable for Snow Territory, Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but feel somewhat pleased.

"Just keep an eye on the situation outside and report back to me," Gu Chaoyan instructed Sword One, her mood uplifted.

Sword One departed.

As darkness fell, the clamor subsided.

Sword One couldn't venture too far, so she was unaware of whether the enemies had retreated or if they were defeated by the people of Snow Territory.

However...

The night remained tranquil.

The silence persisted until morning.

Yet...

Early in the morning, Ouyang Mingjing arrived.

Upon seeing Gu Chaoyan, he asked Dao Seeking, "Where is your Golden Rolls?"

Golden Rolls...

She hadn't anticipated needing the Golden Rolls after arriving in Snow Territory.

However, Gu Chaoyan had no intention of divulging this information to Ouyang Mingjing.

"Fetch the Golden Rolls and accompany me outside," she replied, withholding her true intentions.

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Having uttered those words, Ouyang Mingjing turned around to leave, only to hear complete silence behind him. He pivoted back, only to find Gu Chaoyan still seated there, unmoving. She showed no inclination to get up or retrieve the Golden Rolls.

He stared at her.

In that moment, he recalled her reluctance to present the Golden Rolls to Piaomiao Pavilion and the Cangyan Door in the past, despite the heartfelt offerings bestowed upon her by Piaomiao Pavilion.

Contemplating this, Ouyang Mingjing explained earnestly, "I'm requesting the Golden Rolls from you because you're different from the people of Piaomiao Pavilion. We, the people of Snow Territory, don't need to see what's inside the Golden Rolls. We merely want to glimpse the Golden Rolls to confirm your identity as the Phoenix Girl."

"..."

"So you needn't worry about anything."

Upon hearing his words...

Ouyang Mingjing realized that he and the others cared little about the Golden Rolls. What they truly sought was the Phoenix Girl.

It must have been Elder Man's suggestion that prompted her to present it.

Elder Man still harbored doubts, scrutinizing him with a speculative gaze. Clearly, he remained skeptical of Ouyang Mingjing.

She desired to collaborate with him.

To accomplish that, she had to demonstrate her true identity as the Phoenix Girl. If she were merely an impostor rather than the authentic Phoenix Girl, Elder Man wouldn't have regarded her with such scrutiny.

Therefore, she needed to prove herself as the Phoenix Girl and express her reluctance to work with Ouyang Mingjing.

Contemplating these considerations, Gu Chaoyan finally stirred.

She spoke calmly, "The Golden Rolls is not in my possession."

"What?" Ouyang Mingjing's surprise was evident. Gu Chaoyan had never offered the Golden Rolls before, not because she considered it her talisman, but because it wasn't in her possession? The Golden Rolls belonged to the Phoenix Girl, so if she didn't have it...

Observing the change in Ouyang Mingjing's expression, Gu Chaoyan continued, "The Golden Rolls is of utmost importance, so I had Huaijin keep it with him during our journey here. Huaijin is a skilled martial artist, capable of safeguarding the Golden Rolls. Therefore, we cannot present it now unless we locate Huaijin."

Ouyang Mingjing's countenance altered.

Panic, displeasure, and uncertainty intermingled on his face.

He had always projected an air of composure. As the leader of Snow Territory, he exuded confidence and never displayed fear in the presence of the people from Piaomiao Pavilion.

Yet, within Snow Territory itself, he appeared increasingly unstable. He perpetually seemed as though facing a formidable adversary, and anxiety easily gripped him.

If Gu Chaoyan's assessment was correct, the Elder Men had been subduing him all along, causing him to instinctively react in this manner.

Ouyang Mingjing spun around and addressed the guards, "Organize a larger team and search for the King!"

"...."

"I want him captured, dead or alive!" Ouyang Mingjing gritted his teeth as he declared.

He had believed it to be an impossible feat for them to leave Snow Territory, a vast land perpetually covered in snow.

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If they were unable to leave Snow Territory and couldn't bear it any longer, they would end up like countless others who had ventured into the territory—lost in the snow, their bodies covered and concealed, leaving no trace behind.

For Ouyang Mingjing, as long as he was dead, everything would be resolved.

But now...

With the Golden Rolls out of their reach, they had to find both Huaijin and the Golden Rolls within Snow Territory.

This made their situation much more challenging.

"Why didn't you mention this earlier!" Ouyang Mingjing erupted in anger, his voice filled with reproach.

If she had informed him earlier, he would have ordered his men to confiscate the Golden Rolls from her, and then he could have met his demise. The current situation was needlessly complicated, which greatly displeased him.

Upon hearing his outburst, Gu Chaoyan became even more certain that it was Ouyang Mingjing who had harmed Huaijin.

However...

She responded with indifference, "We were ambushed in Snow Territory, but the City Lord didn't provide us with any warning. We had no idea that such a thing would occur, so we didn't inform you."

"...."

"Who could have foreseen the ambush?" Gu Chaoyan fixed her gaze on Ouyang Mingjing, her expression questioning.

Ouyang Mingjing wasn't entirely sure if he had misjudged the situation, but he couldn't shake off the lingering guilt. He turned away slightly. "Indeed, it was unforeseeable. I'm just frustrated by how complicated everything has become."

"...."

"With no Golden Rolls, what should we do?" Ouyang Mingjing's voice was laden with remorse.

Gu Chaoyan was increasingly convinced of her suspicions, but she wasn't ready to seek revenge against Ouyang Mingjing just yet.

She produced a white jade sword and spoke, "This white jade sword was kept alongside the Golden Rolls when the enchantment door was opened. According to the words of the Destiny Monk, it is a sword capable of slaying demons, Fey, and malevolent spirits. Only the Phoenix Girl can wield it."

"...."

"This sword should serve as proof of my identity, correct?"

Ouyang Mingjing's eyes lit up as he examined the sword.

Crafted from the finest jade, the blade was crystal clear and exuded a chilling aura. There was only one sword of its kind in the world.

He suddenly felt a surge of excitement.

Drawing his own sword, Ouyang Mingjing approached Gu Chaoyan, who wielded the white jade sword in defense.

Ouyang Mingjing's sword clashed against the white jade sword, only to shatter upon impact.

His own weapon was a medium-grade Dharma artifact, an enchanted armament, and the sword was infused with magical energy.

Yet, it met its end against the white jade sword.

Ouyang Mingjing's eyes gleamed with newfound enthusiasm, his ruined sword forgotten.

"Of course!" Ouyang Mingjing replied, his excitement evident.

"I will accompany you with the white jade sword," Gu Chaoyan declared, putting away the sword and preparing to head there with a composed demeanor.

She had never wielded the white jade sword before, as the iron weapons from the Saint Divine Land paled in comparison. Today, however, she intended to test the sword herself and prove her worth to the Elder Men with its power.

"Very well, they are not far from the palace," Ouyang Mingjing said, leading Gu Chaoyan in that direction. He instinctively reached out to take her hand, but she deftly avoided his grasp.

"City Lord Ouyang."