

## Divine 341

### Chapter 341: Treatment 1

"That can't be possible! My Chen!" Mrs. Duke North rushed out of the crowd and came to the blood-covered boy. "Chen, you should not die, you can't leave me alone in this world! What can I do?!" Mrs. Duke North burst out in tears.

The imperial doctors in the room also started to wipe their tears.

Duke North died in the battlefield years earlier, when the battle between the country and North Qi arose, so only the mother and the son were left. Now that the Young Duke grew up, she had to see him dying too. That was just so devastating.

The Dean was also wiping his tears. He knew that all was doomed. He had thought that Gu Chaoyan could have a way out, but now it seemed that she could not do anything either.

He patted the eunuch next to him. "Tell the King, we have tried our best."

"Hang on." Gu Chaoyan stopped the eunuch.

She threw a look at the Dean, took a deep breath and said seriously, "Dean, let me have a try."

The Dean looked at Gu Chaoyan with a surprised look on his face. He was both glad and shocked.

He had witnessed how Gu Chaoyan shocked everyone with her pills. Now she said that she was going to have a try, then there was a huge chance that Young Duke would survive.

The Dean wiped his tears. "Okay!" Then he led Gu Chaoyan to the bedside.

He helped Mrs. Duke up and said, "Madame, let my student have a try. Young Duke might live on."

Mrs. Duke North already felt dizzy at this time. When she heard what the Dean said, her eyes sparkled, but as she saw Gu Chaoyan, her face sank. "She is just a young girl, what can she do? Even the Imperial doctors failed, what can she do?" Mrs. Duke North was already out of her mind.

It was an uncontrollable behavior from going from hope to disappointment.

Gu Chaoyan knew that she did not have time or the chance to explain everything to Mrs. Duke North. She had to hurry up, otherwise she would definitely fail. So she said directly, "Get Mrs. Duke North out first, do the same for all the Imperial doctors. Dean, and Yuanxiang, stay and help me."

Gu Chaoyan looked very calm and she spoke resolutely, so the imperial doctors did not even get a chance to suspect her abilities, when they started to follow her order.

They pulled Mrs. Duke North and all went out.

Gu Chaoyan squatted to check the Young Duke. The blood had already stopped in every other wounded area, except for the arrow by his heart.

Gu Chaoyan got ready for the blood-stopper, whilst dropping some magical water inside, then she passed it to Li Yuanxiang. "Yuanxiang, hold this. The moment I pull the arrow out, paste this upon the wound directly!"

The moment she stretched out her hands... Gu Chaoyan thought for a while and fed him one pill. Then without any hesitation, she pulled out the arrow and at that very second, Li Yuanxiang put the medicine upon the wound.

The blood stopped.

Gu Chaoyan instantly took out her needles and started acupuncture.

Apart from the arrow pulling, acupuncture would cost her a lot of energy. Gu Chaoyan was doing the job calmly as the sweat started to drip down her forehead. Li Yuanxiang helped to wipe away the sweat drops.

When the acupuncture was done, two hours had already passed.

The moment that Gu Chaoyan pulled out the last needle, Zheng Chenyi's eyes opened.

### **Chapter 342: Treatment 2**

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief and put away the needles.

She was not certain whether she was able to save him. She tried her best, but left the rest to the call of destiny. It seemed that the Dean fed him many of the pills she made, that was why he woke up earlier than she had anticipated.

"Young Duke, you are awake?" the Dean said excitedly.

The Dean was not keeping his voice down, so everyone outside heard the news.

Mrs. Duke North was the most excited one. She got rid of the hands that held her and rushed into the room. She saw her son opening his eyes, still pale in the face and looking quite feeble, but he was alive!

"Chen!" Mrs. Duke North shouted and took hold of Zheng Chenyi's hands.

"Mom." Zheng Chenyi answered feebly.

Gu Chaoyan had just put away the needles, but frowned slightly as she saw the scene. "Mrs. Duke North, Young Duke has just woken up and he is very weak, please let him rest now."

The words had just been spoken when Mrs. Duke North let go of the hands. She did not dare to say anything more. "Chen, just take a break, okay!"

Gu Chaoyan was assured. She exchanged a look with Li Yuanxiang and asked her to leave the room together.

Li Yuanxiang nodded and went out of the room with her. The Dean followed.

They had just walked out of the room, when Gu Chaoyan got surrounded by the imperial doctors, who kept asking her how she managed to bring him back to life.

The Dean stopped those men and said with a proud look on his face. "Don't worry, you can ask her later. She is my student and she is not running away. She has not written the prescription for Young Duke, and we are out to do so. You can't keep Young Duke waiting, can you?"

Hearing the Dean's words the crowd disbanded.

Some were feeling quite annoyed – the imperial doctors used to be the Dean's classmates but now the Dean already had such a great student to whom they had to turn to for help! So they just left directly.

The Dean touched his grey beard and said proudly, "Chaoyan, you are definitely boosting me up!"

Gu Chaoyan was feeling helpless, the Dean was just like a child! He was shedding tears a moment ago and now he was acting so proud!

However, she did not tell the Dean what she was thinking and answered, "Dean, I am writing the prescription now. Young Duke is still alive now, but the later treatment is also very important, otherwise he will never make it back to the battlefield again."

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, the Dean's expression sank. He nodded. "Go and write the prescription. I will make medicine for him these days. You have to help him recover fast and well!"

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She did not know why everyone was so concerned about the Young Duke, but she did not care. What she needed to do was to make him recover fast and well.

She already had an idea of what to prescribe when she was in the room. So she wrote down everything and gave it to The Dean who sat down to make it.

Chaoyan was about to go and drink some tea, when Lord Ling came towards her, showing her a smile. "Here you are, Lady Chaoyan."

### **Chapter 343: Lord Ling Was Here**

He already heard what happened, when he came to the imperial hospital.

He had thought that Lady Chaoyan's major achievements were that she was accepted by Saint College. He assumed that she felt a bit interested in medicine. However, he had not expected that Lady Chaoyan would be so skilled at medicine, and that she managed to save the Young Duke who even the imperial doctors failed to save. As a result, Chaoyan saved the Young Duke who was now in a steady state.

In this way, not only did Duke North's Mansion owe Lady Chaoyan a favor, but she was also going to be very popular as a doctor in the capital. Therefore he was even more determined to marry her.

Even if Lady Chaoyan might not be the Phoenix Girl, her being next to him would still boost him up. He was willing to promise her a lifetime of luxury.

With these thoughts in his mind, Lord Ling found Gu Chaoyan increasingly interesting and beautiful.

Gu Chaoyan, on the other hand, frowned. She had met the servant from the Lin Family who told her that Lord Ling intended to marry two girls at the same time.

It was alright if he was into the Monk's words, but it made her disgusted, when he looked at her in this way.

Gu Chaoyan said coldly, "What do you want, Lord?"

"I went to Saint College to find you, but I heard that you came to the court, so I am here to keep you company out of the court, how does that sound?" Lord Ling said with a smile on his face. He was an extremely patient person when he was speaking with those who were practical to him.

Even if the girl was treating him coldly – he did not mind that at all. Nor would he get angry. He had a firm belief – as long as he had abundant patience, he would definitely get whatever he wanted.

"No thanks." Gu Chaoyan answered stiffly, finding this man so disgusting. If it were in her previous life, she would have hit him directly.

At this time, Sword One came to her in a hurry.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief at the sight of Sword One, otherwise she was at a loss of how to get rid of this annoying man.

"My girl is here, thank you for the offer, Lord Ling." Gu Chaoyan said expressionlessly, and then headed towards Sword One, hastening up her pace.

Zhou Huailing frowned slightly. He was the Lord, a highly respected lord. No one dared to go against his power. Now he already demeaned himself as he spoke with this woman who was slapping him in the face.

Zhou Huailing could not help but feel rather furious. He stretched out his hand to take hold of Gu Chaoyan, who dodged aside, looking at Zhou Huailing full of alarm.

Seeing her alarmed look, Zhou Huailing suddenly stopped being angry. He thought that he was detested by this woman, but as it turned out, she was just scared of him. That was fine, a Lord like him could unavoidably be somehow intimidating.

He took a few more steps and started to walk shoulder to shoulder with Gu Chaoyan. He said with a gentle tone, "You don't have to be scared of me. I won't do anything to you. I just want to talk with you for a moment."

Gu Chaoyan's eyebrows were knitted. She had never met anyone as annoying as this man.

"Can I speak with you alone?" Lord Ling asked.

"Lord, I still have other jobs to do. The Young Duke has just woken up and he is not in a steady state yet. I need to boil the medicine now, you can go down to your own business," Gu Chaoyan said impatiently.

She had not intended to go to the medicine room, but now she decided to head there directly.

Zhou Huailing thought for a while and realized that it might not be a proper time yet so he nodded.

"Then I will come to you again when Zheng Chenyi gets better."

### **Chapter 344: Getting Married**

Gu Chaoyan was about to say something, when Zhou Huailing hurried off.

Gu Chaoyan sighed and turned to the other direction. What was going on?

Now she realized that in this area, she would always be the target of some marriage affairs as long as she was single. Look at Princess Gu, Madame Gu and everyone else! Now even Lord Ling was involved.

She let out a sigh of relief.

Sword One, who was standing next to her, found that her Miss was not in the right mood. So she added. "Elder Miss, don't worry, Lord will solve this problem."

"..."

"They asked you to stay at the court for a few more days and leave when the Young Duke gets better. Lord has already found a place for you to live, want to have a look at it?" Sword One said. Since they were in the court, she had to speak in a very polite and official way.

Sword One got very annoyed when it came to Lord Ling's behavior, but she could not say a thing about it, after all there were lots of unknown people going about in the court. She could get herself in trouble, but she could not get her Miss into trouble. That was why she was behaving very discreetly.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Judging from the conversation between the imperial doctors and the Dean as well as their respective attitudes towards the Young Duke, she could tell that this Young Duke must be someone important. Otherwise his illness would not have been paid so much attention to. Now he was still very feeble and might be in danger at any moment, so as his doctor, she had the obligation of remaining until he recovered.

Gu Chaoyan did not have any opposition towards this idea, so she followed Sword One to the place arranged by Zhou Huaijin.

"It is a place specially used to receive outsiders. The Dean will live here these days too, so don't worry, Miss." Sword One stressed before she opened the door.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She had nothing to worry about at all. Even if there were monsters and demons in the court, she still had Zhou Huaijin to lean on.

The moment she opened the door, Gu Chaoyan fell into a pair of arms, as Sword One left and shut the door.

Gu Chaoyan knew instantly that Zhou Huaijin was in the room. She gave him a slight push. "Alright, alright."

Zhou Huaijin did not release her, and instead tightened his hug.

His Yan was such an outstanding girl that everyone liked her! In the meanwhile, he was also very concerned about Yan – why was she always involved in such annoying matters and getting surrounded by those who tried to use her.

When he heard what Sword One said, he felt very heartbroken.

“Let’s get married.” Zhou Huaijin said resolutely. As long as she married him, she would be away from all those messes. And she could live happily and freely under his shelter and she was going to have a fun life too. She did not need to fear anybody, nor did she need to tolerate anyone’s bullying.

Gu Chaoyan had a slight change of expression on her face.

The person who treated her best in this world had to be this man standing in front of her.

There was no reason for her to hesitate, so she nodded. “Okay!”

Zhou Huaijin was surprised as if he had heard something strange. He took hold of Gu Chaoyan’s shoulders and gazed directly at her, asking with excitement. “Really?”

“Yes.” Gu Chaoyan answered again.

A bright smile hovered over Zhou Huaijin’s face, as he paced about in the room cheerfully.

It was real! Yan was really willing to marry him!

“Yan, stay at the court these days, and let me arrange the wedding. Don’t worry!” Zhou Huaijin said excitedly.

#### **Chapter 345: All Was Fine**

Gu Chaoyan smiled and nodded. She had already decided to marry Zhou Huaijin a long time ago and never hesitated in this aspect. Zhou Huaijin was the person that treated her best, and he liked her too, so she left him to arrange everything.

Now she had proved herself skilled enough to save the Young Duke, so she should have saved some of her own reputation among the public too.

“How is the Young Duke, I heard that he is seriously injured?” Zhou Huaijin asked as he took a seat next to Gu Chaoyan. Since she had already agreed to marry him, Zhou Huaijin did not have to keep mentioning it. She might look like someone with a calm personality, yet she seemed to be very bashful in that aspect. Look at her, she was still flushing! Zhou Huaijin was thinking as the smile remained on his face.

As this serious matter was mentioned, Gu Chaoyan showed an even more serious expression. “The arrow was right by the heart, one more inch and he would have died right on the spot, totally impossible to revive. Now he survived, but he might not be as active and healthy as before. But nothing else matters, as long as he manages to survive.”

Gu Chaoyan felt that the Young Duke was indeed not meant to die now. It was just a matter of inches and he would have died. And luckily that arrow was not poisoned... a slight mistake in the process, like if the Dean did not feed him the pills, and he might not have revived so fast either.

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, Zhou Huaijin let out a sigh of relief too.

“Thanks for saving the Young Duke.” Zhou Huaijin said, “Duke North died young in the battlefield, leaving Mrs. Duke North and the little Young Duke alone in this world. During the past few years, they

have had a difficult time living at the Duke North's Mansion. If he passes away, the Duke North's Mansion would definitely be swallowed by those intimidating people of the Zheng Family."

At that time, Mrs. Duke North might not be able to survive either.

Duke North did not live an easy life, but Zhou Huaijin expected that the Young Duke would be able to support the whole family.

"Was Duke North a very respectable person?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

Those who had talked with her, including the Dean and Zhou Huaijin, seemed to talk about Duke North's Mansion with an admiring tone. So Duke North must have something to do with that.

Zhou Huaijin nodded. "North Qi invaded us constantly. If not for Duke North, the northern part of our country would not have been as peaceful as it is now. So Duke North was a very respected man among the civilians in the north."

The north was barren, much poorer than in the south, and the court never paid much attention to that area either. Only a strong-minded man like Duke North had been willing to keep the civilians protected at the cost of his life. This man was truly respectable, and that was why he cared a great deal about the Young Duke.

Gu Chaoyan now understood why the situation was the way it was.

She patted Zhou Huaijin's hands. "Don't worry, the Young Duke should be fine."

Zhou Huaijin smiled. "You have worked so hard today, and you must be very exhausted. Take a break, you may have to work even harder with the Young Duke tomorrow."

Gu Chaoyan was indeed a bit exhausted. She had not felt the exhaustion until Zhou Huaijin reminded her. However, she looked back at the day and found that she had not stopped working for one second.

So she asked Sword One to enter the room. She needed to take a bath now.

### **Chapter 346: Words to Say**

The following day, Gu Chaoyan woke up early in the morning.

She was living in the court, and her patient was still at the imperial hospital. So someone would come to wake her up anyway, even if she did not do that herself.

However, she had a nice sleep the night before, so when Gu Chaoyan woke up, she was feeling full of energy.

She combed her hair briefly and headed towards the imperial hospital with Sword One.

When they arrived, the Dean was already there. He greeted her cheerfully as he saw her coming. "The Young Duke has already woken up. He seems to be doing fine today. The imperial doctors think that he is recovering, but you should go and check him personally, so that Mrs. Duke North can be assured."

Gu Chaoyan nodded. As she had expected, the Young Duke was recovering fast. The magical water worked extremely well.

She walked into the room. Mrs. Duke North did not call her a little girl. Instead, she showed a very affable smile on her face. "There you are, Lady Chaoyan, please check Chen to see how he is doing."

Gu Chaoyan bowed and headed towards the bed.

Zheng Chenyi's face had gained some color and he gazed at her as she approached.

Gu Chaoyan ignored his look and felt his pulse directly, then she nodded. "He is doing fine now, but you still need a few more days of rest and make sure you don't move around. You are going to take the medicine I prescribe for one month, and no more martial arts practice for one year. Take a long break, please."

The words had just been spoken, when Mrs. Duke North let out a sigh of relief. She whispered "Thank goodness" with her fingers crossed.

It was far too dangerous on the battlefield, and Mrs. Duke North had no intention of letting Zheng Chenyi fight there again. Everything would be great, as long as he was doing fine.

However, Zheng Chenyi was not happy. He felt that he was recovering well and the injury was a minor matter.

One year without martial arts? That would ruin him! He clenched his fists and asked unhappily, "What about one year later, can I still practice martial arts?"

Gu Chaoyan had intended to shake her head, but seeing his reaction, she hesitated and decided to tell him implicitly and gently, "Then we will see after one year's time. If you can follow my ordersaa cooperatively during this year, you might be able to recover well and practice again."

"Really?" Zheng Chenyi asked, looking very expectant.

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly and nodded.

Zheng Chenyi let out a sigh of relief and looked at Gu Chaoyan with a smile. "Thank you for saving my life, I would have died."

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly. She got up and gave the Dean a white bottle. "These are the pills I made, but this is the last bottle for the moment. Put one pill into the medicine you make for Young Duke, the medicine will work better."

The Dean accepted it without hesitation.

Gu Chaoyan could not help but laugh. What a child-like Dean!

Gu Chaoyan's laughter affected Zheng Chenyi too. He noticed that this cold-looking girl had a very beautiful smile.

Mrs. Duke North looked at her and had a weird expression on her face. Then she turned to Gu Chaoyan and said, "Lady Chaoyan, can I have a word with you outside?"

## **Chapter 347: Your Desire**



Gu Chaoyan nodded and followed Mrs. Duke North out of the room. She had already gotten the prescription ready and passed the responsibilities to the Dean, so she was basically assured.

She thought that Mrs. Duke North must be curious about how her son was doing, so she did not think too much.

There were many rooms in the imperial hospital, so Mrs. Duke North went to a vacant room and guided Gu Chaoyan in. The pageboy served a kettle of tea whilst Gu Chaoyan took it and poured a cup of tea for Mrs. Duke North.

Because of what Zhou Huaijin told her about Duke North the day before, Gu Chaoyan felt that she should respect the people at Duke North's Mansion. Therefore, she was showing a very friendly manner in front of Mrs. Duke North.

She took a sip of tea. It was honeysuckle tea that was served at the imperial hospital, which fitted the hospital's style perfectly.

"What are you wondering about, Madame?" Gu Chaoyan said involuntarily, "Young Duke is badly injured, but he should recover well if he takes a good break."

These words were spoken to assure Mrs. Duke North.

Mrs. Duke North nodded. Honestly, she did appreciate Gu Chaoyan, who was young and capable, and who also had a wonderful personality. If her husband had been alive, she would have agreed to hook her son with this girl up, but at present, they were all having a difficult time at Duke North's Mansion. Her son was called the Young Duke, yet there were way too many siblings and cousins from the Zheng Family who looked forward to seeing something happening to her son, so that they could get the rank. So Chen's wife had to be beneficial for him. The Gu Family were far too low in position. Otherwise she would have considered this girl as her son's wife.

Mrs. Duke North sighed. "Thanks to you, Chen is safe. What payment do you want, I can give you anything."

Gu Chaoyan took another sip of the tea.

Instead of thinking, she shook her head directly. "No thanks. It is what I should do."

She would not possibly ask for payment, since she did admire Duke North to some degree. Also, she was brought in by the Dean who would definitely offer her something good in return. Besides, she was not here for money.

Seeing her direct rejection, Mrs. Duke North no longer smiled. Maybe she turned down the jewelry, because she was desiring something better.

"As far as I know, you are not having an easy time at the Gu Mansion. We from Duke North's Mansion might not be as honorable as before, yet we are still able to promise what you want. You are really giving the offer up?" Mrs. Duke North sounded a bit serious at this moment.

Gu Chaoyan was about to say something, when Mrs. Duke North continued. "Lady Chaoyan, I am afraid that I may not be able to give you what you really desire. Chen is going to marry someone who is going to be beneficial for him, and she is not going to be you, although you did save his life."

Gu Chaoyan was speechless. She could not utter a thing. She was no longer feeling as cheerful as before. This is Duke North's wife, not him. She should not have taken them as the same person.

"Then give me the jewelry. Just give me as much as you think the Young Duke's life is valued. And don't send them to the Gu Mansion, but to my restaurant. Someone will take care of it for me." Gu Chaoyan snapped directly.

Mrs. Duke North had a very complicated expression on her face at this moment.

### **Chapter 348: Special**

She looked at Gu Chaoyan, who was still showing a seemingly normal expression on her face, but Mrs. Duke North found it a bit different in some ways.

She thought for a while and let out a sigh of relief.

This girl was quite common – she only needed jewelry. Well, as long as she did not ask for anything beyond that, then all would be fine.

Duke North's Mansion was economically supported by the yearly payment from the court, but for Chen's sake, all would work out fine. There were still some jewels kept in the storage, and she had many dowries too. She did not have a daughter to marry off, so she could simply use the doweries to pay this girl back for saving her son's life.

As she thought about this, Mrs. Duke North suddenly felt unloaded. She let out a sigh of relief. "Don't worry Lady Chaoyan, when Chen gets better and returns to Duke North's Mansion, I will get the jewelry delivered to Yellow Crane instantly."

Mrs. Duke North sounded polite, but actually, she was showing distance between them.

Gu Chaoyan was feeling quite complicated. She could understand why Mrs. Duke North had been so discreet – her husband passed away ages ago, and she, as a single mother, was supporting the whole mansion throughout the years. She was afraid of being set up, so she was playing a very discreet card, fearing that she would make a huge mistake that cost her beyond repair.

However, she was still very angry because she was misunderstood!

"Okay." Gu Chaoyan nodded briefly. "If there is nothing else, I am leaving."

"Okay." Mrs. Duke North had another strange expression on her face. She had thought that the conversation would be difficult – a lady with a low social status saved a Young Duke, and she should have taken the opportunity of gaining what she desired. But what she asked for was nothing more than jewelry. Was she playing hard to get, or was she planning on something else?

Mrs. Duke North could not fathom the situation. However, no matter whether she did understand what was going on, Gu Chaoyan already left.

Mrs. Duke North finally took a sip of the tea on the table, which had turned cool, to calm herself down. Then she adjusted her clothes and walked out of the room. Gu Chaoyan was already gone, so she thought for a while and decided to visit her son.

The Young Duke was lying in bed, reading.

At the sight of his mother, he put down the book and looked at his mother, asking gently, "What is it?"

He heard that his mother wanted a word with Lady Chaoyan, but he had no idea what the conversation was about.

It must have been related to him. He normally did not care about what happened, yet this time, he was curious. He suddenly had a silhouette crossing his mind. The silhouette was dressed in a plain-looking white blouse, and felt his pulse. And what impressed him most deeply, was when he felt that he was at the verge of dying, a cold and calm voice was stressing by his side. "Hold on!"

That silhouette was nobody other than Lady Chaoyan. He felt that Lady Chaoyan seemed to be someone quite special.

Mrs. Duke North, who had been feeling a bit guilty about what she did, suddenly was assured. She had thought that she might have made a mistake earlier, but now she was even more assured that she had made the right decision.

Chen was considering that girl as someone special.

#### **Chapter 349: A Commoner**

Could it have been because she saved Chen's life? Chen was going to inherit the rank of Duke North, and he was doomed not to have love of his own. He needed a wife that could help him, even if that was not his favourite. Mrs. Duke North was thinking.

Nevertheless she still held a friendly look on her face in front of Zheng Chenyi. She just smiled and took up the book he had just placed next to her. "You have just woken up from death, don't spend energy on reading! Just take a break!"

She was about to take away the book when she noticed the title of the book, namely The Saint Divine Anecdotes. An angry expression hovered over her face and she sounded a little angry. "Since when did you start to read vulgar stories like this?"

Chen was an excellent boy. He was born with ambition. She did not care if anyone else was being vulgar and stupid, but her son could not.

Zheng Chenyi frownedly deeply. He did not like it when his mother snapped at this book just because she did not like it. Sword One got the book for him, and he read it instead of medical books when he was bored.

The book given by Sword One might be Lady Chaoyan's. How could his mother say something like that!

"Give it back to me!" Zheng Chenyi was slightly furious, struggling to get up just to grab the book.

Mrs. Duke North was shocked. She instantly gave the book back to Zheng Chenyi. "Chen, don't move, you are still injured!"

Zheng Chenyi put the book under his pillow directly, but he was still a little bit annoyed.

Mrs. Duke North panicked. She felt that maybe she was overly anxious. Chen had been an obedient boy since little, and he read and practised martial arts well. He had to be reading the book because he was feeling sick, and she should not have given him pressure out of excitement. That was her fault.

As she realized her mistake, Mrs. Duke North smiled. "I don't mean that. I mean you can read the book when you are bored, but don't forget about your mission, remember to read some military strategy books too, alright?"

Zheng Chenyi had the urge to ask his mother if those books could help him get onto the battlefield, but he stopped because he found the question quite boring.

He already knew the answer from someone else. His mother would not allow him to leave the capital, especially after what he had experienced this time.

"I spoke with Lady Chaoyan just now." Mrs. Duke North started a conversation seeing that Zheng Chenyi was silent.

As Lady Chaoyan was mentioned, Zheng Chenyi's eyes sparkled and he turned to his mother.

Mrs. Duke North felt panicked. Her dislike towards Gu Chaoyan increased. So her words turned out to be sharper.

"I thought that Lady Chaoyan was a calm girl who had no competition against anything, but she likes jewelry." Mrs. Duke North said with a smile, trying hard to make herself sound as if she was joking. "She saved your life, and we should pay her back. However, when I asked what she wanted, guess what she said?"

Zheng Chenyi gazed at his own mother motionlessly. He did not have much change happening to his face, but inwardly, complications stirred.

"She said that I can give her as much jewelry as I think your life's value is. And she wants them all delivered to her place."

### **Chapter 350: Meeting the King**

"Duke North's Mansion has not had an easy time these years, and you have just become an adult. These medical bills are a bit high for us, but you are my only child and you don't have a sister, so I can use my dowries to pay the bill, or we are going to be laughed at!" Mrs. Duke North showed a brief smile as she was speaking. She sounded a bit helpless, but also showed much hope to her son.

With fist clenched, Zheng Chenyi lay in bed without saying a word. A long while later, he said, "Thank you for your efforts, mom!" Then he closed his eyes.

Mrs. Duke North took a look at him and helped to cover him with the blanket, before walking out of the room.

Zheng Chenyi took out The Saint Divine Anecdotes, threw a look at it and then put it back under the pillow.

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Gu Chaoyan had just received the news that the King was going to meet her. The news came after lunch, when she had planned to take a nap, but now, she could not do that.

She had been in the court several times, but it was the first time for her to meet the King.

It was impossible not to get nervous. She wondered why the King wanted to see her – could it be because she was going to be his future daughter-in-law, or because she had just cured the Young Duke so he would like to meet a skilled doctor...

She was feeling a little bit nervous as she thought of the former possibility.

She was worried that the King would look down on her because of her family background just like Mrs. Duke North, so he would try to make her stay away from Zhou Huaijin.

She had never thought about these points before, so she was quite nervous at the moment.

As she came to Qianqing Palace, she almost tripped at the gate because of nervousness. Luckily, Sword One managed to help her up in time so the scene did not get too embarrassing.

“Miss, don’t be nervous.” Sword One had thought that her Miss was going to stay as calm as before, but now it seemed that she was rather nervous. For a moment, she had no idea how to comfort her so she had to utter such a simple sentence.

Gu Chaoyan, on the other hand, got even more nervous.

The King who was seated on the other side, burst into laughter as he heard that. He seemed to be in a good mood. He was wearing a smile on his face when Gu Chaoyan finally faced him.

“You are Gu Chaoyan? Look up at me.” King Anqing said with a firm voice.

“Yes, I am.” Gu Chaoyan answered briefly and looked up at King Anqing without making a move.

King Anqing did not find this name strange. The news that had come to him a moment ago was that Young Duke was dying yet this Gu Chaoyan girl saved his life! Few people had this kind of excellent medical skills.

For a moment, he had no idea whether he should be sad or glad over this fact. That was why he had not asked to see her, but when he heard the name once again, it was mentioned by two of his sons who both had the intention of marrying this girl. He would have approved the proposal raised first if it were made to other girls, but this one was a skilled doctor and he had to carefully consider it.

As he saw the girl with his own eyes, he found her very interesting.

The eunuch said that she almost tripped at the gate of Qianqing Palace because she was too nervous, but now she had the boldness of looking at him directly in the eyes. What a wonderful woman!

“You know what I asked you here for?” King Anqing asked.

“You are wondering about the Young Duke?” Gu Chaoyan asked.

It was not Gu Chaoyan’s style to pretend to play dumb, so she answered naturally.

Hearing the answer, the King laughed some more.