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Chapter 551: The Trap 5

Gu Yunhe nodded.

He knew this point well. His mother told him about a few things the day before – she told him that the reason why the Zhang family were ruined was because the Young Master of the family dared to touch the King's woman.

Gu Yunhe was wild, but not stupid.

The Gu Family was rising right now, but no matter how much it had been promoted, it was still much lower than that of the imperial family.

If he could marry the Princess, then he could definitely behave wildly outside the court, but he should not touch anything inside the court. He needed to stay alive.

Zhou Huailing felt assured as he saw this man's cautious look. The Gu Family had been clear-minded all this while. That was what he had noticed.

The Gu Family might be wild in front of others, but in front of him, the whole family were behaving politely and sucking up to him openly.

Zhou Huailing liked the way the family treated him. Otherwise he would not have made so many efforts to take care of the family.

It was great that the family had self-awareness.

Zhou Huailing took him to court.

They were taking a narrow path, when he pointed at a place not too far away. "That is Princess Xunyang's palace, located next to the Queen's Weiyang Palace, so be very careful about it."

"Let's wait a while here. There is a puppy in the Weiyang Palace, and Xunyang likes walking the puppy at this hour. You can go to her when you see her."

Gu Yunhe nodded, looking very excited. He was waiting to do some work.

The two had been lingering around for almost an hour when Xunyang came with Susu.

Zhou Huailing let out a sigh of relief. "Here she is, let's go."

Gu Yunhe nodded. He was feeling rather nervous.

Everything was moving forward so fast. Honestly, he had been a man who was turned down by a maid, and now he was going to talk with the princess and may marry her soon! That was indeed very intense!

Zhou Huailing looked relaxed as he started to head towards Princess Xunyang.

Seeing the man coming, Susu came to Princess Xunyang cautiously, "Princess Xunyang, let's just go back to the court."

Princess Xunyang frowned too.

That man was her fourth brother, but the man next to him was a stranger. Also, outer men were not supposed to be around this area, what was he doing bringing this man along with him. She suddenly realized that something was wrong. "Let's head back."

"Xunyang!" Zhou Huailing shouted.

Princess Xunyang had to stop. She looked at Zhou Huailing. "What is it, Fourth Brother?"

"Nothing really, it is just that I lost a jade as I passed by earlier, so I am here trying to find it. You have a maid here, let her look for it with me," Zhou Huailing said naturally.

Look for a jade? Well, lost things should be sought by the people in the court, but she only had Susu with her, how could that work out?

"I will go and fetch some more maids for you," Princess Xunyang said calmly.

"It is okay, that is not very important, just search around and see if you can find it." Then he looked at Susu. "Go and check there."

Susu did not dare to do that. Everyone could tell that Lord Ling was up to something. She was not deserting the princess and leaving her alone.

Xunyang threw a look at Zhou Huailing and the stranger next to him. She had a plan.

"Susu, just do it," Princess Xunyang said.

Susu was unwilling to do it, but she had to obey the princess' order.

Seeing Susu leaving, Zhou Huailing suddenly said, "I remember that I passed by that place, I will go and check." Then he left.

Gu Yunhe was therefore left alone.

Chapter 552: Ill Intention 1

Gu Yunhe was wearing a bright smile. He had not expected that everything would go so well. At this moment, Princess Xunyang was standing right in front of him, and now there were only the two of them.

He looked at Princess Xunyang.

Princess Xunyang resembled the Queen. She had a pair of long, narrow eyebrows and a small nose and lips. Apart from these, Princess Xunyang had a touch of the toughness of the Jiang Family. She was slightly taller than ordinary girls, which made her exceptionally good-looking.

That was what made Gu Yunhe fall for Princess Xunyang back at the Gu Mansion. At that time, he took a distant look at her rather than approach her, but just a short while later, Princess Xunyang was standing right in front of him.

He tried to keep a steady expression on his face as he started. "Greetings, Princess."

Before he was able to finish his words, Princess Xunyang stared at him and said coldly, "What are you doing here instead of looking for the jade?"

She truly disliked this stranger. She even felt a sense of disgust towards him.

She was the Princess. She had met numerous men at banquets and all those young masters of different families were all obedient, knowing who she was. None of them stared at her in this way.

This man, however, was showing no courtesy at all. He should avoid staying close to her, or he should at least try to hide his ambitions.

Hearing that she was asking him to find the jade, Gu Yunhe got startled for a while and then realized what she meant. Instead of answering her question, he said straightforwardly, "Princess Xunyang, I already saw you the other day at the Gu Mansion. I fell instantly for you! What do you think of me?" Gu Yunhe said straightforwardly.

He was very confident in himself. He was the Phoenix Girl's Elder Brother, and even Chu Yu, who used to look down upon him, was now showing great courtesy towards him and even flattered him.

He grew up at Jiayu Pass, so he had no idea what manners men in the capital ought to have, but now he could tell what the manners were.

Gu Yunhe was a distinguished man.

Also the King was satisfied with his proposal towards the Princess so he did not have to worry about anything. So he spilled out whatever was hidden inside his head.

Normally, girls where he was from would be very pleased to hear that.

Gu Yunhe was smiling at Princess Xunyang, waiting to hear how she was going to accept him.

"Piss off." Princess Xunyang said in anger.

Susu came running when she heard the words.

Gu Yunhe was startled. Did he hear that wrong?

However, Princess Xunyang already started turning to go! Gu Yunhe finally understood that he had heard the words right. Princess Xunyang was telling him to piss off. Furious, he rushed up to grab Princess Xunyang's hands, intending to take Princess Xunyang by force.

The moment he reached out and before his hands even touched the Princess' dress...

Princess Xunyang turned around and gave Gu Yunhe a violent kick. Gu Yunhe failed to dodge the kick and staggered backwards, falling onto the ground. Princess Xunyang did not show any mercy and started to kick Gu Yunhe violently.

Susu had just arrived. "What happened, Princess?!"

"Stop talking! Just hit him!" Princess Xunyang was very furious.

At the beginning, she had almost believed that the Fourth Brother had lost the jade, until she heard what this disgusting scumbag had said – she understood everything.

The jade was not lost, she was being framed! So instead of sparing any efforts, Princess Xunyang and Susu kept kicking that man violently.

Zhou Huailing, who was not far away, was totally frightened!

Chapter 553: Ill Intention 2

That was not what he had expected! He had just been away for a short while and something serious had happened.

If Princess Xunyang kept on kicking that man, he was going to be totally broken! Zhou Huailing came rushing and said, “Stop it, Xunyang!”

Princess Xunyang did not care what he said, but continued to kick. How dare this man try to set her up and try to touch her! She was not going to release him so easily, otherwise people would think that Xunyang was an easily-bullied person!

Zhou Huailing had to physically stop Xunyang.

Only then did Xunyang and Susu stop.

Zhou Huailing snapped. “This is the Young Master of the Gu Family, Xunyang, you are so reckless!”

Then he helped the man up.

He noticed that Gu Yunhe’s face was swollen and his body was covered with footprints!

He was so sorrowful – what had happened to this man!?

Princess Xunyang showed no sympathy and showed a look of pride! “So what? I am Xunyang, the daughter of the Queen! Does he think that he is better than me?”

“Xunyang, that is not what I mean...” Zhou Huailing denied that directly. “True, he is not as noble as the imperial family, but he is the Phoenix Girl’s Elder Brother!”

Xunyang snorted.

“So what?” Xunyang said disdainfully. “Fourth Brother, you said that I am reckless, but you, my Fourth Brother, have no manners! This is my mother’s Weiyang Palace where men outside the family are not allowed to be! What is your purpose of bringing a man here, Fourth Brother? Or do you just have no knowledge of manners?”

Zhou Huailing was speechless. He had not expected that Gu Yunhe had done such a terrible job!

“I will tell my mother and father about this matter!” Princess Xunyang said furiously.

“I am going to tell my mom too!” Gu Yunhe said angrily. He felt so much pain.

Zhou Huailing glared at Gu Yunhe. How embarrassing! He was a man who had been hit and expected to find his mother! Was he a three-year-old boy or something? Even if it was a three-year-old boy, a man born in a proper family would not have behaved like this either.

Zhou Huailing pulled Gu Yunhe over and said to Princess Xunyang. “It is my fault, sorry, I am just trying to find my lost jade. I brought him here to find it with me after seeing him around. I did not expect that it would turn out to be so horrible! But you just can’t beat him up like this!”

Princess Xunyang threw a look at Zhou Huailing. She was totally speechless towards her Fourth Brother. She had always hated her Fourth Brother, but at least she believed that he had some brain. However, after marrying the Second Lady of the Gu Family and divorcing Princess Consort of Lord Ling, he had become as stupid as Gu Ruxue.

She was not bothered to have any more arguments with him, so she left with Susu and the dog.

She headed towards the Weiyang Palace.

Zhou Huailing glared at Gu Yunhe and said angrily, "You could have just spoken with her in a proper manner, why did you irritate her?! Do you think that she is one of your whores that try to suck up to you? Telling your mother... you think your mother can help you here?" Zhou Huailing snapped.

Suddenly, an idea flashed across his mind.

That so-called Mrs. Gu might do something after all.

He was beaten, and he was beaten well. If Mrs. Gu could make a big fuss here, Xunyang would have to marry this man after all!

"Let's go to your mother!" Zhou Huailing said with excitement.

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Gu Yunhe was confused. He was suffering from too much pain to think it through.

"Lord Ling, didn't you just say that I am like a three-year-old boy who always turns to mother? Mom can't do anything in the court either!" Gu Yunhe said.

He had said that he wanted to tell his mother, because he had been so violently beaten. He was so furious that he just said everything. He had no real intention of telling this to his mother. His mother was nice and concerned about him, but he knew clearly that his mother was not capable enough.

Even back at the Gu Mansion a while ago, when Madame Gu was healthy. His mother had not been able to bring down Madame Gu. Let alone here in the court.

So all he could do right now was to blame himself.

"Your mother might be of some help." Zhou Huailing said confidently, "Judging from the way Xunyang reacted just now, she is definitely not going to marry you, so your marriage with her is basically ruined, but if everyone knows that you were beaten by Xunyang, she might have to marry you because of a widespread rumor. After all, why did she beat you, and for what reason? Something must have happened between you two! If people try to figure out what happened, then no one would dare to marry Xunyang!"

Gu Yunhe was listening to Lord Ling carefully.

That did make sense. Women and men were different.

"What do you want my mother to do?" Gu Yunhe asked excitedly, totally oblivious of the pain on his face.

She had beaten him so terribly. When he took her as his wife, he was going to take revenge on her little by little!

Zhou Huailing looked at Gu Yunhe, who looked so swollen up and stupid like a pig!

He said annoyedly, "Ask your mother to take you into the court and make a big fuss at the Queen's place. Then the whole court will know about this, so will all the families in the whole capital! Got it?"

"..."

"But I am not in the right position to get involved, so just let Ruxue bring you to her. She knows the court well by this point."

Gu Yunhe found the words making sense, so he nodded on and on. He totally supported this idea.

Zhou Huailing looked at him. "You don't have to get yourself healed today, just go into the court like this tomorrow."

Gu Yunhe nodded too.

As long as the idea worked!

Zhou Huailing then asked his staff to drive them back to the Gu Mansion.

The moment he arrived at home, Mrs. Gu almost screamed. "Who hit you!!"

Zhou Huailing covered up his ears disdainfully.

"Princess Xunyang did." Zhou Huailing answered.

Mrs. Gu shut up directly, hearing that it was the Princess' work.

She might have taken revenge if it was done by someone else, but it was Princess' work...

"Well, there is nothing we can do now." Mrs. Gu said unsurely.

"No, you are wrong. Your son was beaten, and you need to seek justice." Zhou Huailing denied. "Take him to court and make a fuss in front of the Queen. If you do it well, the Princess will be yours, if not, then she will be someone else's."

Mrs. Gu was confused.

What was going on? She was not bold enough to make a fuss in front of the Queen! She was only bold enough to fight with some low-class ladies.

"Wouldn't I be driven out of the court?" Mrs. Gu asked.

"No, father is in the court, so no one will be driven out. Also, who dares to do that when you are the Phoenix Girl's mother? Also, you are there seeking justice!" Zhou Huailing said.

Mrs. Gu nodded, and got the whole point.

She had the King behind her back!

The following day, Mrs. Gu and Gu Yunhe followed Gu Ruxue into the court.

Chapter 555: Mrs. Gu's Big Fuss 1

The King already gave Zhou Huailing an authority token that Gu Ruxue could use to come in and out of the court as she wanted, when Gu Ruxue became the real Princess Consort.

From that day on, Gu Ruxue had total freedom of walking in and out of the imperial court. And today, she still had no difficulty walking into the court with Mrs. Gu and Gu Yunhe.

Gu Ruxue knew the location of Weiyang Palace very well. She had asked Zhou Huailing to show her the location many times, because she believed that this palace was going to be hers and she should have a better look at it ahead of time. And today, her knowledge came in handy.

She went to the Weiyang Palace as if it were her home.

As she came to the gate of the Weiyang Palace, Gu Ruxue gave Mrs. Gu a hint and Mrs. Gu shouted loudly, "Queen, I am seeking justice!"

Gu Ruxue pretended to tug her mother, but she did not try to stop her for real.

Mrs. Gu was panicking. After all, it was the Queen's palace and she had never dared to do anything wild in front of her before.

However, the moment she said the words, Mrs. Gu showed no fear. It was just a Queen! Her daughter was the Phoenix Girl!

Then she shouted even more loudly. She kept on shouting without stopping.

Aunt Nan heard the shouting and came to the gate, only to see the three members of the Gu Family standing right there. She said seriously, "What are you shouting for? This is Weiyang Palace, not your own home!"

Mrs. Gu stopped shouting. Her shouting had brought many people to the spot, as many maids started to crane their heads and looked around.

Gu Ruxue took a step forward. She put on the air of a Princess Consort and said to Aunt Nan. "What do you mean, Aunt Nan? My mother is just so angry that she lost her temper! Any mother would be very angry seeing her child beaten like this! We are here seeking justice from the queen!"

Gu Ruxue pointed at the swollen-faced Gu Yunhe.

Gu Yunhe was grimacing. He was suffering from so much pain. For the visit's sake, he did not go to a doctor or take any medicine the day before, so he did not have to pretend to show the misery.

Aunt Nan looked at Gu Yunhe.

So this was the shameless man who tried to frame Princess Xunyang yesterday?

It was great that the Princess was good at martial arts, otherwise something horrible would have happened.

Aunt Nan threw a sharp look at him.

Gu Ruxue said arrogantly, "Where is the queen? Get her here, I don't speak with servants!"

"You think you deserve to speak with the Queen?" Aunt Nan was very serious as she gazed at Gu Ruxue.

Gu Ruxue got pissed off directly.

"I am the Princess Consort of Lord Ling, the Phoenix Girl, you said that I am not qualified to talk with the queen?" Gu Ruxue said disdainfully.

When Gu Ruxue got very angry, the Queen came out of the Weiyang Palace, supported by Susu.

She looked very pale. She was already very saddened when the King wanted Princess Xunyang to marry Gu Yunhe, and when she heard that Xunyang was set up by her Fourth Brother, she got even more annoyed and feeble. She did not sleep throughout the entire night.

She had just felt a sense of sleepiness, when she heard Mrs. Gu's shouting.

"What is going on?" the Queen asked calmly.

Chapter 556: Mrs. Gu's Big Fuss 2

The Queen had been in her throne for almost two decades. So even if she looked tired and pale, she was still showing an imposing manner.

Mrs. Gu subconsciously cringed – she was feeling quite anxious. Gu Yunhe, also, had his head lowered, looking very scared. He turned to look at her sister Gu Ruxue.

The Queen found this man very cowardly – so this was the so-called Elder Brother of the Phoenix Girl?

The Phoenix Girl the King talked about had no manners or any attractiveness. And the King was even planning to marry Xunyang to that Elder Brother of hers!

The Queen simply had no comments upon these two women – they were just like those low-class women on the street! She just could not understand what the King was thinking!

He was extolling the whole family up into the air!

Gu Ruxue, who considered herself as the Phoenix Girl, feared nothing. She said straightforwardly to the Queen. "Nothing really, we are just here seeking the justice for my Elder Brother!"

"..."

"All my Elder Brother did was to help Lord Ling to search for his lost jade whilst exchanging a few words with Princess Xunyang, now he has been seriously beaten up!"

"..."

"Yes, she may be the Princess, but she simply can not beat people as she wants to!"

"..."

"I am here today, because I would like to ask you, the Queen – how are you going to make up for this mistake?"

Gu Ruxue looked the Queen right in the eyes.

The Queen might be imposing, but that was nothing compared to the Phoenix Girl, she believed.

The Queen threw a casual look at Gu Yunhe, thinking very little of these people in front of them. "So that is the guy?"

Gu Ruxue nodded.

"Weiyang Palace is my palace and no outside men are allowed to step over the gate," the Queen said calmly, "I did not order a death sentence to this man who had walked over the border for Lord Ling's sake, and you are thinking about seeking justice from me? Do you think that the Phoenix Girl of your mansion can exceed the imperial family?"

The Queen had no expression on her face, but her words were extremely sharp.

The audience outside the Weiyang Palace, who were craning their necks for the show, all hurried off in case they got in trouble too.

Gu Ruxue did not get what the Queen meant. She insisted. "My Elder Brother has done nothing wrong. What he did was to exchange a few words with Princess Xunyang and then got beaten. Also, it was the King who asked my Elder Brother to meet Princess Xunyang first, so the Elder Brother was just obeying the King's order."

She did not understand the complicated rules in the court. What she knew was that the King approved of their fuss here in the court, and they would not get trouble. So she feared nothing.

The Queen held Susu's hands tightly, knuckles turning pale.

The King... The King again!

She had not thought about this point earlier. She had always thought that it was because of this terribly-mannered family who tried to make a fuss, but she almost forgot that the reason why the Gu Family could come to the Weiyang Palace without any barriers, was because someone had backed them up, namely the King. So it was not the Gu Family who was causing them the trouble.

The Queen laughed ironically.

"What do you want?" the Queen asked without any emotions.

"Since my Elder Brother has been beaten, the marriage must be settled, so that we can just get through it like a family," Gu Ruxue said without blinking an eye.

She had just finished speaking, when Zhou Huaijin came by and asked expressionlessly, "What marriage?"

Chapter 557: His Life

There might seem to be few servants and guards around at the Weiyang Palace, yet Zhou Huaijin had always worried about the Queen, so he arranged many of his hidden guards from the Shadow Door around the Weiyang Palace, so that he could be informed when an emergency occurred.

Therefore, when Gu Ruxue came to the Weiyang Palace with her gang, Zhou Huaijin already received the message and came running to the spot directly, but he was still a few moments later.

Zhou Huaijin had not expected that the Gu Family were getting so bold that they dared to threaten the Queen to marry off Xunyang!

Zhou Huaijin had already held back his lethal manners after being together with Chaoyan, but now, Zhou Huaijin was letting all of his lethal aura out.

He looked as if he were going to bring those people directly into hell. He looked at Mrs. Gu and asked, "What marriage?"

Mrs. Gu shivered from head to foot.

Rumor went that Lord Huai was a lethal man who would always kill those who he wanted to kill. She had not gotten this idea after a few meetings, but now, she felt that the rumor was true.

Gu Yunhe tugged at Mrs. Gu's sleeves. He was a little scared, but Gu Ruxue did not care and said strongly, "The marriage between my Elder Brother and Princess Xunyang!"

"You can't just..." Gu Ruxue was about to say something more...

When Zhou Huaijin took a few steps closer to Gu Ruxue and asked, "Who?"

"My Elder Brother!" Gu Ruxue pointed at Gu Yunhe.

Gu Yunhe did not even look right into Zhou Huaijin's eyes. His eyes were drifting away.

Zhou Huaijin took a few steps closer to Gu Yunhe, and Mrs. Gu had wanted to shield her son when Zhou Huaijin suddenly pulled up his sword, Mrs. Gu dodged out of fright and the sword landed upon Gu Yunhe's neck.

Blood started to drip out of Gu Yunhe's neck and he got so frightened that he wanted to kneel down, but he was worried that the sword would truly kill him. His legs were shivering constantly.

"This scumbag wants to marry Xunyang?" Zhou Huaijin asked expressionlessly. He put force into the sword.

Gu Yunhe screamed out of fright. "No, no, no I don't dare to dream of Princess Xunyang!"

Mrs. Gu was frightened too. She was just reminded of how a daughter of a military minister got her arms chopped off by Lord Huai who did not have to answer for any consequences. Yunhe would be nothing in his eyes.

Mrs. Gu was afraid that Lord Huai would truly do what he wanted. She added. "Lord, this is the court, and Yunhe is the Elder Brother of the Phoenix Girl, you can't hurt him!"

Zhou Huaijin snorted.

"Hurting him? I am going to take his life!" Zhou Huaijin did not even frown as he was saying those words.

Mrs. Gu got so frightened that she kneeled down.

“Lord Huai, please, we don’t dare to marry Princess Xunyang any more, we don’t deserve her! Please spare Yunhe, he is my only son, I can’t lose him!” Mrs. Gu said loudly.

It was her fault. She should not have agreed to take the idea. The Princess was too far-fetched for them!

As Mrs. Gu thought about this, she tugged at Gu Ruxue. “Ruxue, just kneel down and beg for mercy! He is the only son of the Gu Family and he can’t die!”

Gu Ruxue did not want to. She stood there. She was the Phoenix Girl and she did not kneel down for people!

Mrs. Gu was so annoyed and helpless because of Gu Ruxue. She was killing her brother!

Mrs. Gu kept kowtowing.

Zhou Huaijin was about to withdraw the sword when the Queen suddenly passed out, making Aunt Nan scream out of fright.

Chapter 558: In Court

Zhou Huaijin dropped the sword, and hurried to hold his mother in his arms.

The Queen had passed out, and looked extremely pale.

He had been so furious about Xunyang’s marriage that he did not notice his pale-looking mother. Damn!

“Susu, go and get the imperial doctor,” Zhou Huaijin said and carried the Queen into the room.

Susu hurried off.

Only Aunt Nan remained on the spot.

Aunt Nan picked up the sword and was about to walk in when she saw the Gu Family still remaining there. Her expression sank and she said without showing any expression on her face. “If anything happens to the Queen, you know what will happen to you. You are not the ruler of the capital, so you better watch out, or you will have no idea how you died someday.”

Mrs. Gu got so frightened that she did not dare to say a word. She was extremely scared now. She almost forgot how limited her power was, since her daughter turned out to be the Phoenix Girl and the Princess Consort.

The Queen and Lord Huai were not ones to piss off.

Mrs. Gu nodded. She tugged at Gu Yunhe who nodded constantly.

Aunt Nan turned around and walked in.

Mrs. Gu collapsed.

Gu Ruxue was very displeased as she looked at these two. “Mom, Elder Brother, why are you so weak? We are here to make Xunyang marry the Elder Brother! Look at you, you are both so weak!”

Mrs. Gu helped Gu Yunhe up as she said with a shivering tone, "You can't get your Elder Brother killed. We have to stay alive. As for the wife, your Elder Brother can marry a lower princess, or just a lady from any noble family," Mrs. Gu said as a compromise.

Gu Yunhe nodded. He was scared too. Neither of them was an easy bully. "Ruxue, let's just leave, I don't want to get married now!" Then he left with Mrs. Gu, arm in arm.

Gu Ruxue stomped out of anger. "You are so damn useless!"

However, she had to follow them.

At the Weiyang Palace...

After the Queen ate the pills Zhou Huaijin gave her, she got slightly better. Her head ached as she subconsciously caressed her temple.

"Mom, are you alright?" Zhou Huaijin asked concernedly.

The Queen was just reminded that she had passed out. Then she looked around and saw that she was inside the inner chamber, knowing that the Gu Family were gone.

She shook her head. "I am fine now, don't worry. It is just that I feel dizzy... Where is the Gu Family?"

"They are gone already, don't worry, they dare not do anything now," Zhou Huaijin said.

The Queen nodded again. She did believe that the Gu Family dared not do anything.

The Gu Family were not bold people, just a little stupid. They were made use of by someone else.

The most disgusting person was the King, whom she had been in love with for decades. Maybe it had taken too long for him to forget about their relationship. He had turned so cold-blooded. He did not even care about his own daughter.

The Queen felt her sight blurring.

She decided to stay in the court because of her love towards the King, but now?

"My Queen." A warm and familiar voice arose, as the man started to walk towards the room. "Susu told me that you are not feeling well?"

That man was not dressed in the blouse as an imperial doctor. Instead, he was dressed in a long, bleached green robe.

"Zhao Yiqiu, what are you doing here in the court?" The Queen was startled, asking in surprise.

Chapter 559: The King's Problem

As far as she remembered, she had not seen Zhao Yiqiu for more than ten years. What was he doing in the court?

He had not changed a bit. He was still a gentle-looking man, who held a calm expression no matter what he had run into, including now. It felt as if they had just met yesterday, rather than ten years ago.

“The King asked me to come to the court to give him a check up. I ran into Susu the moment I came to the court, and she told me that you are not doing well. So here I am.” Zhao Yiqiu said calmly. Then he took out the handkerchief, covered the Queen’s wrist and felt her pulse.

It did not take long.

He put away the handkerchief and said calmly, “You are just furious, and haven’t had much rest, nothing serious. Have a good rest and don’t overthink anything.”

Then he got up and started to write down the prescription by the table next to the bed.

With eyes upon him, the Queen said with slight jealousy. “You are just like before, calm and composed.”

Zhao Yiqiu paused his movements, as the ink dripped, messing up the characters.

Zhao Yiqiu continued to write.

Was he calm, really? No, he was not.

When he heard from Susu that the Queen fainted, he became so anxious that he hurried to the Weiyang Palace, fearing that something might have happened to her.

He saw her the moment he stepped into the Weiyang Palace.

Seeing that she was more or less recovered, he calmed himself down and started to talk with her. He was never calm.

However, Zhao Yiqiu did not counter. How he felt had nothing to do with her. He sighed inwardly.

The prescription was now done.

Zhao Yiqiu passed the prescription to Aunt Nan. “Tell those at the imperial hospital, to make the medicine with a small fire.

“Okay, Mr. Zhao.” Aunt Nan said politely.

Zhao Yiqiu got up.

He had checked up on the Queen and he should not linger here for too long.

“I will go and check up on the King, you, have a good rest,” Zhao Yiqiu said politely, nodded at Zhou Huaijin and left. “I am off.”

Zhou Huaijin got up.

He was seeing Zhao Yiqiu off at the gate.

Zhao Yiqiu was not titled with any official rank in the Saint Divine Land, but he was a special man in the land. Even Zhou Huaijin was treating him with utter politeness.

As they came to the gate of the Weiyang Palace, Zhao Yiqiu nodded at Zhou Huaijin and left.

Susu just came running and said with a panting tone, seeing Zhao Yiqiu leaving. “Mr. Zhao, are you leaving now? Are you done with the check-up?”

Zhao Yiqiu nodded.

Susu panted, looking helpless.

Zhou Huaijin looked at the back of Zhao Yiqiu, falling into deep contemplation.

At this time Zhao Yiqiu had already come to the Imperial Study.

“Greetings, King,” Zhao Yiqiu said calmly without bowing.

The King frowned. He was feeling really unhappy inside. He was the King, but Zhao Yiqiu had never greeted him.

He wouldn't have ignored that before, but now he had to beg him for help, so the King had to ignore the displeasure and said with a smile. “Here you are, Yiqiu.”

Zhao Yiqiu nodded.

“I asked you to come to me, because I need you to check me up. I am not feeling so well today,” the King said, looking very distressed.

Zhao Yiqiu felt his pulse.

The moment he put his hands upon the pulse, he looked at the King with surprise. “How could this be?”

“What is it?” the King asked, anxiously.

Chapter 560: Shuang

Before he asked Zhao Yiqiu to check him up, he once asked the imperial doctors to do the examination, but the imperial doctors said that he had been poisoned and could not be cured.

According to the way the poison worked, his health would decrease and then all his limbs would start becoming weak.

He thought that the imperial doctors were talking nonsense, so he had them killed, but gradually, he felt himself losing strength, and his hands were shivering as he read the petitions. He even felt that his heart was not feeling that well. So he did not dare to sit up too late to read the petitions and took a break every now and then. However, the situation was getting even worse.

It was a huge issue if the King of a land was not healthy, but he did not dare to reveal the secret to anyone else.

So he asked the Eunuch-in-Chief to find some excellent doctors to check him up, but none of them were able to come up with any treatment, and some claimed that the disease was incurable. So he really believed that he was poisoned.

After the doctors were all taken care of, he sent a letter to Zhao Yiqiu and asked him to pay him a visit in the court.

The King realized that he was truly poisoned judging from the way Zhao Yiqiu reacted, and that it was a difficult kind of poison to be detoxified, just as the first imperial doctor said.

The King's heart sank, and he showed a lethal air.

Zhao Yiqiu ignored the expression and said calmly, "King, you are poisoned, and it is not an ordinary source."

"Can you detoxify me?" the King asked as his hands formed a tight fist. He was very much looking forward to hearing the answer he wanted. After all, Zhao Yiqiu was the most excellent doctor in the whole land and if he failed, then the King would have no hope at all.

Zhao Yiqiu showed no expression. Instead, he fell into deep contemplation.

He was able to cure all kinds of diseases, unless they were of a natural cause, but now... He was truly stuck.

Zhao Yiqiu frowned. "I need to think about it."

The words had just been spoken, when the King clenched his fists.

He threw a look at Zhao Yiqiu and withdrew what he had wanted to say.

What poison was it? Why was this so serious?

He was too young to die now! He had not found the Destiny Monk, otherwise the Phoenix Girl would be of some help! He truly wanted to have Zhao Yiqiu killed, but he could not, he needed his medical help.

The King tried not to be angry inwardly. He tried to look calm in front of Zhao Yiqiu.

He showed a brief smile. "If that is the case, then I will give you some time to think about it. Please stay in the capital, and visit me when you have time."

Zhao Yiqiu nodded.

The King felt slightly assured.

"Have you been to Shuang's place? The Weiyang Palace doesn't allow any outer men to enter, but you are different – you are a doctor and can go and talk with her, if you want," the King said with a forced smile.

"I already met her." Zhao Yiqiu answered briefly.

The King clenched the teacup he was holding. He forced a smile. "Oh, yeah?"

Then he said nothing more.

Zhao Yiqiu threw a look at the King subconsciously. If he continued to be like this, the Queen would never get better.

Zhou Sheng had changed. He had dominated the world, but lost his heart. Was it a mistake to have entrusted Shuang to him?

"Yiqiu," the King said.

“Yes, King?” Zhao Yiqiu asked.