

Divine 1011

Chapter 1011: Fear

Junyi was a strategist, so when he first arrived at the mansion, Zhou Huailing directly got him to live in the remote yard of the mansion. However, Junyi had been playing a very important role in hunting Xie Yan and many other things by putting forward good proposals, so Zhou Huailing gradually started to pay attention to him.

So within three days' time, he was transferred to the west wing of the mansion.

Gu Ruxue was living in the west wing side, as was Zhou Huailing.

In the past, Zhou Huailing went directly to Gu Ruxue when he came home, but it seemed that Gu Ruxue could not give any good advice about anything, apart from being the Phoenix Girl.

So Zhou Huailing stopped speaking with Gu Ruxue about anything.

However, Zhou Huailing was very happy about speaking with Junyi, because he always had some ideas about everything.

Junyi was drinking tea as he sat in the yard.

He had just filled up the other cup when he saw Zhou Huailing coming in. He said politely. "I knew that you were coming, Heir. Here you are, just after I poured you tea."

Having said this, he greeted Zhou Huailing politely.

Zhou Huailing, who had already been in a good mood, became even more cheerful hearing that Junyi already predicted his arrival. He waved away Junyi's greetings and said, "Just take a seat, Junyi, don't be so polite."

"..."

"Do you have any knowledge of fortune-telling? You predicted that my father would assign Prime Minister Chu to assist me and help me there."

Junyi was startled. He did not have any knowledge of fortune-telling. None of the strategists worked on such a thing.

The reason why he could predict all of these happening was because he had made analyses.

However, what the Heir said to him made him feel a bit cautious. It was always a good competence that one knew how to make plans, but the Heir would show fear against him, if Mr. Heir found him too good at making plans. What Mr. Heir had said to him a moment ago already revealed the potential fear Mr. Heir would hold towards him, and it would take just a little more before he understood this point.

He was talented, but he could not reveal it totally, which was what his master taught him.

Junyi smiled and continued with Zhou Huailing. "I have some knowledge about fortune-telling, but I'm not very good at it. I just take it as some fun I have when I am bored."

Hearing these words, Zhou Huailing didn't say anything more.

All strategists were good at some things. It was not too strange if Junyi knew something about fortune-telling, which was all about luck.

He waved his hands. "Let's drop this topic."

"..."

"I am here because Prime Minister Chu really thinks too highly of himself. When we left the court today, I, according to your instruction, bowed to him, but he did not seem to want to take in any words. He kept saying that he worked for me because the King asked him to."

"..."

"I just don't understand why you wanted me to bow to him!"

"..."

"I have bowed to him once, and since he ignored it I will never bow to him again," Zhou Huailing said furiously.

"No! Heir, that is exactly why you need to bow to him more!"

"Why?"

Chapter 1012: I Understood

Zhou Huailing looked totally confused.

He believed that he was the closest person to the throne, the Heir who had married the Phoenix Girl! The Chu Family kept saying that they were devoted only to the King and Chu Tian kept behaving so.

There were many important ministers who had already taken his side, and he had both power and the civilians' support. Chu Tian was nothing anyway. Why must he bow and show the weak side of himself?

If not for Junyi, he would have dropped this confusion directly.

Seeing Zhou Huailing's expression, Junyi said quickly. "Heir, it is because Chu Tian isn't taking a side, we need to get him to our side. He has a lot of power in his hands, which none of the other ministers have been able to grab."

"..."

"Heir, have you ever thought that if Chu Tian doesn't take your side easily, and you bring him to your side, then he won't leave you easily either. That would be a wonderful thing for you!"

"..."

"The other ministers take your side easily, but aren't you worried that they will leave easily too, if they run into some conflicts?"

"..."

"We need to take him as someone cherishable, since he is so different from the others."

“...”

“Heir, the more difficult something is to get, the more advantages we can get out of it when we get it,” Junyi said.

Zhou Huailing thought over those words.

That was true, but Chu Tian was really stubborn.

“Mr. Heir, don’t worry, he is going to keep you company for the errand in Li County, so take me along. You can behave well in front of him, and I can help you to persuade him too. We should keep trying,” Junyi said.

Zhou Huailing sighed, but still nodded.

“What if Chu Tian is still so stubborn?” Zhou Huailing asked.

Junyi’s expression sank too.

He knew the Chu Family well. They only worked for the King, but things were different now. The Heir was now the person who would take the throne, so if they tried their best to persuade Chu Tian yet failed, then it basically meant one thing – he did not acknowledge the Heir!

If that was the case...

“Then we can just destroy him!” Junyi said calmly.

“That is true.” The Heir was very satisfied and answered without hesitation.

Junyi nodded.

The two of them exchanged a few other thoughts in the yard.

At the Qianqing Palace.

The King had a very serious look on his face.

He was wondering if he had been over doubtful or influenced by something else – he believed that the Heir wasn’t being very modest today. He was just an heir, and was granted with all kinds of honors, but he was behaving so wildly in front of all the ministers and looking down on his father!

He thought for a while and felt that he had given too much to the Heir at the moment.

When the Heir wanted to take over this errand, no other ministers made any proposals apart from his Eighth Son.

That wasn’t going in the right direction.

“De Fu, have you considered that I seem to have given the Heir way too many things so he has become too wild? Have you noticed how terribly he behaved in court today?” the King asked.

De Fu was hesitating.

Before he was able to say anything...

“Oh, I see!”

Chapter 1013: Your Meaning?

De Fu had been very confused, not knowing what he should say to the King. Standing by his side, De Fu did think that the King had spoiled the Heir way too much, and he even gave the Heir real power, which was a taboo.

Look at the previous King for example. When he was in his flourishing years, he would not have done anything like that. Even when the Heir was established, the Heir should never be overly trusted or own too much.

The throne was something everyone dreamt about having, otherwise there would never have been anything like killing someone for the throne in the past. That was how the King established himself as well. However, the King had forgotten this experience. Nevertheless, De Fu was just a servant who had no rights to comment about the imperial family. So he felt very conflicted when he was asked.

His heart was dangling back and forth.

When the King mentioned that he had come up with a solution, De Fu let out a sigh of relief, asking. “What is your opinion?”

Well, De Fu was not actually too curious about what the King was thinking.

However, he was someone who understood the King after spending so many years with him – the King was a very lonely man, and he could not share his thoughts with anyone else. Sometimes he just spoke to himself about some things, and De Fu would just be someone who gave compliments.

The King was in a good mood, probably because he had just come up with a solution.

Hearing what De Fu was asking him, he didn’t conceal his real ideas and sighed. “Well, it is my fault. I did pick the Heir while I was still very young, and I feel sorry for his mother as well, but I was too happy to think about the consequences, after I waited for more than twenty years.”

“ ... ”

“Now I have given the Heir the best I can offer, but that has made him more arrogant. As time goes by, he will just forget about me.”

“ ... ”

“I have also seen through those people in the court. Most of the ministers already accepted the Heir as the future King and none dare to counter him because they respect me, but that won’t work.”

“ ... ”

“I have been in the throne for more than twenty years. I am not a very good King, but the Saint Divine Land has still developed into a flourishing land. So I know how to deal with the court anyway.”

“ ... ”

“Normally, there should be a balance in the court. Prime Minister Chu maintains the literal ministers whilst General Liu keeps the martial soldiers. As for the noble families, the Yao Family as well as the Min Family are on both ends. As for the Duke North Mansion, the old Duke North is now gone, and the current one is too young to hold up the whole family. The reason why the court is balanced is because we are supervising each other and competing with each other, in this way, they understand who they are and what they should do.”

After hearing the King’s speech, De Fu seemed to have gotten a better understanding about what was going on.

“So you mean...?”

Chapter 1014: Bring the Eldest Son Home

The King nodded at De Fu with satisfaction.

De Fu, who had been serving him for more decades, understood what he meant after he just narrated the general idea.

De Fu was the only person he could confess his true feelings to after so many years. He knew pretty well that De Fu was the most devoted person around him. It was very safe to reveal his true thoughts to De Fu, when he could not even reveal his innermost thoughts to people like the Empress Dowager, Honored Princess Jing, the Heir and even the late Queen.

The King had thought it through, thus being in a good mood. He pointed at the seat next to him. “Just take the seat. I need to have a chat with you.”

De Fu got frightened. He had sweat dripping down his forehead. He showed a polite smile with a bent back. “You are speaking highly of me, I am just a servant who has been working by your side for many years. Yet I am still a slave. I am not qualified enough to share a table with you. I know that you treat me well, but please do not speak so highly of me. I am listening right here, please, tell me what you want to say, and I am all ears.”

The King smiled involuntarily, after hearing what De Fu said.

He nodded, very satisfied.

“De Fu, you are a very understanding man. If everyone could be as clear-minded as you, then there would be nothing I need to be unhappy about.” The King sighed.

He dropped the idea of letting De Fu take a seat.

He had been in too good a mood to give that strange order. It would not have been very proper for De Fu to take a seat.

Rules were rules.

De Fu was devoted and a nice man, but he was, after all, a slave.

The Heir was devoted and showing him love, but he was, after all, just the Heir.

The King continued. "When the Queen was alive, Lord Huai was considered as the lineal son, and all the ministers in the capital thought that Lord Huai and the Heir shared the same status. So nothing happened. However, Lord Huai is no longer in an advantageous position any more, and I will never grant Lord Huai the throne either."

"..."

"But there should always be someone who can counter the Heir..."

"King, have you thought about which lord to support?" De Fu asked.

The King nodded.

He did not have many sons, and he had the fewest sons in his generation. Therefore, the range was very limited. Apart from the Eighth Son, the Sixth and the Eldest ones were the only options.

However, even though he preferred his Sixth Son, he was used to travelling and doing different business, which was a taboo for imperial families. So even if he came back to court, he would not be that convincing either.

Therefore, the only option was the Eldest Son.

The Eldest Son had been stationed at the boundary for years, and he had been the Head of a land. Plus, he was the Eldest Son, which made him sound good.

"Bring the Eldest Son back, I believe that he is the right option." The King made the decision directly.

The Eldest Prince...

De Fu thought for a while and believed that it was the best option. So he nodded.

"However, have you thought about who should bring him back? You can't just let him return by himself, because he was not here for the New Year a while ago."

Chapter 1015: Unrelated

Hearing these words, the King fell into contemplation as well.

Who should go and pick him up?

That person should not be low in class, otherwise the trip would be considered as not important. However, who would be the right candidate? The most suitable person should be Prime Minister Chu, but he had been arranged to deal with the errands at Li County, so he was not in the position to fetch the Eldest Prince.

As for the remaining candidates... General Liu used to have a grudge with the Heir, so if he was dispatched to the work, he might become the Eldest Prince's helper, which would not work either.

Duke North was too young, and the Yao Family was in charge of building a new summer holiday village....

However, the Min Family seemed to be free throughout the whole year. The Min Family was the most pure family among all the noble ones, since Madame Min had never been involved with any noble powers in the capital. It was a very special noble family.

It was a great honor for the Eldest Prince to get picked up by the Min Family, and the King did not have to worry that the Min Family would turn to help the Eldest Prince.

If that was the case...

The King stood up and struck the table. "The Min Family! Get someone from the Min Family to pick up my son! Summon them to the court, and ask them to select a good candidate for me!"

De Fu nodded and answered briefly, before leaving to make the arrangements.

At Xinlin Clinic.

When Gu Chaoyan got up, she grabbed some breakfast and got up to check on the injured people. She had already conducted acupuncture on them so they should be doing well by this moment. She was just coming to see if any of them were suffering from fever. If any of them were, that would be very troublesome.

There was a light scent of medicine in the room filled with injured people. Shen Tai had already made the medicine, but the patients had not yet woken up, so they were not fed in time. Therefore, the scent of medicine was spreading through the air in the room.

Gu Chaoyan took a few steps forward.

She came to Shanhu who was most seriously-injured, but before she could feel his pulse, Shanhu woke up suddenly and threw a very cautious look at Gu Chaoyan, alarmed as if her small move would kill him.

Gu Chaoyan felt helpless, but she understood it too. They had just experienced such a horrible disaster.

Gu Chaoyan said calmly, "This is Xinlin Clinic, and I am the doctor. I'm just checking up on you. You don't have to be like this. It is bad for your recovery."

Only then did Shanhu relax slightly. He looked about and saw that the people around him were all his fellows, and he smelled the scent of medicine.

Shanhu became a bit more assured.

Gu Chaoyan felt his pulse, checked his wounds and asked, "There was a girl called Qu Hua keeping you company. She was too noisy and badly-behaved, so I had her tossed out of the clinic. I am not sure who she is to you, but I am telling you this because she was here with you, so that you know."

Gu Chaoyan recounted the facts calmly.

Then she got up to feel the other people's pulses, since they were slightly less injured and still asleep. They were not as alert and strong as Shanhu. Luckily, they were all doing well.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief.

She decided to go out and fetch the pills for Shen Tai.

She had just taken a few steps towards the door, when Shanhu suddenly became agitated and countered. "Qu Hua and I are not related."

Gu Chaoyan was startled.

Chapter 1016: Proud

She threw a confused look at Shanhu.

For one second, she had no idea why Shanhu was telling her this.

She told him about Qu Hua because she was informing him about her whereabouts on behalf of Xinlin Clinic. After all, the girl came with him.

Gu Chaoyan thought for a while and nodded. She did not take what he had said to heart and left.

Shanhu had a regretful expression on his face.

He had no idea what was wrong with him. He had never cared about any of these things related to Qu Hua, nor had he ever been concerned about her. He felt that he had nothing to do with this girl. However, a moment ago, he was making an explanation about this.

He had no idea what on earth he was thinking, since he was explaining that to a stranger.

While Shanhu was regretting what he had done, Shen Tai walked in with medicine in his hands. He came with just one bowl, knowing that only one patient woke up. He would come with more medicine, when the others woke up. He had learned a lot during the past days, like when he should feed the patients the medicine and when the medicine would lose its function, as it turned cold.

He passed the medicine to Shanhu who drank it up without hesitation.

Shen Tai came to take over the bowl, but Shanhu did not release his hands and asked subconsciously, "Most of the doctors at clinics in the capital are men, why is the doctor here a girl? She is so young, is she a good doctor?"

"You mean Elder Miss?" Shen Tai asked with a smile.

Since Elder Miss was mentioned, Shen Tai had a lot to talk about.

He showed a look of pride. "Our Elder Miss is a really excellent doctor, otherwise you would not have woken up so fast. You were almost dead when you were brought here, but after one night's time, you are able to talk. She is so good that you just can't doubt her skills."

Shanhu looked at himself and found that he had indeed gotten better. Apart from some of his injuries and pains, he had no serious problems at all. He knew what he was like before he passed out.

Shanhu admired that girl's medical skills.

At Li County, especially in his village, there had never been any girls who were both skilled and polite like her.

“Also, our Elder Miss is also very kind-hearted. She saved my life and gave my parents money to spend for the rest of their lives. Now I am working at the clinic because of her, and she is the most kind-hearted girl I have ever met!”

Shanhu nodded.

Truly someone as kind-hearted would be equally skilled in medicine.

“Also, our Elder Miss is a very special girl. While most girls spend their time in the back of the yard, our Elder Miss is a very broad-minded person. Even though she is now engaged with the Lord, she is still a girl who has her own opinions.” Shen Tai showed a look of pride and admiration.

Lord?? She was engaged to a Lord?

“Your Elder Miss is engaged to a lord?” Shanhu asked.

“Of course. Elder Miss and Lord are such a good, suitable couple. They were born to be together. Anyway, it is your fortune that you and your fellows are receiving treatment here at Xinlin Clinic,” Shen Tai said with a smile.

If not for his good luck, he would have died.

Having said this, Shen Tai was waiting for Shanhu to say nice words about Elder Miss, but he noticed that Shanhu had become absent-minded. “What is wrong with you?”

Chapter 1017: Junyi’s Helplessness

Shanhu suddenly brought himself back. He shook his head and smiled timidly, “I am fine. I have just woken up and am not feeling so well. Let’s just take a break.”

Hearing his words, Shen Tai took back Shanhu’s bowl and said bashfully, “I am sorry that I have been speaking with you all this time, not letting you rest. If anything happens to you, Elder Miss is going to blame me.”

Then he took away the bowl and left.

Shanhu was dumbfounded. However, Shen Tai and Gu Chaoyan did not take any of his reactions to heart.

Gu Chaoyan was in the middle of thinking about what she should do about Li County.

At the Heir’s mansion.

The King had already made a plan to let the Heir and Prime Minister Chu visit Li County, and the Heir was leaving first, since Prime Minister Chu had not yet been done with many things in the court.

Zhou Huailing was definitely going to bring Junyi with him on his trip to Li County. After all, Zhou Huailing had no specific plans about how to solve the problem, whilst Junyi had a lot going on in his mind. For him, the trip to Li County was a test, and if he could do it well, he was not only going to prove

himself capable in front of Prime Minister Chu, but would also stand out in front of the ministers, and even the civilians.

When they were done packing, they started to leave.

Li County was not very far from the capital, and they did not have much to bring with them. So they finished packing very quickly.

Junyi looked at the things the servants were packing.

He came to Zhou Huailing and asked in surprise. "Heir, are you bringing the Princess Consort to Li County this time?"

Zhou Huailing got startled and asked, "Father assigned me to do the work, why should I bring a woman along with me?"

Junyi felt helpless. He had spent so much time with the Heir and realized that the Heir never thought about things. He could not even understand why he should take the Princess Consort with him.

However... however, despite his helplessness, the Heir was still his boss. Although he was not smart, he was born lucky, so was the Princess Consort.

He explained patiently, "Heir, we don't have to bring the Princess Consort with us, if she was just an ordinary woman you might be considered as someone who is obsessed with women. However, she is the Phoenix Girl, so you should have her with you. If you finish the task well, then the Phoenix Girl would acquire the support of the civilians too. Civilians are not smart people, and they easily believe those things."

Hearing what Junyi said, Zhou Huailing nodded.

He had not thought about this. Xie Yan had told him not to bring any women with him, so he never thought about bringing her with him. However, he got angry as he thought about Xie Yan, who was so stupid, and who was always setting him up.

"Junyi, let's go to the Princess Consort and tell her about this," Zhou Huailing said with a look of justice.

Junyi hesitated, but he still nodded and followed.

Gu Ruxue was just drinking tea and eating lychees, and receiving a massage from some servant. She looked very relaxed.

Hearing what Zhou Huailing said, she became annoyed. "I am not coming!"

"Why not?" Junyi asked confusedly.

"So many people are dead and injured in Li County, why should I, the Princess Consort, be there? Am I asking for death?" Gu Ruxue said with a look of fury.

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Junyi had a very complicated look on his face.

Chapter 1018: Junyi's Persuasion

His only goal of life was to help a lord to take the throne. He was going to prove to his master, who had already quit the competition, that he was going to make someone a King!

He was going to make his master regret what he had said in the past to him.

His master once told Junyi that he was not going to make it to become the strategist of a King whilst his Senior Brother Xie Yan had the potential to become one.

Junyi was able to read poetry at three years old and to write poetry at five. He had been born a talented boy. When he became one of the disciples of his master, and was surrounded by so many excellent talents, Junyi still stood out as the most outstanding disciple. However, his master did not believe that he could become a strategist for the King!

He was going to prove himself!

He travelled far to get to the capital and found the Heir.

When the Heir was still the Lord, he had been a gentleman who treated people politely and well. He even married Princess Consort Ruxue, who could attract hundreds of birds on her Adulthood Ceremony day.

The Heir had gotten everything ready for him.

After he came to the capital, Junyi spent half a month in the capital studying the situation as well as the ministers' moves and the King's attitudes. He even explored the future possibility of the Heir becoming the King.

Eventually, he chose to help the Heir.

He believed that the Heir was going to become the King so he came to the Heir's Mansion as a strategist to devote his entire life to working for him.

He had planned to help the Heir become the King within three years' time, so that he would be able to show his master what he had achieved within three years' time and how he became the King's strategist.

However, now... after spending some time with the Heir and the Princess Consort, Junyi started to believe that three years would not be enough for him to achieve his goal. It would take at least five years!

The Heir was not smart enough, but he was arrogant... and the Princess Consort... yes she was considered the Phoenix Girl, who received greetings and blessings from hundreds of birds on her adulthood ceremony day, but he had, after observing her for a long time, realized that this woman was very jealous. She was not only jealous, but also incapable of running the Heir's Mansion well. She needed help from housekeepers, and she never thought about things. She spent her days in her own yard from day to night. However, Junyi believed that he could tolerate all of these, because they were born lucky, and they would always have someone who could deal with their business for them.

However, under such circumstances, Princess Consort was too timid to face what happened, so what on earth could she ever achieve in the future?

Junyi had a very complicated feeling inside. This couple could do nothing except for being born with a good destiny.

However, Junyi could do nothing other than to tolerate that. And he had to console and pamper them too!

Junyi calmed himself down and adjusted his mood, before saying gently, "Princess Consort, what happened at Li County has been the biggest disaster that has happened to the Saint Divine Land in the past few years. Since the Heir has decided to take over the task we have to make good use of it!"

"..."

"If you were just an ordinary Princess Consort, then you wouldn't have to do anything about it, but don't you ever forget that you are the Phoenix Girl!"

"..."

"We have to solve what has happened at Li County, and you should take this opportunity to leave a deeper impression of yourself as the Phoenix Girl!"

Chapter 1019: Reluctant

"You are the Phoenix Girl, and many ministers are trying to use this point. But for civilians, you are just the Phoenix Girl. You need to do a few things to leave an impression upon the civilians, so that you can really become irreplaceable."

"..."

"If the Phoenix Girl can bring good fortune for the civilians, they will worship you and you will become holy and untouchable."

"..."

"The previous Queen established the Saint College, so all girls in the whole country are able to receive education and study medicine. Now she is mentioned constantly and spoken highly of by people. However, what she did was no more than building possibilities for women."

"..."

"You are different. You are the Phoenix Girl, and you bring fortune for the civilians across the whole world. Just think about what kind of respect you are going to receive from the civilians. It is going to be something that no one would be able to shake."

Junyi mentioned the merits of these things. Although the words were very true, Junyi was creating a future blueprint for them.

Gu Ruxue, who had been very angry, finally listened to his words, then she began to hesitate.

She was the Phoenix Girl, but she could tell that not everyone considered her someone important.

Especially those noble families in the capital.

If she was able to receive respect from all the civilians, then Gu Ruxue would definitely establish a very strong reputation for herself. She also wanted to become the woman Junyi spoke of. However....

Gu Ruxue was still hesitant.

The potential achievements sounded good, yet she needed to keep herself alive. What if something happened to her and she died, then all the so-called achievements would be in vain.

She had heard about the horrible things happening in Li County, and now she was being asked to go to that dangerous place...

Junyi almost wanted to roll his eyes, when he told Gu Ruxue about all the potential merits that she might receive.

It was not going to work! So he added. "Are you worried about your safety?"

"..."

"Don't worry. When we go to Li County, we will have people who are going to keep you safe, and they will sacrifice themselves for you. So you don't have to worry about anything! Also, you don't have to go to the attack site, just stay at the governmental office, and you can show up when we are done with those monsters."

Junyi had no choice, but to take a step back.

Actually, he believed that it would be best for the Princess Consort of Heir to visit those villagers personally, but he knew that the Princess Consort was not going to say yes to that request, so he dropped the idea.

It was already generous of her to agree to visit Li County.

Gu Ruxue was still feeling quite willing to take the risk, when she heard about the danger at Li County, but if she could just remain at the governmental office, and had someone who would keep her safe, then she was willing to give it a try.

Gu Ruxue sighed, then she nodded. "In that case, I will pay a visit there."

Only then did Junyi sigh.

He had thought that the Princess Consort, who looked so frightened about everything, would not say yes to the suggestion.

Hearing Gu Ruxue saying yes, Zhou Huailing was in a good mood too.

"Ming, pack stuff for your Princess Consort, we are leaving directly," Zhou Huailing said with a smile.

Chapter 1020: Helplessness

Because they spent so much time persuading Gu Ruxue it was already after lunch when they set off.

Li County was not located very far away, but it took them more than four hours to arrive at the outskirts of the capital and for them to have everything well arranged in Li County.

Junyi was riding on the wagon while he tried to calm himself down so that he would feel better.

As long as everything worked out well.

It was just a matter of time before the Heir took the throne. When he completed the goal of being the strategist of the King, he would have nothing to worry about any more.

That was what Junyi was planning inwardly as the wagon continued forward...

It went straight into Li County after passing the border.

Li County was located close to the capital, so even though it was not that prosperous, it was still not a very poor place.

Due to the large casualty that happened at Li Village of Li County, every door was closed and few people were seen on the street. They were all scared.

However, whenever they passed by a street, some guard would announce the Heir's arrival.

The announcement was said in a very loud voice and it echoed across Li County.

Zhou Huailing was very satisfied so he lifted the curtain as he said to Junyi, "Junyi, you are smart enough to have come up with such an idea of announcing my arrival. Now all the households inside the town will know about my brave arrival."

"..."

"It is good that Prime Minister Chu isn't here yet," Zhou Huailing said proudly.

Junyi nodded with a smile. He actually did not think that the Heir should claim all the achievements of dealing with Li County, but for some reason, after the Heir heard about acquiring some of the civilians' support, the Heir insisted that he wanted to be the only person who made the achievements.

He was feeling very helpless, but he had to leave it like that, since he failed to persuade him to do anything else.

Junyi laughed with a look of helplessness.

Hopefully, Prime Minister Chu would make a clear judgement rather than get affected by what happened at this moment.

When they arrived at the governmental office of Li County, it was still very early.

However, there were many officers waiting outside the gate to greet the Heir. Almost all the officers, together with their families, were out to greet the Heir's arrival.

When Zhou Huailing got out of the wagon and saw the scene in front of him, he nodded with satisfaction. The officers of Li County did consider him someone important.

He showed a good smile on his face.

He patted the officers' shoulders as he got off the wagon. He said, "Good."

Having said this, he was about to walk into the building.

Seeing that the Heir was walking in, Junyi thought that the Heir was just keeping Princess Consort company until her room before he would come out again. So he said, "Heir, I will wait for you here, please come out as soon as possible after you see the Princess Consort off inside. Li Village is not very close, but hopefully we can arrive there before it turns dark and get everything arranged properly."

Zhou Huailing looked at Junyi with a look of confusion.

He frowned. "Junyi, we are here for Li County, so we are staying at the office, not in the village, right?"

Junyi's face changed. He reminded him with a small whisper. "Heir, we need to convince the civilians!"

Zhou Huailing gave an indifferent laugh. "Junyi..."