

Divine 1021

Chapter 1021: Too High of Himself

"You are smart and you are doing everything for my sake, which I am very aware of, but you are just a strategist. If we spend too much time with the civilians, then they will think that we attach great importance to them. However, we are in the upper class, and we are the decision makers. All I need to do is to solve the issue to make them grateful to us. Why should we spend any time with those commoners? I need their support, but they are not powerful enough. They don't deserve to support me!" Zhou Huailing said with a relaxed look on his face.

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He trusted Junyi's competence, but Junyi had not taken every detail into consideration. He was not making a plan from his point of view.

That was probably because he was just a strategist who was close to the civilians. Junyi was not to be blamed. All he needed to do was to make plans, and not everything could be perfect.

Having said this, he patted Junyi's shoulders. "You have worked hard, and we had a long day. Let's just take a break at the office and we can discuss specifically what we can do when we are all rested."

Junyi showed a very helpless look on his face.

He had thought that everything would go well at Li County, but what the Heir and the Princess Consort had done was beyond his anticipation.

He might not be able to talk the Heir into doing anything else, otherwise he would have to take the blame later, but it was not right for everyone to wait at the office and do nothing.

Junyi thought for a while and said, "Heir, you and the Princess Consort can take a break at the Government Office since you are not suited to go to Li Village, but I should go there on your behalf, not to see those civilians, but to check what is going on there, so that we can come up with some better solutions."

When Zhou Huailing heard Junyi's ideas, he also believed that he was right.

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They had to know about what happened to Li Village, and it was not like he would go there personally. Someone had to be there, and Junyi was the right candidate. However, Junyi had to be safe, since if something happened to him, he would lose a strategist.

He thought carefully and answered. "Junyi, if you insist on going there, take ten men with you. Just remember, keep yourself alive and everything else can be talked about later, got it?"

Junyi nodded.

Zhou Huailing picked the ten most ferocious and strong men he had brought with him and gave them to Junyi.

He and Gu Ruxue went into the Government Office together, and the Officer had made a good arrangement for him, which made him and Gu Ruxue, who was showing a bright smile on her face, very happy.

Junyi, together with the men, headed towards Li Village.

It was a little painstaking to arrive at Li Village, so after a long bumpy ride, they arrived at the destination.

The Heir did not want to care about those villagers. What he wanted was to solve the problem so that the villagers would understand his might. However, Junyi did not think that was the right method. The King was the decision maker, so he, as the Heir, should demean himself and care about the civilians. However, the Heir did not understand this point and spoke highly of himself. So he had to take some actions to compensate.

When they arrived at Li Village, Junyi consoled the villagers in the name of the Heir.

Later, he decided to take a look at the mountains.

At this moment a piece of news arrived.

Chapter 1022: Your Idea?

Junyi was surprised too.

“Prime Minister Chu is behind us?” Junyi asked for confirmation.

“Yes, he should be here in a quarter of an hour.” The guard passed on the message.

These guards were cultivated when Junyi started to work for Zhou Huailing. Zhou Huailing did not have any such messengers in the past, thinking that as the Heir, he did not have to have someone like this.

However, while the Heir refused to use them, Junyi could make good use of them instead.

Look at how handy they had become.

Instead of going up to the mountains, he could just go with Prime Minister Chu.

Junyi nodded and said, “Let’s wait here a little longer.”

The guards nodded.

Junyi even helped some more civilians to deal with other errands in the neighbourhood.

When Prime Minister Chu arrived, Junyi stopped what he was doing and headed towards Prime Minister Chu, saying politely, “Here you are, Prime Minister Chu.”

Chu Tian frowned. He had not seen any sight of the Heir, and only saw this man, who looked like someone working for the Heir.

“Who are you?” Chu Tian asked seriously.

“I am the Heir’s Officer. The Heir is not doing well after such a long trip to Li County, so he went to bed already. He asked me to check what is going on at Li Village right now,” Junyi said politely.

Chu Tian nodded. However, he was not fully convinced by what Junyi said.

The Officer was most likely a strategist, who often talked pretty, but Chu Tian did not want to delve deeper into it, so he nodded. Then he started going up the mountains with his men.

He had many men with him, some of whom were helping the villagers, and some who were his guards that wanted to subdue the things that hurt the villagers.

Junyi said with a smile, "I am going there too, why not go together?"

Chu Tian nodded.

He was at Li Village to deal with the errands. No matter how dissatisfied he was with what the others were doing, he was still prioritizing this mission above anything else. Therefore, he had to bring the Heir's officer with him.

The gang headed towards the mountains.

There were still some footprints of those things which remained in some places on the road.

Their mission was to get a good idea of the terrain as well as what was going on in the mountains.

Then Prime Minister Chu and the gang needed to seek where those things were.

The most important thing was how to build something that would defend Li Village.

Prime Minister Chu walked as he frowned.

They had to go deep into the mountains just to remove those things. However, they would only get themselves killed if they just went in like this. They needed to establish something to defend themselves.

However, it wasn't an easy thing to do. Walls could not be built on terrain like this, and it was not practical to build a wall either, which should not exceed this mountain.

So Prime Minister Chu had a serious expression on his face.

Gradually, he became rather annoyed. He was not a general. What was the King thinking to have him come to deal with this matter!

He was totally confused at this moment, but the corner of his eyes caught Junyi, who had a very relaxed expression on his face. He asked casually, "Do you have any ideas?"

Junyi nodded.

Chapter 1023: Junyi's Solution

Chu Tian asked Junyi, because he had noticed that Junyi looked very relaxed, as if what he was assigned to do wasn't something difficult. So he asked him what he was thinking.

And when Chu Tian heard that Junyi did come up with a solution, he could not help feeling surprised.

He had been making the plans for the court of the Saint Divine Land these past few years, so Chu Tian had thought that he was smart enough to counter everything. However, he was running out of ideas facing this situation, whilst the young Officer had come up with something already.

Chu Tian was not an arrogant person. He did not think that Junyi was lying.

After a moment of surprise he asked, "What is your opinion?"

Junyi looked at Chu Tian and smiled. He appreciated Chu Tian, but he hadn't spoken with Chu Tian many times before. So while he was socializing with Chu Tian at the moment, he was also testing him. He would like to know what Chu Tian was like as the Prime Minister. Unexpectedly, after spending some time together, he found that Chu Tian was more outstanding than he had anticipated.

He was in a high position, but he was not arrogant and was actually extremely respectful.

That was something that people were not often able to achieve.

So that was the reason why Chu Tian was able to work as the Prime Minister for many years and still stand firmly on his spot – he had a very good personality.

Junyi smiled and said as he walked. "The most important thing right now is how to build a defending wall, so that the things won't come down to attack the villagers. But due to the terrain, where the mountain is very high, we can still build some walls and gates. However, they aren't the best solution now, since building such a wall takes too much time."

"..."

"Since it doesn't work from the top, we can do it from the bottom, which will make everything easier."

Hearing this opinion, Chu Tian suddenly felt his eyes brighten, as if he realized something, but he still wasn't able to understand what he meant by "doing it from the bottom."

However, he was extremely interested, as he pricked up his ears, ready to hear what he was going to say.

Seeing the way Prime Minister Chu reacted, Junyi more or less understood that the fundamental skeleton of his plan should work. Actually, he had not come up with a detailed solution, but only started to make a general plan.

When receiving Prime Minister Chu's approval, Junyi started to feel that his plan was becoming clearer.

He showed a relaxed and confident expression. "When I first arrived at the village, I learned something from the villagers. They say that they were instructed by someone called Shanhu, so they ended up climbing to the top of the trees and therefore escaped being hurt."

"..."

"So that basically means one thing – those things are very solid in the body, and we can't possibly hurt them. Yet their weakness is that they can't move as freely as we can. In that case, we don't have to fight them face to face. We can just take advantage of their drawbacks."

"..."

“We can dig a pit like a dike at the foot of the mountain. When they come down to us, they may fall into the dike and we can catch them while they are trapped there.”

“...”

“That should be the most effective method.”

Chu Tian’s eyes sparkled.

Chapter 1024: More Words

In the meanwhile, he looked really astonished, as he threw a surveying look at Junyi.

Junyi wasn’t particularly young, but in comparison to Chu Tian, he was still considered young.

Chu Tian was very surprised and shocked, knowing that such a young man could come up with such a simple and yet effective plan within such a short while.

Therefore, at this moment, he appreciated Junyi a lot.

Chu Tian rarely appreciated people, so it was rare for Junyi to become one of them.

Chu Tian looked at Junyi and showed a look of pitifulness. “You are smart, and talented, unfortunately, you are just the Heir’s Officer.”

Junyi was startled. He could not fathom what Chu Tian meant.

It was true that he was the Heir’s Officer, which was not a high position, but he was a strategist, and was trusted by the Heir. The Heir did not have any teacher, so he should be the one that took over the position as the imperial strategist when the Heir took the throne in the future. Why was Prime Minister Chu saying that it was an unfortunate thing?

Could it have been because he did not think highly of the Heir?

Well, if that was the case, Junyi would not mind. Instead, he continued. “Prime Minister Chu, I feel very happy to be appreciated by you, but I am still happy that I am working for the Heir as his Officer, since it is worth the while. I think that the Heir is someone I can devote myself to, he is a man with justice who cherishes talents, and he treats me as his own. I am talented, yes, and I am working for the Heir, but he is the one that I think is the most worthwhile to serve.”

Junyi tried to come up with all he could to praise the Heir subtly.

He was not only expressing how loyal he was, but also told Prime Minister Chu that he could take the Heir’s side. That the Heir was worth their support.

Hearing what he had said, Chu Tian could not help his expression sinking. He was a talented person, but a man needed to know which side he should take, despite his talent.

He was way too short-sighted. He could not see things far into the future. A man like this, despite his talent, was not going to reach any success in his life.

Chu Tian shook his head and felt a bit disappointed.

The excitement he had just felt was now fading away.

He held his hands behind his back, and regained his serious tone, saying as he walked. "It is good that a strategist works devotedly for his master."

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"Your suggestion is good, and that is something we can possibly do at the moment. We will do as you have suggested. My men and the Heir's men should be able to finish the task, together with the officers from Li County. It should take no more than a couple of days. So yes, we will take your solution."

Junyi looked very disappointed.

Prime Minister Chu was going to adopt his solution, which was confirmed by him the moment he showed the look of appreciation. So he had never worried about this. However, what he cared about the most was whether Prime Minister Chu was going to take the Heir's side.

It seemed that Prime Minister Chu had avoided going deeper into this topic and had decided not to continue with this conversation.

Junyi sighed. He felt very disappointed about what happened.

"Come to my side. I have a few words to share with you." Prime Minister Chu said, without noticing Junyi's absent-minded look.

Chapter 1025: Meaning

Hearing what Prime Minister Chu said, Junyi brightened – was he going to talk with him about the Heir?

Junyi replied politely, "Please, Prime Minister Chu."

They had just gotten back to the Li Village, where they were resting. Chu Tian had already gotten a simple place for them to spend the night.

Chu Tian pointed at the chair, telling Junyi to take a seat.

Junyi had been hesitating – he had wanted to show respect, but since he was working on behalf of the Heir it wasn't proper for him to stand while he was speaking. So he sat down.

Despite being seated, he held his back straight, showing courtesy.

Chu Tian wasn't being that serious.

"We are going to follow your suggestion in establishing the defense. It should be done within a couple of days, but we can't use this defense as a long-term solution, and it should not be the only thing we do. For example, we need to have those things killed, Officer, do you have any ideas about this?" Chu Tian asked.

Hearing what Chu Tian said, Junyi felt rather disappointed.

He had thought that Prime Minister Chu would be glad to mention something about the Heir, but Prime Minister Chu had no intention of mentioning anything like this. He had become fully devoted to this task of his.

Junyi felt very disappointed, but he could not just dwell on this matter at this moment.

He let out a sigh and moved his thoughts to this task as well.

He could just do this work well, and would just take some time before promoting his master to Chu Tian.

Junyi thought for a while and said, "We can't fight them face to face, even the imperial army would not be able to conquer that thing bare-handed."

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"Since those monsters are in the mountains, we can just deal with them as hunters do."

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"However, those things are very ferocious, and the way hunters work would not help. So we need to refine the method."

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"There are only a few methods which hunters could use to confront monsters. Traps and nets will not work, so we need to dig pits, endless pits, and set up traps, then we need to get someone who is good at martial arts. They should go and lead those things into the traps. The most difficult part is not establishing traps, but finding people who are good at tricking the monsters."

"..."

"We have many guards with the Heir, but they are just ordinary guards who aren't capable enough to do this matter, so please, Prime Minister, you might have to work on this."

"..."

"Also, the most difficult part is how to extinguish those monsters, who can't be killed with just one stab. However, I haven't come up with a solution for this, let's just have a discussion with the Heir to see if we can come up with some better solutions," Junyi said.

Chu Tian was very pleased by what Junyi had suggested.

He patted Junyi's shoulders.

"Good, very good. You are the brain! We will do as you suggest," Chu Tian said with a free laugh.

Junyi looked up at the sky.

It was getting very late.

"Prime Minister Chu, what about visiting the Governmental Office of Li County with me?"

Chu Tian threw a deep look at Junyi.

Chapter 1026: Being Spoiled

Junyi was a very considerate person in almost every aspect, yet this was a question that should not be asked.

Although the King did ask Chu Tian to help the Heir with this task, the incident took place at Li Village, whilst the Heir stayed at the Li County governmental offices instead.

Well, he could not do anything about this. However, Junyi should not ask Chu Tian to visit the Heir at the governmental office as well!

Chu Tian threw a deep look at Junyi before withdrawing his look. "There is a lot going on at Li Village and I have a lot of work to deal with, so I won't be able to make it to Li County's governmental offices. It is just a waste of time. I will settle down here at Li Village these days. If you need to travel back to Li County, please tell the Heir what has happened and pass on what he wants to me, so that we can follow his orders."

Chu Tian sounded very polite.

Junyi thought for a while and nodded since he noticed that it was already very late. "Then I will travel back before it gets too late."

Chu Tian nodded and let Junyi leave.

In the meanwhile, he turned to give instructions to his gang about what they should do the following morning.

Junyi headed towards the governmental office and when he arrived there, it was already very late.

Zhou Huailing and Gu Ruxue were having dinner with the officers of Li County. The dinner was really luxurious. At first, those officers had not been sure if the Heir would be displeased by the luxurious food, so when they greeted the Heir in the morning, they kept a low-profile. Yet when they spent some time with the Heir, the officers changed their style and presented a huge dinner instead.

And the Heir and the Princess Consort were in a good mood which assured the officers of Li County.

He more or less understood that his promotion in his career would not be affected.

When Junyi arrived and saw what was going on, he showed a look of helplessness.

The Heir had a mansion that was more luxurious than what was served here. He could just eat and go wherever they wanted in the capital if he wanted to! However, the Heir wasn't at Li County to eat luxurious dinners.

The King arranged for him to do work, and it was just a matter of a few days, yet the Heir could not even pretend to be frugal.

Junyi felt so helpless.

Zhou Huailing did not notice any of this. When he noticed Junyi's arrival, he summoned him. "There you are Junyi, come and have dinner with us."

Junyi stiffened. "Heir, I have a few things to report to you."

“Take your time, we can have dinner first,” Zhou Huailing said, then he told the maids to serve him.

Looking helpless, Junyi took a seat of his own accord. He was not used to being served.

He had to obey what the Heir asked of him. He was working for the Heir, after all.

During dinner Junyi felt as if he was chewing trash.

Finally, the dinner came to an end.

Junyi eventually got time to have a few words with the Heir.

However, Gu Ruxue said with a spoiled tone, “Lord, it is getting very late now.”

Chapter 1027: What Happened?

Gu Ruxue was not trying to counter Junyi, it was just that she never took what Junyi said and was going to report to heart. So she did not care about Junyi, and forgot that Junyi needed to speak with Zhou Huailing.

She was only thinking about herself.

She had been married to Lord for a long time, and intended to have a child with him, just as the King wanted them to. At first, she had been proud that she was approved by the Crown Prince [1.] and the King. However, she got a bit anxious these days.

That was because the Empress Dowager and Honored Princess Jing kept blaming her for not having advanced.

Lord had once mentioned to her that the Empress Dowager had some other plan, and that Honored Princess Jing also hoped that she could have a child first. She understood why Honored Princess Jing behaved like this, but she hated the Empress Dowager deeply inside her heart.

Since the Empress Dowager intended to have two ladies from the Yao Family have children first...

Therefore she was going to exceed them so that she could annoy that old lady.

Because of this plan going in her mind, Gu Ruxue had the idea of luring the Crown Prince to bed, seeing that only she and the Crown Prince were alone in the governmental office. Therefore, she mentioned this to him after dinner.

Zhou Huailing was about to go to bed with Gu Ruxue directly, but when he saw Junyi, he started to worry that he really had something important to report.

He consoled Gu Ruxue and said, “Ruxue, you can wait for me in the room. I will be there in a quarter hour.”

Gu Ruxue was a little displeased, but still nodded. Then she left with her maids.

Zhou Huailing took Junyi to his own room and asked anxiously, “Junyi, do you have anything important to report to me?”

Junyi’s expression had completely sunk.

The Crown Prince Consort was such an unreliable person! She was worse than an ordinary woman, let alone being the Phoenix Girl! Even an ordinary woman from a common family would not be so careless. However, he was not in a position to get angry.

Pressing down his anger, he said, "Crown Prince, it is just that I need to tell you what is going on at Li Village."

Zhou Huailing nodded.

Junyi recounted the whole thing to Zhou Huailing.

Zhou Huailing had been displeased by Junyi's long talk, but after he heard the report, he surveyed Junyi and remembered that he should tell his mother to arrange a suitor for Junyi.

Nevertheless he did not mention it.

He nodded. "Junyi, you have done a good job. We will do a perfect job within a couple of days!"

Having said this, he happily patted Junyi's shoulders and headed towards his bedroom.

Junyi sighed, feeling a bit helpless...

However, that was all he could do at the moment. When the task was done, the King and the civilians as well as the ministers should be satisfied by the Crown Prince's achievements. Junyi headed back to his own room and went to bed too.

The following day...

Early in the morning, Junyi got up and heard some sound of noisy and smashing things coming from the Crown Prince's room. Then he saw a lot of guards surrounding it.

Not knowing what happened, Junyi hurried to the Crown Prince to check what was going on.

1.[Heir has been changed to Crown Prince and his Princess Consort will now be referred to as the Crown Prince Consort.]

Chapter 1028: the Eldest Prince

The noise was too loud, so all the guards were standing outside, fearing that something bad would happen.

Junyi glanced inside when he got to the door. Then he more or less understood what was going on. The guards were all out, which made Junyi feel a bit assured. However, none of the officers of Li County was here, which made Junyi squint – the officers of Li County knew exactly what they should do.

Seeing that the Crown Prince wasn't in a bad situation, except that the Crown Prince had just gotten mad, Junyi did not hurry.

He walked in with a calm look on his face.

He saw books lying everywhere in the room, and some exquisite looking vases were already broken into pieces. It was so messy, no wonder it had been so noisy so early in the morning.

Junyi got a bit angry, when he saw that nothing dangerous was happening.

He was the Crown Prince already!

However, he was not in his mansion, but in the governmental office of Li County. The Crown Prince was just ruining his image!

He could have behaved like this if he was still a lord, but now he was the Crown Prince, who should not reveal his true personality in front of outsiders.

Junyi asked calmly, "Crown Prince, what is going on? Who made you angry so early this morning?"

Junyi glanced at Gu Ruxue, the Crown Prince Consort, who was standing next to him.

Gu Ruxue was not so angry. She wore a calm expression on her face.

Normally, he should stay away from family affairs, but he had to step in, since they were actually at the governmental office and he had a lot to do at Li Village.

Zhou Huailing became slightly less angry when he saw Junyi, but he was still really angry.

Seeing that he was alone with his own men, Zhou Huailing bellowed, "It is my father!"

Junyi's face changed when he heard that

He took a few steps forward and reminded Zhou Huailing with a small whisper. "Crown Prince, watch out for eavesdropping!"

Zhou Huailing was very angry, but what Junyi said did jerk him back a little.

He showed a timid expression. Then he sighed and said, "It is my father! I came to Li County to conduct the mission he gave to me without taking a break. I am so devoted, but look what he has done to me!"

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"Early in the morning, your messengers told me that father has already dispatched someone from the Min Family to bring my Elder Brother back to the capital!"

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"What does he mean by this?"

"..."

"I have just been endowed and I have finally pressed down Lord Huai, but now, father is bringing the Eldest Prince back to the capital! He has always been at the border!"

"..."

"Is he going to be granted the title of lord?!"

“ ... ”

“Junyi, what do you think?”

Chapter 1029: Your Plan

“Junyi, do you think that I have done anything wrong to make my father unconvinced? I am always polite to him. I greet him every morning and I am always capable and finish all the tasks he has assigned me!”

“ ... ”

“My father doesn’t want my mother to take the position as the Queen, and I have not said anything against that. I am concerned for him all the time!”

“ ... ”

“I am so obedient, and I even accept the new girls he has given to me. I feed them and support them without any complaints.”

“ ... ”

“What more does he want from me?”

“ ... ”

“I have just found a solid position in the capital, but now he is hurting me by making use of my being away from the capital.”

“ ... ”

“The Eldest Prince is, after all, the eldest son! I just don’t feel like the rightful Crown Prince when he is there.” Zhou Huailing got extremely furious and complained to Junyi constantly.

Ruxue just did not understand what he meant, which annoyed him even more, but Junyi would get his point.

Junyi was aware of more than what he was angry about. He could even come up with an idea for the situation he was in.

Zhou Huailing looked at Junyi sincerely. “Junyi, just tell me what I should do? Should I go back to the capital now? If I don’t return now, the Eldest Prince might already do something by the time I get there!”

Junyi stopped Zhou Huailing.

He was also shocked and his head turned blurry too, but he was still more clear-minded than the Crown Prince. He understood that he should not act imprudently.

The King asked the Min Family to bring the Eldest Prince back because the King had his own ideas and opinions. If the Crown Prince did anything imprudent, the King might have a worse impression of him. It was very important that he stay calm now.

However, what was the King thinking anyway? Why would he suddenly bring the Eldest Prince home?

He started to think fast.

It was a peaceful time in the Saint Divine Land, and the King was in full control of the court, but the King was not clear minded.

The King had been quite distracted and confused these years, judging from several things he had ordered to do.

Like the way he dealt with the Queen... and the way he dealt with his sons.

It was a normal thing, if he just brought the Eldest Prince back.

The King was trying to find a balanced force to keep the Crown Prince in control. He wanted to remain seated in the throne, and nothing more.

The most important thing right now was what the Crown Prince should do.

Junyi massaged his temples, feeling a headache starting.

He said, "Crown Prince, don't get anxious about it."

When he finished speaking, Junyi glanced around.

He showed a cautious look and saw the maids next to the Crown Prince Consort. He said calmly, "Go prepare some breakfast and close the door."

The maids nodded and left with the Crown Prince heads lowered.

When the door was closed, Zhou Huailing asked seriously, "Junyi, what is your plan?"

"We do nothing." Junyi said calmly.

Zhou Huailing was startled. "Why?"

Chapter 1030: Facts?

When the news was passed onto him, Junyi had been feeling really furious too. He was at a loss as well, but within just a few moments, he pondered the message and came up with the right idea.

He even became very calm after he understood the whole thing.

Actually... Junyi even felt that it was a good thing.

Junyi smiled briefly, telling the Crown Prince and Crown Prince Consort to take the seat, as he gradually explained. "Crown Prince, it is a good thing, we don't have to do anything about it!"

Zhou Huailing looked very confused.

How could that be a good thing? He, the Crown Prince, had just found his ground and yet the Eldest Prince started to appear. When the Eldest Prince came to the capital, he was definitely going to have to share things with him!

Junyi smiled, then he continued to explain. "Crown Prince, just listen to my analyses, then you will understand!"

“ ... ”

“Let’s talk about the Eldest Prince. What position is he in right now? He doesn’t have a promising mother. She is no more than a small princess. And she has been a princess for years! What can she do? Even if the King is happy enough to promote her and make her the Honored Princess, so what?”

“ ... ”

“The Eldest Prince’s mother was not born in a noble family and her family doesn’t have any power, so no one is going to take his side, otherwise the King would not have asked people from the Min Family to bring him. The Min Family has never been part of the throne game, and they never take sides either.”

“ ... ”

“So the Elder Prince is not a competitor against you. Your mother is from the Yao Family, so what are you so worried about?”

“ ... ”

“And let’s see what you have to share with him?”

“ ... ”

“You are the Crown Prince, so apart from the King, you have the highest status in the court. Also, you have married the Phoenix Girl, so your position can’t be moved or shaken by the Eldest Prince at all.”

“ ... ”

“The reason why the King has done all of this is because of one thing!” Junyi smiled and looked very proud.

“What one thing?” Zhou Huailing asked curiously.

Actually, as Junyi was talking, he was no longer angry, because he more or less understood one point – that was to say, the Elder Prince was not a threat to them at all. The worst he could do was to make the Heir feel a bit disappointed that the King was still not totally confident in his own son.

The King used to say that he was called Ling because he was the most adored child he had. And now, he was still watching out for him.

Junyi smiled. “Crown Prince, on the other hand, it basically means that you are capable and your foundation is solid enough for the King to be worried about you. You are capable enough to fight against him!”

“ ... ”

“The King is trying to make himself feel secure at the moment. With the Eldest Prince balancing you out, he feels that he is in the most stable position.”

“ ... ”

“So what you need to do is to quit thinking about the Eldest Prince. The ministers and civilians have their own judgement about which side to pick.”

Zhou Huailing was both surprised and happy, yet he was a little worried too.

He looked deeply at Junyi. “Junyi, if father never retires, I can’t just wait until my own son grows older to take the throne, can I?”