

Divine 1161

Chapter 1161: Unconvinced 1

"But I didn't have an accurate time. You arrived here two hours later, so I bought some things on the way, and happened to run into you," Xiao Jin said with a smile.

Xiao Jin was totally frank in front of Gu Chaoyan. No matter what she wanted to know, Xiao Jin would always answer her, though the answer could be quite straightforward.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Xiao Jin who was riding a horse.

Her face twitched.

So what he meant was that she liked to sleep in, and she did sleep in longer than he had imagined?

That was not something Gu Chaoyan could not counter.

She pursed her lips.

Actually, Xiao Jin was right. She was delayed because of the Min Family. If not for the visitor from the Min Family, she would have arrived around lunchtime.

That was Xiao Jin's merit. Because of his careful observation, and the way he thought and believed, he could make it to where he was now.

So she was extremely happy that she had entrusted Xiao Jin with missions.

It had been a couple of months since she met Xiao Jin for the first time. Xiao Jin had changed a great deal, and he looked more open.

Gu Chaoyan was very happy to see one of her employees becoming so much better.

Xiao Jin took them to a relatively quiet alleyway.

There was a large yard in the alleyway.

Xiao Jin bought the yard directly, by Gu Chaoyan's order. Gu Chaoyan had never seen this one before, but she was very satisfied by the yard. Xiao Jin was always good at what he needed to do.

As they came to the gate of the yard Xiao Jin offered his hand to help Gu Chaoyan, but she hopped off the wagon directly.

Xiao Jin smiled.

He almost forgot that his Elder Miss was different from ordinary girls. She was not that weak.

He smiled as he led Gu Chaoyan into the yard.

He said as he walked. "They should have already eaten lunch so they are receiving training on the playground."

"..."

“Both men and women will receive martial arts, and they need to be well-trained so as to run a business.”

“...”

“As for the others, they could be trained for what fits them.”

“...”

“Sword Three says that within one year’s time, they should be useful,” Xiao Jin said as he pointed forward.

Gu Chaoyan watched those people who were being trained on the playground.

There was an equal number of women and men, some old and some young. Gu Chaoyan bought those children who were poor and were sold as slaves, or got them directly from the orphanages.

Xiao Jin had done a great job – he was a man but he chose women to join them too.

There were both men and women here.

Gu Chaoyan did not care about genders. She only needed suitable people.

When she came to the playground Xiao Jin smiled brightly.

He clapped his hands, and told them to look at him.

When all the children were looking at him, Xiao Jin said with a firm voice, “This is your future master. Greet your master!”

Those children greeted her.

They were not kneeling down, but greeted with fists. That was what Gu Chaoyan wanted to see.

However, several of them did not want to greet her.

A slightly older man said to Xiao Jin with an unconvinced tone, “Brother Xiao, why is our master a woman?”

Chapter 1162: Unconvinced 2

The man that talked was the eldest one in the whole group, and he was going to become 20 the next year. His name was Shang Ling, and he was brought by Xiao Jin from the South. Shang Ling showed excellent skills in martial arts, and he was ambitious. That was why Xiao Jin brought him here.

Shang Ling knew that Xiao Jin was their future master’s subordinate, and because of this, he was willing to come and join the group. He believed that his future master should be someone with abilities, who would be able to help them achieve their future ambitions, considering that a young man like Xiao Jin was already so capable.

He could not guess who their master was, only that their master was in the capital.

Since that master was in the capital, they should either be powerful or have some official titles.

He had been dreaming about that, and even if their master was a minor officer, he could still accept it, because his master was training people like him, so he should be ambitious, and his ambitions would be achieved in the future.

However, what he had not expected... was that an ambitious person like him was presented to a woman, who was younger than him! He just could not understand how she could be the master, and whether his ambitions would be achieved.

He felt disappointed and was very unconvinced.

Well...

There was one more reason – he just could not accept that a woman as old as him was his master.

So he put it straightforwardly.

He did not want to leave this place, but he could not accept this master.

He had a big ambition in his life, and this was not what he expected.

Shang Ling was extremely unconvinced as he looked at Xiao Jin.

He thought that maybe they had other masters.

Hearing what Shang Ling said, those who did not greet her added. “Yes, how can our master be a woman?”

Some complaints were heard.

Those who greeted her felt a bit confused. They did not counter as vividly, but they were still somewhat confused.

However, some were also very firm in mind.

Yiyue stepped forward and said, “So what? Women can also be masters, and there are actually women here too!”

She was furious. She understood that she should never look down at anyone, nor should they hold any prejudice.

Those people were too annoying – how could they hold prejudice against their master. She was convinced that she was going to work harder and become better than the rest of those people who looked down at women.

Shang Ling ignored Yiyue.

He did not think that he needed to speak with a young girl. He needed to insist on the title of master.

He stood motionless, as he looked at Xiao Jin resolutely.

Xiao Jin had lost his smile. He looked extremely serious, because he had been very satisfied by those trainees he had found, but he had not expected that those children would think in this way.

He became more disappointed than displeased.

Xiao Jin stood in front of them, saying, "See the yard here? The lunch? Master owns all of it. She has offered what you need, yet you are not convinced by her, just because she is a woman?"

Chapter 1163: Unconvinced 3

"Do you think that you have any right to be unconvinced? What rights do you have?" Xiao Jin raised his voice. He pointed at the door. "You are not convinced, right? Then muster up your courage and leave!"

Shang Ling's face changed, so did the others.

They did not want to leave.

In the past, they were only qualified enough to work as servants and pageboys at the mansions, and they never had the chance to live a life like this, where they had the chance to achieve their ambitions.

They would like to stay here, but they just did not think that a female master would allow them any chance to display themselves.

Shang Ling and several others did not leave, but they had a very strange look on their faces.

Gu Chaoyan looked at them.

She did not blame them. They were from all walks of life, and they had different ideas inside their heads. She could understand what they meant.

They were unconvinced by her? Then she could convince them.

Gu Chaoyan took a step forward. "What is your name?"

"Shang Ling?"

"Shang Ling... okay, then how would you be convinced? Maybe you can surpass me in martial arts?" Gu Chaoyan asked, looking at him.

"You won't be able to beat me."

"What if I am able to?"

"If you are able to, then I will be convinced. But what if you can't?"

"I don't have to be your master, but I can give you a better chance compared to what you have now," Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

Shang Ling's eyes sparkled.

What he needed was one chance to showcase his abilities. He believed that he could make it.

He had been studying martial arts since he was little, and few people could beat him, let alone this woman in front of him. He knew that what this woman had was nothing more than money, which helped her to support the whole gang.

She was too innocent for him.

Shang Ling nodded. "Okay!"

Gu Chaoyan asked as she glanced about the playground. "Do you need a weapon?"

"No need."

"Then let's do this." Gu Chaoyan showed the posture.

She used to be a gun user, so she was not very accustomed to the weapons here, but Gu Chaoyan could allow Shang Ling to use whichever weapons he wanted.

Shang Ling's eyes sparkled. He needed that opportunity so he would not care about this woman in front of him.

He started with his fists.

Gu Chaoyan dodged him easily.

For Gu Chaoyan, it was a very straightforward and easy thing. She could tell which direction he wanted to punch, so she dodged ahead of time. Shang Ling could not even touch her.

After a few attempts Shang Ling, who had been confident, found that things were not as easy as he had imagined.

He showed an even more ferocious look on his face.

Gu Chaoyan brought him down after a few moves.

Shang Ling fell onto the ground, and many people cheered for Gu Chaoyan. Shang Ling just could not believe it.

"That is just luck, pure luck! Try it again!" Shang Ling got up and said, unconvinced.

Gu Chaoyan left directly.

That was a basic principle he should stick to – to admit your failure.

Gu Chaoyan could not stand someone like him, who could not take his own consequences.

Seeing the scene, Xiao Jin stopped Shang Ling. "You are over the top!"

Shang Ling looked very anxious.

He could not believe this result. That had to be pure luck!

It was a very important chance for him!

"Impossible!" Shang Ling insisted.

Chapter 1164: Unconvinced 4

Yiyue said straightforwardly next to them. "You failed to touch our master after so many attempts, and she brought you down with just one single kick. She is not lucky, it is you who are too incapable. There is a huge difference between you two, and yet you are even saying the master is only lucky!"

Yiyue felt that this man did not have any self-awareness.

"You know nothing!" Shang Ling snapped straightforwardly.

Sword Three came to stop Shang Ling quickly.

Seeing these people, Gu Chaoyan was actually quite satisfied by what Xiao Jin had done, and she believed that many of them could be well-trained.

Gu Chaoyan did not think that all of them were suitable, though it was already very capable of Xiao Jin to have recruited so many people within such a short time.

Gu Chaoyan said to the gang. "Xiao Jin is right, you can leave if you don't want to stay with me, I won't force you to stay and I will also give you plenty of money if you want to leave. And those who are willing to stay would not necessarily be accepted. Only those who can pass my examination will be allowed to stay."

"..."

"I will give you plenty of money to settle down, if you choose to leave. If you remain, we will pay you too. As for how you are paid, Xiao Jin will tell you the specific information. But we have our rules, so you can't just idle around."

Having said this, Gu Chaoyan nodded, then she left.

Xiao Jin followed her.

Sword Three remained to deal with what was left behind.

Xiao Jin said with a tone of apology, "Elder Miss, sorry, it is my fault for not having done it properly."

"..."

"You already did a great job, but we need to filter those whom we need, so you don't need to stress," Gu Chaoyan said.

Xiao Jin nodded.

"Elder Miss, I don't think Shang Ling needs to be kept, what is the point of wasting the energy to deal with him?" Xiao Jin said.

"He is just an example set to show the unconvinced ones. Yiyue is very straightforward, but few are like her," Gu Chaoyan said helplessly.

She started to admire Zhou Huaijin for how he developed Shadow Door into what it was now. He was such a powerful person.

It would take some more effort to establish Xinlin Gate properly.

When they left the playground Xiao Jin took Gu Chaoyan to her room, which was kept when the yard was first bought. She was the master, so her accommodation was the most important. He could make adjustments for the others.

Gu Chaoyan decided to spend a few more days there so that she could arrange everything properly.

She needed to set rules for Xinlin Gate as well as a plan of how to train those people.

Gu Chaoyan was bent over the desk until very late at night.

Sword One urged her many times to take a break, before getting down to business the following day.

Gu Chaoyan fell asleep directly after the long day.

It was not until midnight, when Sword One received Sword Four's message suddenly. She had to wake up Gu Chaoyan, who became clear-minded the moment she woke up.

"What is going on?" Gu Chaoyan asked with a serious look on her face.

Sword One never made her wake up unless it was something important. Sword One always allowed her to take as much rest as possible.

So something important must have happened for her to do this. Therefore she was extremely alert.

Chapter 1165: Capital 1

It should not be something which was happening at Xinlin Gate, where she had just arrived. She did not hear any chaos outside while she was here.

So... maybe something was happening in the capital?

Gu Chaoyan was totally awake now.

Sword One glanced about cautiously and said with a small voice, "Elder Miss, something happened in the capital!"

"..."

"A wagon was bringing Princess Consort Yan home and it was going to arrive tonight, but something happened to the Princess Consort. She had a stomach ache on the way, so when she came to the capital the doctor said that she was not in a good condition. So they asked the imperial doctor from the court to check her up, but the imperial doctor can do nothing about it. Lord Yan is going crazy, and is looking for a doctor now."

"..."

"That is Lord Yan's first child so Lord Yan is paying a lot of attention to it. He just can't accept that the child might not be able to be kept."

"..."

“Some servants from Lord Yan’s Mansion said that you are a very skilled doctor so you have been requested by Lord Yan to check her out. You told the Min Family in the daytime that you were not feeling well, but Lord Yan’s men are there, so Fu Bao passed on the message, asking you to return to the capital. We should not spread the news that you are not in the capital. If you can make it, you may be able to check out Princess Consort Yan’s child.”

“...”

“Elder Miss, what about us heading back to the capital? The wagon is ready. We have a thick blanket inside so you can have a rest in the wagon. We will arrive in the capital at dawn, then we can go to Lord Yan’s Mansion directly. Then the whole situation will be sorted out,” Sword One said cautiously.

Elder Miss was engaged with Lord Huai and she was under serious watch. No mistakes could be made.

Otherwise Sword One would not have been so cautious.

Gu Chaoyan nodded and looked outside. It was a quiet night.

She had to check on Lord Yan’s child, so she got up quickly and headed outside with Sword One.

This child was definitely going to have a very bumpy life.

She was absent tonight when this child ran into a problem, so she was worried that she would be too late for the child.

Bingzhou was not that close.

If she could just get there in time, she might be able to save that child.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh.

It was warm and cozy in the wagon, and Sword One even prepared a hand warmer for Gu Chaoyan, who had lost her tiredness.

Huaijin reminded her that this child would not be able to be kept when coming to the capital. And that was exactly what had happened.

She wondered what had gone wrong.

Lord Yan had been living a terrible life at the border, and he did not want his wife and child to have a bad life there. However, what he did not understand was that the border was a very steady and safe place for his family, because the capital was a place filled with all kinds of monsters and evils.

He had no ability to keep himself safe while he was at the border, so what more could he do when he was in the capital.

Gu Chaoyan felt very emotional, but despite her emotions, they came to the gate, which was opened.

Their wagon was let in.

The moment they entered the capital, Zhou Huaijin’s wagon appeared right in front of her.

Chapter 1166: Capital 2

He had been waiting for her for a long while.

Zhou Huaijin could only wait for them at this spot since he had no idea which path they were taking, and he feared that they would miss each other.

Zhou Huaijin jumped off the horse upon seeing the wagon heading towards him, and then got directly into the wagon with his martial art skills.

Gu Chaoyan heard the motion and understood that it was Zhou Huaijin who had come to her. So she was not too surprised to see him in the wagon.

“Still feeling sleepy?” Zhou Huaijin asked gently, as he massaged her head. He felt very concerned about her. She had just hurried to Bingzhou to take care of Xinlin Gate and yet she had to hurry back after taking a small break. He felt worried that she would get too tired.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head.

“I can have a rest whenever I can, yet Lord Yan’s child might be destroyed by now. I am not feeling sleepy at all. Let’s head to Lord Yan’s Mansion so that we might have the slightest chance of turning the table,” Gu Chaoyan said, looking worried.

Zhou Huaijin nodded with a very serious look between his eyebrows.

He had tried to persuade his Elder Brother not to bring his wife back to the capital, but his Elder Brother insisted. Without anything else he could do, he ordered his hidden guard to sneak into the accompaniment and keep her safe. The two hidden guards were not only careful with her food, but also in other aspects, and the hidden guards even informed him that nothing was wrong, when he asked them the day before.

So what on earth had gone wrong? What happened to the child all of a sudden?

Zhou Huaijin had not found out what was going on even at present.

He almost felt that they should give up the child, because that child would run into another accident in the future. His Elder Brother, who had been living at the border for half of his life must have suffered both physically and mentally. He was not in the right frame of mind the night before, and if something like this happened again, he might collapse.

That was what he had been thinking, yet he did not say this to Chaoyan.

Chaoyan was rational, but she was very kind-hearted too. She could not accept that a healthy child would end up in such a state.

Zhou Huaijin sighed inwardly.

They soon arrived at Lord Yan’s Mansion.

Zhou Huaijin hurriedly jumped off the wagon, so did Gu Chaoyan.

Lord Yan’s Mansion was very quiet since everyone was in the room.

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan arrived outside of the room, which was surrounded by many doctors, and each of them was carrying a medical kit. They had to be the doctors who already worked on the case but failed. They could not simply leave yet.

Gu Chaoyan also saw a very familiar face, namely Li Qing who was from Liufu Hall. Gu Chaoyan shook her head slightly upon seeing this man, who greeted her politely. Li Qing and Gu Chaoyan used to have a grudge, but Li Qing respected Gu Chaoyan after learning so much from her.

Gu Chaoyan nodded and walked straight into the room, without exchanging a word with him.

Lord Yan, who did not grow up in the capital, was very messy in dealing with the emergency. If not for Huaijin, who had offered help, he might not have survived to this day.

Li Qing was a very excellent doctor, but he was someone who only cured external injuries. He was even worse than a midwife when it came to childbirth.

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Lord Yan took hold of Gu Chaoyan when he saw her. "Elder Miss, please, help me to save my child!"

Gu Chaoyan nodded and walked in.

Her eyes widened when she saw what was inside.

Chapter 1167: Capital 3

She looked at Lord Yan, whose eyes were filled with hope. He believed that his child could be rescued.

Gu Chaoyan held her breath and looked at the woman lying in bed, then she looked at the imperial doctor. She said with a small voice, a little cold even. "Doctor, can this child be saved?"

"It should work, but the Princess Consort has to work on it," the imperial doctor said calmly.

Gu Chaoyan had a very serious look on her face. She threw a very calm look at the imperial doctor.

He was ridiculous!

How could he tell such lies at Lord Yan's Mansion! He was the imperial doctor who should have gotten his certificate from the Imperial Hospital. He might not be the best, but he could tell what was going on right here. So he must have done it on purpose! He must be working for Zhou Huailing!

Unexpectedly... Zhou Huailing had started to do such a ridiculous thing right in front of everyone!

Lord Yan's eyes were sparkling when he heard that all he needed to do was to let his wife work on it.

Gu Chaoyan took a step forward and pushed away the imperial doctor. As he staggered backwards and almost tripped over Gu Chaoyan went to take the child in her arms.

Lord Yan had a very joyful look on his face seeing the child. He was about to take the child in his arms, and said, "He is out now?"

Gu Chaoyan had a very saddened look on her face, seeing Lord Yan reaching out for the child. She sounded quite stifled. "Lord Yan, there is no need to hold him. He is gone, and the midwife should take it over from here."

"What?" Lord Yan asked.

It was very quiet in the room.

There was no sound, not even the child's cry. The child was very quiet.

Gu Chaoyan gave the child to the midwife, took out the silver needle and stopped the Princess Consort's bleeding. Then she fed her a pill to keep her alive.

Gu Chaoyan did not allow the imperial doctor to get involved again. Instead, she called Li Qing to her side and let the midwife and him deal with what was going on in the room.

She glanced at Lord Yan before she left the room. The Princess Consort had no expression on her face when she heard that the child was gone.

Gu Chaoyan left, after the glance.

Lord Yan was pressed down by his guards, while the midwife was dealing with the child, and Li Qing was taking care of the Princess Consort.

It was all settled.

The dawn had just broken yet Gu Chaoyan felt both physically and mentally exhausted.

She felt sorry for Lord Yan, who grew up at the border and had lost all of his ambition. What he expected was to live a good life and start a family of his own, but...

He could not even realize such a simple wish.

Zhou Huaijin whispered to her as he was walking by her side. "It is my fault. I should have gotten some more hidden guards ready. I thought that the hidden guards were well-trained enough to keep their eyes out for Princess Consort, but something else happened on the way here. It is my fault that I did not get everything to go well."

"..."

"I don't think Elder Brother will be able to accept the news within a short while."

"..."

"I am not sure if my father is trying to have him killed or to protect him when he asked him to return to the capital."

"..."

"If he were still at the border he would not have suffered this much."

"It is not your fault. Your hidden guards would not even figure this out," Gu Chaoyan said with distress.

"What? Chaoyan, what have you noticed?" Zhou Huaijin asked.

Chapter 1168: Capital 4

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

It was right to bring her here. If not for her being here, no one would have noticed what was wrong.

Since they were at The Princess Consort's place, Gu Chaoyan was worried that someone was eavesdropping. She looked about and found that they were surrounded by trees, so she suggested that they should take another step forward.

There was a vacant area not far ahead. It was much safer to talk about secrets in an empty place, where there were no hidden spots for anyone to eavesdrop.

Hidden guards were watching out for them.

Gu Chaoyan said, "The child didn't die because of dystocia [1.difficult birth, typically caused by a large or awkwardly positioned fetus, by smallness of the maternal pelvis, or by failure of the uterus and cervix to contract and expand normally.], but of poisoning."

"..."

"The poison was inside the mother. The Princess Consort is fine because she is an adult, yet the child couldn't withstand it any more. So even if the child was born, he was doomed to die."

"..."

"I glanced at the Princess Consort before I walked out of the room. She was not sad at all when she was faced with the deceased baby. There is something wrong with the Princess Consort."

"..."

"Also, the imperial doctor is very strange too. He should know clearly that the child died because of poison, but he kept telling Lord Yan that there is hope."

"..."

"I am reminded of one person..."

"..."

"Xie Yan!"

"..."

"Remember the time when we saved Xie Yan? He was covered with wounds, he said that the Crown Prince did not kill him directly yet ordered to have him cut every single day, so that he could live on between hope and despair."

"..."

"He was doing the same thing this time."

“...”

“And the Princess Consort said nothing about it either.”

“...”

“So I believe that the Princess Consort must be working with Zhou Huailing,” Gu Chaoyan said with a serious look on her face. She did not think that it was a very simple matter. She told Huaijin about it, because she did not think that it was Huaijin’s fault.

Zhou Huaijin had gotten very serious too by this point.

He suddenly realized what was going on after hearing what Chaoyan said.

He had been misled by his Elder Brother, who said that the Princess Consort was the person he trusted the most. So he did not suspect Princess Consort. However, what he had not thought of was that the Princess Consort was given by the King, so she might be expected to work as a spy.

And the spy must have been working for Zhou Huailing directly.

He had not thought about this because he always believed that his Elder Brother, who was not spoiled or considered important, was at least their father’s son, and that he should at least have the right to live a peaceful life. However, he was wrong – the King never considered his Elder Brother.

His Elder Brother’s mother passed away as a lowly-titled woman. He had been living a very unsteady life at the border. Therefore he trusted and spoiled the Princess Consort when he married her.

This was beyond what he had expected.

Zhou Huaijin suddenly felt very hollow. For one moment, he had no idea what he should say or what he should do.

In the end...

After a long while... He sighed heavily.

“I got it.” Zhou Huaijin said calmly, “Chaoyan, it will be morning soon, how about going back to Xinlin Mansion for breakfast?”

Chapter 1169: Honored Guest 1

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Lord Yan’s Mansion, then she nodded.

She did not think that there was any point for her to remain here since she was already done with what she needed to do. Huaijin should be able to deal with the rest, and that was enough.

Gu Chaoyan headed towards Lord Yan’s Mansion with Sword One.

After a while, Gu Chaoyan sensed that something was following her. She turned around and looked carefully, seeing that Li Qing kept a distance from her.

Li Qing would not have stalked her like this if he didn't have something he would like to say. It seemed that he had some message for her.

Gu Chaoyan asked Sword One with a small voice to tell the coachman to slow down a little.

Then they went onto the wagon and left.

It was not until they came to an alleyway, that Gu Chaoyan called it a stop.

Li Qing's wagon soon caught up with them. Gu Chaoyan came out, took a step forward so that Li Qing could still keep a short distance between themselves.

"What do you want to say?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

"Last night when we went there, the child could have been born punctually if not for the imperial doctor. Although the child was drugged, he could have been saved. However, Lord Yan accepted his men's suggestion and drove us all out, so the imperial doctor could go in and help the Princess Consort deliver the baby. What a pity!"

"..."

"I could not tell you about it when we were at Lord Yan's place, but I am telling you now for your reference. If that is nothing important, you will just forget about it." Li Qing said.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She had already noticed everything that Li Qing had told her.

However, Li Qing was in danger since he told her about this.

Gu Chaoyan turned around straightforwardly and said to Li Qing. "Leave the capital, now!"

Li Qing looked confused. He had no idea what was going on, until he noticed the serious look on Gu Chaoyan's face. Only then did Li Qing realize what she meant. He felt sweat breaking out all over his body, and he shivered slightly.

He was not afraid of being killed. He was just very scared by how everything happened.

He had thought that it was just a simple thing, but what he did not know was that he was already involved with the affairs in the imperial court, and he had even witnessed the conspiracy of the imperial family. If not for Lady Chaoyan's reminder, he might have run into something unexpected.

He felt very lucky that he reminded Lady Chaoyan about this. If the situation was not that complicated, he might not have been able to think of reminding her about this.

Li Qing wiped the sweat on his forehead, as he shivered. "I got it, thanks Lady Chaoyan!"

"If you have nowhere to go, just go to Bingzhou and find someone called Xiao Jin. He will help you. If you do, follow your own heart and leave," Gu Chaoyan said.

Li Qing nodded and hurried away.

Gu Chaoyan told Sword One to return to Xinlin Mansion.

The wagon headed towards Xinlin Mansion slowly as people were gradually emerging on the street.

Back at Xinlin Mansion.

Xiu Jie was very surprised. "You are back! Elder Miss it is good that our honored guest is still here, otherwise you would have missed it."

Honored guest?

Chapter 1170: Honored Guest 2

Hearing the word Honored Guest, Sword One looked alert.

Elder Miss told the Min Mansion that she could not leave home because she was sick, but she was not in Xinlin Mansion, so Sword One was worried that a slight slip of secret would have sold out Elder Miss.

The situation in the capital was getting more serious, and the King as well as the Crown Prince were all working on their own plans.

"It is Mrs. Min," Xiu Jie said.

Sword One let out a sigh of relief, but Gu Chaoyan was quite surprised. She had not expected that Mrs. Min would be here. She wondered what she needed, but she would still treat Mrs. Min well.

Mrs. Min was probably the only person who really took her side among those noble people. She did not spend much time with Mrs. Min, but after three encounters, she could tell that Mrs. Min was taking care of her.

Gu Chaoyan hurried to where she was seated.

Mrs. Min was reading and drinking tea in the room, looking at leisure.

Hearing the sound of footsteps, Mrs. Min did not turn around and said straightforwardly. "Your housekeeper told me that you are at Lord Yan's Mansion and won't return too soon. So I made up my mind to stay here for a bit instead of leaving. Lady Chaoyan, you don't mind, right?"

"Of course not. You can even stay at Xinlin Mansion for several nights, if you want to," Gu Chaoyan said with a smile, then she poured tea for Mrs. Min.

Mrs. Min put down the book, sipped the tea and said with a smile, "There are many interesting books here, different from those boring ones read by other ladies."

Seeing that Mrs. Min had interest in her books, Gu Chaoyan fetched *The Saint Divine Anecdotes* for Mrs. Min.

That was her favorite.

Gu Chaoyan was looking for it as she said, "Most of the books were given by Madame Jiang, who said that General Jiang read it when he was alive. She had many delivered to my place after seeing that I love reading them. And they are interesting."

However, Gu Chaoyan failed to find the book.

She frowned.

Where was the book? She was sure that she had brought the book out of the old mansion, but the book was gone. She always tried to find it, but it was nowhere to be found.

Mrs. Min was very confused upon seeing her looking around. "What are you searching for?"

"A book called *The Saint Divine Anecdotes*, I brought it out of the mansion so where is it?" Gu Chaoyan asked confusedly. "Mrs. Min, could you come and help me search? You have better sight."

Mrs. Min was surprised to hear what Gu Chaoyan said, because no one had ever asked her to do anything before. However, Mrs. Min liked it. She got up and started to help her with the search over the shelf in front of her. She glanced about carefully, but did not find the book.

Gu Chaoyan gave up too. "I didn't find it."

Both of them gave up and returned to their seats for tea.

It was a very tiring matter to search for books.

Gu Chaoyan drank some tea and asked, "Mrs. Min, are you here to ask me about something?"