## **Divine 1351**

Chapter 1351 Arrangement

The King was a very narrow minded person who could not stand any conflicts against him. He was the King so they needed to be cautious.

Even if he did not take revenge at the moment, he would still do it in the future.

Just think about the Jiang Family... he held a grudge against them and did not take revenge until 20 years later. He was just filled with plans.

Wu Leng was a very straightforward person who could not hide any secrets. If something really happened in the future, he might be the first one to get set up.

She might not be able to keep Wu Leng safe, so what she could do was to remind him at this moment.

Having said this, Gu Chaoyan looked at the messenger who was reading the imperial order. "Thanks for your efforts."

She could tell that the soldier was a good person too, otherwise he would not have tried to persuade General Huangpu to accept the order. He was going to conceal what happened in the tent today, but she was worried about the future.

"The imperial order is here, and I saw nothing else that happened here. I am leaving now." The soldier left after saying this.

Wu Leng's eyes and face were turning very red. He was very agitated. He was furious too. He was very furious!

He felt that the King was just a stupid man, but he could not say it out loud.

He had never felt the annoying power of the throne after so many years at the border.

The King never cared about the border, nor did he care about the civilians here. Had he ever realized that without them, the capital would not have been defended. If they failed to defend the border, he would not feel so assured in the future.

Wu Leng felt very annoyed.

"The King must have already arranged people to bring us back to the capital. Me and Chaoyan have to return. We have the array formation here at Xinzhou, so you don't need to be worried. Those from North Qi should not be able to do anything about Xinzhou for the moment, but Chaoyan is not going to be there, and we are worried about accidents. So you need to stay very cautious."

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"We may have to postpone reclaiming Ning County, and you need to be very careful about what is happening."

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"The one that is taking over should be, I expect, the Crown Prince." Having said this, Zhou Huaijin looked at Wu Leng. He was not worried about General Huangpu, because he was a very steady person, but Wu Leng was a very straightforward person so he wasn't so good at talking with those from the capital. He stressed. "The Crown Prince is not like Chaoyan who sees through people and doesn't care about what is on the surface. Therefore, you have to be very careful about the Crown Prince. Don't talk randomly. Just follow General Huangpu's order when you are about to do something."

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"That is all we can say to you, so take care. We will definitely meet again." Zhou Huaijin sounded very calm, but he was very worried.

The Crown Prince would definitely give the soldiers at the border some time when he came again, but that had happened already, and Zhou Huaijin just did not want to say anything other than to tell them to do their own jobs well.

He and Gu Chaoyan were not leaving directly. Followed by the imperial order was a verbal message, telling them that the chief should not be away from the Xinzhou, so they needed to wait for the Crown Prince's team to arrive before leaving.

Gu Chaoyan gave them quite a lot of messages in the following two days.

In the meanwhile...

Zhou Huailing and Gu Ruxue arrived at Xinzhou as well.

On the day they arrived...

Chapter 1352 The Crown Prince at Xinzhou

The Right General had already arranged many people to receive the Crown Prince, but General Huangpu and Wu Leng both waited in the tent rather than going out. They were soldiers and they understood what was happening. The reason why Lord Huai was summoned back and the Crown Prince was here – they understood it.

The reason why the soldiers were here was all because they cared about the civilians and the country, but they just could not stand in line with the King and the Crown Prince.

Yet they had no right to say no in front of the King, and all they could do was show what they expected.

When Lord Huai arrived here, they had no welcoming ceremony. It was just General Huangpu who took him into the city with a few soldiers, but the Crown Prince's arrival required so many soldiers to be present.

It was the border, not the capital!

General Huangpu and Wu Leng were seated in the tent, and looked very angry, but they did not dare to say anything. They were going to follow Lady Chaoyan's words – they were not going to put themselves into trouble just because they wanted to vent their anger.

Zhou Huaijin looked outside.

It was time.

He put down the teacup, got up and looked at the two men in front of him. He said calmly, "Let's get up. The Crown Prince should be here anytime soon. That is the etiquette and we have to follow it."

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"It is a crucial time, and the civilians at Xinzhou and Ning County need you all. You better not forget about what is happening because of some minor things."

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"Xinzhou is still under charge of the King," Zhou Huaijin said emotionally.

Having heard that Gu Chaoyan got up too.

The couple were ready to leave the tent.

General Huangpu and Wu Leng followed behind as they started to walk outside.

It was very quiet here.

There were no soldiers, nor anyone who was practicing. They were queuing up to greet the Crown Prince.

When Zhou Huaijin and the others arrived, the soldiers all looked at them.

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan nodded and waited at the gate.

Right General was here and they did not look frightened.

Far in the distance... the Crown Prince was approaching with the army.

The Crown Prince only had 5,000 soldiers with him.

Since no casualties happened at the battles against the North Qi Land, the King believed that the soldiers here at Xinzhou should be enough. So he had 5,000 soldiers arranged to accompany the Crown Prince, making sure that they could keep the Crown Prince safe.

The Crown Prince was not riding a horse.

He and the Crown Prince Consort were in a very luxurious wagon, so they were delayed by a day

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan watched the wagon coming towards them.

When the wagon was pulled to a stop, Zhou Huailing got out of the wagon with a brocade robe, and then helped Gu Ruxue out too.

Gu Ruxue was wearing a brocade dress with engraved gold thread buttons and peony patterns, as well as a fox fur cape. The hair accessories on her head and the makeup on her face were all extremely delicate. She raised her head slightly, as if proudly like a peacock walking towards Xinzhou. Looking at the two rows of welcoming soldiers that were so ferocious, they were very satisfied.

Chapter 1353 Woman at Camp 1

She had her head raised and glanced at the soldiers from Xinzhou.

Those soldiers found the whole thing very strange. They were soldiers at the border and they had never run into such a scene.

General Huangpu and Wu Leng looked really annoyed. This was the border, and the military camp! It was not the capital, not some mansion of some noble family. What was the Crown Prince Consort dressed like this for? Was she here to attend some banquet?

She and Lady Chaoyan were totally different.

When Lady Chaoyan came here, she was not in a wagon. Lady Chaoyan was a skinny woman, but she rode a horse like everyone else. She was very plainly dressed as well.

Was the Crown Prince and the Crown Prince Consort really here for the war?

General Huangpu and Wu Leng did not think so.

However... the Crown Prince Consort and the Crown Prince did not notice anything wrong about the soldiers' expression. They could not help feeling really arrogant.

Eighth Brother was lucky, yes, but he, Zhou Huailing, could do anything he wanted and get anything he needed.

As he thought about this, the Crown Prince walked faster.

Zhou Huaijin came to Zhou Huailing with Huangpu and Wu Leng as well. They paused and greeted them.

Zhou Huailing glanced at them, but did not let them get up from their greetings.

Instead, he approached Zhou Huaijin indifferently and said to him calmly, "Eighth Brother, you have behaved well since you came to Xinzhou, thanks to the officer of the Ministry of Architecture, who recommended you to come, together with your father, very good, very good!

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"It has not been easy to defend towns since the North Qi invaded, and we have lost many towns, but you managed to keep Xinzhou, that seems good."

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"But you are not capable enough, and you never did any tasks in the capital."

"…"

"Our next goal is to get Ning County back since Xinzhou has been defended, and father didn't think that you are capable enough to take Ning County back, thus dispatching me here."

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"You don't need to be worried about anything." Zhou Huailing looked very confident as he spoke to Zhou Huaijin. Then he looked at Zhou Huaijin.

"You are right." Zhou Huaijin answered coldly.

Hearing Zhou Huaijin's words, Zhou Huailing smiled proudly, nodding.

Then he said, "You can get up now."

Zhou Huaijin and General Huangpu, as well as Wu Leng and some other soldiers all got up.

General Huangpu and Wu Leng were incredibly angry.

The Crown Prince was trying to use his power to threaten them!

Those soldiers hated to be stuck with any conspiracy when they were at the military camp.

The Crown Prince was with them at Jiayu Pass before, and no such conspiracies were seen. The Crown Prince must be here to threaten Lord Huai.

General Huangpu and Wu Leng felt very worried.

Well...

The Saint Divine Land had just won a battle. Those in high positions did not continue to attack, but started to have infights. Infights always led to terrible results.

They did not want this to happen to the Saint Divine Land.

The Crown Prince was too focused upon fighting with Lord Huai.

They were just about to leave when Gu Ruxue said unhappily, "Gu Chaoyan, what are you doing here at the military camp, you are just a woman!?"

Chapter 1354 Woman at Camp 2

Her voice was very loud and shrill, drawing many people's attention to her and Gu Chaoyan.

Hearing the Crown Prince Consort snapping at Lady Chaoyan, Wu Leng could not stand it any more. He wanted to step forward to defend Lady Chaoyan. Lady Chaoyan had made so many contributions in the military camp, and the Crown Prince Consort knew nothing about it! Lady Chaoyan was a capable doctor. She managed to heal Duke North, and her cream worked well, so many badly-injured fellow soldiers were getting better. She even brought two doctors with her for the wounded people!

Also, it was Lady Chaoyan who helped to defend Xinzhou. If not for Lady Chaoyan, Xinzhou would not have been where it is now.

How could the Crown Prince Consort interrogate Lady Chaoyan in this way?!

Wu Leng had just taken one step forward when General Huangpu grabbed him.

Lady Chaoyan and Lord Huai had told them not to vent their anger so easily in case they got themselves into trouble, because the civilians at the border needed them.

They should not say anything in front of the Crown Prince Consort and the Crown Prince.

That was why he always followed Lady Chaoyan's words.

Well...

He knew that there was nothing they could do since the King had a hand in it. If they did counter the Crown Prince, they might cause trouble. So they needed to obey what Lady Chaoyan and Lord Huai told them!

That was why he kept tugging at Wu Leng, who calmed down but still looked unconvinced.

He did not approve of what the Crown Prince Consort said!

Gu Chaoyan looked very calm.

After being interrogated by Gu Ruxue, she said calmly, "You are a woman too, right Crown Prince Consort. What are you doing here?"

"..."

"Also, there are no rules for restricting women. Why can't I be here?"

Gu Chaoyan was calm, but sounded quite confident.

When she said that... Wu Leng almost realized what it was about.

The Saint Divine Land was a relatively open land, with not many restrictions to women, but there had never been any previous history about women at the military camp, so people subconsciously believed that the military camp was a place for men, but there were no rules against women being here.

Wu Leng scratched his head and chuckled.

Zhou Huailing looked at Gu Chaoyan, who he liked, but Gu Chaoyan was not his right now, so he would not give her a good look. He turned around and walked towards her.

He glanced at them then he said arrogantly, "Ruxue is different from you, she is not ordinary!"

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"She is the Crown Prince Consort, and she is here at the border because she cares about the civilians and soldiers, so she left the capital. Also..."

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"She is the Phoenix Girl!"

"…"

"She is a good omen, and will give blessings to the soldiers and civilians."

As he spoke Zhou Huailing glanced at Gu Chaoyan and said disdainfully, "Ruxue is the Phoenix Girl, who are you?"

Chapter 1355 Woman at Camp 3

Zhou Huaijin closed his eyes, took a deep breath, and looked at Zhou Huailing furiously.

Now was the time for war, the taboos were infighting especially infighting during war, so he had always endured it rather than combat against Zhou Huailing.

He believed that he was able to keep it within tolerance.

He was very arrogant, but he was not a good-tempered person, but...

He was a man with a soft spot, and when the soft spot was touched, nothing would make him feel good.

And his soft spot had just one person, namely Gu Chaoyan.

He was irritated by what Zhou Huailing said, so he took a few steps forward and went to Zhou Huailing. Zhou Huaijin was taller than Zhou Huailing, and was very strong. The King said that he was really like part of the Jiang Family, and judging from his figure, he was indeed like someone born in a general's family. Zhou Huailing was more like the King, quiet and peaceful.

Zhou Huaijin let out a very imposing air as he stood right in front of Zhou Huailing.

Zhou Huailing had just realized what was happening. He felt very satisfied and was about to talk, when Zhou Huailin's hands were put upon his shoulders heavily. Zhou Huailing found it very painful, as he twisted his mouth, speaking with a ridiculous look. He was no longer as arrogant as he was before.

"Eighth Brother, what do you want?" Zhou Huailing interrogated too when he realized what was happening.

Zhou Huaijin looked at him, but did not cease being imposing. Feeling furious, he said with a cold tone, "So you have no idea who she is, right?"

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"Then let me tell you once again."

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"Gu Chaoyan was born as the daughter of the imperial business woman in the capital, and she cut herself off from the Gu Family, establishing her own family in the capital. She has a clinic called Xinlin Clinic. She is a really skilled doctor and now she is engaged and is going to be my Princess Consort."

"…"

"You understand who she is now?" Zhou Huaijin said coldly as he looked at him sharply.

There was very little he could do since he was watched. So he held it rather than letting Chaoyan be embarrassed in the Saint Divine Land.

However, the Crown Prince had hurt his soft spot so he needed to pay for that. That was what he was paying for right now.

And regarding how he was going to pay it back, it was something he needed to think about in the future.

Nevertheless, Zhou Huaijin did not intend to stop.

Zhou Huailing felt his shoulders hurt, as he was pressed down. He could not breathe. Why could his Eighth Brother cause him so much pain, when he only had one hand on his shoulder?

If he shouted loudly at the moment, it would mean that he was just a weak and spoiled person, but if he did not shout, he would collapse, as he was feeling so bad that he kept sweating.

And he felt that the weight on him kept on increasing.

When he could not stand it any more, he burst out. "I got it!"

Zhou Huaijin looked at him, feeling very satisfied, before pulling away his weight. He smiled and stood beside Gu Chaoyan, saying nothing else.

Zhou Huailing was very angry, but he was too miserable to say anything!

He felt so terrible that he did not even want to look at Gu Ruxue, as he walked ahead of everyone furiously.

Wu Leng smiled as he was following them.

Lord Huai was indeed a very evil-hearted person.

Chapter 1356 Trip Back

Huangpu and Wu Leng as well as a few soldiers felt really glad, as Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly as well. She looked at Zhou Huaijin, but said nothing, like everyone else.

Zhou Huailing, on the other hand, felt really horrible.

When he came to Xinzhou, he had already thought about it on the way. He wanted to give Eighth Brother and the others a blow and let them understand the stakes, but unexpectedly, just after arriving in Xinzhou, the Eighth Brother gave him a blow instead. Eighth Brother had become proud. He had just won one battle and he was already treating him like this.

Luckily, he was already in Xinzhou and was going to be the Chief. He was going to do something to counter him.

Zhou Huailing glanced at Junyi and told him to think about what to do to punish that arrogant man.

When everything was settled, Zhou Huailing felt slightly assured.

They had just come to the outside of the chief's tent, and Zhou Huaijin gave the authority token to Zhou Huailing, then he said straightforwardly, "Crown Prince, since you are already in Xinzhou and have received the authority token, I am done with what I ought to do. Before the day becomes dark again, we will start to hurry back to the capitol. Father told me that there are a lot of things to tell me, so I can't be slow.

Having said that, he was about to leave with Gu Chaoyan.

Zhou Huailing looked very astonished. He was just thinking about how to take the opportunity to make his Eighth Brother pay for what he just did, when his Eighth Brother said that he was leaving.

His plan was failing!

Junyi greeted Zhou Huaijin. "Take care."

Hearing that, Zhou Huailing interrupted what he was about to say and replied, "Okay."

Zhou Huaijin left with Gu Chaoyan.

Huangpu saw that and said, "Crown Prince, we will see Lord Huai off."

Zhou Huailing's expression got even more twisted.

Junyi reminded him of something so he forced himself to nod at it.

Huangpu and Wu Leng as well as a few soldiers left.

Only Zhou Huailing, Junyi, Gu Ruxue and the Right General were still inside the tent, and everything had gone quiet.

Zhou Huailing was really angry.

He was the Crown Prince, and he came to Xinzhou to be the chief, but everyone else was caring about his Eighth Brother? What did that mean?

Junyi looked at the Right General, asking, "Right General, could you go and arrange people outside."

The Right General hesitated before walking out.

When they were left alone, Junyi reminded the Crown Prince. "Crown Prince, don't get mad at these people. They were just very straightforward, and they are not as smart as the officers in the capital. Otherwise they would not have lost the border. They think that Lord Huai has once been their chief, so they should pay him respect, that is all. When Lord Huai is gone, nothing like this will happen again."

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"What is the point of them seeing Lord Huai off? If you don't allow Lord Huai to leave the capital, the soldiers from Xinzhou will never see him again. What are you so angry about?"

"..."

"We are here to work in the military and to earn the hearts of the civilians. You don't need to worry about them."

Hearing this, Junyi made Zhou Huailing feel slightly better. He nodded and sat down.

Zhou Huaijin and his men were about to leave when Duke North's guards stopped them...

Chapter 1357 Duke Falling Apart

The guard hurried in, looking very anxious. He stopped Zhou Huaijin, feeling slightly better.

He let out a large sigh, saying, "Lord Huai, are you going back to the capital? Can you bring our Duke? Duke North is safer with you."

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"Duke North had men with him when he came here, but they are all dead. I am the only one, but I can't keep him company at home."

"Lord Huai, you are going back to the capital, so I am asking you right here."

Zhou Huaijin looked at this guard.

He was a very stingy person, and narrow-minded too, especially when it came to Chaoyan.

He would not approve of this proposal since that man liked Chaoyan, but... Duke North was different from ordinary people.

The deceased Duke North was a very accomplished man, but he died in the battlefield when he was still young, so he had always admired him and taken care of the mansion.

He was starting to consider the request.

Zhou Huaijin looked at Gu Chaoyan...

If Chaoyan did not want this to happen, he would drop this proposal.

Chaoyan nodded.

Zhou Huaijin said, "Bring him, we are leaving soon."

Hearing this, the guard breathed a sigh of relief, thanked them again and again, and went to pick up Duke North. They didn't have any big farewells, since they had their things packed two days ago.

He had intended to accompany Duke North back to the capital two days ago, but the Duke seemed to recover slowly and badly, so he dropped the idea since he worried that something might happen along the way.

Gu Chaoyan got onto a horse as they waited for the man to come. They were leaving directly when he arrived.

Soon the guard came out with Duke North.

They went onto the wagon directly.

Before they went onto the wagon, Duke North looked at Gu Chaoyan, feeling very disappointed that she did not look at him. However, it was already a very good thing that they could travel together.

Duke North was thinking this, as he got into the wagon.

The guard got onto a horse.

He said with politeness and gratitude, "Lady Chaoyan, Lord Huai, Duke North is here. You can leave now."

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

He patted the horse and left directly.

From Xinzhou City to the capital, their cavalry took a shortcut and traveled as fast as possible. It only took three or four days. Now that the injured Duke North was with them, they could only take the

official path. There were some delays because of that, but they could expect some delays on the way back to the capital.

Without Duke North, Zhou Huaijin would have taken a tour with Chaoyan before returning to the capital, where something might happen.

However, they had to go back directly since Duke North was with them.

Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin went directly into their room as they overnighted at a hostel. Gu Chaoyan almost never took a look at Duke North during the past two days.

They would soon arrive at Lingzhou.

There was no hostel around so they had to hurry. They hoped to find a hostel overnight before it became too dark.

They had just climbed over the mountain, and they could not take a break yet.

Duke North's guard hurried up and caught up with Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan. He was flushing. "Lady Chaoyan, can you take a look at Duke North? He is failing!"

Chapter 1358 Happening 1

The guard was very anxious, because Duke North seemed very different from what he had been like two days ago. In the previous two days, Duke North told him to fetch Lady Chaoyan, but he looked well, the same as before except for the gloomy look on his face. The guard believed that it was because of Lady Chaoyan, whom Duke North wanted to meet.

However, he dropped that idea when Lady Chaoyan refused to check on him.

It was not until today that he realized that his Duke was doing very badly. He had a terrible look on his face. Duke North had already woken up and was recovering very well. His wounds healed too. He believed that everything would be fine, and that he would arrive in the capital safely.

However, it seemed that the Duke was doing really badly at the moment.

His mind was also in a mess. He couldn't think about anything, so he came directly to Lady Chaoyan. Although Li Qing was in charge of applying and changing the medicine for the Duke during this period, the Duke's health was not very good. Li Qing didn't even notice that the guard subconsciously didn't trust his medical skills, and only believed in Gu Chaoyan, only believing that Gu Chaoyan would be coming with him.

Hearing that, Gu Chaoyan slowed down and let the followers go up first.

Duke North was doing very badly?

She was very confused.

Li Qing and Yu Feng joined her in the medical team when heading back home, and Li Qing checked up on Duke North every day and prepared medicine for him too, checking how Duke North was doing.

Li Qing did not find anything wrong with him. He was just recovering.

So what made Duke North fall ill all of a sudden?

Gu Chaoyan did not believe it, because she trusted her own judgment, but the guard looked very anxious and nervous. He was not faking it.

After a moment of consideration...

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She decided to see what Duke North was doing.

She glanced at Zhou Huaijin, whispering. "Duke North is not doing well, what about taking a break before continuing. We can hurry to find a hostel."

Zhou Huaijin nodded and told them what to do.

Doctors cared about their patients like parents cared about their children.

Chaoyan was a doctor so when she encountered such a problem, she would not ignore it. He could understand Chaoyan completely.

They needed to make way for the most important thing.

So he asked the team to stop.

Gu Chaoyan rode to Duke North's place.

He was sitting inside a medium size wagon, and she could smell the faint scent of medicine before she went into the wagon.

Gu Chaoyan lifted the drapery.

Duke North looked up at Gu Chaoyan, pale but cheerful. She was here!

Without saying a word, Gu Chaoyan started to feel his pulse.

Then she took a look at Duke North, and felt her heart become assured. However, she could not help frowning.

She took out a medical bottle then she passed it to the guard outside. "We are not in a good situation. You are suffering from a cold in a very serious way, but we can't stop here. We can't make medicine, but please take this pill first, and we will make the medicine when we arrive at the hotel."

Having said this...

Chapter 1359 Happening 2

Gu Chaoyan turned around and left. She did not linger in the wagon, nor did she say anything more.

Duke North smiled bitterly.

He still looked very pale, but he was very glad that she was at least speaking to him, wasn't she?

He looked at his wrist, and seemed very excited, then he looked at the guard and reached out to his guard. "Lin Qin, give me the pill!"

The guard hesitated.

He was not very willing to do so. He did not want the Duke to have any fantasy.

He sighed and put the pill bottle on Duke North's hands, sighing with his head lowered. "Duke, I will fetch some water. You can eat the pill before we continue."

Then he went to make preparations.

Duke North did not seem to hear what he said. He was looking at this small, white medical bottle.

He was familiar with the bottle.

There were actually some of these in the Xinlin Clinic in the capital. There were ten pills in a jar for one thousand liang. There was a red plum blossom-shaped logo on the bottom of the small white medicine bottle, and Xinlin Clinic's logo was printed next to it. The medicine bottle in his hand now also had a red plum blossom-shaped logo, but it did not have the same logo printed on it, which meant that Chaoyan was carrying it with her.

He smiled briefly and was cheered up.

When the guard, Lin Qin, came over with the water bag, he saw Duke North smiling faintly at the small medicine pot. Lin Qin really rarely saw such a smile. The Duke never smiled like this when he got married. And he never did it since then. He felt that this smile was very familiar, but he couldn't remember seeing it anywhere.

He sighed inwardly.

Duke North had changed.

Maybe it was because he had experienced life and death at the border, so he was no longer as steady as before. He started to think for himself, not for the whole mansion.

He would have been very happy to see that if the Duke was a young man, but Duke North was already married, Madame Duke had just gotten better, and Lady Chaoyan was someone the Duke could not possibly get in his lifetime.

He was very worried.

He did not want Lady Chaoyan and Duke North to meet ever again.

He was wondering what would happen if the situation went on like this.

Lin Qin took back the water bag, left and went back to his horse.

He continued to go forward.

Gu Chaoyan and Li Qing were heading shoulder to shoulder, because the hidden guard found that there was a hostel ahead of them. They were not in a big hurry to arrive there. So they felt slightly more relaxed.

Gu Chaoyan looked at Li Qing, asking. "Did you notice that Duke North could be suffering from a cold when you put on the medicine for Duke North?"

"No... Duke North seemed very well when I put on the medicine for him. He did not seem as if he had a cold." Li Qing said confusedly. He did not notice any of this before. He saw Duke North recovering very well.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head slightly.

Duke North was suffering from a serious cold when she went to check on him today.

It was a long process before the cold occurred, so if Li Qing did not notice anything, what made it so serious today?

Chapter 1360 Happening 3

That was what baffled Gu Chaoyan all along – she checked on him and found that he was not in a serious state, yet she was still quite confused.

Li Qing, who had not dwelled on that previously, found that Gu Chaoyan was not wearing the right expression. So when she asked him what was going on, Li Qing realized that something must be wrong.

He asked concernedly, "Lady Chaoyan, is Duke North not doing well?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded openly.

He was not doing well, and that baffled her a great deal.

"Duke North was suffering from a serious cold when I checked on him just now," Gu Chaoyan said.

Li Qing was confused as well. He just could not believe it.

Duke North was suffering from a serious cold?

He had checked up on Duke North yesterday when he was changing his medicine, and being a careful man he felt Duke North's pulse, since Duke North had an open wound. However, Duke North was doing well.

What made him get a cold all of a sudden?

That was just unreasonable.

He was an experienced doctor who had witnessed too many kinds of cold. He should have detected it if that was what Duke North was suffering from.

Li Qing just could not understand.

Gu Chaoyan looked up into the sky and saw the snow.

She said, "Maybe it has something to do with the strange weather. The Saint Divine Land is undergoing a strange period, and the cold wind must be piercing into his bones."

"..."

"We can check up on him when we reach the hostel," Gu Chaoyan said.

Li Qing nodded.

The two did not say anything else but started to move.

Soon they would reach the hostel in Lingzhou, a populous city. The hostels were quite large, enough to hold all of them. They did not need the hidden guards to stay in the cold weather any more.

They continued to move forward in silence.

One hour later, they reached the hostel and started to settle down the horses.

Zhou Huaijin took Gu Chaoyan into the room where it was much warmer. It was getting very dark and was very cold outside.

Zhou Huaijin did not want Chaoyan to get a cold.

"We should arrive in the capital tomorrow. We should hurry up so that we can arrive before it gets too dark," Zhou Huaijin said as he walked.

Gu Chaoyan nodded and thought about her own calculation. That should be accurate.

It would be best if they could arrive in the capital the next day.

Gu Chaoyan looked at Li Qing as they walked into the room, saying, "Li Qing, you should watch out for Duke North. We will arrive at the capitol soon so we should make sure that everything goes well."

Li Qing nodded and went to do what he was told. He was confused and needed to figure out what was happening personally.

Zhou Huaijin took hold of Gu Chaoyan's waist and had her in his arms.

Startled, Gu Chaoyan glared at Zhou Huaijin in surprise. "What are you doing, everyone is watching!"

"They are all working for Shadow Door, they would not dare to watch us," Zhou Huaijin said confidently, as he refused to let go but took Gu Chaoyan into the room.

Then he shut the door after he walked in.

Sword One and Fu Bao were kept from them as they were standing outside. Zhou Huaijin did not have the intention of letting them in.