

## **Divine 331**

### **Chapter 331: The Strategist**

At the Study.

Lord Ling was silent for a long time, as his eyes sparkled lethally. Then he turned to Xie Yan in front of him.

Xie Yan saw Lord Ling's eyes, got startled subconsciously and asked discreetly, "What is it, Lord Ling?"

He was Lord Ling's strategist who had made all kinds of plans for him. He was taking a huge risk, as he received superior power and money.

For example, the way Lord Ling looked at him now was reminding him that something was wrong, but he could not figure out what was wrong, thus feeling rather unfathomed.

He threw the letter Xie Yan at Xie Yan and snapped. "What is it? Just see what you have found out!"

"Destiny Monk said that the Phoenix Girl is going through the reincarnation and the one who gets her gets the throne. What an important matter that is! Why didn't you look into it! You said that the Elder Miss is ugly, tanned and stupid, and that she has a terrible personality and morality. But when I met her today, I found that she was totally outstanding, even more outstanding than the Second Lady!"

Faced with what Lord Ling asked, Xie Yan was shocked.

When Destiny Monk came to the conclusion, he saw the ladies from the Gu Mansion and Elder Miss was exactly like what he described earlier. As for the other ladies... they were simply lazy and idling around. Only the Second Lady looked like someone who might be the reincarnation of Phoenix Lady. That was why he decided that the Second Lady was the one. That was why he made the proposal.

However, now Lord Ling said that the Elder Miss looked outstanding... could he have made a mistake? That could not be possible! Could someone change so fast within such a short period of time? If that was the case, then they might all have made a mistake – maybe Elder Miss was the real Phoenix Girl!

If that was the case... there was still time to save the matter.

Even if he made the mistake in this case, as the strategist-in-chief, he was not at all stupid. In order to maintain his own position, he had to show that he had a back-up plan.

Xie Yan said instantly, coming up with a method to prevent the potential harm, "Lord, we still have time to save the matter.

"The Gu Mansion is just a minor family, and the Gu Family don't know anything about Phoenix Girl, as far as I can tell. You are a noble man, and you can marry both of the girls." As far as he could see, it was such an easy problem to solve.

Hearing what Xie Yan said, Lord Ling became slightly less angry.

He did not hold that dark expression any more. Normally, he should have given up Xie Yan after this incident. He had been simply too careless! However... It seemed that this man could be kept. It was just that he needed more than one strategist around him.

He was going to achieve big things in the future, so he needed many staff around him.

Seeing Lord Ling in obsession, Xie Yan was afraid that Lord Ling would fire him. So he added, “Lord, when I saw that Elder Miss a while ago, she was indeed chubby and ugly. I had not expected that she could have such a tremendous change within such a short period of time. That made me think that it is probably because she is the real Phoenix Girl so such changes happen to her!”

Hearing these words, Lord Ling looked at Xie Yan completatively.

Maybe that was true – the Phoenix Girl should be special and he saw nothing special about Gu Ruxue at all.

### **Chapter 332: Contest**

He thought that what Xie Yan said made sense.

Xie Yan had been his strategist for a long time, and he was a discreet, careful man. It was not possible that he saw the wrong girl.

Then the explanation of why the Elder Miss changed so tremendously and fast was quite reasonable.

So if that was the case, she was most likely to be the one. However, that was an uncertain matter. So he could not give up Ruxue either.

“Got it. Ask Gu Zhenkang if he would like both of his daughters to marry me,” Lord Ling asked.

Xie Yan let out a sigh of relief. That he received a mission basically meant that he was forgiven.

Thank God that the Lord did not fire him directly, just because of this matter.

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At the Medical Department.

When Gu Chaoyan and Li Yuanxiang arrived, the classroom was packed with students.

What surprised Gu Chaoyan was that Liu Hanxiang was in the Medical Department too. As far as she remembered, she did not even make it into the Saint College. How did she end up being here? Could it have been Gu Ruxue’s work?

Gu Chaoyan was in the middle of confusion, when Liu Hanxiang asked. “Sir, I am not convinced. Why could Gu Chaoyan go and make the medicine directly? Could it have been because of Lord Huai’s care?”

Liu Hanxiang’s words caused chaotic noise among the students, who were apparently very confused and concerned about this.

They were accepted to the Medical Department with their own abilities. And some of them were actually quite capable. However, when they were here, they saw Gu Chaoyan getting the chance of making the medicine without contest, which made them totally unconvinced. So they raised their voices, “Sir, we are not convinced either!”

Facing this situation, Xue Feihan frowned slightly.

The reason why Gu Chaoyan was selected to make the medicine was only because of the pills the Dean gave to him. Those were extremely excellent pills that even he was not able to make. Therefore, he was not going to waste his talent.

He offered all the materials to her so she could make the pills of her own accord. However, those arrogant students spoke so highly of themselves.

If that was the case, the demoractic Xue Feihan decided to convince them by holding a contest that made all of them losers.

"If that is the case, then let's make a decision through a contest." Xue Feihan said, "Such contests have not been in use for decades. It is a tradition inherited from our ancestors. I didn't expect that it could be used today in front of you. Don't disappoint me."

A contest?

The whole classroom got excited when they heard the word "contest".

They would be totally convinced, if the results of the contest could decide their destinies. At least in this way, the destiny was under their own control.

"Sir, what is the contest?" Liu Hanxiang got slightly excited. She thought highly of herself in these aspects. If she could stand out among the crowd and got qualified enough to make the medicine, then the whole family was definitely going to put their hope in her. With Gu Ruxue as her friend, she might... She might even have the chance to marry other lords, and share the same social status as Ruxue. She just could not wait for that to happen.

"The contest is related to medicine. Since we are selecting the person for medicine making, then we are going to find out who is the most capable person in distinguishing medical materials. As for what the contest is going to be like, we need to make some preparations first. Tomorrow, the teachers and the dean of the Medical Department will all be here. By that time, what you need to do is to listen to the rules."

### **Chapter 333: The Contest 1**

The following day...

Apart from their teacher Xue Feihan, Luo Feiyan, who accepted Gu Chaoyan directly to the Medical Department as well as another female teacher named Huang Xuan was present.

Judging from the scale, the contest was considered as one of the events that received much attention.

Liu Hanxiang, who was standing in the crowd, had her fists tightly clenched. Sweat filled her hand. She was going to spare no efforts to get whatever that was important to her.

The Dean glanced at the students of the Medical Department and said calmly, "The Queen is sick these days, so Qin Yinghan is stuck in the court and unable to make it here. So we are going to be the judges for today's contest, anyone against that?"

"No!" They all answered simultaneously.

The teachers from the Medical Department of Saint College, apart from the Dean who was no longer working in the court, were all important and key women, doctors and imperial doctors from the court. No one would be against their presence or suspect their judgement.

The Dean nodded calmly, then he continued. "Since we are going to find a candidate to make the medicine, the contest will be much simpler, namely distinguishing the herbs and smelling the herbs."

"As the name suggests, the step of distinguishing medicine means that you have to tell what the herbs are and what they can do."

"In the backyard of the Medical Department, there is a large field of medical herbs where all kinds of medical herbs are growing. Now in the box there are ten notes with different medical herbs' names written on them. Each one of you is going to get one note and then find the correspondent herb. The first one that finds the right herb wins the contest and gets the qualification of making the medicine." The Dean said calmly.

The words had just been spoken, when everyone rushed out to get a note. They were all trying to get the easiest one first.

Gu Chaoyan was not in a hurry. She was at the end of the queue and got a note for herself together with Li Yuanxiang.

The note was well folded and the content was unseen. So Gu Chaoyan did not think that she needed to rush up for the note. After all, it was dumb luck when the note was folded – if the herb happened to be growing nearby, then it would be her luck to get it so fast.

Gu Chaoyan did not expect to get the qualification. After all, she did not truly have the interest of being the candidate – she could simply make the medicine in her own space.

She would be very willing to spare the first place for the interested and capable, if there was anyone. With this plan in mind, Gu Chaoyan was not in a hurry to finish the job.

The ten medicinal herbs on the note were as follows: rattletop, kuh-seng, the bulb of fritillary, edible tulip, short-tube lycoris, cogongrass, rough gentian, root of Chinese wild ginger, white berry, and Decne.

Instead of walking into the field hastily as the others, she stood at the entrance and made an observation of the whole field, trying to find out if she could spot the general location of the medical herbs, then she could make a plan and follow the routine.

She glanced about and saw at least four and four medical herbs, which were all located very far away from her. However, if the plan was well made, then she could shorten her distance.

Gu Chaoyan was about to leave when she saw Li Yuanxiang observing the field as she did, but it seemed that she had not finished the observation, and was still in the middle of watching attentively.

### **Chapter 334: The Contest 2**

That was the first time for Gu Chaoyan to see how Li Yuanxiang was doing in her profession. She was steady and her eyes were profits-driven.

It was a totally different Li Yuanxiang than she had remembered. She was more shining than the time she saw her doing the horse-racing. She was so confident at this moment.

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly, checked her own routine and picked four or five herbs. Then she stood still and continued to check out the other herbs. Soon, she spotted the rest of the herbs. Then she headed into the direction of the other herbs.

“What is Gu Chaoyan doing here? She is not at all in a hurry.” Xue Feihan asked in confusion.

After all, she was the candidate to make the medicine, but since the other students were unconvinced and requested a contest, she was the one being challenged! However, she was not at all in a hurry and took everything at a slow pace. What if she lost the contest!

The reason why he approved of the contest was because he would like to try her out. If she was as excellent as she was said to be, then he would be totally convinced too.

The pills she made were excellent, but no one could prove that it was she who made them. What if she bought them after all? Then the Medical Department would be a laughing stock for the public.

“She is just being weird. Maybe she is not at all capable! I was against choosing her directly at that time, and now we still need the contest!” Huang Xuan snapped unhappily.

Although women doctors were accepted to the Medical Department, when she was accepted to Saint College at the beginning, she spent so much effort just to reach this position.

However, now, this student was favored directly! So Huang Xuan did not like this girl called Gu Chaoyan at all.

The Dean laughed. “Sigh...”

“If you observe carefully enough, you will find that she has her own way of carrying out the mission! She was standing there seeking the herbs with her sight, and went to the spot directly according to her own routine. She saved a lot of time! Look at her, she has just two or three herbs to go whilst everyone else has only gotten two.” The Dean analysed. “But...”

He saw Li Yuanxiang and nodded with approval. That student was not as excellent as Gu Chaoyan, yet she was still a calm and attentive one, much better than the other students.

Then he turned to Gu Chaoyan. She had found the other herbs, but she did not go and pick them directly, instead she started to stroll around in the medical field.

Soon the Dean understood. He turned to Xue Feihan and sighed, “Xue, you have made a mistake!”

“You are trying her, so you started the contest, but that girl doesn’t want to win at all. You are offering her an excuse not to make the medicine for our department,” the Dean said with an unfortunate tone.

He had understood clearly what this girl was capable of the other day.

That was why he accepted her to the Medical Department directly and gave her the right to make the medicine – he expected that she could make some contribution for the Medical Department, but now...

### **Chapter 335: The Contest 3**

“That can’t be possible.” Xue Feihan said in disbelief.

Everyone would want to have the special rights granted by the Medical Department – there were a lot of profits brought about when one had the special rights. At least, the student with the special rights could be guaranteed a future.

That was why he approved of the contest. He was sure that the students would spare no efforts in the contest just to get the qualification.

The Dean shook his head with a smile and pointed at the girl not far from him. “Look at the herbs in her hands. She already has one to go and the remaining one isn’t difficult to get. And she ignored that herb as she passed by it a while ago. Just look at her, she is just observing the other herbs in the field rather than picking up the one written on the note. The winner won’t be her, but the other one.” The Dean pointed at Li Yuanxiang.

Li Yuanxiang already got nine herbs, and had only one to go.

Xue Feihan got startled suddenly. That was the case!

So it seemed that he had ruined the situation by starting the contest, so he asked with a guilty voice, “Dean, what should we do?”

“It is fine, she is still a student here, we can find other occasions for her to contribute,” the Dean said. It was an unfortunate matter, but not totally unrecoverable.

Huang Xuan, who was listening next to them, disagreed. She did not like it when the Dean spoke so highly of the girl – she was not that special at all. So she said, “I guess that she is just afraid of taking over the mission. Are you sure she made those pills? If not, she is just trying to cover up her own lies. Just because she can distinguish the herbs, doesn’t necessarily mean that she is skilled at making medical pills.”

The Dean frowned slightly as he heard the words. He had already noticed that Huang Xuan was displeased with Gu Chaoyan, but she did not have to do so, since they were not enemies. He assumed that she was just a little bit more strict against her.

However, hearing those words, the Dean was not at all pleased. He thought that Huang Xuan was being over the top.

“That is not the case. The staff at our Medical Department are already top professionals, but even we are unable to make medicinal pills like that. Nor are we able to obtain such pills either. It is not possible that she paid a high price for the pills from somewhere else, because Gu Chaoyan has never even been out of the capital! Also, her birth mother Mrs. Lin’s family used to be the supplier for the imperial court. It is possible that her mother gave her some guidance in making the medicine.” The Dean said.

He had done some investigation about Gu Chaoyan, before he was certain that Gu Chaoyan made them herself. The Dean of the Saint College was not stupid after all.

Huang Xuan did not say anything more, but she was still wearing a look of disapproval.

The Dean sighed and shook his head. He did not say anything more either. He should have a serious talk with Huang Xuan in the near future, he believed.

As they were talking...

Li Yuanxiang already found ten herbs and came to the side of the Dean in full confidence. Then she passed the notes and herbs to the Dean and said, "Here you are, Sir."

The Dean could tell at the first glance that all were right.

Although he felt a little bit sad that Gu Chaoyan spared the seat for someone else, it was still a great thing that a student like Li Yuanxiang was accepted. He nodded with a smile. "You are the champion here. Good luck to your next contest."

Li Yuanxiang nodded happily. She was glad, yet she was still wearing a calm expression on her face.

At this moment, Gu Chaoyan followed with composure.

#### **Chapter 336: The Contest 4**

She had gotten the last herb and came to the Dean, passing them all to him. She was wearing a composed expression as she smiled at Li Yuanxiang.

The Dean's face twitched. She was not at all subtle in showing what she was up to!

"All are right, but you are the second-runner, good luck to your next contest." The Dean encouraged her.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, thanked him and stepped aside with Li Yuanxiang.

She had just taken a step aside when Liu Hanxiang came running to the Dean and passed the herbs. "Dean, am I..." Before she was able to ask anything more, she spotted Li Yuanxiang and Gu Chaoyan next to her.

Her eyes widened.

That was impossible! She was already fast enough, faster than all of the other students. How could someone be faster than her! That could not be possible!

She just could not believe that!

"You are the third runner." The Dean told her the answer.

"That is impossible!" Liu Hanxiang could not believe that. She spent all of her time reading medical books and studying medicine, even the imperial doctor who taught her said that she was a talented person and that she was definitely going to be excellent in this aspect. That was why she devoted herself to her studies fully. So how could that be?"

"We still have one more contest to run. You might be the third runner in this round, yet you can work harder in the next one," the Dean said as if being a mentor. Being the third runner meant that she did have some abilities.

Liu Hanxiang was still kind of disappointed. She stood aside and glared at Li Yuanxiang.

By and by, the rest of the students handed in the herbs. Many failed to find what was requested on the note.

Then came the second round of the contest – smelling the herbs.

Smelling the herbs, as the name suggested, meant that the contestant should tell what the herbs were through using their nose. Normally, only experienced doctors were able to do that, and it was indeed a difficult test for those newly-accepted students, but the Dean was confident this year.

The rule was still that the ones that named the largest number of herbs within the limited time won.

According to the winning order from last round, Li Yuanxiang was the first one to do the mission. She got one herb wrong. Gu Chaoyan followed and got two herbs wrong.

Then came Liu Hanxiang.

Since both Li Yuanxiang and Gu Chaoyan barely made mistakes, she was full of pressure inwardly. Sweat dripped down her head constantly. She tried this method back home, but even if she worked hard on it, she only got half right. That was why she was never confident about that.

She got even more sweaty every time she came to the next herb. By the end of the contest, she had sweat all over her face, yet she only got half right.

When she heard the answer, she collapsed.

The rest gave up totally. They would not want to humiliate themselves by taking part in the contest, when they found that Liu Hanxiang only got half right. If they gave up now, they might probably leave a better impression in front of the teachers.

So the contest finished very soon.

Li Yuanxiang, without doubt, got the qualification for making the medicine.

Gu Chaoyan was very glad too. Li Yuanxiang was a very gifted, passionate and discreet girl. If she could get the qualification, she was going to benefit from there too.

“Congratulations, Yuanxiang.” Gu Chaoyan said sincerely.

“But Chaoyan, it should have been you...” Li Yuanxiang got a little bit embarrassed.

“I am totally happy for your success. You are a capable girl.” Gu Chaoyan said.

Li Yuanxiang smiled.

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At the Gu Mansion.

Xie Yan came directly to the Gu Mansion the next day after he was given the mission. He was asking to see Gu Zhenkang.

### **Chapter 337: Two Girls 1**

As far as Xie Yan could see, it was just a minor matter.

He knew Gu Zhenkang well. He was in a low position and totally incapable. The reason why he was able to survive in the capital was only because he had two capable wives. Now when he was able to be

related to Lord Ling, he was going to agree and approve of everything. Therefore, he was not at all worried about this visit.

Gu Zhenkang came to greet him, when he told the guards who he was.

Seeing Xie Yan, he put on a flattering smile. "Greetings, Officer Xie, anything I can do for you today?"

Then he asked Xie Yan to take a seat inside.

Xie Yan smiled in satisfaction, but said nothing directly. Instead, he took a sip of the tea in the hall and started slowly, "I am here today, because Lord Ling is wondering about one thing here."

Gu Zhenkang was startled. Then he smiled and rubbed his hands.

It was such a wonderful thing that the Lord was wondering something about him. He was also thinking about how to get Yunhe, who was already at home for so long, to establish a friendship with Lord so he could get a good job for him. If he could take this opportunity and get his son involved, then all would be perfect! Otherwise Yunhe would be considered as a jobless man in the capital.

"What can I do for the Lord?" Gu Zhenkang asked discreetly with a trying tone.

Xie Yan nodded with a smile. He enjoyed having conversations with this kind of people – they were simply so easy to deal with.

Instead of wasting time in making a speech, Xie Yan said straightforwardly, "The Second Lady will step into adulthood next spring and she should be getting ready for the wedding. Lord Ling thinks that since the Elder Miss and the Second Lady are such great sisters, they could simply marry him together so that they could help each other at the mansion. Now the Princess Consort has not yet given birth to any child, so if either of the sisters gives birth to a baby in the future, that baby might gain the title of Prince." Xie Yan continued to spill out all the advantages, which were just casual promises he tried to make to this man.

Gu Zhenkang had a very complicated expression on his face.

If his daughter could give birth to a Prince, then all would be perfect, but he did not think that it was an easy thing to make Gu Chaoyan marry Lord Ling.

Ruxue might be unhappy about that, and he had no rights to decide whom Gu Chaoyan was going to marry.

Gu Zhenkang got a little bit messy inwardly.

Xie Yan was surprised too. He thought that as long as he made some seductive promises, Gu Zhenkang would agree instantly, but he was hesitating!

That basically meant that he was not willing to do that.

Xie Yan felt very furious inwardly. Why would Gu Zhenkang not be happy about this proposal? His daughter was going to marry the lord!

However, he could not vent the anger now.

In the Lord's heart, what happened with the Gu Family was more important than any other errands. He had to make it right, otherwise he would lose his job with the Lord.

"What are your concerns?" Xie Yan asked.

"I promised the Lin Family that they should decide whom Gu Chaoyan is marrying." Gu Zhenkang said with embarrassment. As far as he could tell, Lord Ling should marry Ruxue, not that ugly Gu Chaoyan who was totally not worth the honor. That was a humiliation to Ruxue! However, he could not turn down the proposal personally, so he had to push the pressure on the Lin Family.

"Officer Xie, I have to remind you one thing," Gu Zhenkang said with a meaningful tone.

## **Chapter 338: Two Girls 2**

"What?" Xie Yan asked. He felt a mess growing inside him too. Normally, he could do everything perfectly, but right now, what he thought was a minor matter became a barrier for him.

So he started to talk impatiently with Gu Zhenkang.

Gu Zhenkang, however, did not notice that slight change at all. He said disdainfully, "Gu Chaoyan's birth mother was a businesswoman, a daughter born by a businesswoman is not worth Lord Ling at all."

Xie Yan almost rolled his eyes at Gu Zhenkang.

If not for Destiny Monk's words, none of Gu Zhenkang's daughters were worth Lord Ling! So what was the difference?!

Despite what he thought inwardly, Xie Yan did not say that.

No matter which of the girls was the Phoenix Girl, they were both Gu Zhenkang's daughters. If the rumor was right, Gu Zhenkang would have a totally different position. If Xie Yan wanted to stay by Lord Ling's side, he should not offend Gu Zhenkang right now.

"It is fine, if you can't make the decision, I will go and visit the Lin Family." Xie Yan said and got up.

Gu Zhenkang was anxious. He wanted to stop him to tell him something, but did not dare to. In the end, he had to see him out without saying anything.

Then he said to Chen Fu. "Get someone to inform the Second Lady about this matter at Saint College. Ask her to come home if she can."

Then he regretted it instantly. When Officer Xie was present, he focused too much upon Gu Chaoyan to think about Yunhe. Damn!

Xie Yan hurried directly to the Lin Mansion from the Gu Mansion.

It was such a minor matter that should be done today! If it was not solved properly, the Lord would become completely disappointed in him. So he barely had the time.

Luckily, the Lin Family was residing at the outskirts of the capital, not very far away. It only took him two fast hours to arrive at the Lin Mansion.

The Lin Mansion was not as enthusiastic about his arrival as Gu Zhenkang was.

As he came to the hall, Lin Jiaxing did not arrive until a while later. He said politely, "Anything I can do for you, Officer Xie?"

He did not greet him formally. Xie Yan was only Lord Ling's strategist without a formal position. That title of Officer was just a polite way of addressing him.

Xie Yan did not care about that either. He needed to get his mission done, so he cut in straightforwardly, "Old Master, I am here to discuss the Elder Miss of the Gu Mansion. I just went to the Gu Family who told me that only you could decide on Elder Miss's marriage. I was wondering if you are willing to marry Elder Miss to Lord Ling?"

Lin Jiaxing had a weird expression on his face. He knew what Lord Ling was like. He already had a Princess Consort and one concubine. Gu Ruxue was also going to be another concubine. So now he was asking for Chaoyan's hand too? So she was going to be his servant concubine? Of course not! He was not going to ruin his sister's child!

"Officer Xie, I am afraid that we are not worthy of Lord Ling." Lin Jiaxing turned him down directly.

"After Chaoyan was divorced, the Gu Mansion pushed her marriage affairs to us. Chaoyan is a girl with her own ideas and she is holding her own marriage certificate. If she is willing to marry Lord Ling, we won't interfere with that. So go and ask the Elder Miss yourself, Officer Xie."

### **Chapter 339: Two Girls 3**

Xie Yan's face sank instantly. He might not dare to vent his anger in front of Gu Zhenkang, but the Lin Family were different. The Lin Family was just Chaoyan's mother family and a business family, nothing important at all. If Elder Miss was the Phoenix Girl, then their lives could be saved, but if she turned out to be not the Phoenix Girl, then Xie Yan could just do anything to them.

He struck the teacup on the table forcefully and said, "So you are turning down Lord Ling?"

Lin Jiaxing nodded. The other day when he was standing outside the Government Office, he saw Lord Huai carrying Chaoyan out of the house. He suspected that Lord Huai had some affection for Chaoyan, since he was behaving in that way to her. If not for that incident, he might have nodded at this man's proposal, but now, he just could not.

If he did not offend Lord Ling at this moment, he would offend both Chaoyan and Lord Huai. What was more, his sister would not have agreed either.

"Officer Xie, I already said that even if I said no, I would agree if Chaoyan wants it herself." Lin Jiaxing added. "Even if we agree, and she doesn't, there is nothing we can do – she holds the marriage certificate, so she has the call."

Xie Yan laughed out of extreme anger. With eyes upon Lin Jiaxing, he snapped, "Very well, very well!"

The words had just been spoken when he smashed the cup, flung his sleeves and left.

Lin Jiaxing did not see him off. He shook his head involuntarily. He was just a strategist who dared to go against the folk's willingness. It seemed that his master, namely Lord Ling, might not be a good suitor either.

That was all he could do at the moment. He sighed and told the housekeeper to inform Chaoyan at the Saint College.

He did not know whether Chaoyan knew about this. He believed not. If she had known about this, she would have asked someone to inform him.

What was going on!? Why were the girls of the Lin Family doomed to suffer in their life?

Well, a few years later when Chaoyan became the Queen, he gave up what he thought today – but that is for later.

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Xie Yan headed directly to the Lord's Mansion after he left the Lin Mansion.

He was in a terrible mood, but he could not possibly show that in front of Lord Ling. He arrived at Lord Ling's study directly.

Lord Ling was reading letters when he heard the sound of footsteps. He could tell that it was Xie Yan who had just arrived. For some reason, he was really looking forward to receiving the result today, so he noticed that Xie Yan returned later than anticipated. However, none of that mattered, as long as everything was settled.

He put down the letters and looked at Xie Yan with a smiling look. "How did it go?"

Xie Yan had an even weirder look on his face when he caught Lord Ling's smile. He was nervous. He had thought that he could make it right, since he was in a special status in the court. No one should turn him down!

For one moment, he hesitated. He had not had such feelings for a long time.

"Lord, Gu Zhenkang said that only the Lin Family has the say about Elder Miss's marriage, so I went to the Lin Family directly. But the Lin Family said that Elder Miss herself has the say, so..." Xie Yan said anxiously.

Lord Ling was startled. He had a very complicated look on his face. Then he burst into laughter. "That is great!"

Xie Yan wondered what was going on – was the Lord happy or not?

#### **Chapter 340: Two Girls (4)**

"Lord." Xie Yan said discreetly.

Lord Ling looked up at him – Xie Yan was getting very old and he kept messing up the situation, but he had been working with him for so long so he was not going to punish him at this moment. However, he had to employ someone else to run the errands in the future.

Lord Ling nodded. "You have worked hard. I will speak with Chaoyan myself. Take a break and I will keep you informed."

Xie Yan nodded in dumbfounded confusion. Sweat already wetted his back. The Lord was not punishing him directly, but that was his punishment, after all. Five years passed, and he finally came to this stage.

Xie Yan nodded, bowed to him and left.

Lord Ling threw a brief look at him and stopped thinking about Xie Yan. He was a Lord, and when he married Princess Consort, he made the decision directly when he spotted the right woman. He had never gone out to beg the girl for approval.

Anyway, it was not going to be a disgraceful thing, if he did it this time.

The Elder Miss was quite fun, it seemed.

He put away the stuff in the study, got up and said, "Someone, get the wagon ready, we are going to Saint College."

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At Saint College.

Gu Chaoyan just spoke with the servant of the Lin Family and had a very complicated look on her face.

She thought that Lord Ling was indeed the most superstitious man she had ever seen. Just because of what the monk said, he got so crazy that he was going to marry two girls.

She shook her head. "Sword One, tell Zhou Huaijin about this now."

Sword One could not wait one more minute. She took off directly when she received the order.

Lord Ling was craving for her master's woman! That would not work.

Gu Chaoyan went back to her own yard.

The moment she arrived, Li Yuanxiang came with an anxious look on her face. She said, "Chaoyan, the Dean wants both of us to go to the court with him."

To the court?

"What is going on?" Gu Chaoyan asked. That was quite abrupt.

"It seemed that a fight arose between us and the mole of North Qi, and two of our generals got seriously injured. The Dean said that I have to bring you there, so let's go with Mr. Xue." Li Yuanxiang said quickly.

Gu Chaoyan understood what was going on, so she nodded and followed instantly.

No one talked on the way. The wagon ran at the highest speed towards the imperial court.

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At the court.

It was not the first time for Gu Chaoyan to come to the court, but it was the first time for her to be greeted in such a hurried way. The eunuch guided Xue Feihan and the two girls directly to the imperial hospital.

At this moment, numerous imperial doctors were already standing outside the hospital.

Xue Feihan helped them to make a way in.

The Dean took hold of Gu Chaoyan at the sight of her. "Chaoyan, we used all of your pills, but they did not work. What should we do?"

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at the wounded man.

The man had an arrow on him, which was almost at the heart.

Her pills were excellent, but they only worked when it came to healing and driving away poison. The most fatal wound was the arrow at the moment, so as long as the arrow was in his chest, the man would not live

The pills were great, but they did not work at this moment.

"The Young Duke is dying, better prepare for his funeral," one of the imperial doctors said.