

## Divine 411

### Chapter 411: The Empress Dowager

Hearing this, Gu Chaoyan frowned. What was he asking her for? Could it be because she had personally cured that patient? If that was the case, he must just be asking her about the treatment.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, got dressed briefly and walked out. Xia Yinghan was in the middle of reading a book which Madame Jiang gave to her as she moved out of the Jiang Mansion. Those books were mostly small tales of different parts of the society.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan walking out, Xia Yinghan could not help but smile, "Lady Chaoyan, the books you are reading seem very interesting."

"I am just using them to kill time." Gu Chaoyan responded.

Apart from the tales she liked, she was most interested in regional stories. She would very much like to travel about this world when she got the chance, but that was not what she was able to do right now, so she did not mention anything about it.

As they were talking, Sword One already got the breakfast ready.

As the dishes were placed upon the table one after another, she said, "I have asked the kitchen to get two portions ready, hope you like it, Doctor Yinghan."

"I like everything." Xia Yinghan answered kindly.

The two of them finished breakfast together, and after breakfast, they visited the court together.

Xia Yinghan had gotten a pass since she was always in the court, checking up on the princesses. She had access to every door in the court. By following her, Gu Chaoyan entered the court without much difficulty.

Gu Chaoyan showed a very serious look on her face, after she walked into the court.

Seeing how she behaved, Xia Yinghan said out of concern, seeing that she was feeling rather nervous. "The King is probably asking you about the patient, he is friendly, don't be nervous."

Gu Chaoyan smiled gratefully.

She was not nervous, but she felt quite warm in inside seeing Doctor Yinghan showing concern.

This time, the King was meeting her in the Imperial Study.

The Dean was already in the Imperial Study, and Xia Yinghan and Gu Chaoyan kneeled down in front of the King.

The King did not pester them, but said directly, "Please rise."

Xia Yinghan and Gu Chaoyan both got up, with heads lowered, standing still.

"You cured the patient?" The King asked casually.

"Yes"

"You are a skillful doctor. You cured the Young Duke and now this man too." The King sounded admiring as he was speaking. It was quite rare to have such medical skills at such a young age.

"I am granting you a bonus." The King said indifferently, "The Empress Dowager is asking for you, go and see her now."

The Dean and Xia Yinghan were both startled. Neither of them had seen this coming.

Gu Chaoyan had no interest in meeting her, but she had no choice, so she nodded and answered, "Okay."

"King, Lady Chaoyan is not familiar with the court, let me keep her company there." Xia Yinghan stepped forward and said,

The King nodded, made a waving gesture at her and approved.

Instead of looking at them, he turned to the Dean, "As for what you told me yesterday..." Then he walked out of the Imperial Study.

Xia Yinghan looked concerned. "Do remember to stay tolerant of The Empress Dowager, it can't be something important."

#### **Chapter 412: Embarrassment**

Xia Yinghan told her about this, because she knew the situation in the court well.

Princess Jing was The Empress Dowager's niece, whilst Princess Jing was the mother of Lord Ling. Gu Chaoyan, on the other hand, was marrying Lord Huai whose mother was the Queen.

In the court, the Empress Dowager liked the Queen the least.

According to what the King said, it seemed that he did not have much to say to Gu Chaoyan. It was just that The Empress Dowager had the intention of meeting Gu Chaoyan, so she was asked for in the name of the King.

Xia Yinghan did not think that it was going to be something great. After spending some time with Gu Chaoyan, she realized that Gu Chaoyan was a very nice person, so she was giving her the reminder.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. "Don't worry."

She knew pretty well that Xia Yinghan was trying to remind her.

In this era, the King had the highest power, but if she offended the Empress Dowager, then she would cause a lot of trouble for the Queen and Lord Huai.

It seemed that the Empress Dowager was trying to take revenge for County Princess Anxi.

County Princess Anxi was the Elder Princess's only daughter and was most adored by the Empress Dowager. So it was definitely something the Empress Dowager would want to take into consideration.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief, then she followed the eunuch to the Empress Dowager's palace.

On the way there, Xia Yinghan and Gu Chaoyan were both wearing very serious expressions on their faces.

At Cining Palace.

Maids and eunuchs were all busy with a lot of errands. Since Gu Chaoyan had kept her head lowered, she did not take a close look at what Cining Palace was like.

"You can go in now." The sharp voice of the eunuch arose.

Xia Yinghan and Gu Chaoyan walked into Cining Palace.

"Greetings, Empress Dowager, wish you live longer than one thousand years." Xia Yinghan and Gu Chaoyan stood head to head, saying together.

The Empress Dowager was seated in the main seat and glanced at Xia Yinghan and Gu Chaoyan. She was very surprised that Xia Yinghan would have come along. She threw a look at Gu Chaoyan, thinking that this girl did know how to gather forces.

So she took up the cup and took a sip from the tea. Then she said calmly, "What are you doing here, Doctor Yinghan? Princess Jing has just told me that she needs you to take a look at her to see if she is recovering fully. I don't have any errands for you, you can go to her place instead."

Xia Yinghan looked at Gu Chaoyan, wearing a very embarrassed look. She thought that at least she could be of some help being here, but The Empress Dowager....

"Yes?" Seeing Xia Yinghan not moving, the Empress Dowager started to sound very displeased.

"I will be going now." Xia Yinghan answered, threw a helpless look at Gu Chaoyan and then left.

After Xia Yinghan left... Silence dominated the room for a long while.

The Empress Dowager did not ask Gu Chaoyan to get up, but left her sitting on her knees whilst drinking her own tea, as if no one was there at all.

Gu Chaoyan did not move an inch. She had been prepared to be embarrassed on the way to the Cining Palace. So she was very calm inwardly, showing no moves at all.

One quarter passed...

The Empress Dowager finally said calmly, "I am too old to stay awake all the time, sometimes I take a small nap, you have waited for a long time, haven't you, Lady Chaoyan?"

"I heard that you cured Young Duke, and you also cured the dying man in the Saint College?"

"Yes." Gu Chaoyan answered calmly.

"It seems that the Lin Family does have some magical prescriptions."

## **Chapter 413: Prescriptions**

"The Lin Family is treating you well. Lin Zeqing would rather sacrifice his own social statuses just to keep the prescriptions, but now you are possessing all of those treasures." The Empress Dowager sounded very disdainful.

She could have appreciated her if this girl called Gu Chaoyan was truly skilled, but she heard from Anxi that she was depending on her ancestral prescriptions. Then this girl was totally useless.

She did not think that Zhou Huaijin was going to become successful in the future, but at least, he was one of the imperial children. Why was he marrying such a girl rather than Anxi? He was just as blind as his Queen Mother.

Gu Chaoyan frowned. She had intended to make an explanation about the prescription, but seeing The Empress Dowager's disdainful look, she had no intention of explaining anything. Instead, she said straightforwardly, "My mother was the Lin Family's daughter, my grandfather's daughter. There is nothing wrong with him giving the family treasure to my mother who gave it to me."

Gu Chaoyan was still on her knees, but her eyes were bright and her tone strong.

If the prescriptions were truly available, she would have all the rights to possess them. Even her uncle did not step forward to blame her for anything, so she had no idea why the outsiders felt that they could do the scolding.

The ranks of the Saint Divine Land were inherited by generations. The Lin Family might not be a royal family, yet they still had stuff to pass down. Look at the other imperial doctors, didn't they also have the rights to get all the prescriptions from their own families? Then why was this a mistake in her case?

It was the first time for The Empress Dowager to hear someone countering her like this. She was feeling very pissed, and the hands that held the cup turned pale, but she showed no expression on her face.

She had spent decades in the court, and she had lost the method of countering people on the surface.

After feeling the anger, she showed a brief smile. Then she took a sip from the tea, which startled her maid who was about to remind her that the tea had cooled down. However, the Empress Dowager already drank the tea, so the maid gave up.

The Empress Dowager was in the middle of being angry, so she did not notice such trivial matters. She put down the teacup.

"We all say that doctors are kind-hearted. So Lady Chaoyan, you are holding the prescriptions that can save everyone, why not share them with the public, so the imperial doctors and local physicians could read them through for better happiness. Many locals would stop suffering from diseases."

"Lord Huai has told me about the engagement with you. You are not born in a family that can be qualified for being a Princess Consort. Yet the King doesn't stop Lord Huai since he insists on it."

"If you can share the prescriptions, then you are doing something good. That would be an advantage for you if you want to be part of the imperial family."

The Empress Dowager was smiling strangely. If she was so proud of her prescription, then she could just get what was the most important thing for her. She would like to see what she was going to do without the prescription.

Lord Huai thought that her skills were good, didn't he? Without the prescriptions, Lord Huai was not going to treat her well either.

Anxi liked Lord Huai, but she was not going to let Anxi marry Lord Huai. Yet she was not going to let someone Anxi did not like marry Lord Huai either.

"Gu Chaoyan, that is a kind deed, are you doing it or not?" The Empress Dowager sounded intimidating.

#### **Chapter 414: The Queen**

The maid poured the Empress Dowager a new cup of tea. Holding the warm tea in her hands, the Empress Dowager kept staring at Gu Chaoyan, who was on her knees, smiling with pride.

She had taught Anxi to stay calm and to understand that she could take it slow in taking revenge, but Anxi was a very anxious girl, so she failed in the contest against others. She did not take revenge for Anxi directly, because she was going to torment Gu Chaoyan step by step.

The Empress Dowager took a sip of tea, waiting for Gu Chaoyan to give the answer in composure.

Without showing an altered expression on her face, Gu Chaoyan nodded frankly, "Yes, I am doing it."

The Empress Dowager's smiling face turned into surprise hearing her indifferent answer.

She put down the teacup, and then she stared at Gu Chaoyan's face.

She was still wearing the same look as when she walked in. She did not look angry at all.

She behaved as if.... As if those prescriptions were of no importance to her or mattered anything for her.

The Empress Dowager stayed silent for as long as 30 seconds.

"You are doing that?"

"Yes. If the prescription can help the folk, then I am doing this for the whole world by offering the prescription." Gu Chaoyan still showed a bright smile as she was speaking, as if thinking that the Empress Dowager had made a very wonderful proposal.

The Empress Dowager got stuck. She did not expect that a young woman like Gu Chaoyan could behave so calmly. She was treating what mattered to her most in such a calm way. No wonder Anxi was not a match against her. She should have taken her more seriously.

But... So what?

When her prescriptions were offered, she would lose what supported her above all. She had a weak background and she did not have anyone else backing her up. She would only stay popular for a short while.

When she made it through, the Empress Dowager regained her smile.

"Since Lady Chaoyan cares so much about the folk, then get the prescriptions delivered to the court as soon as possible for the imperial doctors to take a look, before passing them to the folk," the Empress Dowager said seriously, warning her implicitly that she should not fabricate anything, because the imperial doctors were all going to check the prescriptions out.

Gu Chaoyan answered politely, "Okay."

The Empress Dowager felt that she had given a soft punch. She got so annoyed and the feelings did not disband. However, she simply could not come up with any words to counter her at all.

A while later, the Empress Dowager said, "I heard that you have made a bet with Doctor Huang Xuan, saying that she is getting out of Saint College if you save the man?"

"You must be the most wild woman in the whole city. I wonder what made you so arrogant?"

"Well, I need a female doctor here in the court, and Doctor Yinghan would be too busy doing it alone. So I will get her to be in the court with me."

Having said these words, the Empress Dowager threw another look at Gu Chaoyan.

She found that Gu Chaoyan was still wearing a very calm look on her face. She did not look angry at all.

Well, she started the bet so as to embarrass Huang Xuan, but now she was not showing any anger when Huang Xuan got something better instead.

The Empress Dowager was so pissed. She was about to say something, when a sharp voice arose from outside. "The Queen is here."

The words had just been spoken when the Queen walked in with her maids. She greeted the Empress Dowager, then she took a seat.

"Queen, what are you doing here?"

#### **Chapter 415: Mild**

"The King told me that Chaoyan is visiting the court today, so I have been waiting at my palace all alone. Seeing that she has not yet arrived, I asked Susu to get the information, then I found out that she is at your palace... So I joined you for some small talk." The Queen sounded very mild, slow and gentle.

The Empress Dowager said nothing when she mentioned the King in front of her. She pursed her lips, showing no friendly look.

She did not like the Queen. She had only kept the girl for just a short while and now she was here defending her. Lord Ling's Princess Consort spent the whole day serving her before, and Princess Jing did not do anything about it.

That was what the Jiang Family were like – they were all martial arts people who did not have good manners. If not for the King, she would not have shown any coutersey to her.

She snorted. Since she already got the girl's approval of getting the prescription and vented the anger, she did not care if the girl was here or not.

She waved her hands.

"I am tired. I don't have time to chit chat with you. Since you are here, just leave," the Empress Dowager said with a cold voice.

Having said these words, she got up and walked towards her inner chamber.

The Queen stood up from the chair and started to walk towards Gu Chaoyan.

Since the Empress Dowager was still within sight, Gu Chaoyan did not get up directly and continued to stay on her knees.

Seeing the way she behaved, the Queen knew that she had been on her knees for a long while. Apart from Princess Jing, no one would have a good time here with the Empress Dowager.

She went up to help Gu Chaoyan up. "Good girl, you can get up now."

Since Gu Chaoyan was keeping her head lowered, what greeted her eyes were a hand with cardamon painted on the nails.

Then she got startled. She knew that the Queen was Zhou Huaijin's mother.

She had pictured a look of what The Queen was like – she would be serious, or she would have an indifferent look, but she had not expected that she would be such a mild-tempered woman.

She had no mother in both her previous life and now, so she felt that the Queen was like her mother.

"The Empress Dowager is gone, all is fine now. Just get up." The Queen thought that Chaoyan had been startled by the Empress Dowager so she became timid and startled. So she took hold of Gu Chaoyan's hands and said, "Get up now."

Gu Chaoyan came back to herself, got up and did not dare to place her weight upon the Queen's hands.

When she got up, she staggered because of her numb legs.

Susu walked up and helped to support her.

"Thank you, Queen," Gu Chaoyan flushed and said in embarrassment.

"It is fine."

Then they walked out of Cining Palace together.

It was not until they walked out of Cining Palace that the Queen asked, "Knees hurt?"

"It is fine." Gu Chaoyan answered. She had gone through very serious training in her previous life, it was not a difficult thing for her to stay on her knees for one hour! Also, she did not want to worry the Queen.

The Queen had no idea so she just shook her head slightly, thinking that she was just playing strong.

On the way to Weiyang Palace, the Queen consoled. "You don't need to be worried. Huaijin is a lord, so he has a mansion outside the court, you barely need to visit the court, so such a thing will not happen that often."

As she was speaking, the Queen asked worriedly, "The Empress Dowager asked you for the prescriptions... did you give them to her? Am I too late?"

## **Chapter 416: Tea**

Hearing what the Queen said, Gu Chaoyan got startled. She did not mention about the Empress Dowager's inquiry about the prescription, so it meant that the Queen had her own mole in Cining Palace?

And the reason why the Queen was asking her was because she trusted her, and did not care that she knew about her mole at Cining Palace?

She got really moved. She was moved that Zhou Huaijin defended her and that the Queen did not treat her as an outsider.

Gu Chaoyan felt like crying.

"I did." Gu Chaoyan answered, trying to conceal her utter gentleness.

"Oh, I was too late." The Queen said in disappointment. She felt that it was a pity.

Gu Chaoyan smiled. She had intended to pat her shoulder, but thinking of her social status, she had to withdraw herself.

Then she said, "Queen, you were not late. The Empress Dowager would always need this prescription no matter what. She would always have a way to get the prescription."

The Queen nodded. She was pretty aware of this matter. It was lucky that the young Chaoyan was aware of this point as well and that she could accept the truth. At this moment, the Queen felt that Chaoyan was more understanding and concernable than what Huaijin had told her.

"What are you going to do in the future?" The Queen asked worriedly.

Gu Chaoyan felt what the Queen said seemed to have been so familiar to her. She had been jealous of Gu Ruxue who received her mother's love. Gu Ruxue might not have been a nice girl, but at least, she was loved by her mother. Gu Chaoyan thought that she was never going to get such love in her life, but now, Gu Chaoyan was very satisfied with what she had got right now.

So she explained patiently. "Queen, do you think that there is really anyone in this world that can cure the patients that can't be cured by the imperial doctors and any other doctors with a few ancestral prescriptions? And is there any doctor that can save people with prescriptions only? We are using our own abilities all along, and prescriptions are just add-on, also..."

The Queen was listening to what Gu Chaoyan was saying, and she was very curious about what she was about to say.

"Also... there is no such a thing as a prescription in my hands." Gu Chaoyan smiled naughtily.

The Queen had not fathomed what she meant, but soon she realized what happened.

She laughed loudly.

"You are different from what Huaijin told me!" The Queen said with a smile.

As they were speaking, they came to the Weiyang Palace.



“What are you talking about? Laughing so loudly?” Xia Yinghan had been worried whether something wrong was going on, so she kept looking about at Weiyang Palace to see if they had returned. Hearing their laughter, she also saw the smiling faces upon the Queen and Chaoyan.

Now, Xia Yinghan was utterly relieved.

It seemed that Chaoyan did not get bullied on her visit to Cining Palace. She was indeed a wonderful and smart girl.

The Queen patted Xia Yinghan’s arms. “Yinghan, let’s get in and talk.”

The three of them walked into Weiyang Palace and sat down.

Susu was pouring the tea for them.

Gu Chaoyan finally realized why the Queen would hurry to help her at the palace – it was Xia Yinghan who had turned to her for help, worrying that something would happen to her.

She remembered what Xia Yinghan had done for her. She was grateful.

When Susu poured them the tea, Gu Chaoyan subconsciously sipped it and then frowned. The tea....

Chapter 417: How Could She

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There was more than the taste of tea inside the cup.

Gu Chaoyan subconsciously looked up at Susu, who was the Queen’s maid. If she was the mole... then the whole Weiyang Palace...

Susu was confused. Seeing Gu Chaoyan staring at her, she thought that the tea was not good enough for her. So she asked politely, “Lady Chaoyan, is the tea too hot or is the tea not up to your standard? I can make another sort for you.”

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief – Susu was not the mole.

Then it must be something else...

Gu Chaoyan noticed that both Xia Yinghan and the Queen were drinking the tea directly, and did not think that anything was wrong about that at all.

Then Gu Chaoyan took a look at the Queen...

The Queen had fairly white skin, but when observed carefully, she seemed to be unhealthy.. However, she was not sick at all. And her eyes... Gu Chaoyan remembered that when she was walking with the Queen, she could see that her eyes were slightly reflecting some bloodshots. Could it have been....

Gu Chaoyan frowned. She felt that her head was getting messy.

With teacup in her hands, she smiled at Susu. “It is fine.”

Susu smiled back and retreated to the Queen.

“But I have some knowledge about tea too. It is not a good tea, it must be some old tea. You are not young any more, Queen, so you better drink some new tea, because old tea is bad for sleep.” Chaoyan said.

As she was saying, Xia Yinghan drank some more tea, but could not tell the difference.

The Queen did not show much expression on her face.

Susu was young, so she showed some displeasure on her face.

The Queen was treating Lady Chaoyan so well, because of the Lord, but how could Lady Chaoyan behave so rudely. She did not like the tea and now she was complaining about it. Did she have better ones then?

The more she thought about it, the less happy she became. “Lady Chaoyan, you have better tea then? Please bring some for the Queen to drink.”

The Queen stopped Susu, suggesting that she was being rude.

Susu pursed her lips.

Gu Chaoyan was not pleased. She smiled. “Okay.”

Susu wrung her handkerchief and felt even more annoyed – she had given out an empty punch! Could she have better tea? Even if she did, it would have been given by Lord – and she was showing off here.

If not for her social status, she would have snapped at this lady, but she stomped her feet and said nothing more.

Xia Yinghan felt that the air was getting embarrassing, so she said, “It is getting dark, me and Chaoyan are heading back to Saint College.”

“Okay, here you go. I am not keeping you.” The Queen said gently as before. “It is not a good thing to remain in the court for too long.”

The last words were spoken with a small voice, but Gu Chaoyan threw a concerned look at her.

She sighed and left with Xia Yinghan.

Since they were not in the same social status with the Queen, she did not see them off but asked Susu to do that.

When Susu returned, she was still pursing her lips.

She said unhappily, “Queen, you are treating her so well, how could she dislike your tea!”

“Susu, you are way too innocent.” The Queen sighed and closed her eyes, looking rather exhausted.

#### **Chapter 418: Complication**

Huaijin was in his twenties, and she had spent two decades in this court.

She used to be a girl with love and innocent wishes, but now, she was living a very discreet and careful life as the Queen, and Huaijin was growing up smoothly.

She had thought that she was totally immune against the tricks, but did not expect that there were still loopholes, which she herself had not discovered.

If not for Chaoyan's visit, she would not have noticed the trick herself.

She was the Queen and she was standing in the way for so many people. It had been more than two decades, and the battle had not yet ceased. She had gotten tired, and she was extremely tired today.

Susu was an innocent girl, but the reason why she was selected by the Queen among all the maids, was because she was slightly smarter and more intelligent.

Seeing the Queen getting so tired, she knew... She knew that it was more than because of Lady Chaoyan's dissatisfaction towards the tea, but... But because there was something wrong with the tea!

Susu got so frightened that she kneeled down directly. "Queen, it was my fault, I should have discovered it!"

Susu felt her heart throbbing!

It was her fault for thinking that Lady Chaoyan was not nice. If not for her, all would have been done for!

"Just get up." The Queen looked at her. "It wasn't your fault."

Susu staggered and got back to her feet. Tears gushed out of her eyes.

She was young and had little experience. She could not calm herself down when such a thing happened so suddenly. She said tearfully, "I will apologize to Lady Chaoyan next time I see her, instead of glaring at her!"

The Queen smiled briefly.

Susu was indeed a very innocent girl. She was always very happy when she had her next to her, as if she had seen what she was like years ago.

However, after the smile, she started to get worried again.

"Susu, if I ask you to serve Lady Chaoyan, will you be willing to do that? She can keep you safe throughout your whole life." The Queen asked as she looked at Susu.

Instead of saying anything more, Susu shook her head directly, "No, I don't want to! I want to stay by your side, always!"

Then tears gushed out of her eyes.

The Queen caressed her head and said, "Alright, just stay."

She was willing to let Susu leave the court.

Chaoyan was young, but she was cautious and she was not going to mistreat Susu. Whereas Susu might have an unpredictable future being here with her...

Anyway... She could just stay, leave the rest for the future.

The Queen got up and started to write the letter as she sat by the table.

It was a very brief letter. She passed it to Susu. "Pass this to Aunt Nan, she knows where to deliver the letter."

Susu wiped away her tears, then she walked out with the letter.

The Queen became absent-minded as she watched the dangling candle.

The Queen shivered as the King placed his hands upon her shoulders slightly. The King moved his hand and asked in confusion, "Qirong, what are you thinking?"

The Queen was relieved at the sight of the King. She shook her head slightly, "Nothing, really."

"Mother said that Lady Chaoyan has agreed to offer the ancestral prescriptions. Do you think that those prescriptions might be fabricated?"

#### **Chapter 419: Something Happened**

The Queen fixed her eyes at the King.

She felt that something had changed in the King, and she had no idea when the changes started, but what he had said to her today saddened her a great deal.

The Empress Dowager forced the girl to offer the prescriptions, and now when she got the approval, she started to suspect that the prescriptions might be fabricated.

If the King did not trust Chaoyan, why did he approve of the marriage proposal without hesitation?

She had no opinions against people with dubious ideas, nor did she think that Chaoyan was not nice enough. She just felt that the King was not on the right track.

When they were choosing the Princess Consort for Lord Ling, they spent one whole year deciding upon the daughter of General Liu, but the King seemed to be quite casual about Huaijin's marriage proposal.

So if Huaijin loved the girl and the King approved of the proposal, then the King should not have suspected Chaoyan after the Empress Dowager forced the girl to offer the prescriptions.

"What is it?" The King could tell that the Queen was not wearing the right expression. He let out a small cough, smiled and then said indifferently, "I am just asking, don't take it too seriously. It is just that the prescriptions are way too practical, so I can't help but suspect the whole thing. I am not suspecting Lady Chaoyan, don't take it in heart."

Then he sat down and drank some tea, keeping a distance between them.

The Queen also felt quite saddened seeing the distance between them, but she was already used to that.

"Since Chaoyan agrees, she will definitely offer the prescriptions, and the imperial doctors are going to verify the prescriptions, so don't worry about them. Are you also suspecting the imperial doctors?" The Queen said with a strong tone.

The King was still wearing a smile. Instead of being angry, he said, "I am just discussing with you, the Elder Miss of the Gu Family does have some rumors around her, it is normal that I feel dubious."

The Queen glanced at the King, then she did not feel like saying anything more.

“Chaoyan is a good kid, don’t babble around,” the Queen said seriously.

“Qirong, you are way too serious, now you are acting seriously in front of me too!” The King said unhappily.

“Chaoyan is a serious matter.”

“Anyway, I need to work, I am going back to the study.” The King flung his sleeves and left.

The Queen said nothing more as she threw a look at his back-figure.

Then Susu returned.

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Outside the court. In the wagon.

Xia Yinghan said to Gu Chaoyan. “You should not have said something like that back in court, the Queen is a very nice lady, but you are marrying her son.”

“It is fine, I will give her some tea in the future, I am very persistent with tea.” Gu Chaoyan said with a smile.

Xia Yinghan looked helpless.

“You did not get embarrassed by the Empress Dowager, did you?”

“No, she only asked me for some prescriptions.”

“Prescriptions?”

“Yes, the ancestral ones from the Lin Family.”

Xia Yinghan had a very complicated look on her face.

Gu Chaoyan patted her shoulders, telling her not to get worried. So Xia Yinghan asked nothing more.

Gu Chaoyan must have already had an idea of what to do.

As they came to the Saint College, Gu Chaoyan had intended to write some prescriptions...

When they got stopped at the gate.

A pageboy said anxiously, “Doctor Yinghan, Lady Chaoyan, finally you are here, the patient is getting worse again, and Mr. Xue Feihan has no way out either. I was thinking about asking someone to fetch you in the court!”

Gu Chaoyan frowned. He was getting worse again? That was impossible!

They hurried to the wing yard of the Medical Department.

**Chapter 420: Poisoned**

Before she handed over the patient, she was already certain that he was in a steady condition. All that needed to be done was to feed him the medicine punctually, so he could recover gradually. If all went well, he would be able to go home within one month's time. So how did he end up almost dying after her absence for just one day in the court?

Gu Chaoyan did not believe that. She was sure that something must have gone wrong.

After running to the wing yard of the Medical Department, Gu Chaoyan was already panting. She pushed the door open.

She saw the pale-looking man in bed, whilst Xue Feihan was standing next to bed, looking helpless. Seeing Gu Chaoyan, he said with a saddened face, "Lady Chaoyan, this man didn't make it, you..."

Gu Chaoyan ignored him, squatted by the patient and felt his pulse.

His pulse was very weak, he was losing the last trace of life. He seemed to be back to the status where she first started to treat him.

Then she took a look at the spot on his chest where the bruise used to stand. Only a light trace remained, which basically meant that his inner organs were recovering well. So what happened to him, really?

Gu Chaoyan made an even more careful examination on this man.

As she was flipping his eyelids, Gu Chaoyan noticed that his eyes were reddened.

Chronic toxicity?

Gu Chaoyan placed her eyes upon Xue Feihan.

Xue Feihan was taking care of this man when she was absent, could he...?

"How is it?" Xia Yinghan arrived too, asking as she was panting, failing to notice the strange air between Gu Chaoyan and Xue Feihan.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. "Teachers, please leave me alone, I need to treat him."

Xia Yinghan had intended to offer some help...

When Xue Feihan stopped her directly. Looking gentle, he said mildly, "Let's leave her alone."

In his opinion, this man could not be cured at all, and Gu Chaoyan asked them to leave her alone because she could not accept the truth. She had sworn to make the bet with Huang Xuan, so this arrogant woman must find it difficult to face the truth. She needed to have a quiet surrounding for herself, and Yinghan would only add to the annoyance.

So he left with Xia Yinghan.

Xia Yinghan sighed slightly. She respected Gu Chaoyan, so she left.

She had checked up on the man in bed. He could have been saved before, but after times of on and off, he was losing hope of surviving.

They walked out of the room and waited outside quietly, saying nothing to each other.

Inside the room.

Gu Chaoyan prepared one bowl of magical water. And then she fed him the whole bowl directly.

His inner organs had been seriously stricken, so even if the drug did not work directly, he might not be able to make it. Magical water helped with detoxification, so if the magical water detoxified the poison inside his body, then he would still make it.

This man was her patient, someone she had tried to save, so she would be fully responsible for him, and she would not give up as long as there was hope.

The patient made a cough and spilled some ink-color blood after drinking the magical water.

When Xia Yinghan and Xue Feihan heard the voice, they hurried in. Xia Yinghan showed a look of joy, "He can be saved?"

Xue Feihan was totally astonished.

"Wait, was he poisoned?" Xia Yinghan said seriously, as she spotted the patch of ink-color blood.