

Divine 521

Chapter 521: Willingness to Talk to Princess Xunyang

Mrs. Gu had been very furious about what she had heard about herself, but when she heard that Gu Yunhe had words to share, she ignored the gossip directly.

She came to his side, worried that something might happen to Yunhe.

As they came to the corner and made sure that no one was around...

Mrs. Gu asked. "What is it?"

Gu Yunhe, who had been excited, showed a touch of shyness at the moment. He had been to the Elder Princess' Mansion and was well received. He had also met County Princess Anxi, who had an ordinary appearance and a terrible temper.

He thought that he could marry her for her title's sake, but now he had a different idea.

He saw Princess Xunyang at Gu Chaoyan's Adulthood Ceremony, and he found her extremely beautiful. She had a very cute smile as well. Also, that was a Princess he was talking about, much better than a County Princess.

He had never thought about approaching a princess, since a county princess would already be a difficult task for him, but now things were different. His sister was the Phoenix Girl!

The elder brother of the Phoenix Girl should be treated differently. So a princess was a great suitor for him!

If Lord Ling took the throne, he had to attribute the success to Ruxue, so his marriage to a princess would not be exaggerated at all.

"Mom, you can tell Gu Chaoyan that I want to exchange a few words with Princess Xunyang," Gu Yunhe said arrogantly.

Princess Xunyang?

Mrs. Gu hesitated for a while, but soon she realized what was going on here.

Yunhe had gotten smarter than before. He knew what he needed. He was no longer some young master who fret over a maid.

Mrs. Gu smiled. "Yunhe, you know what you need, that would be enough. I will boost you up."

Gu Yunhe, who had been feeling quite anxious, was now assured. He knew this was a feasible matter.

So Mrs. Gu set off for the matter.

Gu Chaoyan had just removed her uniform and was on a break. The guests outside were not her business any more.

She had just relaxed and was about to sip the tea, when Mrs. Gu walked in.

She looked about and asked confusedly. "Where is Princess Xunyang?"

"She went back to the court." Gu Chaoyan answered calmly.

Back to the court? Then how could Yunhe meet her? That would not work.

Ideas started to spin quickly inside Mrs. Gu's head.

She suddenly said, "You seem to have a good relationship with Princess Xunyang, you can ask her to our mansion for a visit, so that she can speak with your Elder Brother."

"I can't." Gu Chaoyan turned that down directly. She knew what Mrs. Gu was aiming at, the moment she spoke.

Gu Yunhe? In his dream.

Mrs. Lin resembled Mrs. Gu at this point, but Lin Jiashu could be educated to be a better man whilst Gu Yunhe was simply a dead end.

"Why not? He is your Elder Brother!" Mrs. Gu bellowed.

"Really? Then I need to ask my birth mother if she had ever given me an Elder Brother like that." Gu Chaoyan answered calmly.

"You!" Mrs. Gu looked furious. She snorted at Gu Chaoyan. She was going to come up with other ideas, even if Gu Chaoyan was not willing to help her.

Ruxue was the Princess Consort! She could just go into the court and present the request.

Yunhe was a great suitor, and the King would definitely consider it.

Mrs. Gu left as those ideas spun in her mind.

Chapter 522: So What?

After Mrs. Gu left, Gu Chaoyan supported her forehead, looking exhausted.

Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Gu... Both of them were trying to use her to obtain the biggest interests.

She was really tired of those people.

Seeing the way Gu Chaoyan looked, Sword One was concerned. "Elder Miss, let's go back to the Qiong Pavilion now. The Adulthood Ceremony has ended, and those guests outside are trying to establish friendship with the Gu Family. You don't have to worry about them."

Gu Chaoyan nodded, Sword One was right.

Princess Yunxi and Princess Xunyang had the intention of remaining a little longer today, but Gu Chaoyan turned them down and asked them to go home as soon as possible. She was able to defend them, but she did not want them to get involved with those disgusting things happening at the Gu Family.

She put on a coat and then left with Sword One.

No one noticed their absence.

Those people were not really here to attend Gu Chaoyan's Adulthood Ceremony, since her Adulthood Ceremony was not that important for them. Instead, they were here to befriend the Gu Family, which were the most popular family in the whole capital now.

On the way to the Qiong Pavilion.

Gu Yunxuan, who was hiding behind the tree, said, "Chaoyan!"

Gu Chaoyan looked in that direction.

It was Gu Yunxuan. He was still dressed in the uniform from the Ministry of Military, and looked exhausted. He passed the salted chicken to Gu Chaoyan. "Just eat them, Chaoyan, you can't have eaten anything at your Adulthood Ceremony right? This is your favorite salted chicken, here you are. I have to leave now, I have lots of stuff to do at the Ministry of Military."

"..."

"You are now an adult and old enough to get married, so I don't have to worry about anything. Especially since your fiancé is Lord Huai... I need to leave now," Gu Yunxuan said quickly and left.

Before Gu Chaoyan realized what happened, he was already gone.

Only the salted chicken in her hands gave her utter warmth.

"Elder Miss, Second Young Master truly cares about you." Sword One said.

"Yeah." Gu Chaoyan nodded.

At the Adulthood Ceremony, the whole Gu Mansion were thinking about how to make use of her for their own interests, and only Gu Yunxuan wondered if she had eaten anything.

She had never liked salted chicken, but now she did.

Back at the Qiong Pavilion.

Zhou Huaijin was in the room and the brazier was burning, bringing about warmth.

After seeing her Miss home, Qing said, "Elder Miss, I will bring the hot dishes!"

Gu Chaoyan smiled.

Two people were caring about whether she had been fed.

She put the salted chicken on the table. She was about to say something when Zhou Huaijin saw the chicken and looked surprised. "You... like this?"

Gu Chaoyan had no idea how to explain since the whole process was somehow complicated... so she nodded.

Zhou Huaijin laughed.

A cold woman who seemed so far away from the worldly things turned out to be a supporter of salted chicken! How lovely.

They ate the salted chicken together, and then had some other food.

Gu Chaoyan felt a bit tired. Zhou Huaijin had intended to let her take a break, but Gu Chaoyan grabbed his hand and said, "Princess Xunyang was my assistant at the ceremony today, and Gu Yunhe saw her and started to plan something on her. It is my fault! You have to watch out for Princess Xunyang, Gu Yunhe isn't a nice man."

Zhou Huaijin frowned tightly.

How dare the Gu Family! How dare they plan something on Xunyang?

He was the Phoenix Girl's Elder Brother right? So what? So what if there was a Phoenix Girl?

Chapter 523: Yuanxiang Missing

Anyone who dared to hurt his people, would have to pay back a million times more.

Within a few seconds, Zhou Huaijin withdrew his fury, worrying that he would frighten Chaoyan.

He reached out for Gu Chaoyan's cheeks. "Don't blame yourself for what happened. It has nothing to do with you. Those who have schemes will always scheme, be it today or tomorrow."

"..."

"Don't worry about Xunyang. She might be a little childish, but she can tell right from wrong. She grew up in the court and she is always watching out for something. She has her own hidden guards for her security."

Even having said those consoling words, Zhou Huaijin still felt a little annoyed. He was not afraid of his enemy, but his own family and friends. His father, for example.

He knew that his father had been looking for the Phoenix Girl the entire time and now that the Phoenix Girl was found, namely Gu Ruxue. He was worried that Gu Yunhe, the Phoenix Girl's Elder Brother, might get his father's approval on his own.

In that case... Zhou Huaijin's eyes turned dark. However, he did not want to put the pressure on Chaoyan.

"Alright, go and take a break. You look so sleepy." Zhou Huaijin said with a scolding tone.

"Okay." Gu Chaoyan nodded and got ready to sleep.

Zhou Huaijin did not leave directly. Instead, he sat by the bedside, guarding Gu Chaoyan.

That was what he normally would be, and something that Gu Chaoyan was already used to. The only thing she was not used to was that he was always gone the following day when she woke up.

The following day...

Gu Chaoyan had a really nice sleep, but Sword One had to wake her up.

"Elder Miss," Sword One said.

Gu Chaoyan liked sleeping in, but she was always on the alert when she was sleeping. If it had been quiet around and no one woke her up, she could have slept until lunchtime, but if someone woke her up, she could open her eyes directly.

So when Sword One called her, Gu Chaoyan opened her eyes.

"What is wrong?" Gu Chaoyan asked drowsily.

"Elder Miss, The Dean and Lady Li Yuanxiang's mother are both outside. They said that Lady Li Yuanxiang has gone missing! They wonder if you know where she might be?" Sword One said.

Normally, Sword One would not have troubled Chaoyan, but Lady Li Yuanxiang was Elder Miss' good friend and now she was missing, so Sword One had to consider that as an important matter.

Yuanxiang was missing?

Gu Chaoyan suddenly jerked up. She quickly got changed, then she hurried out of the chamber. "What is going on?"

The Dean looked distressed, asking Li Yuanxiang's mother to recount the whole story.

It was the first time for Gu Chaoyan to meet Li Yuanxiang's mother. She and Li Yuanxiang looked quite alike. Briefly dressed, she looked calm. "I lectured her yesterday, so she got angry and ran away. I thought that she would come home after a while, but I have not seen her even until now!"

"..."

"Yuanxiang barely has any friends, except for you, I believe you know where she is, Lady Chaoyan." Li Yuanxiang's mother said, sounding slightly anxious.

Yesterday? Her Adulthood Ceremony took place yesterday... So if Yuanxiang promised to come when she had time, she would have come.

However, she did not show up, nor was she in the school to make the medicine, but stayed at home...

Gu Chaoyan suddenly thought of how Yuanxiang came to her a couple of days earlier and offered to become the witness.

Gu Chaoyan believed that something must have happened because of that.

Yuanxiang did not want to become the witness, but then she changed her mind.

Could that be because...

Chapter 524: Seeking Personally

Because of Li Yuanxiang's mother?

Gu Chaoyan looked at Li Yuanxiang's mother and started to wonder.

Li Yuanxiang's mother was a relatively calm person and when Yuanxiang was missing, she did not go out to seek for her, but came to the Saint College and then to her place.

Gu Chaoyan wondered if it was because her mother was a calm person, or because she did not worry about Li Yuanxiang that much.

"I met Yuanxiang at the Saint College and have not seen her many times. And our meetings always take place at Saint College. I have no idea where she would go apart from school." Gu Chaoyan answered, frowning.

"I am going to seek for her. I will try to come up with some ideas and will inform you, when she is found." Gu Chaoyan answered.

She believed that if the search relied upon only a few of them, the whole thing would not work. So she had to ask Zhou Huaijin to get some people from the Shadow Door to do the searching. However, she could not reveal the existence of the Shadow Door.

Li Yuanxiang's mother got slightly relieved, but did not look worried at all. She said calmly, "Thank you Lady Chaoyan, now it is time for my clinic to be opened, so please let her return to the clinic when she is found."

Having said these words, she thanked the Dean again, then she left.

Gu Chaoyan looked a bit complicated when she heard that Li Yuanxiang's mother was thinking about the opening hours of the clinic instead...

She moved her lips, but could not utter a word, at the sight of the retreating figure of Li Yuanxiang's mother.

However, The Dean was different. He looked very worried. "Yuanxiang is a very obedient girl. She never runs about!"

"Dean, go back to Saint College and keep your eyes open. Maybe Yuanxiang is there." Gu Chaoyan reminded him. After all, Yuanxiang spent most of her time at the school and at home.

The Dean patted his head. That made sense. Then he left in a hurry.

When they were gone, Gu Chaoyan turned to Sword One. "Sword One, please help me pass on the message to Zhou Huaijin. I need his hidden guards."

Sword One heard these words, so she said directly, "Elder Miss, just give the order. Lord said that anyone from the Shadow Door shall be at your disposal."

Gu Chaoyan looked at Sword One. She was surprised, but soon she realized that it made sense. Then she felt very moved.

Maybe... In this world... Only Zhou Huaijin was treating her so nicely without any conditions and considered everything for her sake.

Gu Chaoyan felt like crying, but it was time for them to find Yuanxiang rather than to feel moved. So without any more hesitation, Gu Chaoyan said directly, "Just help us find Yuanxiang in the capital. Let me draw a profile for you."

As she finished saying the words, Gu Chaoyan started to do the painting.

Gu Chaoyan was fast, and the profile did resemble Li Yuanxiang.

Sword One got the profile and continued with her work.

Qing carried the breakfast to her when she saw Gu Chaoyan was done with her work. "Elder Miss, eat some breakfast please."

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She was worried and lost her appetite, but she still needed to eat something.

She ate breakfast because someone was worried about her.

When she was done with breakfast, Gu Chaoyan stayed in the room, looking anxious.

"Qing, get me a coat please." Gu Chaoyan thought and was about to go out to seek for her personally. She did trust the hidden guards' abilities, but still.

However, before Qing was able to get her the coat Sword Two rushed in.

Chapter 525: The Refugees

"Elder Miss, we found her." Sword Two rushed in, panting as he spoke.

It should be a delightful thing when she was found, but Sword Two still looked confused. He wondered if he should tell Gu Chaoyan the truth.

Qing had just got the coat and put it on for Gu Chaoyan. It was not raining outside, but the wind was blowing wildly.

Gu Chaoyan felt much warmer with a coat on.

She asked confusedly as she noticed Sword Two's expression. "Did you bring her here?"

Sword Two shook his head.

"She doesn't want to come home?" Gu Chaoyan asked, feeling confused. Well, if she did not want to come home, then she could just take a walk outside alone to drive away her sadness. She could come home when she felt like it.

Sword Two sighed. He had no intention of spilling the truth.

His Miss had been exhausted and she was scared of coldness. They, as the servants, felt very concerned for her, but it was a very serious matter, and maybe only she was able to solve the problem due to her excellent medical skills. After all, even Lady Yuanxiang was not sure what to do.

As he thought it through, he recounted the story carefully. "Lady Yuanxiang refuses to come home, because she has run into many refugees who are seriously sick. Lady Yuanxiang has been treating them from yesterday to today." Sword Two sighed again as he said this.

The Saint Divine Land was located in the north, and the winter in the north was very cold. Therefore, many poor civilians were unable to eat well or be protected from the cold in winter. So when they caught a cold, it basically meant that they would die. This was a situation happening every year, but this year, things seemed much more serious.

Those refugees were totally left alone without anyone caring about them.

Even he could not stand the scene. No wonder Lady Yuanxiang was never home. She had been helping those refugees all along.

“What?” Gu Chaoyan just could not believe it. “Show me the way, I need to check it out.”

Sword Two hesitated, but then he nodded.

He took Gu Chaoyan to the place where the refugees were allocated.

Those refugees were not allowed to come into the capital, since they were supposed to stay outside the city. Therefore, all they could do was to stay inside some deserted temples outside the capital as well as some old shelters.

When Gu Chaoyan arrived, she saw Li Yuanxiang standing among those people. Due to the limited conditions, she could only make the medicine with a large iron pot.

The medicine was made inside the room, and was fed to the sick after it was done.

These people all had a cold that could have spread very easily. At the beginning only a few people got it, but soon, everyone else caught it as well.

Seeing the scene, Gu Chaoyan could not help sighing. No wonder Sword Two had a complicated expression on his face just now.

When Li Yuanxiang saw Gu Chaoyan, she was startled as well. “Chaoyan!”

Apart from Li Yuanxiang, everyone else looked at Gu Chaoyan with a laid-back expression, showing no emotions at all. They were all feeling numb.

They did not think that anyone would be able to change the situation. So they did not care who else was here.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. “It won’t work. Everyone will eventually have it and fail to get better.”

Li Yuanxiang looked worried too.

“I have been making medicine for them since yesterday, but there are too many of them and even the medicine doesn’t work.”

Chapter 526: Solution

Gu Chaoyan glanced at the refugees.

There were too many people gathered in the room. Those refugees simply had nowhere else to go, so in winter, what they could do was to gather around here, but that would not work. A cold was infectious, and when the group gathered, even those with few problems that got cured after taking some medicine, would continue to get infected after staying in this environment. That was why the medicine would not work, thought Gu Chaoyan inwardly.

Li Yuanxiang hesitated as she saw Gu Chaoyan shaking her head. She asked, “Is it because of my medicine?”

Gu Chaoyan checked out Li Yuanxiang's medicine.

It was indeed medicine for the cold, nothing was wrong.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. "It's not the medicine, but the surroundings."

The surroundings?

Li Yuanxiang was confused. She had no idea what she meant.

She grew up in her mother's clinic, yet she had been receiving patients one by one. Also, those who could afford to come to the clinic were normally rich enough to pay for the bills. Therefore, most of them were cured after being in a good environment and with proper medicine. Therefore, she could not fathom what Gu Chaoyan meant.

She had never run into a similar problem before.

Gu Chaoyan said, "There are way too many people in the room. Even if someone takes your medicine and gets cured, he or she might still catch a cold again because of other people's illness. So the medicine would not work."

Li Yuanxiang nodded as if she understood the whole thing, but she still wasn't sure if what she was thinking was right.

"Then what are we supposed to do?" Li Yuanxiang asked.

"How many rooms are there?" Gu Chaoyan asked Sword Two.

"Elder Miss, we have four rooms including the deserted temple over there." Sword Two said, "And we have 200 to 300 people here."

Gu Chaoyan made a calculation.

It was definitely not enough to be able to accommodate so many people into the four rooms on average.

"What we need to solve right now is to get the seriously-infected ones to one room, the slightly-infected ones to another room, and those who are almost cured can be gathered into a third room. As for those who get seriously-infected, they can be moved to a fourth room. In this way, those who are cured will get better, otherwise the infection would inevitably continue spreading and the whole thing will not work," Gu Chaoyan said with a frown.

Sword Two's eyes brightened.

That was indeed a great idea, otherwise the gang here would never have a way out.

Many people died of a cold each year, and none of those doctors had thought of such a method. If this idea had been created and was known earlier, many people would not have had to die.

Li Yuanxiang agreed. She had never thought of this method even after spending one whole day here.

"Then I will check their pulses and separate the slightly-infected and the seriously-infected ones." Li Yuanxiang said excitedly, then she set about to do the work.

Those people in the room all looked distressed. They did not seem to lighten up even after they heard Gu Chaoyan's idea, as if they had totally given up.

"That would not work, girl." One old grandpa said, "We are refugees that are not allowed to enter the capital. We are cornered to death! The four rooms might be enough to hold all of us today, but there would be more refugees streaming in from tomorrow on. We might not even have enough space to be gathered let alone be separated!"

Chapter 527: Not Your Abilities

When they heard the plan, they understood the point. They also understood that those two kind-hearted girls were doing things for their own sake. It was rare to see two nice girls like them two, but what could they change anyway?

The court was killing them! The rumor went that some Phoenix Girl was found, and the refugees were not allowed in this grand dynasty.

The grandpa sighed heavily. He had no hope in his eyes at all.

Gu Chaoyan frowned.

Those refugees must have come to this place from other regions. They were farmers who had no food due to the large snow that killed the crop. So they had to come to the capital to survive.

Sword Two had told her that such a thing happened every year when they were heading towards this direction, but the court did not stop the refugees from entering the capital. Instead, they would be arranged to stay in the outskirts or in the capital even, and they were even fed with porridge. When the winter passed, the refugees would return to their own home. That might be a very dumb method, but at least, most of the refugees could be saved and live on, but now, they were not even allowed to enter the capital.

When she saw how those refugees were behaving, she believed that the refugees had become very disappointed and had little hope inside them. They did not plan to survive the winter.

"Let's just do it right now. As for the refugees that come in tomorrow, I will try to get the gate opened for you to enter. The court has to do something about the refugees." Gu Chaoyan looked on with determination.

The grandpa looked at Gu Chaoyan, then he smiled. It was not an ironic smile, it was a smile from an elderly man to a child.

Some children in the capital were kind, but they had no experience or idea of how difficult the whole thing was.

"Girl, you have no way out. Those officers stop us and you have no way to fight against them. Just go home," the grandpa said for Gu Chaoyan's sake. "Those are the court's affairs, and you are a kind girl. But you can't do anything that is involved with court, so don't get your family messed up."

Having said these words, the grandpa sighed. Then he looked into another direction, looking tired.

Seeing their behavior, Gu Chaoyan had no idea what she could do. Those refugees were not bad people, and they were even considering for her sake. They did not want her to get involved because of their problems. Yet the problem was that they were all feeling very cold inwardly, and had no desire to live.

Gu Chaoyan frowned.

Sword Two added as he saw the scene. "Our Elder Miss can help you and can even ask the court to pay attention to this matter!"

The grandpa looked up at Gu Chaoyan as he heard what Sword Two said.

For one second, they had no idea what Sword Two meant. The other sick people all turned to Gu Chaoyan as well. They were all confused.

Someone just said that they could get help from the court. What kind of people could get help from the court? They did not believe that any family in the capital would care about their existence.

One strong man added. "Miss, you may be from some official family, but it is the Phoenix Girl, a Princess Consort we are talking about. Not every official family can do something about that."

Sword Two realized that they did not trust them. So he looked at his Miss and wondered if he could tell the truth.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Chapter 528: Future Lord Huai's Princess Consort

Sword Two said directly, "She is our Elder Miss, the future Princess Consort of Lord Huai."

What?

Not only the grandpa and the strong man, everyone else in the room turned to Gu Chaoyan.

She looked young, not that tall for the Saint Divine Land. She was skinny and dressed with a set of white clothes and a coat, indeed a lady from a rich family. However, no one dared to consider her as the Princess Consort! However, she was!

So the Princess Consort of Lord Huai was here, showing great concern about them.

The refugees had no idea what they were supposed to do. Instead, they gazed at Gu Chaoyan dumbly, and could not get their mind around it. Therefore, quiet dominated the whole room, whilst everyone was staring at Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan, who had never been stared at by so many people at the same time, almost flushed. She embarrassedly gave out a light cough, then she said calmly, "I have some knowledge of medicine. You have caught a cold and can be cured with medicine. So don't be distressed. The winter is both long and short, you can make it through. Spring is around the corner. I will tell the truth to Lord Huai, who will report the situation to the court personally."

"..."

"So, are you willing to cooperate?" Gu Chaoyan asked with a loud voice.

Those people had been startled, but when they heard Gu Chaoyan's words, they all brightened up. "Yes!"

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly and then nodded. She took a look outside.

The wind was blowing, but they could stay there for a while.

The most important thing was to identify how serious their illness was, and they needed to kill the bacteria inside the room as well.

Gu Chaoyan soon came up with some ideas, then she said, "Now, please leave the room first. We will burn wormwood in the room and the bacteria will be killed. Then I can feel your pulse before putting you into different rooms."

When they heard what Gu Chaoyan said, people panicked.

Then the grandpa and the strong man stood up and said, "Elder Miss, please go outside, I will bring them to you."

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

She was a girl and something here was not that right for her, as she had understood. So she left.

After she left the room, Gu Chaoyan asked Sword Two and his men to burn some wormwood inside the room. Then the others in the room walked out and wormwood was burned after them.

Soon many people were gathered outdoors.

Gu Chaoyan and Li Yuanxiang felt their pulses.

The rooms were well identified.

They felt the pulse, identified their level of illness and then picked a room for them.

The pulse feeling work wasn't that exhausting, but they still got tired, since the work took a long time. Gu Chaoyan was afraid of the cold, so she almost collapsed.

Sword Two was very concerned for his Elder Miss, so he stood in the direction of the wind and shielded the wind for her.

Two hours passed, and everyone's sickness was identified.

They walked into their own rooms and started to drink medicine.

Since Sword Two had informed her about the situation, she had bought many medicines for a cold from the clinic on the way here. Those medicines were much better than those prepared by Yuanxiang.

When the iron pot was ready, Gu Chaoyan started to worry about those who had been seriously infected.

Therefore...

Chapter 529: Lord Huai

She decided to make the medicine personally for them, whilst Yuanxiang helped to make the medicine for those who were slightly-infected.

When she was making the medicine, Gu Chaoyan put one drop of magical water into the liquid.

The magical water from the space did not work on everything, but at least, it worked better than most of the existing medicine. With the help of the magical water, those people would get better faster. And Gu Chaoyan felt much more assured with the magical water in as well.

So she waited by the medicine as it was being boiled.

“Chaoyan.” Zhou Huaijin rushed in. “What happened?”

Gu Chaoyan found Zhou Huaijin with unkempt hair and panting, but he did not care about his hair now, and asked anxiously.

He just heard the news and rushed to this place. He had not even made a detailed inquiry.

Gu Chaoyan narrated the whole situation to him about the refugees.

Zhou Huaijin frowned deeply.

That was an important matter, but no one in the capital cared about it. How strange!

Normally, refugees tended to stream to the south and places like the capital, where they were fed with porridge. As the first snow fell, he thought that all the refugees had flowed southwards, but the truth was that they just could not get into the capital. Zhou Huaijin laughed ironically.

They all believed that the Phoenix Girl was a fortunate omen, something written in the destiny, but he saw no fortunate omens, just a court that was worse than before. So what was this so-called Phoenix Girl doing anyway?

“I have already informed Saint College. They are dispatching some people to offer help.” Zhou Huaijin told Gu Chaoyan. He was worried that those refugees would tire her out.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Now that the medicine was done, Gu Chaoyan called out to Sword Two.

Sword Two told the refugees to come and get the medicine.

Zhou Huaijin offered to serve the medicine next to Gu Chaoyan. He did not want her to be too busy.

When it was the grandpa’s turn for the medicine, the grandpa asked curiously, “Lady Chaoyan, who is this Young Master?”

“Lord Huai,” Gu Chaoyan said calmly, as if she were saying the name of someone ordinary.

When the grandpa heard her words, he was so startled that he dropped the bowl. Luckily, the bowl was not yet filled, or the boiled medicine would burn him.

“What?...” Grandpa just could not regain his breath. “Lord Huai is serving medicine for us?”

The others were all startled too.

Those farmers were very ordinary civilians, and the officers at the local government were the ones with the highest social rank they could ever see, but even those officers did not serve medicine for them! Now Lord Huai, this noble Lord Huai, was serving medicine for them!

Well, the grandpa had not been reminded of how the future Princess Consort was feeling their pulses, since Gu Chaoyan was an easygoing lady and they forgot about her real social status.

Someone called out. "Greetings, Lord Huai, wish you live to one thousand years old!"

Then everyone else followed suit and knelt down.

That made Zhou Huaijin a bit distressed. He waved his hands and said, "Just get up, and don't greet me. You are all sick, kneeling isn't good for you."

Having said these words, he helped the grandpa to get up. Then the others followed suit.

The grandpa's hands that held the bowl were shivering. It was Lord Huai standing in front of them, and they did not deserve any of this.

Seeing the scene, Gu Chaoyan was worried that the medicine would get cold. So she said to Lord Huai, "Just take a break there, let Sword Two do the job. They would not dare to get the medicine with you here."

Chapter 530: About the Refugees

In the court.

The King was in a good mood. Although Destiny Monk had not yet been found, the Phoenix Girl was already confirmed – she was Ling's wife and that catered to his original intention.

Nothing serious was happening anywhere in the city. And he barely received any letters in the past two days at the morning sessions.

The King was feeling more comfortable than ever. He felt that everything was going on well, according to his plan.

Then he glanced at the officers who did not seem to have anything to present to him. He decided to take a nap. He had a bad sleep the night before. So he gave a hint to the eunuch next to him.

The eunuch saw the hint and said loudly, "Any more words? If not, the session is over!"

The King was about to get up when he heard these words, but Zhou Huaijin stepped forward and said, "Father, I have a few words."

The King sat back in the chair and frowned at Zhou Huaijin. What did he have to say? He was always idling about in the capital. Could he have some opposite opinions against Ling?

"What is it?" the King asked. He did not sound as tolerant as before. Instead, he showed a touch of impatience.

Zhou Huaijin frowned slightly, feeling suffocated inwardly. Zhou Huaijin ignored his own feelings and decided to report about the refugees.

He said, "Father, I discovered that refugees were placed in the temples in the outskirts, and they said that they were not allowed to come into the capital. I remember that refugees are here every year, and they are always given places to stay and food to eat. So why are they left alone this year? I believe that we should pay attention to the refugees, and I am very willing to do it, please give me approval, Father."

The moment Zhou Huaijin said these words, several officers started to wipe their sweat with their sleeves. It was quiet in the court. No one dared to say a thing. Did they know anything about refugees? Of course!

Apart from the responsible government offices, those officers were all aware of this matter, but no one mentioned a thing, and just ignored it totally. Those were just common refugees and their deaths did not matter to them.

Now Lord Ling had a Princess Consort who was a Phoenix Girl, and that meant that the world should be at peace. If anyone mentioned the refugees, Lord Ling would get very displeased.

They believed that they could just ignore the whole thing and then made a proper explanation to the King after winter. However, they never expected that Lord Huai, the person who always brought misfortune, discovered this matter. Now he exposed the whole thing in front of everyone present.

Someone was going to be fired soon.

The King was confused. "The refugees?"

He had never heard anyone mentioning this matter. Since when did they get stopped from entering the capital?

"What is going on? No one knows about the refugees here?!" The King bellowed.

He was furious, not because he cared about the refugees, but because he was not told of everything that was happening.

Those minor officers had no call upon whether to let in the refugees. It was he who had the call!

"Sorry, King!" They all kneeled down, not daring to utter a word.

"Father, I would also like to deal with this matter personally and give them consolation. It is getting colder this winter, and the snow is falling earlier than anticipated. I believe that there must be many refugees who need proper arrangement," Zhou Huailing said directly.