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Chapter 541: Gu Yunhe's Intention 2

He did not actually like Gu Yunhe, but Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl. Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl, and his future queen, so he had to help the Gu Mansion.

If the Gu Mansion flourished, then he would flourish alongside. And if the Gu Mansion failed, he would be humiliated as well.

Gu Zhenkang and Gu Yunhe were both not so smart people. He had been thinking about how to help them, when Ruxue thought of making the princess marry her brother.

Princess Xunyang was not his real sister anyway.

If Princess Xunyang could help to make the Gu Mansion flourish, then that would be the fastest method. That was why he took Ruxue to the court and talked about this with the King.

The King fell into contemplation. He had never met Gu Yunhe, but what Ling said made sense.

Gu Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl, then Gu Yunhe was the Phoenix Girl's Elder Brother.

With this as the background, he could become a great suitor for the princess.

He had planned to make Xunyang marry some external people from the royal family, but that would make Xunyang too far from Zhou Huaijin. Also, the country would not help Zhou Huaijin just because of Xunyang.

So if she could marry Gu Yunhe, that would make sense too.

The Gu Family might be flourishing, but they were not getting any real power. Even if they did have some power, they would still defend Ling.

If that was the case, Princess Xunyang could marry Gu Yunhe.

That did make sense, but it should not be decided right away. That would not make sense! It was a princess!

The King said with a smile, "He can marry a princess, but I can't make a decision now. Princess Xunyang was born by the Queen so I will have to talk with the Queen about it."

Having said these words, the King patted Zhou Huailing on his shoulders. Then he looked at him with a smile.

Zhou Huailing let out a sigh of relief. "Thank you, father."

Then he tugged at Gu Ruxue, suggesting that Gu Ruxue should bow too.

Gu Ruxue was feeling a bit unwilling, but still said, "Thank you, father."

The King nodded. He said a few more words and then asked Zhou Huailing and Gu Ruxue to leave.

As they walked out of the Imperial Study, Gu Ruxue said unhappily, "It is not even approved, why were you so happy about it?"

Her Elder Brother was the Phoenix Girl's brother so he was qualified to marry a princess. He should have approved of this matter directly, why did it require more discussion? Did he even care about the Phoenix Girl's mother's family?

Zhou Huailing was not angry about her impoliteness. He pinched her hands and whispered. "Ruxue, father is the King, so of course he can't accept it directly. There are many other things he has to consider. But he smiled at me, meaning that it is almost done, but we need to do something first. You just tell your Elder Brother that he will be the Princess' husband soon!"

What? Gu Ruxue was surprised as she looked at Zhou Huailing. "Really?"

Zhou Huailing nodded.

"I know my father well," Zhou Huailing said with determination.

Gu Ruxue smiled brightly. "Then let me go home and tell my brother about it."

Zhou Huailing nodded in agreement.

It was a great thing, so the Gu Family should know about it so as to get ready.

At the Weiyang Palace.

Chapter 542: Gu Yunhe's Intention 3

The King had been sitting in the Imperial Study, when he thought about speaking with the Queen about Xunyang. Xunyang was not young any more, she was becoming an adult next year. So it was time to arrange a marriage for her.

He came all the way to the Weiyang Palace.

He had not been here in days.

Susu and Seven were playing about in the yard so she kneeled down in front of the King, with Seven in her arms.

The King did not like dogs, so he skipped Susu.

Susu looked at the King with a cheerful look. The King had not visited the Queen for ages. Although the Queen never mentioned a thing about it, Susu knew that the Queen was lonely and she had been waiting for him to visit her sometime. The Queen loved the King devotedly.

The King ignored Susu totally, walking straight into the office.

The Queen was reading and got startled when she spotted the King.

She had few servants in the court, since she did not like noise, so she drove away most of the servants except for some people who were doing labor for her.

So no one passed on the message for him.

The King noticed the book in her hands and asked confusedly, "Since when did you become interested in medicine?"

The Queen smiled and put away the book.

"Chaoyan has knowledge of medicine, and I find it interesting. So I borrowed some from Yinghan to kill the time," the Queen said gently.

The King nodded. He did not dwell on that, just feeling curious. He no longer cared about the book.

"How is the refugee matter?" the Queen asked. The refugees are crowded up every year during the winter, and lots of people die. She had wondered why refugees were not seen this year, but later she heard that it was not solved yet. She was worried that the situation would get worse.

The King frowned. He was displeased. "Ling had done it well, so don't worry about this, just take care of your own business."

The Queen was startled. She had thought that she had heard something wrong as she looked at the King.

The Saint Divine Land was an open place, and the Queen as well as every woman could talk about court business. However, normally, women never talked about this, but the Queen always talked about the civilians with the King.

The King always mentioned the refugees to her every year.

She asked because she was worried today. So it was all because of Zhou Huailing who did the job? Or was he bored of her so he did not want to speak with her any more?

The King noticed the Queen's expression. He noticed that she was displeased.

He thought for a while and said, "Queen, I am not blaming you, it is just that you can take care of your own business and do not have to spend any more effort on the front court. Ling can take care of everything well, don't worry."

The Queen did not speak.

The King said, "I am here to discuss Xunyang's marriage with you."

Chapter 543: The Queen Said No

As Xunyang's marriage was mentioned, the Queen looked at the King in surprise. "Xunyang is not yet old enough, how can her marriage be mentioned?"

The Queen had no idea why she felt something terrible around the corner. The King had changed too much during the past few days. The Queen felt that she almost lost track of who he really was.

Why was he mentioning Xunyang's marriage at this point?

The King looked relaxed. He sipped a cup of tea and said, "True, but Xunyang is becoming an adult next year, and we always have their engagement ready before adulthood so it can happen when they are old enough. It is not early to have her engaged."

The Queen felt suffocated inwardly.

In the past... she was very sure that Xunyang would stay in the land rather than marry someone else, and that made her happy, but Huaijin's marriage had set an example, and that made her feel reluctant to believe that the King would care about Xunyang's happiness.

"You got a candidate?" The Queen asked.

"Yes." The King nodded in satisfaction. "I have got one candidate, the Young Master of the Gu Family. He has just turned twenty and is a good suitor. In this way, Xunyang doesn't have to marry externally and can visit you whenever she wants."

When the Queen heard about the title, she had not thought of which Gu Family he was talking about.

After thinking for a while, she suddenly remembered that it was that Gu Family who had the old Princess Consort removed and got the position for themselves.

So the Elder Brother of Chaoyan with a different mother.

"No! Never!" The Queen turned it down. She looked very furious. "King, do you still take Xunyang as your princess?"

The King had already been prepared for such a reaction. He looked calm. The more the Queen was displeased about it, the more he wanted it to happen.

He was not a noble Young Master, so what? He was not born in a nice family, so what? He could marry the Princess!

The King thought inwardly.

"Of course I regard her as the princess, that is why I made this plan. Gu Ruxue is the Phoenix Girl, chosen by Heaven, a blessed woman! Gu Yunhe is her Elder Brother, sharing the same mother. He is totally right for Xunyang!"

The Queen shook her head. She was a very gentle woman and she barely showed any emotions.

"So what? I say no!" The Queen turned him down with determination. "King, if you really care about Xunyang, you should look into that person. How could he be a suitor for Xunyang?" The Queen sounded desperate because of utter anger.

When Chaoyan had the intention of marrying Huaijin, the Queen was worried about this gossiped about woman who was marrying Huaijin. So she sent someone to investigate Chaoyan and the Gu Mansion. Only Chaoyan was satisfying throughout the entire Gu Mansion. As for that Young Master...

The Queen snorted... that was such an arrogant man!

"Why not? He is the Phoenix Girl's brother!" The King was displeased – he was the Phoenix Girl's brother!

The Queen sneered. She looked at the King – since when did the King become fascinated by what a fortune-teller said.

"I don't care."

Chapter 544: Lord Huai

"I won't allow my Xunyang to marry him!" The Queen bellowed.

The King was not angry at the sight of the Queen who was almost collapsing. Instead, he looked slightly pleased.

Jiang Shuang... just look at yourself. However, he showed no sign of a smile.

With his eyes upon the Queen, who behaved as if she were a low-class b*tch, he shook his head. "You are in a bad mood now, so I won't speak with you now. Calm down and when you are through, I will talk with you about Xunyang's marriage. If I think that is a right choice, then it is a right choice! If you don't like it, we can get Xunyang to meet him first. We can talk about it if she is not satisfied with him."

Instead of looking at the Queen one more time, he left directly.

When the king was gone, Susu and the servants walked in.

Susu had thought that the King's visit would have pleased the Queen, who had been feeling very distressed this entire time and who barely wore any smile. So she hopped in cheerfully, then she spotted the Queen who was completely pale.

Susu knew that something was wrong. "What happened?"

The Queen just could not help but shed the tears.

"Aunt Nan!" Susu shouted.

She was too young to deal with the current situation. She was so startled and leaned to Aunt Nan directly.

Aunt Nan was just walking in with a plate of pastry.

Hearing Susu's anxious tone, she dropped all of her things on the floor, but instead of picking the pastries up, she rushed into the inner chamber.

The moment she walked into the inner chamber, she noted the anxious-looking Susu as well as the pale-looking Queen.

"Queen!" Aunt Nan shouted. Aunt Nan felt her heart hurting as she looked at this pale-looking Queen.

She had taken care of her when she was still an unmarried lady. She treated her as her own child. The deceased General had only one daughter. When she moved into the court, the General had been against this decision, but her Miss still did it for the King's sake. During the past few years, her Miss was feeling very lonely yet the King had been showing care every now and then.

However, in recent years, the King had changed completely. He seemed to have developed a dislike towards the Queen who got angry every time he came to visit her at the Weiyang Palace.

She almost forgot since when that happened-maybe from the time the Phoenix Girl appeared.

Something else happened today.

Aunt Nan was about to take a step forward, when the Queen stopped crying and said tiredly as her face turned pale. "Aunt Nan, go and fetch Lord Huai and ask him to come to my place as soon as possible."

Aunt Nan knew that something must have happened. So she nodded and patted Susu on the shoulders. "Take care of her."

Then she hurried off.

Susu felt very concerned for her Queen. She wiped her tears with a handkerchief and said, "Don't cry."

The Queen stopped crying. She must have startled this little maid.

Susu did not grow up in the court. She was innocent and kind. She kept her because she needed someone cheerful next to her to make her feel slightly relaxed. She did not want to bother Susu with what happened. So she forced a smile. "It is fine, Lord Huai can solve it. Let me take a small break, and please fetch me some food from the kitchen. I am starving."

When Zhou Huaijin got the news, he hurried in.

Chapter 545: Lord Huai in Court

He rushed directly into the Weiyang Palace.

Susu had just walked out of the kitchen with some pastries and snacks. She showed a touch of happiness at the sight of Zhou Huaijin.

She knew clearly that the King might treat the Queen badly or well, but Lord Huai had been treating the Queen very well. So when Lord Huai was here, the problem was definitely going to be solved.

Zhou Huaijin hurried in. He was very worried and anxious so he did not notice Susu, but rushed into the room directly.

Aunt Nan was serving the tea in the room. She also looked delighted. "Here you are, I will go to get the Queen."

Zhou Huaijin waved his hands.

His mother was normally reading in the study and was hardly inside the chamber. So if she was in the chamber, then it basically meant that she was feeling very bad.

He didn't expect his mother to get up for his sake, so he went into the chamber directly.

In the inner chamber.

The Queen was lying in bed, looking slightly-pale with eyes very red. She had clearly shed tears.

Seeing Zhou Huaijin here, she burst out in tears.

Seeing herself crying, she kept wiping her tears away, but the tears kept dripping down no matter what. That annoyed the Queen and she used a lot of force to wipe the tears.

Zhou Huaijin felt so concerned about her. He took the handkerchief and started to wipe the Queen's tears for her. "Mom."

"I am fine." The Queen forced herself to utter the words.

"What happened?" Zhou Huaijin tried to keep himself calm and away from anger.

He knew that few people could sadden his mother, apart from him and Xunyang, it would be his father! His mother had gone through many conspiracies in the court after so many years, but nothing had struck her down. However, his mother was always saddened by what his father had done. Especially during this period.

The Queen calmed herself and tears had stopped.

"Your father is making Xunyang marry Gu Yunhe, the Young Master of the Gu family!" When the Queen said these words, she was shivering.

She was clenching her fists tightly. Her fingernails were digging directly into the palm, but she did not feel a touch of pain.

When Aunt Nan saw this, she came around and said, "Don't hurt yourself!"

The Queen released her fists and tried to calm herself down as she said, "I don't care about people's background. I have looked into the Gu Mansion before. Chaoyan is a nice girl and I like her deeply. I hope you two can get married, but Gu Yunhe is not a nice man at all!"

"..."

"He keeps lingering about in the brothel and thinks about getting concubines, and he doesn't help the elderly in the family! I have seen Madame Gu several times, she is a practical person and she treats her children well, but since she had a stroke, he doesn't visit her and instead leaves her in a distant yard!"

"..."

"He has no respect for the Elderly people in the family so how could he ever treat Xunyang well?!" the Queen said excitedly, lips shivering. She was about to burst into tears again.

"Your father doesn't even know what he is like and is now making Xunyang marry him. He is ruining her life!"

Chapter 546: Meeting

What saddened the Queen was the King whom she was in love with for so many years.

She had liked freedom, so despite what General Jiang said, she insisted on coming to the court with him. For his sake, she tolerated her displeasure and took care of the princesses and concubines in different palaces, so they did not make a fuss.

Unexpectedly... Dozens of years had passed, and now a man whom she had loved for so many years, was treating their children in such a terrible way. Did he do it on purpose?

The Queen could not help but have such an idea.

"Mom, don't worry, as long as I am here, I won't allow him to mess up Xunyang's marriage. She is my only sister and I will make sure that she marries who she really loves." Zhou Huaijin promised his mother with her hands in his.

The Queen, who had been panicking, was finally assured of what Zhou Huaijin said.

She nodded and continued nodding on and on.

"I will go and talk with the King, you, please have a good sleep," Zhou Huaijin said.

The Queen nodded again.

When Zhou Huaijin left, he threw a look at Aunt Nan, asking her to come out with him.

Aunt Nan patted Susu and told her to take good care of the Queen whilst she was out with the Lord.

Zhou Huaijin sighed as he looked at Aunt Nan. "Don't worry, I will solve the problem. I will not allow Xunyang to marry that man. But Aunt Nan, please take good care of mom here. She is just saddened by father."

As he was speaking, Zhou Huaijin felt very furious.

Could a so-called Phoenix Girl be so important? This so-called Phoenix Girl had removed the relationship between his parents, so that his father did not take Xunyang as his own daughter?

Zhou Huaijin let out an ironic smile.

The Phoenix Girl?

He shook his head and started to walk out of the Weiyang Palace.

Aunt Nan sighed too and went back to take care of the Queen.

Zhou Huaijin headed directly to the Imperial Study.

The King was in the middle of reading a book when he saw Zhou Huaijin walking in. Instead of being surprised, he looked up at him calmly as if he had expected this to happen.

He said, "Oh here you are."

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"You know what has happened. Your mother is a woman who always thinks irrationally. I hope you can understand the point and try to persuade your mother."

Zhou Huaijin had been feeling very furious.

Hearing these words, he said with displeasure, "Xunyang is not going to marry Gu Yunhe."

The King stared at him.

"So you mean that you disapprove of it too?" The King asked, looking very displeased.

Zhou Huaijin did not reply to him.

Then the King snorted. "It seems that I have been treating you too well for you to understand who you are! I am the King and I make decisions that no one can change."

Zhou Huaijin threw a look at the King.

Treating him well? Those so-called kindnesses had brought him a lot of trouble. He had not cared about this for his mother's sake. Unexpectedly however, that was what he heard today.

So the King was making a decision that could not be denied? Okay then, what about if he took the throne himself? He had not cared about ambition before, but for Xunyang, he could do that.

Seeing the way Zhou Huaijin behaved, the King shivered as well.

He said subconsciously, "It is not yet absolute. If you don't think that he is a proper suitor, let Xunyang meet him and see what she wants."

Chapter 547: The Trap 1

"Princess Jing is celebrating her birthday these days and when Ling marries the Phoenix Girl, she should be promoted as well. It is going to be a huge event. We are inviting the girls from the Gu Mansion, so Ling can bring Gu Yunhe to the court so that he can take a look at Xunyang," the King said.

The King had been in the throne for a long while, and he could no longer leave all the consequences alone.

The Queen and the Eighth Son disapproved of the marriage arrangement, and he knew these two people well – they cared about their loved ones deeply. So if he did not try to compromise and insisted that Gu Yunhe should marry the Princess, then his son might do something extreme.

After all, only the Phoenix Girl had been found, not the Destiny Monk. Only the Destiny Monk would know what the Phoenix Girl was supposed to do.

Before that happened, he should not do anything extreme.

Although General Jiang was gone and Madame Jiang was the only Elderly person from the Jiang Family, that did not mean that they had no old supporters in the family at all.

He stopped showing his emotions, but asked politely, "What do you think? Xunyang is becoming an adult next year and we need to have the marriage arrangement done as soon as possible. She can't possibly just live under your wings. Just let her make the decision herself."

Zhou Huaijin looked at the King.

So his father was trying to make a compromise.

"So if Xunyang is not willing to accept the marriage, then we can drop the whole thing?" Zhou Huaijin asked.

"Of course." The King answered, as he was thinking about something else at the same time.

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

The King was right – Xunyang had grown up and marriage was something she had to consider sooner or later. His mother respected his choice and allowed him to get engaged with Chaoyan. The same went for Xunyang.

As long as Xunyang was given the opportunity to make the choice, he would not interfere with it. He was not doing this for the King's sake, but for Xunyang who could make a choice.

So he nodded. "If that is the case... leave Xunyang to make the choice."

The King smiled with satisfaction. He did not like spending any more time with Zhou Huaijin, so he said, "Then you can pass on the message to your mother. I have been busy these days, and I don't have time to care about this tiny matter."

Zhou Huaijin threw a look at him.

So in the King's eyes now, it was a tiny matter that the Queen was sad and Xunyang was confronted with a choice. That was all because of the Phoenix Girl.

The King did not even want to pretend that he cared any more?

Zhou Huaijin turned around and left, heading towards the Weiyang Palace.

After he left, the King's expression sank and he said to the eunuch next to him. "Get Lord Ling to the court. I need to have a few words with him."

"Okay.I," the eunuch said and hurried off.

The King waited for half an hour before his son arrived.

Zhou Huailing hurried in looking anxious. He adjusted his looks and even forgot to greet his father when he asked directly, "Father, what are you asking me for in such a hurry? I have just been to the refugees' place."

Zhou Huailing was about to continue on about his careful work, when the King lost his patience and waved his hands. "You should ask your subordinates to take care of the refugees, rather than do everything personally! You are the Lord! I am asking you to be here because I want you to bring Gu Yunhe directly into the court."

Chapter 548: The Trap 2

"Something unexpected happened?" Zhou Huailing asked in surprise.

He thought that as long as his father made the order, the whole thing would be very easily done, so he had not been thinking about it after he left the court. However, something unexpected happened.

The King nodded. "The Queen and your Eighth Brother disapprove of the arrangement completely, and firmly."

Zhou Huailing's expression sank. He believed that his father was too weak. So he said with displeasure, "Father, you are the King, the whole world has to obey your order. So we are dropping it just because they disapprove of the arrangement? You are supposed to be an imposing king! Also, the Queen and my mother are basically at the same social status. The Jiang Family has faded. You have nothing to fear!"

The King sighed, he then took a sip of tea.

He had been afraid of the Jiang family years back, but General Jiang had been dead for a very long while. However, even if that was the case...

"They still have lingering forces. General Jiang is gone, but the Jiang family still has supporters," the King said helplessly. The Jiang family had been the thorn in his heart that could not be pulled away. It had been like this for dozens of years!

However, soon the thorn would be gone. As long as he waited patiently.

"When Destiny Monk is found and we get to know how the Phoenix Girl works, we will no longer have to fear," the King said to Zhou Huailing, but he was actually talking to himself. He had been loaded with too much concern, and Ling was the only person he could share the concern with. Otherwise, he would be totally trapped!

Zhou Huailing was furious, but when he heard that his father was depending everything upon the Phoenix Girl, he finally understood that the Phoenix Girl was very useful. He inwardly sighed with delight – luckily, he had got the Phoenix Girl. He had to fear no one and nothing in the future.

As he thought of these ideas, he was not that annoyed by what he had to do with Gu Yunhe. So he asked patiently. "Father, what is your idea?"

The King said calmly, "I had planned to ask you to bring the whole Gu Mansion for your mother's birthday so that Gu Yunhe could be alone, but I just thought for a while and believed that it can't be a good idea."

"..."

"Xunyang is definitely not going to fall for him just at the banquet. Xunyang is a princess and she has met numerous noble men. If Gu Yunhe wants to stand out, he has to do something unique."

"..."

"You, go to the Gu Family and bring Gu Yunhe to the court. Then you can arrange a meeting with Xunyang yourself."

That was the hint the King offered.

Zhou Huailing was not a stupid man, nor was Gu Yunhe. Since the King made the hints, they should know what they ought to do specifically.

That was definitely true.

The King had the experience himself. If he had not made a careful plan, he would not have made the Elder Miss of the Jiang Family fall for him or decide to marry him. His brothers back then were equally excellent, the only difference was that when his brothers were meeting the Elder Miss politely, they did nothing special.

The King smiled proudly as he remembered the glorious thing he did earlier. Although he hated General Jiang and the whole Jiang Family, so what? He had won in the end anyway, hadn't he?

No... Not exactly...

As long as the Queen was still in her throne and Zhou Huailing still the Lord, he had not yet won, but...

Chapter 549: The Trap 3

The winning moment would come sooner or later.

The King stopped thinking as he looked at Zhou Huailing. "Okay, just go and take care of it."

Zhou Huailing nodded. He already had an outline of an idea. Then he replied, "I will head directly to the Gu Mansion after I leave the court later."

As he finished saying these words, he left in a hurry. He even forgot to greet his father.

The King did not care. It was his own Ling son who did not have to greet him when they were alone. That was what the King was thinking.

Zhou Huailing, however, forgot to greet because he was already sure that since he had married the Phoenix Girl he was going to become the King soon. Why must he greet anyone when he was going to take the throne soon? What he needed was just some time.

When Zhou Huailing left the court, he headed directly to the Gu Mansion.

The guards at the Gu Mansion already got used to Zhou Huailing's appearance. They were used to their Second Lady who had been confirmed as the Phoenix Girl. So they did not think that Lord Ling was someone that shocking! Therefore, no one stopped Zhou Huailing when he walked in and out of the Gu Mansion.

Zhou Huailing came to the hall of the front yard, and Chen Fu had not expected that Lord Ling chose to stay there instead. Normally, he would go to the Princess Consort's old room. So he came to him and asked, "Lord Ling, should I get Princess Consort?"

"Get Gu Yunhe and the Princess Consort." Zhou Huailing stressed.

Chen Fu nodded and hurried off.

Zhou Huailing had intended to just talk with Gu Yunhe, but when he heard Chen Fu's question, he realized that Gu Ruxue was still living inside the mansion. He had thought that Gu Ruxue had returned to the Lord's mansion after passing on the message, but she had been in her own home for so long.

Zhou Huailing was a lord with a special background.

His mother was living in the court, so she could not keep the mansion going on. So normally, the Princess Consort should be in charge of everything in the mansion. He was used to the orderly-functioning mansion in the past, but these days, he was always bothered with some minor matters. So he started to feel that it was not proper for Gu Ruxue to stay at the Gu Mansion all the time.

Gu Ruxue might be the Phoenix Girl, yet she was his Princess Consort above all. So she had to get the mansion to function well. He decided to bring her back to the mansion later.

Gu Ruxue had no idea of what Zhou Huailing was thinking. She had not a single thought about it. She came and showed a delighted smile, "Lord, what are you doing here, are you picking me up to bring me back home?"

Zhou Huailing had wanted to deny the question, when he thought of this girl's identity.

Zhou Huailing nodded. "Yes, and I need to talk with your Elder Brother."

"About the marriage?" Gu Ruxue stopped smiling directly.

Zhou Huailing nodded.

Then came Gu Yunhe.

Gu Ruxue did not ask anything more, but Zhou Huailing waved at Gu Yunhe and said, "Come and take a seat here, I need to have a few words with you."

Gu Yunhe was feeling rather pleased – he was going to marry the Princess!

"Lord, what is it?"

Chapter 550: The Trap 4

"Follow me to the court tomorrow with me. I will set up a meeting for you and Princess Xunyang. Behave smartly, it depends on Princess Xunyang if she wants to marry you. If she likes you, everything can be done easily," Zhou Huailing said confidently.

Gu Yunhe's eyes glistened.

Just a while ago, Ruxue told him that the marriage with the princess might work out, but could require some time, but now... he was taken into the court directly? So as long as he behaved well, the whole thing could be set?

That made him extremely excited!

He had been joking about marrying Chu Yu's sister at a banquet a while ago, but Chu Yu was not willing to do that because he did not like Gu Yunhe. Now Gu Yunhe was going to marry a princess!

He was very eager to see what Chu Yu would look like!

"Alright, I will seize the opportunity and get the princess!" Gu Yunhe said as if he were very sure about it.

Zhou Huailing had intended to say something more, but seeing Gu Yunhe's behavior, Zhou Huailing believed that the man might have his own idea. After all, it was his own marriage that he talked about. So he said nothing more.

"I will get you when I go into the court tomorrow, just get ready," Zhou Huailing said as he got up.

Seeing that Gu Ruxue remained seated he frowned. "So you are not returning to the mansion with me?"

Gu Ruxue stood up directly. She had known Zhou Huailing for a while and knew his temper well. Most of the time, he was gentle and kind, but if he spoke in a very strange tone, then it basically meant that he was not happy with the situation.

She was not yet that stupid as to displease Zhou Huailing when her Elder Brother might marry the Princess.

"Of course I am, though I had the intention of spending some more time here. Since you are here Lord, I am going back to the mansion with you," Gu Ruxue said with a flattering tone.

Zhou Huailing nodded with slight satisfaction, then the two left.

Gu Yunhe saw them off at the gate.

It was not until they went into the wagon, that Zhou Huailing said, "You should not always stay at your own home if nothing serious is going on here. There are a lot of things to handle at Lord Ling's mansion which require your management. Qingqing did a great job when she was in your position, and she never made me worried."

It was something that truly displeased Zhou Huailing, so he did not even notice that he involuntarily mentioned Qingqing.

Gu Ruxue, on the other hand, was displeased.

She was the Phoenix Girl! Did Lord mean that she was less than Liu Qingqing?

Seated next to him, she felt somewhat distressed. She was thinking about how to start the management at the mansion. Alright, she had ignored the affairs there, so it had become so messy, but if she made some efforts, then all would work out properly.

They were busy thinking about different things as they returned to the mansion.

The following day, Zhou Huailing came to the Gu Mansion early to bring Gu Yunhe into the court.

The Gu Family had not visited the court often, but still, they had some experience. For Gu Yunhe, however, he had never been inside the court before.

For one thing, he had been at Jiayu Pass the entire time, and for another, men normally were not allowed to visit the court unless they had some errands to do.

It was the first time for him, so Gu Yunhe was extremely excited!

He was thinking that when he married the princess, he would be the Princess' husband who was allowed to walk in and out of the court whenever he wanted.

"The court is a special place with many complicated rules. When you come to the princess' area, don't walk around casually just aim at finding Princess Xunyang, alright?" Zhou Huailing stressed.