

Divine 661

Chapter 661: The Zheng Family

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She thought for a while and decided to have a discussion with Mr. Zhao. Maybe he had a better answer.

She found a seat and sat down, then she recounted the situation of Mrs. Duke North to Mr. Zhao.

Mr. Zhao was silent for a long while, then he said, "Unless there are drugs that can manipulate people's behaviors, otherwise there is no such a thing that could control someone's mind. If her past memories are way too miserable, then we could just erase the memories in her head... that might be a good idea."

Hearing what Mr. Zhao said, Gu Chaoyan seemed to have some inspiration.

If the old memories were erased, then she would not dwell on the past memory at all.

That was a great idea!

"Do you have any drugs for this?" Gu Chaoyan asked earnestly.

"I need some time for that." Zhao Yiqiu responded. "I don't normally make that drug any more, but if it is for Mrs. Duke North, then I will make it for the last time for her sake."

"Thank you, Mr. Zhao," Gu Chaoyan said sincerely.

Zhao Yiqiu was not showing any emotions on his face.

Fearing that Mr. Zhao would be disturbed from his work, Gu Chaoyan decided to go back to her own place.

She had just gotten up when she was reminded of one thing. She said, "Mr. Zhao, please be careful around the King."

Zhao Yiqiu nodded. He showed no expression.

Gu Chaoyan said nothing more. Mr. Zhao should have some ideas of his own. Then she returned to her own courtyard.

On the way home, Gu Chaoyan ran into Manager Song. Only then did she remember what was happening.

She had asked her staff at the Yellow Crane to go home early, so Manager Song must be here to deliver the booklet.

"Elder Miss!" Manager Song was in a very good mood, as he bowed to Gu Chaoyan.

"Manager Song, it is windy outside, let's talk inside," Gu Chaoyan said as she asked Manager Song to head towards the hall. There were fireplaces in the hall, so it was warm there.

Manager Song placed the thick booklets on the table and said with a smile, "Please take a look at them, Lady Chaoyan. Yellow Crane is a new restaurant, but the business is doing great. We have earned a profit of 500,000 yuan, and we will make more next year, I believe."

Gu Chaoyan leafed through the booklets.

The booklets were very thick and the documented numbers were very complicated.

Gu Chaoyan had thought about teaching them documenting the materials in figures, but since tax of the court was involved, and the simple booklets were not approved, her opinions would not be accepted. So she had to drop it. She was going to distribute a simple method of calculation when she had a better opportunity.

Gu Chaoyan had a brief look at the booklets before dropping it. "I will read them later."

"Manager Song, when you are done with the Yellow Crane errands, move to the mansion. We have a vacant room next to Xiu Jie's, and when you are here, the time will be bustling!" Gu Chaoyan said.

Manager Song had no family, and he would be feeling very lonely guarding Yellow Crane alone.

Manager Song was startled, then he felt tears in his eyes as he nodded.

At Duke North's Mansion.

The Tribe Chief of the Zheng Family was there with Zheng Yunfan.

Mrs. Duke North was still asleep, so it was Zheng Chenyi who was receiving them.

Zheng Chenyi had no expression on his face.

The Tribe Chief was with Zheng Yunfan, and he did not think that they were here for anything good.

During the past few years, Tribe Chief must have been bought out by the Eldest Brother of the Zheng Family!

Chapter 662: Giving Up 1

When the Tribe Chief arrived, he glanced at the mansion.

This mansion was granted by the King when Duke North made the contribution, but he did not stay here long before he sacrificed himself on the battlefield.

Mrs. Duke North spent more than a decade at this mansion with the young Zheng Chenyi.

During the past decade, they had been fed on the money given by the court each year, and the mansion might look grand from outside, but it was actually quite shabby within.

The Tribe Chief did not feel that in the past, but when he walked in and saw what was inside, he shook his head slightly, thinking that it was a shabby place. He thought that when Yunfan moved in, the whole mansion would look totally different.

The Zheng Family should not continue to be like this.

Duke North was in a high position before, but he was already gone. Mrs. Duke North was just a woman without any long-term vision. She never thought about boosting the Zheng Family, but kept thinking about how to get the position of her own. The rank should be given to someone with competence. Only in this way will the whole family be boosted and become one of the major families in the capital!

As the Tribe Chief thought about this, he felt slightly angry. He looked at Zheng Chenyi and asked. "How is your health, Chenyi?"

Zheng Chenyi nodded.

"I am good, and Lady Chaoyan is a very good doctor and she has helped me recover fast." Zheng Chenyi replied.

He did not believe that the Tribe Chief was caring about his health.

When he came out of the court, a couple of members from the family took a look at him before leaving. They were just checking if he was disabled or not. They were never concerned for real. So when they suddenly asked him about his health today... How could they be concerned?

Zheng Chenyi shook his head slightly. He did not say anything unless the Tribe Chief asked him.

During the past few years, he realized that he was far away from the clan and the clan would not show any concern for them. That was why he felt so alert inwardly.

The Tribe Chief was displeased. He was the Tribe Chief of the Zheng Family and even Zheng Yunfan was looking at him with a flattering look.

Zheng Chenyi had never been liked by him.

He said coldly, "I am here today to talk with you.

"We all know that you have been injured this year, seriously injured, and it seems that you can't practise martial arts or lead the army ever again. So I think you should give up the rank.

"If you do, the King would definitely pick another person from the family to inherit the rank, and Zheng Yunfan, the Eldest Brother, should take it.

"Of course, you and your mother would not need to worry about anything. When Yunfan takes the rank, he will definitely take care of you and your mother. If Yunfan takes over the rank, he and the mansion would have a better future and you and your mother would not suffer at all."

The Tribe Chief felt that he had promised him plenty of things.

Zheng Chenyi was a man brought up by a woman and would never do anything. It would be a waste of the rank even if he took it. Just see how they spent the past years! They had made no achievements.

Tribe Chief thought inwardly.

Zheng Chenyi shook his head. "That is impossible. Duke North was my father and I am the rightful heir to the rank!"

“Honestly, Chenyi...” Zheng Yunfan, who had been silent the entire time, spoke too..

Chapter 663: Giving Up 2

“You don’t have to insist on this. Even if you don’t want to give it up, you still need to have a fight with us. You are not physically strong enough to beat us, so no matter who wins the fight, you and your mother would not be taken care of. After all, that would be a fight that we won!” Zheng Yunfan said calmly.

He showed a look of pride as if the victory were already in his hands.

Zheng Chenyi was younger than he was, and was raised by a woman. It was normal that he never considered the whole situation.

Since Zheng Yunfan was older, he could tolerate his personality and explained the whole relationship to him patiently.

Zheng Yunfan sipped the tea and said calmly, “If you give up now, then things would be different. The real heir will be picked directly, and since I am the Eldest Son of the Zheng Family, I will be the right heir for this. Well, I will remember your kindness for what you have done, and you will always have a place in the family in the future. I promise you this, and you won’t have to worry about you and your mother’s future.”

He looked at Zheng Chenyi as he finished the words.

As he was speaking, he did not think that Zheng Chenyi had any excuse to turn that down.

Zheng Chenyi was not a capable man with any ideas. He would not become a successful person being a man raised by a woman.

Zheng Chenyi looked at these two people expressionlessly. Mother was right. The Zheng Family were trying to take advantage of their drawbacks! The Zheng Family must be the only people who could speak in such a shameless way.

Zheng Chenyi sneered.

“Tribe Chief, the Eldest Son, you think you are good enough?” Zheng Chenyi shouted loudly, “Get them out of my mansion!”

The servants and the guards exchanged a startled look, then they got excited.

The guards carried the visitors and threw them outside.

The Tribe Chief was cursing, but the guards gagged him directly as he was dragged away.

When they came to the gate of the mansion, they were tossed out of the gate directly.

The guards did everything smoothly and fast. They did not even care who was cursing outside.

Zheng Chenyi came out of the mansion too.

He stood at the gate with a straight back. He looked very imposing though he had no expression on his face. He said loudly, "Everyone! Anyone from the Zheng Family is not allowed to take a step into the mansion. We fear nobody here!"

"Fear nobody, fear nobody!" The guards shouted loudly.

They were all Duke North's old staff who had been guarding the mansion. When Duke North passed away, Mrs. Duke North was in charge of them. Mrs. Duke North had always been trying to keep peace, so they had been annoyed by the Zheng Family for years and today, the revenge was finally taken.

They could understand that Mrs. Duke North was a woman with a young son and she could be worried about something, but with Young Duke here... everything was different!

Zheng Chenyi felt like crying. It was his fault for not having thought the whole thing through.

Mother was always worried, and he always thought that it was because his mother was too timid, but now he realized that he was old enough to back up the whole mansion. He should safeguard his mother and allow her to see how capable he was. That was why his mother always came up with some ideas of her own instead of discussing anything with him!

Now he understood everything. He understood it all!

Outside the mansion.

The Tribe Chief and Zheng Yunfan looked so embarrassed.. Zheng Yunfan snapped. "Tribe Chief, he is too stupid to accept our offer, what should we do?"

Chapter 664: Something Happy

The Tribe Chief was embarrassed too. He had always been hailed as someone in the family and the other family members all treated him well. They had never been driven out of anyone's mansion in this way.

The whole mansion treated him well, including Mrs. Duke North, so what happened today?

The Tribe Chief's expression sank, he adjusted his hair and collar as he said, "What can we do? Zheng Chenyi is such a stupid person who throws temper at me! When the rank is granted to us, we are driving him out of the family and he and his mother will never live in peace!"

The more the Tribe Chief talked, the more angry he became. He wished that the competition could happen as soon as possible, so that Zheng Yunfan could get the rank and take revenge.

He was going to drive away that boy personally!

The Tribe Chief was so annoyed. Zheng Yunfan, however, was not very satisfied.

He flattered the Tribe Chief just because he hoped to get the rank directly without any shortcuts.

If Zheng Yunfan had to win the rank through competition, what was he flattering the Tribe Chief for? What could the Tribe Chief do?

He was throwing a temper at him too!

“When I get the rank, I will definitely take revenge. I gave him the offer, but he did not take it and instead broke off the relationship with us. When I get the rank, he will be driven out of the mansion and out of the capital too.” Zheng Yunfan snapped.

However, he did not care what would happen to the Tribe Chief.

What was he flattering the Tribe Chief for, if he won the rank himself?

Zheng Yunfan threw a cold look at the Tribe Chief and said, “Then I will go home to practise martial arts.”

Having said these words, he left.

The Tribe Chief looked at him in disbelief – so he left alone?

At the mansion.

Sword One hurried home. She had just witnessed the Zheng Family go to Duke North’s Mansion, so she was delayed, but she had gained some information so Sword One was quite happy.

Gu Chaoyan looked at her and poured her a cup of tea, asking curiously. “What made you so happy? You just went there to deliver the medicine.”

Sword One put the sword on the table and picked up the tea calmly.

She had spent a long time with Gu Chaoyan and they were more like sisters than mistress and maid. So in front of Gu Chaoyan, Sword One had the tendency of playing some tricks, but... Gu Chaoyan was not as curious as Qing. So if she did not get the answer after asking once, she would not ask again and would just wait for the answer quietly. Sword One would tell the story sooner or later.

Sword One pursed her lips. “Elder Miss, you are boring!”

“Tell me now,” Gu Chaoyan said.

Sword One nodded and said, “I am happy, because I think that Mrs. Duke North will not need the medicine any more. Young Duke is so imposing now, and he can support the whole mansion. What would Mrs. Duke North need to worry about if Young Duke is like this?”

“What is going on?” Gu Chaoyan asked curiously.

Sword One recounted the whole incident she witnessed today.

Gu Chaoyan was about to ask something after hearing the story, when Xiu Jie whispered.. “Elder Miss, Prince Muyi is here.”

Chapter 665: What Happened?

So Prince Muyi was here? What was he doing at her mansion?

Gu Chaoyan found the whole thing very confusing. She just could not figure out what could have happened, but since she was in a cooperation with Prince Muyi, she nodded and said, "Please ask him to come in."

Xiu Jie responded and retired.

Gu Chaoyan looked at Sword One. "That should be a good thing. It is always about cause and effect. Mrs. Duke North behaves like this, because of Duke North's passing and Zheng Chenyi. Zheng Chenyi has just passed 20 years old and it was quite normal that he did not get many ideas in the past, but that drug can not be taken all the time. It is very cruel for someone to have their mind erased."

Sword One nodded. She believed that her Elder Miss was right.

When she was in the court and heard about how Young Duke got injured, she admired this excellent young man. And she believed that after experiencing some things, he would become even more excellent.

When they were done with the conversation, Prince Muyi arrived. So they dropped their conversation.

Prince Muyi still looked quite hesitant. He was not with the Imperial Master, so he was alone and he looked quite innocent.

Gu Chaoyan was not a person that liked strict manners. So she asked Prince Muyi to take the seat the moment he came in.

She was about to ask Prince Muyi what the matter was, but Prince Muyi started the conversation himself. "Lady Chaoyan, I do have a few things to share with you. I was hesitant, but today, I have decided to spill the truth."

Hearing these words... Sword One was startled. She was surprised. She even believed that Prince Muyi was going to express his feelings to Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan was confused and nodded. "Okay?"

"Lady Chaoyan, do you still remember that Old Master of the Gu Mansion said something bad about you?" Prince Muyi asked.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

"Actually, something else happened before that, but I did not tell you anything about that," Prince Muyi said. He looked guilty and self-blaming. "You came to the court when we were having a conversation with the King. At that time, I felt that something was wrong."

Gu Chaoyan looked indifferent and serious too. She looked at Prince Muyi.

Something else had happened? And she was not aware of that?

"What happened?" Gu Chaoyan asked seriously.

"I met you at Yellow Crane for the first time, and we had an argument over the wine, but the misunderstandings were cleared. When I returned to the hotel, I realized that I liked Lady Chaoyan, so I went to the King and asked him about marrying you." When Prince Mui said these words, he had his head lowered. He looked so embarrassed. He should have kept this as a secret of his own, but he had to explain the whole thing clearly right from the beginning.

Gu Chaoyan was surprised. She had no idea about the whole story. Prince Mui liked her? Why? But... that was not the key point, and Gu Chaoyan was clear about that.

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So she asked. "What was the King's answer?"

Chapter 666: The King's Conspiracy

"The King said that if I like you, I can fight for you." Prince Mui said, "If the King had told me about your engagement, then nothing else would have happened. I had no idea why the King had told me that until he asked me to come to the court the other day."

"..."

"He said nothing to me, and all I did was to have a meeting with you in the court. So I started to feel that something wrong is going on, and..."

"..."

"And the King seems to have some grudge against you, so you should be careful about him." Prince Mui reminded her.

Gu Chaoyan looked shocked.

When Prince Mui and Manager Song came to her for the cooperation, the Gu Mansion was mentioned and that confused Gu Chaoyan – why would Prince Mui go to the Gu Mansion then? He met her at Yellow Crane and he should have gone to Yellow Crane to speak with her, if he had some business. He did not have to take such a roundabout...

Gu Chaoyan had been so confused at that time, but she had not expected that there had been such a thing that happened.

Briefly speaking, the King had misled the Prince.

Luckily, Prince Mui was a kind-hearted person who had done nothing bad. The Imperial Master, however, got tricked and planned to do something for their own good. However, the reason why the Imperial Master did not succeed was because he was not smart enough.

Gu Chaoyan just could not imagine, if Prince Mui was not a kind-hearted person – what would have happened?

The King was on the throne, and he would not have done this against her. He would have reached a deal with the King so as to set up some conspiracy against her so that she was influenced. Her reputation for example.

She would have ended up in a rumor so that she could not marry Zhou Huaijin. And probably because of the rumor, she would have to marry the Feather Mulberry Land instead!

Gu Chaoyan felt goosebumps creeping all over her body.

The King was a man with conspiracies and plans. Didn't he know that his life was in her hands? What was he thinking setting her up like this?

Prince Muyi let out a sigh of relief when he spilled the truth. Otherwise he would have been trapped in his own complicated emotions.

Gu Chaoyan found her mind messy, but she still thanked Prince Muyi sincerely. "Thanks!"

Prince Muyi gave an embarrassed laugh, then he explained. "Lady Chaoyan, please don't worry, I don't like you any more, you don't have to feel stressed."

Gu Chaoyan was startled, then she nodded and said seriously, "I got it."

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, Prince Muyi still felt slightly disappointed. He was pretty aware of the truth, yet when he heard the truth spoken out to him, the feelings seemed quite different.

Prince Muyi pointed at the gate. "Then... I will leave now."

"I will walk you out." Gu Chaoyan forced a smile.

Prince Muyi nodded.

It was snowing outside.

Gu Chaoyan and Prince Muyi were walking shoulder by shoulder with a coat on her.

Sword One was worried that Gu Chaoyan would feel cold, so she helped her hold up an umbrella.

Neither of them said a word.

Prince Muyi was taking slow steps. He wished that time could pass by slowly, because he was probably never going to have such an opportunity in the future.

As they almost came to the gate, Zhou Huaijin showed up.

Prince Muyi dodged Zhou Huaijin's look and said timidly, "I am leaving now." Then he hurried off.

Zhou Huaijin was confused about why the man was not greeting him, but tried to avoid him instead.

"Chaoyan, the contest time and place for the Zheng Family have been decided," Zhou Huaijin said quickly..

Chapter 667: To Zhou Huailing

Gu Chaoyan looked at Zhou Huaijin. She was a little surprised that the date and place for the contest was settled so fast. She had thought that it would still take some more time. After all, the King had just made this decision and Zheng Chenyi should be given some time for preparation. How could it be made so fast?

"Where is it?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

"On the playground of the court, in three days. General Liu will be the judge. Zheng Chenyi would have sent his men to inform you about this, but I happened to be there and heard of this matter, so I came to tell you instead," Zhou Huaijin said. "I will keep you company there. I will be free on that day. I am not so sure about your being there alone."

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

The time arrived too fast, but there was no other way to turn it around now that the decision was made.

Maybe it was because of the busy schedule at the end of a year, so they wanted to get the rank fixed as soon as possible.

However, Zhou Huaijin...

"Didn't you say that you will be engaged in receiving the princes and ambassadors from other countries? How can you be so free?" Gu Chaoyan asked confusedly.

Zhou Huaijin showed a slightly complicated look on his face. Normally, he was in charge of this reception, but when Zhou Huailin mentioned that he wanted to be in charge of this errand, the King gave it to him directly.

Zhou Huaijin sighed and confessed. "Zhou Huailin is taking it over, so I am free to keep you company."

Gu Chaoyan was startled, then she understood what happened.

She felt concerned about Zhou Huaijin, the King had changed a great deal.

"That is good, I have no other errands to deal with in winter, and it is so boring to stay at the mansion day and night. If you have time to keep me company, we can think of a name for the mansion. I believe that we should come up with a name for the mansion, and when Young Duke is done, we can work on that together." Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

Zhou Huaijin felt his heart fill with warmth.

Since his mother resided in court he had been going through a lot of difficulty alone. Now he had someone next to him and someone who needed him, he felt so happy.

Zhou Huaijin took hold of Gu Chaoyan's hands.

"We will come up with a nice name!" Zhou Huaijin said modestly. "Oh right, General Liu will be the judge for the contest this time. I somehow sense that he wants to gather forces from General Liu, otherwise he would not have made such a decision. The former Princess Consort of Lord Ling is General Liu's daughter and because of what happened to her, General Liu and Lord Ling have been estranged."

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

That made sense. She recounted what happened between her and Prince Muyi to Zhou Huaijin.

Zhou Huaijin had a complicated look on his face. "What is father up to anyway!"

"Chaoyan, you have suffered for my sake. Please don't worry, I will make sure all of this goes away. Don't be too concerned." Zhou Huaijin held Gu Chaoyan's hands tightly. Anger arose inside his heart, but he did not want to infect Gu Chaoyan with it. So he was trying his best to stay calm.

"Okay." Gu Chaoyan answered sweetly.

On the day that the Contest between the Zheng Family took place...

It was still snowing.

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan went into the court very early..

Chapter 668: Boldness

Gu Chaoyan needed to check up on Zheng Chenyi's status before the contest.

The rank was way too important for Zheng Chenyi to lose it. If someone else from the Zheng Family got the rank, it would be a huge insult for Duke North.

Zheng Chenyi looked very vital dressed in a set of sporty clothes.

When Gu Chaoyan saw his look of resolution, she became more and more certain about him getting the rank.

She felt his pulse, checking his physical condition and felt that he was in a good condition, at least better than she had expected.

However, she still gave him a pill. The pill was made of magical water and could keep him healthy.

Seeing Zheng Chenyi taking the pill, Gu Chaoyan nodded and felt assured.

"Alright, let's go to the pitch." Zhou Huaijin looked outside and reminded them.

Zheng Chenyi nodded seriously, then they left.

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan were following him.

The Contest was open for the whole Zheng Family to watch. So the whole clan was already waiting there.

Mrs. Duke North was not in a good mood, so she was not present. Instead, it was the housekeeper and pageboys who were present. They had accompanied Zheng Chenyi to the court.

When Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin arrived, they took the side of Duke North's Mansion as well.

When they almost arrived at the pitch, Zhou Huaijin's guards exchanged a few words with him which made him frown. He said, "Chaoyan, you, Fu Bao and Sword One can go there first. I will join you soon."

Instead of asking anything more, Gu Chaoyan nodded. Then she did what he asked her to.

When the housekeeper saw Gu Chaoyan, he waved at her, knowing that she was standing by his side.

When Gu Chaoyan arrived...

The housekeeper and guard spared a place for her so that Gu Chaoyan had enough space to be seated.

The men from the Zheng Family were already on the pitch.

Gu Chaoyan glanced at them. Apart from some young men who were of the same age as Zheng Chenyi, some were already quite old. She shook her head slightly.

These people were so greedy about their rank. It seemed that every man from the Zheng Family was already there, fighting for the rank.

Gu Chaoyan had her eyes upon the pitch, but some women from the Zheng Family had their eyes upon Gu Chaoyan. Madame Zheng said ironically, "Haha, can this be the Miss who is marrying Zheng Chenyi? She looks so strange, I have never seen her in the capital."

"..."

"Honestly, misses from noble families are always known to me."

"..."

"But I have never seen her before, she must be from an unknown, minor family."

"..."

"Mrs. Duke North is so eager to get Zheng Chenyi engaged. Is she worried that if Zheng Chenyi loses today, even unknown families would not want to marry him?"

"..."

"Our Yunfan is not yet engaged. What is the point of getting engaged now? When he gets the rank, all the noble ladies would be there for him to pick from whenever he wants it."

As she was talking, she showed a proud smile. She had nothing to fear. Anyone who was willing to marry Zheng Chenyi could not be from any noble families. And when her Yunfan got the rank, no one would be able to do anything about her.

"How dare you!" Fu Bao bellowed angrily..

Chapter 669: Someone's Miss

"This is the future Princess Consort of Lord Huai, she is not for you to humiliate! Your family has not gotten the rank yet, and how dare you humiliate the royal family! So are you going to demean the King when you get the rank, then?" Fu Bao bellowed angrily.

He was so angry. When he was with Zhou Huaijin, he never ran into things like this, but when the Lord was away, someone dared to humiliate Lady Chaoyan. What was wrong with them!

Fu Bao was Zhou Huaijin's personal guard, so he did have an imposing air.

When Madame Zheng heard his words, she turned pale. She had not expected that she had offended the future Princess Consort of Lord Huai!

Noble families had stopped hanging out with Duke North's Mansion, that was why Madame Zheng was bold enough to cause the misunderstanding, seeing that Gu Chaoyan looked unfamiliar.

She did not dare to offend the future Princess Consort of Lord Huai now... and even when Zheng Yunfan got the rank, she would not dare to offend a woman with that background.

If such a misunderstanding was kept, then the rank would be influenced. She was the Madame of the Zheng Family, but if something like this happened, the Zheng Family would blame her for causing trouble.

Madame Zheng turned pale and became increasingly anxious.

The other people from the Zheng Family were watching Madame Zheng as if they were watching an entertainment show. Zheng Yunfan was the most likely winner for today's contest, but if Madame Zheng caused trouble, then the other members of the Zheng Family would have the chance of winning the rank. So they wished that Madame Zheng would cause some more trouble, otherwise she would be so annoying bullying people around as if she were the boss.

Gu Chaoyan said nothing. She was just watching Madame Zheng in silence.

Madame Zheng felt dizzy. She kneeled down directly and said, "Please, Miss, I am too stupid to cause such trouble, please don't blame me for that, please." She said this as she kept kowtowing.

Gu Chaoyan continued to watch her in silence and did not ask her to get up.

Gu Chaoyan did not like the manners of kowtowing and kneeling, but today, she did not want her to get up. This woman was so terrible. When she felt that you were someone to bully, she spared no efforts in bullying you, but when she found that you were not someone to offend, she just kneeled down, begging for forgiveness.

If it had been someone else without background who was at this position today, then the miss would be deeply bullied, wouldn't she?

Her son had not gotten the rank yet, so how dared she offend Mrs. Duke North and Young Duke. How terrible!

Gu Chaoyan glanced at her and said nothing. Instead, she turned around and focused upon the pitch.

The contest seemed to have started.

It was a simple contest, because it was a rank for the Zheng Family to compete among themselves.

What the King hoped to see was who would be able to lead the army, and as long as that winner was able to lead the army to the battlefield, the King would approve of that person for the rank whilst getting him a strategist for further deployment. All he needed was the title!

So it was just a contest in martial arts.

Zheng Chenyi was still waiting, whilst the other members of the Zheng Family were already in the contest.

Gu Chaoyan was watching very carefully too. She would like to see how strong the Zheng Family was.

Madame Zheng was still on her knees. She sneaked a look at Gu Chaoyan, hoping that this method would make her change her mind. She had been on her knees for too long yet Gu Chaoyan still refused to let her get up. So she had to continue to sit on her knees.

On the other side, however, a man in a long robe pointed at Gu Chaoyan as he asked Zhou Huailing next to him.. “Who is she?”

Chapter 670: The Winner

Zhou Huailing followed the direction he was pointing and saw Gu Chaoyan. He was startled for a while. Then he turned to Xuan Lin, the Prince of the North Qi Land. He had some communication with this man before, and he was not a man who liked talking sense. He might not be that indulging in the Saint Divine Land, yet Zhou Huailing could tell what kind of person he was.

Now this man was looking at Gu Chaoyan with interest. He sensed that something was going on.

He had fallen for Gu Chaoyan before, but she chose the Eighth Brother. So he did not expect that they would have a peaceful relationship. So he said with a smile. “That is Gu Chaoyan, the Elder Miss of the Gu Family. You would not believe how ugly she used to be. She never went out until she became prettier this year. Now she is going about in the court.”

Zhou Huailing was suggesting something else.

Xuan Lin showed an interested smile.

He had met many women from the Saint Divine Land. Most of them were pretending to be elegant, shy and bashful whilst as a matter of fact, they were all thinking about using tricks. He had never become interested in any woman from the Saint Divine Land, but...

He glanced at this cold-looking woman, who was behaving so resolutely. She did not even ask the person who was on her knees to get up after such a long time. She did not even want to pretend to be anyone else.

Xuan Lin thought for a while and said, “Let’s go and say hello.” Then he turned to Jian Yuxing from the Cloud Land and raised his eyebrows. “Are you coming with us, Brother Yuxing?”

Jian Yuxing had no interest in doing that, so he shook his head and focused upon the pitch instead.

He had always been interested in the sword of the Saint Divine Land. So he decided to study sword skills, but he saw the contestants and found them quite ordinary in sword performances.

He just could not figure out why they made such a fuss to have a contest here in the court – that was what confused him at the moment, so he showed no interest in ladies.

There was never a marriage alliance between the four countries, and they were here for the Spring Hunt as well as some transnational communication. No need to waste the time to check out any ladies.

“Brother Yuxing is not interested, so Lord Ling, let’s go and check her out.” Xuan Lin said, looking very fascinated.

Zhou Huailing panicked. He had the intention of telling him who she was so he would keep thinking about the girl rather than check her out so fast.

He was about to stop him, when Xuan Lin already started walking.

It was too late for Zhou Huailing to stop him, so he had to follow, but...

As Xuan Lin approached Gu Chaoyan, he did not go up directly, but stopped somewhere around her, staring at her.

Gu Chaoyan did not sense what was going on. At this moment, it was already Zheng Chenyi and Zheng Yunfan’s turn to compete with each other. That was the final round.

The winner from the family clan was competing with Zheng Chenyi.

If Zheng Chenyi won the contest, he would get the rank. If not, Zheng Yunfan would have it instead. That was the most important round of all.

Madame Zheng, who had been facing Gu Chaoyan on her knees, moved and turned to the pitch. She had to make sure that Yunfan got the rank.

Madame Zheng was feeling very nervous since Zheng Chenyi was good at martial arts too, and she hoped that he would not make it because of physical problems.

At that moment, someone collapsed.

Madame Zheng hurried up to see who it was..