

Divine 671

Chapter 671: Waiting for Me?

Gu Chaoyan felt that she was jerked up, but the next moment when she saw that it was not Zheng Chenyi who collapsed, she let out a sigh of relief and felt assured. She even had sweat coming out of her forehead.

The housekeepers and guards of the Mansion cried happily, "Young Duke won, Young Duke won! He won!"

Zheng Chenyi came excitedly to Gu Chaoyan's direction. He was wearing a look of victory. "I won, I won!"

The guards leaped over the things that stood in front of them and rushed towards Zheng Chenyi.

The guards were all full of tears of excitement. They had been waiting for more than a decade and finally, they saw the day when Young Duke got the rank! It had been a long time of waiting.

Even the housekeeper was wiping tears silently behind the crowd.

Zheng Chenyi subconsciously looked at Gu Chaoyan, who already moved her look upon Madame Zheng who was still on her knees. She replied coldly after a long time of silence. "Madame Zheng, have you seen what happened? Young Duke won the rank, not your son. Young Duke will always keep the rank no matter what happens."

Madame Zheng felt as if she were in a surreal world. She turned pale as she heard what Gu Chaoyan said.

How could that have happened? That was impossible! Zheng Chenyi almost died a while ago. She had asked the imperial doctor in the court, who told her that all he could do was to be able to walk. How could he have beaten Zheng Yunfan? That was impossible!

Madame Zheng had been confident. What she had been worried about was whether Yunfan could beat the other brothers from the Zheng Family, since everyone else was not showing their full strength, but Zheng Chenyi?

Madame Zheng just could not believe it.

Gu Chaoyan did not care how she felt. Having said these words, she turned around and was about to leave.

She took some steps forward and noticed that Zhou Huaijin was still absent, so she stopped walking.

Zhou Huaijin knew that she was here, so he would come to her when he was done with his own business. If she went about on her own accord, he would miss her, Gu Chaoyan thought. So she returned to the original seat.

The crowd was getting smaller, since the contest was over and the majority of bystanders sneaked away.

Only the people from Duke North's Mansion were still excited. They were still standing where they were, cheering.

The whole family of Zheng Yunfan had not left. They just could not believe the truth.

Gu Chaoyan frowned and found that Madame Zheng was still on her knees in front of her. So she moved away, trying to stay away from her.

Xuan Lin, who was not faraway, had witnessed Gu Chaoyan's leaving and returning. He showed a brighter smile and said to Zhou Huailing next to him. "I thought she was leaving, but she stopped because she saw me. She is now waiting for me so that she can attract my attention. Interesting. She is a girl with a brain, smarter and franker than most of the ladies in the Saint Divine Land. I like her. Alright then, I will please her in this case."

Xuan Lin started to walk towards Chaoyan as he said those words.

Zhou Huailing did not even have any chance to reply to him. He had wanted to stop Xuan Lin, but he was too fast.

Xuan Lin was already in front of Gu Chaoyan as Zhou Huailing caught up with him. "Miss, are you waiting for me?"

Chapter 672: Slap on the Face 1

Gu Chaoyan threw a cold look at Xuan Lin, showing no expression on her face as she asked with a freezing tone, "Who are you?"

As Xuan Lin was asked about his identity.

Xuan Lin showed a proud look on his face. "Who am I?" Xuan Lin said with an arrogant tone. "I am Xuan Lin, the Prince of the North Qi Land! Aren't you waiting for me because you saw me? I am in a good mood, and I can make you happy today. Which family are you from? Now that I know you, I can marry you and bring you back to the North Qi Land if I am happy."

Xuan Lin heard what Zhou Huailing said about this girl a while ago. He said that the girl used to be very ugly and now she was very pretty, so she kept wandering about in the court nowadays. That basically meant that she was ambitious enough to get to know someone from the court.

Xuan Lin was confident about himself at this point.

Those princes from the Saint Divine Land were with a title, but who on earth was going to take the throne in the future was still a question. Xuan Lin was different, however, he was already the heir that was going to take the throne of the North Qi Land. That was his advantage and he was confident that it would work.

Gu Chaoyan frowned as she threw a look at him. Then she turned to Zhou Huailing who was standing silently next to them.

She did believe that he was the prince from the North Qi Land, since Zhou Huaijin had once told her that Zhou Huailing was now in charge of receiving the princes and ambassadors of those countries this year.

Zhou Huailing was really the King's good son – he was using the same plan as his father did on her.

Gu Chaoyan sneered and looked at Xuan Lin as if she were staring at an idiot. "I am sorry, but I don't know who you are, you don't have to think too highly of yourself."

Having said these words, she turned around and moved aside, so that she could keep a distance between herself and this maniac prince.

Seeing the way she was scolding him, Xuan Lin did not get angry. Instead, he laughed.

"Interesting. I have never seen such an interesting woman before in this country. You are playing hard to get, right? Well, I love it!" Xuan Lin said as he turned to Zhou Huailing and patted his shoulders as he said in a fascinated tone, "Women from your country always pretend to be introverted, and this woman doesn't even bother to pretend and instead plays tricks on me. So I want her."

He did not think that this lady was actually turning him down. Women were always like this – they said words that were against what they actually thought. So he turned to Gu Chaoyan again.

He was about to say something when Gu Chaoyan saw Zhou Huaijin coming to her side. He looked anxious, probably because he noticed that he had been absent for too long.

Zhou Huaijin let out a sigh of relief as he spotted Gu Chaoyan. He finally felt assured.

He had just handled an emergency, but he felt quite guilty for not having kept her company. He had promised to keep her company. Luckily, Chaoyan was still here.

Zhou Huaijin had just come to her when Gu Chaoyan greeted him happily. "The contest has just ended. I was about to leave when I thought that you might come searching for me here. Good that I made this choice, otherwise you would have not found me."

Having said these words, she wiped the sweat on Zhou Huaijin's forehead.

Xuan Lin was about to say something...

Chapter 673: Slap on the Face 2

He had a terrible look on his face. He had believed that this lady was waiting for him, and him only, but... She was not!

She returned to her original seat because she was waiting for someone else, not because she saw where he was.

Xuan Lin had been slapped right on the face in front of so many people for the first time in his life. He threw a fierce look at Zhou Huailing.

Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin were about to leave together, when Zheng Yunfan came from the pitch and saw his mother on her knees. She looked as if she were kneeling in the direction of the housekeeper

of the Duke North's Mansion. Zheng Yunfan, who had already been furious about the loss, got even more furious at the sight of this – his mother was kneeling at a servant!

Fury arose inside him.

Zheng Yunfan lost the contest today, but the Zheng Family were not to be bullied by anyone. How could his mother be bullied by Duke North's Mansion, just because they had won a contest!

Zheng Yunfan bellowed furiously, "How dare you Duke North's Mansion! You just won a game so how could you bully my mother like this and make her kneel down here! I want to report this to the King, so that the King can defend us!"

Madame Zheng did not even have time to stop Zheng Yunfan when he made a fuss.

The guards and Zheng Chenyi all stopped when they saw Zheng Yunfan coming in their direction.

Zheng Yunfan was about to punch Zheng Chenyi, when Gu Chaoyan took a step forward and said coldly, "Madame Zheng kneeled down by herself, no one asked her to. As for why she did this, you can ask Madame Zheng first before turning to the King. Even if the King knows the reason, you would not get justice."

Zheng Yunfan threw a dubious look at her.

Madame Zheng also got up and stopped Zheng Yunfan. "Yunfan, stop saying bullshit." Then she turned to Gu Chaoyan politely. "Lady Chaoyan, it is all my fault, Yunfan knows nothing, please don't blame him!"

Gu Chaoyan glanced at Zheng Yunfan.

Zheng Yunfan showed a look of displeasure, but stopped what he was doing. He knew pretty well what his mother was like. If his mother did have justice on her side, she would not have stopped him. It must have been his mother's fault.

Zheng Yunfan silently left with Madame Zheng. Before Madame Zheng left, she still begged Gu Chaoyan for forgiveness.

Finally, it was quiet on the pitch.

Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin left together with the Duke North's Mansion people.

When people from Duke North's Mansion left together, it was finally very quiet on the pitch, with only Zhou Huailing and Xuan Lin, as well as Jian Yuxing who had been watching the show all this time.

Jian Yuxing said as if nothing had happened. "Since the contest is over, Brother Xuan Lin, we should go back to our hotel."

Xuan Lin showed a terrible look on his face and snorted.

"I don't like an ordinary miss anyway, I am going to marry the most noble of your country, a princess!" Xuan Lin said arrogantly to Zhou Huailing. He was very angry with Zhou Huailing too. Why didn't this man remind him about that lady so that he wouldn't be embarrassed.

Zhou Huailing was angry too. Xuan Lin was too arrogant. Why should the Saint Divine Land obey his thoughts?

“Marrying a princess? You will probably get disappointed.”

“Why?” Xuan Lin said confidently as he looked at Zhou Huailing. “Only the King has the call, right?”

Chapter 674: Marrying the Princess

Zhou Huailing laughed out of anger.

Among the four countries, the Saint Divine Land was the leading country with the strongest power. So every year around the New Year, princes and ambassadors from the other three countries would come to pay tributes to the Saint Divine Land. They would only be qualified for the Spring Hunt when they paid their tributes, and it was an honor for the prince to be part of the Spring Hunt.

All the princes from the countries were flattering the Saint Divine Land. It was the first time for him to meet such an arrogant prince.

At first, this Prince from the North Qi Land was humiliating the women of the Saint Divine Land and Gu Chaoyan, but that did not matter for Zhou Huailing, since that was the truth, but now... He was looking down at Zhou Huailing!

This prince wanted to marry a princess!

Although those princesses were not born by the same mother, they were at least people from the royal family. Xuan Lin was looking down at the princesses and the whole royal family too.

Zhou Huailing knew clearly about that fact.

He had to turn to his father? Now his father discussed everything with him! If he disapproved of something, his father would not approve of it!

Zhou Huailing looked at the prince from the North Qi Land and said ironically, “Then let’s see if you are able to do it.”

Xuan Lin threw a look at Zhou Huailing. He had his head raised and said, “Let’s wait and see.” He decided to head to the Qianqing Palace.

Jian Yuxing had no interest in any of these. He would rather exchange a little knowledge of martial arts with the Young Duke!

“Then Lord Ling and Brother Xuan Lin, you can do whatever you like, I need to be back to the hotel.” Jian Yuxing said briefly.

Zhou Huailing and Xuan Lin had their own plan, so they did not care what Jian Yuxing wanted. They waved at him casually and asked him to leave on his own, then they headed directly to the Qianqing Palace.

Jian Yuxing shook his head and found the access out of the court.

At Qianqing Palace

The King looked at Zhou Huailing and Xuan Lin who seemed to be in an argument. He found the whole thing peculiar.

It was very easy to receive the princes and ambassadors, and that would help to boost the relationship between the princes... So what made Ling so displeased? What happened?

He found the whole thing strange.

The Saint Divine Land was a powerful land, the leader of the four countries. All the princes from the other three countries were always flattering the Saint Divine Land, how could they even end up in an argument.

"What happened?" The King asked strictly as he looked at Xuan Lin.

Zhou Huailing said nothing, but he turned to Xuan Lin ironically, "Prince from the North Qi, didn't you say that you have some business to discuss with my father? Spill it now."

Xuan Lin showed no fear. Instead, he met the King's look and said, "Nothing serious, just that I want to marry one of your princesses, and you need to make the decision."

He had just said the words, but Zhou Huailing showed a terrible look on his face and shook his head slightly.

The King's expression also sank. Although he had approved of Prince Mui's pursuit of Gu Chaoyan, that was only because Gu Chaoyan was no more than a lady. However, this Prince wanted to marry a princess...

Things were just different.

Princesses were the representatives of the royal family of the Saint Divine Land and could not be married easily. What kind of country was North Qi anyway.

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The King showed a strange look on his face.. "Prince from the North Qi, your father might have forgotten to tell you something."

Chapter 675: Conditions 1

"We four countries have rules and unspoken agreements, we don't do marriage alliances." The King looked at Xuan Lin with a touch of arrogance. "Also, even if there is one, we are powerful enough not to let our princess marry anyone from your country. Prince, it is the first time for you to be in our country, and you may not have much idea of our rules and principles."

"..."

"You are a young man, so we don't need to go deeper into your offense, but you should never let me hear any such words again." The King threw a glance at Xuan Lin, looking disdainful.

The King would not have been so arrogant in the past, but today, the Saint Divine Land was more than the most powerful land. They even had a Phoenix Girl! So what was the point of being afraid of anyone? There was no need to fear the combination of the other three countries! They were never going to fear anything.

Xuan Lin laughed and showed some fury. He had lost his own face back at the pitch, and he was thinking about saving his face by marrying a princess. That was a childish move of his, and if the King had been modest enough, he would not have to marry a princess from their country, but seeing the King's disdainful look as well as the minor Lord who was laughing at him...

Xuan Lin felt rather annoyed. He lowered his face and said, "You are sure about that? What if I say that I have an exchange condition for you? Would you think about what you said?"

The King looked at Xuan Lin in surprise.

An exchange condition? Normally, he would have turned that down directly, but when he noticed the confident look on this prince's face, he thought that maybe, there was something they would like to exchange.

After all, the other three countries were always trying their best to flatter the Saint Divine Land.

This prince from the North Qi Land looked different. He seemed quite arrogant, even in front of him. If he was so arrogant, then it basically meant that he was confident enough.

The King frowned and nodded. "Just say it."

Seeing that the King was showing curiosity, Xuan Lin started to look proud. He glanced at Zhou Huailing and said nonchalantly, "That is good, but I only speak with the King, not with anyone else."

"You..." Zhou Huailing became so furious that he would very much like to argue with Xuan Lin.

The King was at the edge of hearing what Xuan Lin had to say, so he did not care about Zhou Huailing's emotions either. So he turned to Zhou Huailing and said, "Lord Ling, just leave us alone, me and the Prince have some words to share."

"Father!" Zhou Huailing looked at the King in disbelief and sorrow. His father not only ignored him, but also intended to drive him out!

The King frowned slightly. Lord Ling was becoming less and less open-minded.

The most important thing was to handle what was happening right now, and he was not even aware of that. So childish! He looked at him with disbelief.

So he turned to the Eunuch next to him. "Take Lord Ling out, and shut the door. My conversation with the Prince from North Qi should not be disturbed by anyone else."

"Okay!" The Eunuch took a step forward and said politely, "Lord Ling, let's leave."

Zhou Huailing was not at all willing to leave at this moment.

“Lord Ling, it seems that Lord Yu is in the court today, you can turn to him for some fun, if you are bored.” The Eunuch said calmly.

Zhou Huailing got up directly.

He should not have relaxed. The King did not like Zhou Huaijin, but that did not mean that Zhou Huaiyu was not in a contest with him. Right, he should have behaved more maturely.

The moment Zhou Huailing left, the King said, “Prince from North Qi, you can speak now..”

Chapter 676: Conditions 2

Xuan Lin was still wearing a very proud look on his face. He was quite confident about what he could offer. After all, he became the heir Prince because of that secret.

For the North Qi Land, it was a very useful thing, the same went for the Saint Divine Land. So he was certain that the King of the Saint Divine Land would be extremely interested.

He had a lot of it in his pocket and it was okay, if he offered some to save his face. Xuan Lin did not think that it would hurt.

“Magical Monsters... are you interested in Magical Monsters?” Xuan Lin said with a smile. “I have many for you to choose from, the ferocious ones, tall, easily-controlled ones or any other kind. I would have come with a magical monster for the tribute this year, but if you are willing to exchange a princess with me, then I can give you three magical monsters! As long as you nod at my request, I can write a letter to North Qi overnight so that the magical monsters can be delivered to us directly. You get the magical monsters, and the princess will be mine.”

“...”

“As for what the magical monsters look like... you can come to take a look at my mount. Take your time in considering the offer.”

When the King heard what Xuan Lin said he had a very complicated look on his face.

He did believe that there were such a thing as magical monsters... because when he took the throne a while back, he heard the old King telling him about it, but that was far too long ago, and the story he heard from the old king was quite vague.

Magical Monsters were a very powerful existence.

Unexpectedly... What he had found was the Phoenix Girl whilst what the North Qi Land had gotten turned out to be magical monsters!

No wonder the Prince of the North Qi Land was so arrogant in the Saint Divine Land. He was confident enough to do it. If magical monsters were used for any more battles, then the North Qi Land might be able to take the position as the most powerful land.

Without much hesitation the King said, “I need five. If you add two more to the three, then we have the deal.”

Xuan Lin frowned. What a tricky King!

When he offered the number of three... he thought that the Saint Divine Land would accept that, but now the King wanted five!

He hesitated for a moment, but then he thought of the potential power he was going to have in the future... five did not sound that much any longer. So he nodded. "Deal."

The King smiled. He had thought that the Prince would say no, but this was totally within his expectation.

The Prince did not seem like a smart person. He revealed the land's top secret just to marry a princess. Honestly, that was truly because Lord Ling had stimulated the Prince so the Prince thought of such a cooperation method.

When they nodded at the deal, the King asked the Prince to leave.

As for the mounts... he was going to find another time to check them out.

As they walked out of the Qianqing Palace, Xuan Lin gave Zhou Huailing a very proud smile and stopped in front of him, saying, "Lord Ling, didn't you just say that I would not be able to marry a princess. Now I am going to marry a princess from your country."

Zhou Huailing was very surprised. He turned around, refusing to look at Xuan Lin.

Xuan Lin was in the middle of feeling proud and ignored what he was thinking. He then left.

When Xuan Lin left, Zhou Huailing walked into Qianqing Palace and said in dissatisfaction. "Father, how can you nod at the deal! Xuan Lin is looking down at us!"

"Ling..." the King said with a look of contemplation..

Chapter 677: Got It

He looked at Zhou Huailing and said with a very serious expression on his face. "Ling, you have to be very polite with the Prince from the North Qi Land, and no more arguments. If he is in a terrible temper, be tolerant! If you don't get pushed away, he won't ride over you! What matters is the consequence."

Zhou Huailing, who had not been very happy, became even more displeased, and his expression sank hearing what the King said.

Should he be tolerant with Xuan Lin? A Prince from the North Qi Land?!

The Saint Divine Land was the most powerful land among the four countries, and he had the Phoenix Girl as his wife, Xuan Lin was just a Prince. He was a lord who was about to become the heir to the throne, so why was he demeaned to a lower degree?

Zhou Huailing just could not understand.

He had a terrible look on his face and refused to answer the King's words.

The Eunuch of the Qianqing Palace served Zhou Huailing tea and said with a small voice. "Watch out, Lord Ling."

Only now did Zhou Huailing become a bit more aware.

He forced a small smile. He was suddenly reminded when he caught sight of the Eunuch – yes, he was almost the heir, but he was still not the heir. Zhou Huaiyu was still in the contest with him, and he should not disgrace himself.

Although he had married the Phoenix Girl, the support from the King was the most important of all.

Zhou Huailing suddenly understood. He felt a bit wronged, but still nodded. "I will obey your order, father, it is just that I am not... that convinced."

Hearing what he said, the King showed a small smile.

Ling was still too young to get beaten down, but as long as he was obedient everything would work out.

He was still in good health, and he had no interest in raising an unruly person. That was why the docile Ling stood out among all the other sons.

He smiled. "Why? You don't have to be convinced. We will bend for now, but that is just a one time thing, also, we are not bending down completely in this aspect either." The King showed a proud smile.

Zhou Huailing looked at his own father. He knew that something must have happened a while ago.

He hesitated and asked. "Father, what is the deal?"

"We are getting the top secret and five magical monsters from the North Qi Land with one single princess, that sounds like a good deal, doesn't it?" The King showed a great smile. "Anyway, you can go and visit that prince's mount, we will see what the magical monsters are like. If they are really magical monsters, we will try to obtain all the plans related to the magical monsters from that land." The King showed a tricky smile.

Zhou Huailing now finally understood everything.

That did sound like a great deal. No wonder Xuan Lin was so arrogant – he had such a heavy bargain chip!

He could not have any idea about the Phoenix Girl and Destiny Monk, could he? The King was right – they were just being belittled for now. They were going to laugh in the end.

"I understand, father." Zhou Huailing answered.

The King nodded. He told Zhou Huailing because he had married the Phoenix Girl and it was okay for him to know about that.

When they finished the conversation the King asked Zhou Huailing to go back.

He then headed directly to the Weiyang Palace.

Only Xunyang was old enough to get married. She was the only candidate left.

He had not been to the Weiyang Palace for a long while.

Chapter 678: Princess Jing

The Weiyang Palace seemed silent and bleak compared to before.

Winter had come, so Susu and Seven were not playing in the courtyard any more. It did not look so bustling when the gate was tightly shut.

The King walked inside and heard the sound of coughing. He was startled.

She caught a cold again? It seemed that every time he was here, her health was always in a terrible condition. She had never recovered, had she?

He raised his hands. He was about to knock at the door... but he finally put them down.

He just could not truly be concerned for the Queen after so many years of hatred. He turned around and walked away, leaving a trace of footsteps.

As he came to the outside of the Weiyang Palace, the King stopped walking. Somehow he did not feel like leaving at the moment.

The Empress Dowager happened to show up, and the King walked up to her. "Mom, what are you doing out here in the cold winter?"

"King, I had wanted to talk with you at the Qianqing Palace, but we happened to run into each other here. What a coincidence." The Empress Dowager showed a bright smile.

The King was startled. This was the outer yard of the Weiyang Palace, and the path towards Qianqing Palace from Cining Palace was not located here. What was happening?

The King was in the middle of thinking about this, when The Empress Dowager said happily, "King, it is almost the New Year, and we have many happy affairs. Young Duke is going to take the rank, and I am thinking about getting Princess Jing promoted on this occasion. You are paying important attention to Lord Ling, so it would not be good if his mother is just a minor princess. He needs to have a better business right in the future. So, if you can grant Princess Jing a better position, then we can all do some celebrating!"

The King had not been paying attention to Princess Jing these days. He had almost forgotten about granting the title. That was what he owed Princess Jing. He owed Princess Jing more than just a title, but that was what he was capable of giving her at the moment.

"Mom, thank you for remembering this for me, otherwise I would have no idea how to tell Princess Jing about that," the King said.

Seeing the King's behavior the Empress Dowager felt slightly assured.

She had not been in a hurry to do such a thing, but she just heard from her messenger that the King had just visited the Weiyang Palace so she hurried there to meet him. She was worried that the King still had lingering feelings towards the Queen, and if the King was still in the Weiyang Palace, with her present,

the Queen would not be able to make any fuss. So she decided to tell the Queen about this title for Princess Jing, whether the King was present or not.

It was known to everyone that the King had been tolerant in this position for decades, but the Empress Dowager could not guarantee that the King had no feelings towards that woman.

She had to be very careful. She was worried when the King felt sympathetic towards the Queen, and started to feel sorry for her.

She was aware of what those people in the court were thinking. So this was the best solution she could find.

The Empress Dowager added. "When Princess Jing gets the title, I will give her the authority token so that she can be in charge of the whole court of princesses. She is no longer young, and she has been in the court for so long, so she should have an idea of what to do. When she gets the token and becomes responsible for everything, I can just give her some side guidance."

The token?

The King was startled. He was aware of what the token meant – if the token was given to Princess Jing rather than being kept in his mother's hands...

Chapter 679: The Queen's Reaction

Things would be different.

The Queen was, after all, still the Queen. She lost the authority token for an unexplained reason and if the token fell into someone other princess' hand, then the Weiyang Palace would eventually become an isolated place.

The King was not ready to conduct such a ruthless thing without preparations.

The Empress Dowager also noticed the unwillingness on the King's face, but she had made up her mind, so she said, "I am not saying that the Princess should take over the court. Have you forgotten why the authority token was given to me? The Queen is not in good health, so the token was given to me so that I can find someone to share the burden with her. When the Queen recovers, the token can be given back to her."

The Empress Dowager knew her son well. She understood what his weakest point was. He was someone with emotions and affection. He could not simply turn away like a cold-hearted person. So she should not ask him to do something so ruthless without warning. He needed to take steps one by one.

For example, she could just tell him that the token would be given back to the Queen later.

When the King heard the promise, he felt slightly better. He nodded. "Then let's just say that. Please inform Princess Jing about that when you have time."

The Empress Dowager had wanted to turn down this order, but seeing that the King already nodded at what she said, she decided to do something he told her to instead. So she nodded and decided to visit Princess Jing.

When the Empress Dowager was gone, the King stayed on the spot for a long while before walking towards the Weiyang Palace.

He did not hesitate this time. He knocked at the door directly.

When Aunt Nan saw the King at the doorstep, she showed no smile as before. Instead, she bowed quietly and took a step aside.

The Queen was lying on the bed. She had caught a cold because of the blast, so she decided to stay in bed instead.

The King saw the Queen in bed getting up to greet him.

He felt baffled. The Queen never behaved like a stranger in this way before. Now she was being too polite.

"No need. I am here to tell you two things, so just listen to me." The King sat down next to her and said, "First of all, it is almost the New Year and we have many celebratory things. The Empress Dowager and I have thought about promoting Princess Jing to become the Honored Princess instead. Princess Jing has been in the court for many years and it is time for her to get promoted in title around this time."

The King did not notice that he had said so many words just to tell the Queen of the plan.

As he finished speaking, he looked at the Queen.

The Queen showed no expression, but said as she nodded after a long while. "She deserves that."

Then she stayed silent.

That made the King feel uncomfortable again. He had expected that the Queen would be displeased about giving Princess Jing the promotion, because he mentioned this matter in the past, and the Queen never approved of it.

He had been complaining about this disagreement for a long while and felt sorry for Princess Jing. He once promised Princess Jing that he would make it up to her.

Now the promise was actualized, but he did not seem that pleased either. Instead, he had hoped that the Queen would get angry.

However, she did not.

Suddenly, the King felt furious. He got up all of a sudden and walked to the Queen's bedside..

Chapter 680: Your Plan

As the huge silhouette came to her all of a sudden and blocked the light in front of the Queen, she subconsciously looked up at the King.

This was a look of coldness blended with confusion. There was no other emotion mixed inside.

The King bent down and stared at the Queen's face. It was not a very striking face, but it was a very comfortable face to look at, just like the peonies, which should be stared at in silence. There was an air of heroic nature between her eyebrows, just like everyone from the Jiang Family, but at the same time, the King hated the heroic air between the Queen's eyebrows, because it reminded him of General Jiang who displeased him a great deal.

He was an inwardly arrogant man who hated to be threatened, but General Jiang was someone that broke him down.

The King approached the Queen, trying to conquer her.

When the Queen saw the King's approaching face, she subconsciously turned around, refusing to have any close contact with him.

The King's expression changed. He was frowning, feeling really furious. He almost got tricked by affection a while ago, how ridiculous he had been.

The King got up and took a few steps backwards, putting a distance between himself and the Queen as he said coldly, "I am not here to ask you for advice. The Empress Dowager and I have already decided to promote Princess Jing. I am here to inform you about that, so that you know the news.

"Also, The Empress Dowager is too old to take care of everything in the court, but the token will not be given back to you since you are not in good health. When Princess Jing gets promoted, she will have the authority token. That is the second thing I would like to inform you about."

When the words were spoken, the King turned around.

He tried not to look at the Queen's reaction. "I am done telling you the news. I need to get down to other business, take care."

Then he started to walk outside, but the Queen behind him uttered no sound at all.

The King felt that something was wrong, so he turned around and took a look at the expressionless Queen who was lying in bed, looking extremely pale.

The King was still feeling furious, but when he saw the Queen in such a state, he still had a sense of sympathy. He sighed, then he added, "You are not doing well, so the authority token will be given to Princess Jing. Mother says that when you recover, the token can be given back to you instead. You don't need to overthink this matter."

When the words were spoken the King left, flinging his sleeves.

The King, for some reason, felt quite baffled. It was a very strange feeling.

That was something he had been looking forward to doing since ages ago, but.... When what he had done was actualized, he did not feel happy, or pleased. Instead, he felt rather distressed.

So he did not even visit Princess Jing. Instead, he went directly back to the Qianqing Palace.

Back at the Weiyang Palace

Aunt Nan looked at the Queen concernedly. "What are you supposed to do! You are the Queen, but without a token... our Weiyang Palace will be an isolated place! The King is too cold-hearted!"

"Aunt Nan..." the Queen said.