

## Divine 691

### Chapter 691: Not You

However, she was very familiar with the road leading to the Qianqing Palace.

The Qianqing Palace was the place where the King stayed and the Queen used to bring some food when she was visiting him there, but some time later, the King did not allow her to come with any food.

So the Queen stopped as he told her to. Later, they grew further and further apart from each other and that was just a few months ago.

The Queen did not have to have her arrival announced, she could drop by whenever she wanted to, but things were different now. She had to wait outside the palace before her arrival was passed on to the King.

When the Eunuch went inside to pass on the message, the King heard that the Queen was here.

He knew pretty well what she was here for – she was here for Xunyang. The King would have been willing to meet her if not for what was going on with Xunyang, and now he just did not want to see her any more.

“Just tell her to leave. Tell her that I am too busy to speak with her,” the King said expressionlessly.

The Eunuch nodded, then he went out to pass on the message.

Seeing the Queen waiting in the snow the Eunuch said indifferently, “Queen, just leave. The King is too busy to see you, and he says that he has nothing to talk with you about.”

The Queen’s eyes sank, but she did not move. She continued to stand in the snow.

Aunt Nan was very concerned about her. She swept off the snow that had fallen on the umbrella, then she passed the hand-fireplace to the Queen and said, “Let’s leave, Queen, you have not yet recovered.”

The Queen shook her head. She had been avoiding hearing the answers, but today she had to know the answer. She had to find out what was going on. She would give up when she got the answer.

The Queen refused to leave, so Aunt Nan had to stand next to her, keeping her company.

The Eunuch, who was guarding outside the gate, was watching the Queen with a queer smile.

When Aunt Nan again swept away the snowflakes on the umbrella, Honored Princess Jing passed by the Queen. Honored Princess Jing had been promoted in title and had a much bigger scale of people following her around. She had more eunuchs and maids by her side, and she even had one more Aunt serving her. She was surrounded by a cluster.

The Queen, who had been used to staying low-profile, never had so many people surrounding her when she was out. So the Queen seemed much more bleak compared to the other.

When Honored Princess Jing saw the Queen there, she showed a queer smile on her face too. She used to be the one who was asked to wait outside the court, but today, the tables had turned.

However, when Honored Princess Jing spoke, she said with a look of confusion. "Queen, what are you doing here? It is snowing heavily here, you will get a cold if you stand here."

The Queen ignored her.

Honored Princess Jing snorted and walked directly into the Qianqing Palace.

The Eunuch showed a flattering look on his face as he saw her in.

The Queen showed no expression on her face.

One quarter later, Honored Princess Jing walked out of the court.

Seeing that the Queen was still standing where she was, she smiled proudly, "Queen, what are you waiting here for? The King said that he doesn't want to see you, and he won't."

"..."

"Do you think your pretentiously pitiful look will move him? Don't even think about that. The King might spare some mercy for other women in the court, but not you."

"..."

"You think you are still the same as before? No one is able to help you now, General Jiang is already dead!"

The Queen frowned. She got what Honored Princess Jing was referring to.

"What do you mean?"

Chapter 692: Real or Not?

The Queen frowned tightly. She sensed that something was wrong with what Honored Princess Jing said.

She said that the King would spare mercy to any other women in the court, but not her, and that General Jiang was already dead so no one was helping her. How was this related to her deceased father?

She and the King were now very far apart from each other, but they used to be a couple deeply in love. What did Honored Princess Jing mean?

The Queen seemed to realize that something was wrong, but then the idea went away, and she just could not catch the thought.

Before the King and she grew apart, they did not seem to have any argument with each other. Everything seemed so sudden. The changes just happened.

The Queen would like to know the answer, but she always failed to find the answer. She thought that the answer was going to be given by the King, but Honored Princess Jing seemed as if she already knew everything.

The Queen showed a terrible look on her face.

Honored Princess Jing could not help but smile. "Just don't keep on guessing, you will never get the answer."

"..."

"I can tell you the truth right now, since you are already where you are."

"..."

"You know why the King would never spare any mercy for you? He hates you!"

As she spoke of that, Honored Princess Jing approached the Queen and stared at her. She was smiling. It was a very arrogant and proud smile.

"You were the Elder Miss of the Jiang Family who wanted to marry the King, and General Jiang threatened the King that only when he took you as the wife, the first wife, would the Jiang Family give him the support!" As Honored Princess Jing spoke of this, she showed a very fierce look on her face.

"What do you think your family is? You had the military power in your hands, but you dared to threaten a royal son!"

"..."

"Honestly, if not for you, me and the King who were deeply in love with each other would have to suffer for so many years. During the past decade, the King hasn't dared to treat me and Ling well, because whatever belongs to us, has been robbed away by you!"

"..."

"But things are different now. A decade later, my Ling married the noble Phoenix Girl, and with the Phoenix Girl around, the King would not need to fear you, and the land would be completely controlled by the King!"

"..."

"So, you think that you are still useful? Jiang Shuang, even if you stand here from now on, nothing will go your way." When Honored Princess Jing finished saying this, she felt extremely pleased. She had been waiting for this day for too long.

She had thought that she could easily replace the Queen. Unexpectedly, the King was still tolerating Jiang Shuang and keeping her as the Queen.

Well, the country was the most important, and she was going to ruin Jiang Shuang totally so that she could feel pleased after suffering for so long.

The Queen felt her eyes blurring up. She felt that Honored Princess Jing's face was twisted. She did not argue anything with Honored Princess Jing. Instead, she walked directly into the Qianqing Palace.

The Eunuch stopped her, but the Queen did not care and pushed him away.

The King inside also said, "Let her in."

The Eunuch did not ask the imperial army to stop her.

The Queen interrogated directly as she walked in.. “Is Honored Princess Jing telling the truth?”

#### Chapter 693: The King’s Revenge

The King looked at the Queen transfixed.

The Queen looked extremely pale and the snowflakes on her hair, because she did not use an umbrella when she hurried here. She was dressed in a red-colored blouse like a Queen should be dressed. She had lost some weight in the past few weeks, and was no longer as plump as before. She was staring at the King.

He had been thinking about this scenario for the past decade. He had been looking forward to this day, but now...

When the day arrived, Zhou Sheng was no longer afraid of the Jiang Family. He was able to confess all that he had planned and done frankly.

Although he was feeling very unhappy right now, the King nodded seriously, “What Honored Princess Jing said is true.”

Well... He could have made the confession the day the Phoenix Girl was found, but for some reason, he had never told the truth. However, he was not denying what Honored Princess Jing had told them.

He was going to confess, and was going to be totally open about it.

“Your father threatened me, and I so dared not treat you badly,” the King said with an unconvinced tone, “Jiang Shang was very intimidating and he was the most powerful general of the whole country, but Jiang Shang never expected that some poor guy like me would grow up and become powerful too!”

“...”

“But now, it is time for me to be fearless.”

“...”

“Why should I be afraid of you and your family any more?” The King showed a very happy smile.

The Queen turned even more pale. She had never expected that the marriage she had believed to be perfect was fabricated and that Zhou Sheng had never thought about this before. He was even pretending to be nice to her and even hid his own purpose in front of her. That was more than a decade!

Everything was fabricated. He was toying with her.

Only now did the Queen understand clearly why Zhou Sheng changed his attitude so tremendously directly after the Phoenix Girl was found.

Only now did she understand why Zhou Sheng agreed to make Xunyang marry that useless Young Master – he was taking his revenge!

Only now did she understand why Zhou Sheng wanted Xunyang to be married off somewhere in the North Qi. He was taking revenge again!

That was the revenge he was taking on the Jiang Family.

The Queen forced herself to stand still. She was the daughter of the Jiang Family and she should not collapse no matter what happened.

In the end, the Queen asked the King. "What did my father say to you?"

As the question was raised, the King smiled ironically.

"General Jiang forced me to treat you well, or they would never let me rest in peace!" As he finished saying these words, the King said arrogantly, "But what can General Jiang do to me now?"

The Queen could not help coughing. She coughed blood. She wiped herself with her sleeves, smearing blood upon her coat and sleeves.

When the King saw the scene, he felt a touch of concern and was about to support her when Honored Princess Jing saw how the King behaved and interrupted. "Queen, are you alright?"

The Queen threw her a glance, then she headed directly outside the Qianqing Palace as if the palace never existed.

Seeing that she was gone, the Honored Princess asked the King.. "King, who should be the Queen now?"

Chapter 694: Alright

The King once promised her that when this day arrived, she would become the Queen and Ling could become the direct Prince. However, these days the King had not mentioned a thing about this.

The Empress Dowager once told her that the King had some affection for the Queen and was definitely not going to drop the Queen that quickly after being together for so many years. That was why she was taking the opportunity to start a fight with the Queen.

She did a great job today.

Since the King had made the confession, then what mattered above all was to get the position as the Queen.

Actually... after being married to the King for so many years... Honored Princess Jing had grown old and lost the strong desire of becoming the Queen, but... She could not. She still had her son! She had to get the best for her son. Only by being the Queen would her son be the real prince, so she was not going to give up on any occasion.

When the King heard the question he was still startled. He looked at the snowstorm outside the window blindly. The Queen was already gone, and her footprints were all covered by the snow too.

Well... Jiang Shuang should still be the Queen.

If the position of Queen was granted to Honored Princess Jing, what should Jiang Shuang do and where should she go?

Normally, only Honored Princesses got degraded, but not the Queen. If the Queen was not suitable for the position, she would either be executed or moving to the cold palace.

The cold palace?

Jiang Shuang looked strong, but she was actually a very timid person. She was not in good health now and might get worse if she moved to the cold palace.

So no... Jiang Shuang should not go.

Also, it was winter and the New Year was around the corner, he shouldn't do something like that.

"No need to be worried. I am in charge of everything in the Saint Divine Land now, and I can control everything. You don't have to be so anxious about anything. It is around the New Year and the air is celebratory. Also, we are marrying the Princess to the Prince of the North Qi Land, so it is not a good time to talk about the Queen. Just wait until winter passes, when the Spring Hunt arrives, we can pick up these topics too. Now you are the Honored Princess Jing and in charge of all the princesses, and Ling is already powerful enough to do whatever he wants. Don't worry," the King said, thinking that what he had been saying made sense.

Well... he could do whatever he wanted, but now was not the right time.

When Honored Princess Jing heard these words she looked quite unhappy. She would have believed the King if she had not seen how concerned the King was about Jiang Shuang, but she did see how he reacted so she believed that the King was lying.

However, there was nothing she could do, so she asked. "So, we will talk about this after the Spring Hunt right?"

The King nodded and said indifferently, "Yes, we will talk about this after the Spring Hunt. It is snowing outside, just go back to your place and take a break. I still have petitions to go through."

When Honored Princess Jing heard these words she left.

When she was gone, the King calmed himself down and started to think.

Now he was already powerful enough to do anything for himself. As for Jiang Shuang... She could just stay in the Weiyang Palace. As long as she was doing well in her palace, the King could visit her for some time.

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At the Weiyang Palace.

"Are you alright, Queen!" Susu hurried up to her..

Chapter 695: Your Plan?

The Queen said nothing. She had lost all energy to say anything.

She went back to the inner chamber of the Weiyang Palace.

Aunt Nan helped her to remove the coat and asked Susu to get her a new blouse. The Queen had no energy or strength to change. Instead, she just waved her hands and said to Aunt Nan. "Aunt Nan, go and get Lord Huai. I need to speak with him."

Aunt Nan nodded and hurried away. Aunt Nan kept blaming herself for not being able to do such an important thing first a while ago. She had been confused.

When Aunt Nan was gone, Susu was left alone in the room.

Susu served the Queen some tea and helped her get changed into a set of new clothes. Her Queen loved to be clean and hated the smell of blood. Her Queen would not be very happy about having so much blood on her – that was what Susu was thinking inwardly anyway, but the Queen did not care about this at all.

She turned to Susu. “Susu, when Lord Huai leaves, you go with him along with Seven. You don’t need to care about any other things. Lord Huai will get you a proper place to live in.”

“No, I am not leaving!” Susu protested. She feared nothing! She was not afraid of being bullied even!

The Queen shook her head. It was different this time. She was not asking Susu for her advice, but telling her what to do. She should not stay in the court any more.

The Queen did not argue with Susu, because she was not going to change her mind this time.

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When Zhou Huaijin hurried there, the Queen was in the middle of drinking the tea. She was in such a hurry that she did not look as if she was tasting the drink.

Zhou Huaijin frowned. “What happened, Mom?”

“Two things,” the Queen said straightforwardly. “One, it is about your sister Xunyang. The King wants her to marry the Prince of the North Qi Land, and Xunyang is not going to do that. You have to make sure this doesn’t happen.”

“Two, it is about you and Chaoyan. Be careful about what you two are doing, and don’t get set up!”

When she was done saying these two things the Queen felt weak. She had never expected that she had been living such a huge lie.

When her father told her that Zhou Sheng was not a nice man and that she should not pick someone from the royal family and should choose someone from the noble families instead, she did not listen to him and believed that Zhou Sheng was a nice person, but... He had turned out to be such a terrible-minded person.

It was not she who insisted on marrying Zhou Sheng, but Zhou Sheng who kept approaching her and flattering her, asking her to marry him. That was why her father told her those words.

Unexpectedly... Father gave him some warnings because he was worried about his behavior, but he believed that her father was threatening him and that the whole Jiang Family was bullying him.

Why didn’t he ever think about the fact that after he took the throne, her father gave him the power of the military of his own accord.

Why didn't he ever think that before he took his throne, her father kept helping him, otherwise he would not have taken the throne either, but he was not at all grateful for this. Instead, he kept complaining and now he was taking revenge.

The Queen laughed ironically.

"Also, one most important thing. After you leave the court, go to Mr. Zhao and tell him that it has all been my fault and that we can use the plan now," the Queen said with an assured tone as she mentioned Mr. Zhao.

"What is your plan, mom?" Zhou Huaijin asked confusedly..

#### **Chapter 696: Mr. Zhao**

The Queen had a touch of hope in her eyes as Zhou Huaijin asked her about the plan. It was a light of hope!

Actually, Zhao Yiqiu had mentioned the plan after he found out about the situation she was in a while ago, but she did not agree.

She just felt that the affection between her and the King might have faded, but she was, after all, still the Queen, and it had been she who chose to marry him so she had the obligation to stay. Also, she had Huaijin and Xunyang, so she should not do whatever she wanted to do without being concerned about them. However, now she understood why the King treated her badly. And it was even a very ridiculous excuse.

Just because of what her father said to him years before he had been holding a grudge towards her for more than a decade, and he kept toying with her just because he thought that she was not mature enough.

The Queen had no idea what she should say. She truly had no idea why she chose to marry some scumbag like this.

She looked at Zhou Huaijin and felt her heart aching, but it was not the right time to think about any of this.

The Queen said with a serious look on her face. "Huaijin, Mr. Zhao will tell you about the plan."

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

When she was done, the Queen let out a sigh of relief. She laid back in the soft chair and felt her forehead, trying to muster up energy before saying, "You have to remember to be careful about everything, and do not trust your father any more. Your father might not dare to do anything to you on the surface, but he will definitely sacrifice you if something happens."

Zhou Huaijin nodded, bent down to look at his mother worriedly.



Actually, he had been prepared for all of this, so he was not that saddened. Yet he was very worried about his mother who treated his father truthfully, yet since she knew the truth, she might not be able to accept that.

“Mom,” Zhou Huaijin said.

The Queen looked at Zhou Huaijin – she did not have to worry about anything, because her Huaijin had already grown up.

“Alright, I will be fine, I can tell the right from wrong and I can be resolute too.” The Queen said, “Just think about what to do with your sister, I believe that the imperial order will be announced tomorrow at the morning session.”

Zhou Huaijin nodded, then he left.

When Aunt Nan walked Zhou Huaijin out, she gave him an umbrella.

Zhou Huaijin took over the umbrella and said to her, “Please, Aunt Nan, take care of mother, and leave the rest to me.”

As he finished saying this, he left with Susu who had always been unwilling to leave.

After he left the court, Zhou Huaijin asked Susu to stay at the Lord Huai’s Mansion and on the way to Gu Chaoyan’s mansion said to Fu Bao, “Go and find out why the King wants to have a marriage alliance with the North Qi Land?”

Fu Bao nodded. He did not leave until Zhou Huaijin walked into the mansion.

Zhou Huaijin went directly to Gu Chaoyan’s courtyard. He was not going to hide this from Gu Chaoyan, so he was going to tell her everything.

He walked into the room, looking worried.

Gu Chaoyan could tell that something had gone wrong at the sight of him, so she asked, “What is it?”

Zhou Huaijin looked tired and took hold of Gu Chaoyan’s hands. “Let’s go and meet Mr. Zhao, and I will tell you the rest when we return..”

## **Chapter 697: False Death**

Gu Chaoyan nodded seriously.

Zhou Huaijin was asked to come to the court directly and with this expression on his face, Gu Chaoyan more or less guessed that something huge had happened.

It must be related to the Queen.

Previously, the relationship between the King and the Queen was subtle and it seemed that the Queen had more or less learned the truth. And this truth... could not have been good from the point of outside view. So she did not ask Zhou Huaijin why he needed to see Mr. Zhao in such a hurry. Instead, she just followed him there.

It had been snowing heavily these days, and Mr. Zhao went nowhere other than the room, reading a book.

When Zhou Huaijin came hurriedly with Gu Chaoyan, Mr. Zhao was obviously startled. His usually calm-looking face showcased a touch of surprise. "What is it?"

Zhou Huaijin sat down with Gu Chaoyan. He said, "Mom says that she has regretted what she has said and asks you to conduct the plan."

Zhao Yiqiu was startled for a long while. He had a very complicated look on the face.

She asked him to conduct the plan... that meant that the result was the worst. He knew Jiang Shuang well. She was a person who was brave about affection and hatred, someone who took responsibility. So even if Zhou Sheng did not like her, she would not choose to have the plan conducted unless Zhou Sheng made a huge mistake. And now she was asking him to conduct the plan.

That basically meant that Zhou Sheng had done something really serious.

Zhao Yiqiu clenched his fist tightly.

Jiang Shuang was someone he would like to spoil deeply so how dare he bully her like this!

"Mr. Zhao, what is the plan?" Zhou Huaijin asked Zhao Yiqiu, despite the strange look on his face.

Zhao Yiqiu brought himself back, then he smiled bitterly.

He had thought that the plan would never have to be conducted, but now it was time.

He said calmly, "You learned about the drug for fake death?"

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan looked at Zhao Yiqiu directly.

Drug for fake death?

"Jiang Shuang is the Queen, and she will either die or spend the rest of her life in the court. She will be your weakness if she chooses to stay in the court, but if she is away from the court, you can do whatever you want. However, Jiang Shuang should not really die, so with the drug of fake death, she can get out of the court." Zhao Yiqiu said calmly, "That is the plan I offered to her when Princess Xunyang received her first imperial marriage decree. At that time she decided to skip it, but now..."

Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin exchanged a look with each other and both nodded.

That was the best proposal raised by Zhao Yiqiu. If the Queen was not in the court any more, Zhou Huaijin could do anything he wanted.

"Mr. Zhao, what do you plan to do?" Gu Chaoyan asked concernedly. It was an issue to make such a drug of fake death.

Zhao Yiqiu took out the bottle.

"There are 138 pills in the bottle, one for each day. It will make her look like she has gotten sicker and sicker until death arrives. She will wake up on the third day after she passes away, and she will be as good as ever." Zhao Yiqiu said.

Gu Chaoyan smelled the pills.

That was indeed a good drug. She was about to say something when Fu Bao knocked at the door and said cautiously, "Lord, someone from the Qianqing Palace has asked you to visit the court.."

Chapter 698: To the Court

Into the imperial court?

Zhou Huaijin's face sank.

He more or less guessed why his father was asking him to visit the court. However, he feared nothing. He nodded and asked Fu Bao to wait outside for a while.

Instead of getting up, he frowned and asked concernedly, "Mr. Zhao, will there be any complications from the drug?"

Zhao Yiqiu shook his head. "No complications."

He would never ask Jiang Shuang to take any drugs with complications.

Zhou Huaijin took the bottle from Zhao Yiqiu and decided to give the drug to Aunt Nan at the right time.

It was a plan that was approved by everyone.

Zhou Huaijin let out a sigh of relief.

As long as his mother could get through the barriers in her heart, everything else would work out smoothly. And now what mattered most of all was Xunyang's marriage.

He should also watch out for his father who might set them up secretly.

As for this topic, Zhou Huaijin reminded Gu Chaoyan and Zhao Yiqiu. "Mr. Zhao, please be careful when you are out these days. The King has been holding grudges against the Jiang Family for years and now the Phoenix Girl was found, he doesn't even want to pretend anymore. I believe that we are going to be confronted with a hard time ahead of us."

When Zhao Yiqiu heard about the Jiang Family... He looked at Zhou Huaijin with surprise.

Zhou Huaijin sneered. "My father was a very minor Prince years back and he was ambitious yet incapable. So he courted mother so that the Jiang Family could help him, but the Jiang Family has helped a ruthless man! The ruthless man has gotten the throne and yet hates the Jiang Family. He thinks that the Jiang Family are pushing him down.

"He only exposed himself when the Phoenix Girl was found, but actually, he didn't have to wait until now. Grandfather has already handed over the military power and we have no influence in this aspect at all," Zhou Huaijin said ironically.

Zhao Yiqiu's face had changed.

That was the reason? The real reason? So Zhou Sheng had been using Jiang Shuang from the beginning?

He should have tried to get Jiang Shuang instead of believing that Zhou Sheng would treat her well.

Zhao Yiqiu held his fists tightly and forced himself to stay calm. "I got it, Huaijin. Don't worry, I will stay alert. You were asked to visit the Qianqing Palace right? Go and check it out!"

Zhou Huaijin nodded and got up with Gu Chaoyan.

Zhao Yiqiu did not walk them out, but stayed seated and thought about something.

Too many things had happened today and they all needed time to take them in. So Zhou Huaijin said nothing more.

Before he visited the Qianqing Palace, he accompanied Gu Chaoyan to the room and pinched her face. "I will be fine at the Qianqing Palace, just take a break now. Father has stopped pretending to be grateful, but nothing major will happen right now."

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She was concerned about him, so she hugged him of her own accord, then he left.

Zhou Huaijin went into the court in a hurry with Fu Bao, and the Eunuch was waiting behind the gate. At the sight of Zhou Huaijin, he guided him into the Qianqing Palace.

It was still snowing outside. White had covered the whole court and Zhou Huaijin felt that winter this year had become much colder.

As he came to the Qianqing Palace, he saw the King in the chair. For one moment, he had no idea who he was.

"Come and sit, Eighth," the King said loudly.

### **Chapter 699: Mystery Found**

Zhou Huaijin sat down in the chair.

The Eunuch served Zhou Huaijin a cup of tea as usual, and Zhou Huaijin took a sip of it without hesitation. It was blowing very hard outside and he needed to drive the cold away.

The King had been calling Zhou Huaijin the Eight Son since he was little. And the King would address Zhou Huaijin by his name. That was the difference between him and Zhou Huailing. Zhou Huaijin had sensed it since he was little. So he stopped caring about this when he grew up.

"The Eunuch said that you were in the court already, so I have been waiting for you in the Qianqing Palace. I thought you would come to me after you visited your mother, but you left directly. I hesitated for a while, but still asked the Eunuch to bring you here," the King said calmly.

"You must have found out what happened after you visited your mother," the King said as he looked at Zhou Huaijin.

Zhou Huaijin resembled his mother. He was a son from the Jiang Family. That was why the King never liked this son of his inwardly.

However, more than a decade had passed... He was still the son he spent years with. He disliked him, but he had no evil ideas to set him up right now. Otherwise, he would not have asked him to visit him here today.

The King looked at Zhou Huaijin and knocked on the table slightly, yet Zhou Huaijin showed no changed expression on his face. He continued. "You are a man too, and you should understand your father well."

"I just can't understand. It is something I have been angry about for more than a decade. It should have been history, since General Jiang has already passed away. I would not want to mention this old story, but the Honored Princess Jing mentioned it, so I got so angry that I spilled out everything.

"I won't hate your mother because of what General Jiang did for me. She is still the supreme Queen who lives in the Weiyang Palace. When she gets better, I will return the authority token back to her.

"As for you... there are many things to do right now, and you should get things ready at your mansion and make sure you get married smoothly.

"Everything is just like before," the King said.

He had thought about everything in the Qianqing Palace a while ago.

Jiang Shuang had been married to him for more than two decades, and Zhou Huaijin was also his son. He did a bad deed to Xunyang, so he would not blame anything that happened in the past.

No matter what happened in the future, he was still going to give his Eighth son a place to survive in the capital.

At least Jiang Shuang and his Eighth son would be able to have a luxurious life throughout their whole life, and that was the most he could do.

Having said this, the King felt slightly more assured. He believed that it was the perfect arrangement.

He massaged his temples and said, "That is all I am going to tell you, you are old enough to understand everything. Anyway, it is snowing heavily today, just go home."

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

Instead of saying anything, he left the Qianqing Palace.

The King sighed. His son might not understand the point, but soon he would drop this matter completely.

Zhou Huaijin walked out of the Qianqing Palace and got rid of the Eunuch.

Fu Bao looked about and said, "The mystery is solved.."

## **Chapter 700: The Reason**

Zhou Huaijin looked about.

The snow was so heavy today that no one was around in the court. No one was walking about.

He asked directly, "So?"

Fu Bao was very cautious as he was talking. He lowered his voice, "A couple of days ago, the Prince of the North Qi Land wrote a letter to his home country and then some people there transported things to the capital, and the Prince received them personally. I thought that it was some money or jewelry for Princess Xunyang's marriage alliance!"

"..."

"Marriage alliance was about the country, and even if the King wants to take revenge upon the Jiang Family, I didn't think that he would do something so harmful for himself, but I dug around in the court and got to know the truth."

"..."

"I saw a well-guarded palace somewhere in the court, and there are some mutated monsters in the court. I think that those monsters are probably part of the deal."

When Zhou Huaijin heard what Fu Bao said, he had a very complicated look on his face.

The mutated monsters were something that should not exist in the world, so what was the King thinking raising monsters like this? That was going to be very chaotic to the world!

It was more than a complicated situation.

No matter what happened, Xunyang was his daughter and he was trading his daughter for such so-called monsters? How ridiculous! It was definitely ridiculous!

Zhou Huaijin sped up and hurried outside the court. He was sure what Fu Bao found was real. Only this reason was strong enough to explain the marriage alliance. He could just find a terrible husband for Xunyang if it was just for his own personal revenge.

"Fu Bao, go and send some people to the North Qi Land and see what is happening there. If they can transport such monsters to the Saint Divine Land, then it means that there are more things like this in that country," Zhou Huaijin said with a frown.

If that was what happened in the North Qi Land... The whole thing would become chaotic and they should be ready for that.

Zhou Huaijin left the court, but did not return to the mansion directly. Instead, they went to visit Gu Chaoyan's mansion. He had to check up on Gu Chaoyan to see if she was doing well.

As they came to Gu Chaoyan's yard, they saw that her room was still bright. So he knocked at the door and went inside.

Gu Chaoyan was still reading the booklets Xiao Jin offered to her. She had been spending a lot of time reading the booklets instead of focusing on other things! She put down the booklets as she saw Zhou Huaijin coming her way. "What is it? What did the King want you for?"

Zhou Huaijin asked her to sit down. He said calmly, "He asked me to stay down and be peaceful. The King wants us to not cause any trouble. He is really like a King now."

Zhou Huaijin sneered, then he stopped talking about the King. Instead, he recounted what Fu Bao told him to Gu Chaoyan, then he said confusedly, "I'm not sure how those monsters are controlled.."