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Chapter 821 Jealousy

She covered her chest and pushed away the King's hands.

She should have been famished at this moment, and Aunt Nan would have fed her some of the medical meal, making her feel slightly more comfortable, but she just could not take in any more food, seeing that it was the King who was feeding her. She was a very straightforward person. When she was in love with someone, she would be fully devoted, but the man she loved was making use of her love, so she totally lost her feelings towards him, and decided to not see him any more. That was why she was very willing to move to the town. She would rather stay out of his sight than stay in the court, being forced to meet him every now and then. However, she had not expected that he would come all the way to the town and express his concern.

Jiang Shuang felt really uncomfortable about this, but she was still the Queen, and Zhou Sheng was still the King, so she could not make him not do something. He could choose to either stay in the town or leave. He could do whatever he wanted to do, but Jiang Shuang could turn him down, if she wanted to.

Seeing that she refused to eat any more food the King frowned. "What happened? Why don't you eat some more food? I was here before you woke up, and you should not be starved for too long. Eat some, it is good for your health."

The King did not care about her rejection. He kept forcing her to eat some more.

The Queen frowned and refused to open her mouth, so the King said seriously, "Eat some more!"

He put the spoon to the Queen's lips.

The Queen opened her mouth unwillingly and turned around after she took in the mouthful.

Seeing that she was still in the mood to eat some more, the King continued to feed her. "One more."

The Queen was wearing a terrible look on her face. She refused to turn around and frowned deeply.

Zhao Yiqiu walked in and saw the terrible look on the Queen's face. She was not happy about what she was asked to do.

No wonder Aunt Nan came to fetch him. It wasn't a nice scene.

"If she doesn't want to eat anything more, just leave it." Zhao Yiqiu said, "Patients tend to have a smaller appetite for food than healthy people. She has been coughing blood for the past few days, so eating is a very painful process for her."

The King held the bowl in his hands.

Zhao Yiqiu was a doctor, and what he had said made sense, but he felt really uncomfortable about him being around.

Really uncomfortable.

He, as the King, had been in charge of everything, big or small in the court, and he had developed the habit of making decisions, but he had to obey Zhao Yiqiu's words when it came to Jiang Shuang. That made him truly uncomfortable.

He did all of this for Jiang Shuang's sake!

Nevertheless, Zhao Yiqiu did not care how uncomfortable he felt. He said to Aunt Nan. "Aunt Nan, just feed the Queen some medicine. She should take some rest after the medicine. If the day gets better tomorrow, you can take the Queen to the yard for some sunbathing. The air indoors is terrible, full of medical scent. She will not be comfortable being inside all the time."

Aunt Nan responded and went to feed the Queen the medicine.

The King had to drop his intention of feeding her personally, seeing that Aunt Nan already started to feed the Queen.

After she drank the medicine, the Queen looked slightly better.

Zhao Yiqiu thought for a while and decided to check out how she was doing

The King had not been feeling comfortable and kept his eyes on Zhao Yiqiu. Especially when he saw that Zhao Yiqiu was about to place his hands on the Queen's wrist.

Chapter 822 At the Queen's Place

He felt even more uncomfortable.

He shouted. "Hang on."

Zhao Yiqiu looked up at the King. He was not showing any expression, nor did he say anything more. Instead, he was waiting for the King's reply. The King said as he was frowning. "You can only feel her pulse through the handkerchief."

That had been the rule prevailing in the court. When the imperial doctors were feeling the princesses' pulse in the court, they normally did that through a handkerchief instead of touching the princesses' pulse directly.

Zhao Yiqiu looked at the King.

He was feeling a bit angry.

Jiang Shuang was so sick and yet he was still thinking about the rules. Yes, it was true that when the imperial doctors were checking up on the princesses, they needed to follow the rule. Yet that was only a rule for small colds. Jiang Shuang, on the other hand, was so sick already and he was still insisting on this rule.

He shook his head slightly. He was very angry, but he did not want to counter him.

It was the Queen they were arguing about.

"Aunt Nan, please bring Lady Chaoyan here," Zhao Yiqiu said politely.

Aunt Nan nodded and left.

The King, on the other hand, felt displeased. He was displeased no matter what happened.

It seemed that as long as he was here, nothing was right.

Jiang Shuang was still holding a grudge against him. She did not seem to have the intention of talking with him. He just did not understand why Jiang Shuang would be so stubborn that she was angry with him for such a minor matter after being together for so many years.

Gu Chaoyan hurried in and greeted the King, then Zhao Yiqiu said, "Chaoyan, feel the pulse for the Queen." Gu Chaoyan glanced at Zhao Yiqiu and the King, and realized what was going on.

Mr. Zhao was a man with integrity.

During this period when he was taking care of the Queen, he had been working accordingly. He had never done anything over the top, but the King still had some extra thoughts for him, even though since the Queen was so seriously sick, they should have dropped the rules and manners.

Gu Chaoyan sighed and felt her pulse.

At the moment, what she needed was to find out if there were any other diseases existing in the Queen's body. As long as no side effects occurred, everything was going according to the plan.

Gu Chaoyan was a capable doctor, but she was using a different method, so she was not very sure after feeling her pulse.

"How is it?" The King asked. He had come to visit Jiang Shuang and she should feel much better after seeing him, so she should get better.

Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly. "Mr. Zhao has been conducting the treatment this past period, so even if I feel her pulse, I still can't be sure what is going on. I am afraid that Mr. Zhao has to take over."

Gu Chaoyan would never allow anything to happen to the Queen. That was why she said something like this.

The King's face sank. So no one except for Zhao Yiqiu could take over, but he could not stand Zhao Yiqiu. However, he had no choice, but to make a compromise.

So he said with a sunken expression. "Then you do it."

Zhao Yiqiu nodded and showed no expression. The whole process was fast. He nodded seeing that her pulse rate was confirmed. "All is well."

The King let out a sigh of relief and added. "Aunt Nan, get ready for my stay here tonight."

Chapter 823 Why Not

The moment the King finished speaking, everyone in the room focused on the King, especially Aunt Nan who did not make a move even after she heard the order. The King had the right to make everyone obey him, and Aunt Nan would follow the order regarding other things, but not this one.

The Queen had shown her displeasure at seeing the King a while ago, and the Queen did not want the King to feed her the medical meal, let alone allow him to stay overnight.

The Queen had not been in a good state and she was not feeling well. If the order was obeyed, the Queen would not be able to fall asleep again tonight.

Therefore Aunt Nan was not happy to obey the order, but the King was, after all, the King. She could not just counter him. So she stayed silent without doing anything. Hearing these words, Gu Chaoyan said directly, "King, I am afraid that won't work."

"The Queen has not been in a good state and she has not had a peaceful sleep at night. Aunt Nan has been taking care of the Queen during the past period, and she knows pretty well what will happen and what to do when something like that happens. How would you be able to handle the emergency, if something unexpected happens?"

"Also, the Queen is suffering from a cold, originally speaking. A cold is a very contagious disease. We have the silvery wormwood inside the room, yet people still get infected. We can't stay in the room for too long, and you are the King who has to watch over the world so you should not make such impulsive decisions."

Gu Chaoyan was not putting the point straightforwardly, but she was telling the King that it was not proper to spend the night here.

The King would have countered her words at the beginning, but when he heard the second part of her words the King started to think...

A cold could be either big or small. Although most people could get better after they took the medicine, there were accidents too, where people passed away when they were not cured.

So normally, when princesses got cold and did not spend the night with the King, they just did not want to infect the King who should stay healthy for the court. And yet he had come to the town to visit Jiang Shuang and took care of her... so he had already done a lot as a King and had gone beyond necessity. So he was very satisfied with himself. In that case, he did not have to stay here.

After some consideration, the King nodded. "Chaoyan is right. If that is the case, then Aunt Nan, take good care of the Queen and I will take a break somewhere else. I will come and see you tomorrow."

Having said this, the King took a look at the Queen.

The Queen did not look at him nor was she bothered to talk with him. However, the King did not get angry, but said with a small voice. "Take care, and I will visit you tomorrow. I will stay in the town these days and keep you company. Do get well."

The King sounded as if he were giving an order.

Finally, the problem was solved.

When everyone else left, Aunt Nan remained in the room and took care of the Queen alone.

On the other side, the Empress Dowager heard the message from her spy.

The Empress Dowager asked as she looked at Honored Princess Jing. “Why did Gu Chaoyan stop the King from spending the night in Jiang Shuang’s room?”

Chapter 824 Not Proper

Gu Chaoyan was marrying Zhou Huaijin, and the engagement had been established, but the Queen was Zhou Huaijin’s mother, so if the Queen could get favored by the King, Zhou Huaijin would have a better future.

Even if the Queen was seriously sick, when the King decided to take care of her personally, the Queen should cherish the chance, because that was something no woman would dream about. So she did not have to drive the King away from the Queen’s room.

Also... Interests came first before everything else.

The Queen was already in terrible health, so she should cherish the remaining time to get as much from the King as possible, but they did not. They did not do anything about that at all.

And they did not even mention the matter of the heir that was once mentioned by the King. Neither the Queen, Zhou Huaijin or Gu Chaoyan had mentioned the issue or given the King any pressure so that he would handle the issue.

The Empress Dowager had been quite confused about this right from the start. So she got even more confused when she ran into this issue again. Otherwise she would not have asked the question directly.

It was something she just could not understand.

She had a sense that something bad was happening, but she just could not fathom what was happening. Something didn’t seem right. Hearing what the Empress Dowager said, Honored Princess Jing laughed. What Gu Chaoyan did was a great thing for her. The King was not himself – he had claimed that he was making use of Jiang Shuang, but now, he started to care about Jiang Shuang. He even thought about taking good care of her! Honored Princess Jing was worried that if the situation continued in this way, Ling’s interests would be affected. So it was good that Gu Chaoyan turned him down.

She liked it when Gu Chaoyan turned the King down.

Honored Princess Jing said indifferently seeing the strange look on the Empress Dowager’s look. “Aunt, no need to think about this at all. It is all very simple. Gu Chaoyan is a dumb girl. Any smart person would not do something like this.”

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“Just think about it, Gu Chaoyan had never been treated well since she was little at Gu Mansion, even her own father hates her! She has also never done anything beneficial for Zhou Huaijin.”

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“There is a reason why her father doesn’t like her – she is not a smart person and always makes mistakes. She tells the truth because she thinks that she is a good doctor, but she never thinks about what is beneficial for her at all.”

“It is good that Zhou Huaijin is marrying her. What achievements could he make, if he marries a dumb girl. He is never going to exceed Ling!”

“Aunt, don’t dwell on it,” Honored Princess Jing said proudly.

She was in a good mood when she noticed what was happening now. So she did not feel the need to dwell on that matter, when they were in an advantageous state.

Hearing what Honored Princess Jing said, the Empress Dowager found that what she said made sense. Lord Ling’s Princess Consort was Gu Chaoyan’s sister, so she must have mentioned something to Honored Princess Jing.

Then the whole thing made sense. If that was the truth, then they were definitely in an advantageous state.

The Empress Dowager stopped dwelling on that issue, but Honored Princess Jing said angrily, “Aunt, what matters right now is not Gu Chaoyan, but how the King treats the Queen!”

Chapter 825 Your Plan

Gu Chaoyan was not an important target, no matter what she did. She was not better than Gu Ruxue anyway, so why bother to talk about her?

What troubled Honored Princess Jing above all was the Queen.

She knew pretty well that the King had been making use of the Queen so he pretended to be kind-hearted for her. She had not been worried about his affection in the past. What she had been doing was to plan the future for her son Ling.

However, now she realized that the King had fallen for the Queen, and that he could not leave her. Otherwise he would not have mentioned the heir in front of the Queen.

It basically meant that the King had gotten the slightest idea of making Lord Huai the heir. However, because of her and her Aunt, the King had gotten rid of the idea, but Honored Princess Jing was unsure whether the King would come up with the same idea again and when that happened, she might not even be able to stop him on time.

People who were emotional were most difficult to deal with.

Ling had married the Phoenix Girl and was definitely going to take the throne in the future, but Ling was her son.

She believed that Ling was the most excellent man in this world and she did not expect that her handsome and outstanding son would be misunderstood and fail to get the throne the right way. She was going to give her son the best.

“What?” The Empress Dowager looked at Honored Princess Jing.

"I am just worried that the King would make impulsive decisions because of his affection for the Queen." Honored Princess Jing looked miserable.

The Empress Dowager looked at how she reacted and then she smiled. Honored Princess Jing was too inexperienced to be worried over these things.

Well...

She was worried yet she did nothing to set up the King, which was what satisfied the Empress Dowager. Honored Princess Jing was a very honest person after all. She failed at many things, but she was down to earth.

She could do something about the King from her side, but Honored Princess Jing could not.

She had been making some plans, which she would like to use when the time was right, but seeing the way Honored Princess Jing behaved, the Empress Dowager said, "You don't have to worry about the King and the Queen. I have already got a plan for that. Right now, the King is attached to the Queen deeply, and doesn't want her to leave, but we can make it so that the King hates the Queen. If he hates her, everything else will work out, that was how the Jiang Family ended up anyway, right?"

However, the Empress Dowager stopped at this point. There were too many things and people involved regarding the Jiang Family. Although those guarding the town were her staff, she was worried that someone was eavesdropping behind the wall, so the Empress Dowager was being cautious.

"Just take care of your own part, and be sure Lord Ling and Ruxue do well. I will see to the rest, don't worry," the Empress Dowager said from a commanding view.

Honored Princess Jing smiled. She had thought that the Empress Dowager would be merciful about the King who made the mistakes and almost ruined the whole thing, but it turned out that the Empress Dowager had noticed the issue even more than she had.

The Empress Dowager was in the process of handling the issue as well. That assured her deeply.

As long as the Empress Dowager was willing to offer help, she did not have to worry about a thing.

"What is your plan, Aunt?" Honored Princess Jing asked with a smile.

Chapter 826 Meal Together

Honored Princess Jing was smiling since her issue seemed to be solved.

However, the Empress Dowager frowned and showed some dissatisfaction.

The King was her own son, and she could set up her son in any way she wanted, because she was doing it for the King's sake, but the plan was still based on some ill intention, so Honored Princess Jing's smiling attitude made her feel uncomfortable.

So she no longer showed a good expression to her. Instead, she said with a sunken expression. "I told you not to get involved, just take care of your own part. It is getting late, so go and take a break, we are going back to the court tomorrow."

Honored Princess Jing's smile froze. She had no idea what irritated her Aunt suddenly, so she greeted her and left quietly.

Seeing her retreating figure, the Empress Dowager picked up her teacup and drank some tea.

Aunt Gui next to her said seeing how the Empress Dowager looked, "Don't get mad, Honored Princess Jing has been in the court for more than two decades, and you know her well. Only Honored Princess Jing remained after the selection of new girls years back, just because she is honest and relatively slow in the head. She forgot to think thoroughly as she was next to you, but she would not have any ill intentions, otherwise she would not have shown it directly." Aunt Gui barely spoke in front of the Empress Dowager before, but the reason why she would console the Empress Dowager was because the Empress Dowager was too old to get irritated easily.

The position of heir for Lord Ling was not yet confirmed and the Empress Dowager was burdened with too many things, so Aunt Gui hoped that she would be less burdened.

The Empress Dowager sighed.

"I am not really angry at her, just feeling a bit annoyed. Nothing serious. You are right, Aunt Gui, otherwise I would not have helped her all this time," the Empress Dowager said and gave Aunt Gui an reassuring look.

Aunt Gui nodded, then she helped the Empress Dowager with washing-up. That day passed by in this way, and everyone felt quite exhausted. The following day it was a very warm and sunny Spring day. The Queen woke up early and Aunt Nan helped her to eat breakfast in the yard.

Aunt Nan was very concerned about the Queen, who had to suffer so much just to get out of the cage-like court. She would try her best to take good care of her.

Zhao Yiqiu was an early bird too. He went to prepare the medicine the moment he woke up.

So when the breakfast was ready, Zhao Yiqiu's medicine was ready too. He came with the medicine personally and placed it on the table, saying gently to the Queen. "Have some breakfast first, the medicine can wait."

The Queen nodded and said nothing, but she and Zhao Yiqiu cooperated well.

The Queen was in the worst stage, so she had no energy to talk, but her messages were passed along, even though she could not talk.

Because of her social status, Zhao Yiqiu was not allowed to eat breakfast with the Queen, but Zhao Yiqiu was sitting not far from the table and watching her.

The moment the King arrived and saw the Queen eating breakfast alone, he smiled. He felt as if they were back in the past when they enjoyed themselves at the Weiyang Palace.

"Get me a pair of chopsticks and bowls," the King said.

Chapter 827 Bitterness and Happiness

Aunt Nan did not make a move when she heard the order. She was feeling so concerned about her Queen.

At the beginning, the King did not care at all about what happened in the town. Although there were imperial doctors who came to check up on the Queen, they were just doing their work and left no impact upon the Queen.

Most of the time, the Queen was by herself. She was not feeling physically well, yet thanks to the medicinal soup Mr. Zhao made for her, she was not suffering that much, but now...

The King was interfering with what happened in the town.

He claimed to care about the Queen, yet he was not even taking her physical condition into consideration, but kept doing things just for his own sake.

The King insisted on feeding the Queen the night before, so she didn't eat dinner. And now that the Queen was eating breakfast, the King still came and troubled her.

The Queen was a patient, but he did not even care about her!

Aunt Nan didn't want the Queen to skip breakfast, so she was not very willing to fetch chopsticks and bowls for the King.

The King was just frowning and thinking that Aunt Nan was too old to move fast, when Zhao Yiqiu came around. He had been sitting not far from them and noticed that the Queen did not want to eat with the King and how unwilling Aunt Nan was to fetch the chopsticks and bowls. So he came to the King and said, "The weather is good, let's take a walk around."

Jiang Shuang was still Zhou Sheng's Queen and Zhao Yiqiu should not get involved with this, but Zhao Yiqiu had to be involved with what Jiang Shuang ate and drank, so he could not allow the King to interfere with them. After all, Jiang Shuang did not look very happy about it, and when she was not happy, she would not eat anything.

The King frowned unhappily seeing Zhao Yiqiu coming to them.

He had thought that Jiang Shuang was alone in the yard for breakfast, and thought that they were back to the time when she waited for him at the Weiyang Palace, but unexpectedly, Zhao Yiqiu was keeping her company not faraway!

What was Zhao Yiqiu doing here? Zhao Yiqiu should not have appeared between him and Jiang Shuang, the King thought inwardly.

The King felt as if what he had been holding in his hands was being stared at by Zhao Yiqiu.

Hearing that Zhao Yiqiu was asking him to take a walk, the King believed that Zhao Yiqiu was stopping him and Jiang Shuang from sharing the same table and breakfast. That was something he could do, but not Zhao Yiqiu.

If that was the case, he was going to make Zhao Yiqiu see the scene with his own eyes and understand what he could do for and what he could not!

The King looked into the sky and said calmly, "The day is good, Mr. Zhao. You can go and take a walk yourself. I don't have much time, so I need to cherish the time keeping the Queen company, and it is not to be wasted." Having said these words, the King showed a look of pride.

True...

Why should he be angry anyway? He was the King and Jiang Shuang was the Queen. Zhao Yiqiu was nothing!

Having said this, the King looked at Aunt Nan and said, "What are you staring at, Aunt Nan? Go and get things ready!" Aunt Nan looked hesitant. She forced herself to speak after a long while. "King, the Queen doesn't have a fixed meal time every day, so the kitchen has the medical meals ready all the time. The Queen has just eaten breakfast and yours is not ready, would you like to wait a while?"

The King was very confused.

"Then get the medical meal for me too. I can share the bitterness and happiness with the Queen!"

Chapter 828 The Empress Dowager is Asking for You

He was not really starving and had to eat something, but he wanted to see Zhao Yiqiu getting upset. Since Zhao Yiqiu did not want him to have breakfast with Jiang Shuang, then he was definitely going to. Therefore, he did not care if his portion was ready or not. He just wanted to eat something here!

Aunt Nan had a very complicated look on her face, but the Queen, who had been quiet, said weakly. "Aunt Nan, go and get the chopsticks and bowls ready."

Only then did Aunt Nan go unhappily. The King showed a smile and a look of pride.

He said to De Fu next to him. "There are way too few servants in the town. De Fu, go and get some more staff for the kitchen, in case troubles come all the way. We need to have things ready at all times. The Queen has been living in the court for a long time, and she has always had things planned neatly ahead of time."

De Fu more or less understood the point, so he set to work directly.

There were very few servants in the town since the Empress Dowager had been in charge of that. Most of the staff the Empress Dowager dispatched were just military and imperial doctors, and only a couple of servants were in the kitchen. Therefore, the service was not very good. Everything was fine when the Queen was alone, but with the King here, the town had to be changed.

De Fu understood clearly that the King had the intention of bringing as many people to the town as there were in the Weiyang Palace. Therefore, they needed to have more than one cook.

De Fu got down to business directly.

The medical meals prepared by Aunt Nan had arrived too.

The King kept on eating the medical meals in satisfaction, even though the food was not very tasty. Zhao Yiqiu was already gone, but the King believed that Zhao Yiqiu was watching them from some corner not

faraway. However, he was happy since Zhao Yiqiu was not. He had just eaten two mouthfuls when the Queen put down her chopsticks.

She drank up the medical soup with her eyes closed, then she said with exhaustion. "I am tired, I need to go inside first."

Having said this, she asked Aunt Nan to help her in.

The King was startled and looked at the Queen in surprise. "Are you going inside first?"

He had just started breakfast! When they were at the Weiyang Palace, Jiang Shuang would always watch and keep him company even if she finished breakfast before he did. Sometimes, she would say a few words, yet most of the time, she would just watch from beside him.

It used to be her happiest moment when he could eat breakfast with Jiang Shuang. She had always hoped that the breakfast time could last longer. However, now he had even eaten the medical meal for her sake, and yet she did not even want to spend some time waiting for him!

Jiang Shuang had changed. She had changed tremendously.

The King looked distracted, but the Queen showed no expression as she stood on the spot, since he had not nodded in agreement.

Aunt Nan felt concerned and reminded him. "King, the Queen is not feeling well. She can't sit outside for too long. She has to lie down."

Only then did the King come back to himself and notice that the Queen looked extremely pale.

"Okay, then, you can go inside first," the King said dumbly.

Despite what Aunt Nan said, he was still feeling really uncomfortable. He had thought that he could have a nice and quiet breakfast with Jiang Shuang!

He sighed.

He believed that he should have a good talk with Jiang Shuang later.

He pushed the food away and decided to leave.

Then the Empress Dowager's servant Zhu Ying was here. "King, the Empress Dowager is asking for you."

Chapter 829 Feelings

The King had been feeling a bit distressed and would like to go into the room, but hearing that the Empress Dowager was asking for him, he was reminded that the Empress Dowager and Honored Princess Jing were going back to the court. Thinking that he still had something to tell them, he nodded.

He was not very familiar with the town. Normally, it was the princesses who visited here, not him. Therefore, Zhu Ying led the way. He followed her with a serious look on his face.

The King sat down directly as he came to the Empress Dowager. Normally, he would have asked the Empress Dowager if she had eaten or something like that, but because of what happened to the Queen, the King was holding a grudge towards the Empress Dowager. Therefore, he did not show any of his

concern. He could not just give the Empress Dowager the full blame, but he could not simply pretend as if nothing had happened either.

The Empress Dowager must have guessed what the King was thinking, but she gave no reaction to the way the King behaved.

She said, "You have seen how the Queen is, and she is not in the right state to move back to the court. However, you are the King and you still have the whole world to take care of. You have seen her and taken care of her, and that is enough. There has never been any King in history who has ever done this much for a Queen, so you should get ready and move back to the court."

The King shook his head. The original plan was that he would go back to court today, but Jiang Shuang was obviously not in the right mood to face him, and he had noticed that the moment he saw her. He could not return to the court right now whilst giving up the efforts he had made.

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He had intended to stay in the town for a few more days, so that Jiang Shuang could get better after she thought the whole thing through.

"Mother, you can go back to the court with Honored Princess Jing. I intend to stay some more days here. Now that the princes and ambassadors are all back home, and peace is everywhere, I don't have to be in charge of anything important. Lord Ling has done a lot of things these days, and he will be able to handle everything that happens. Just tell him to come to me, and I will tell him something so that he can supervise the country for some time," the King said carefully.

The heir was not yet decided, so he should give it a deep thought.

Ling had always been his ideal candidate, so he would like him to have a try, so that he could know what Ling was like when it came to national affairs. In this way, he would have a clearer idea about the heir.

At this moment, both the Empress Dowager and Honored Princess Jing were startled.

Honored Princess Jing was so gleeful that she tried hard to press it down, fearing that her obvious delight would make the King displeased.

The Empress Dowager however, was silent.

She did not expect that the King would have come up with such an idea – to stay in the town personally and to make Lord Ling supervise the country.

Although that was what they had been planning all this time... the Empress Dowager had not had enough time to react before the whole plan was sped up. However, it seemed like a good thing, after all. It basically meant that the King adored Lord Ling above all. And wanted him to learn how to supervise the country properly so that the plan could go forward smoothly.

Moreover, Lord Ling had her and Honored Princess Jing behind his back, so he should have nothing to fear.

"Then Honored Princess Jing and I shall return to the court directly, and I will inform Lord Ling as soon as possible," the Empress Dowager said with a serious look on her face.

The King looked up at his own mother.

He had a feeling...

Chapter 830 Back to the Court

In the past, whenever he made impulsive decisions, his mother would get angry and snap at him. Normally, she would have insisted that he should return to the court at the moment.

He had been prepared to go through a long argument with his mother, but... He had not expected that when he put forward the arrangement, his mother agreed with him directly.

He had been on the throne for more than two decades. Apart from being too sick to visit the court, he had never been absent. Every day, he would be reading the petitions and he subconsciously believed that he could not be replaced by anyone else. However, his mother believed that he could be replaced.

The King had a complicated look on his face and suddenly felt a bit unassured. He started to feel a little confused as well.

His children had all grown up and the time was like never before. His mother had more than one child – she had many grandchildren too.

“What is wrong?” the Empress Dowager asked, seeing that the King did not seem to be in the right state.

The King insisted on staying and the Empress Dowager did not argue about that, but now, it seemed that the King was not in the right mood.

The King shook his head and said calmly, “Nothing. The Queen is not well so I have been distracted.”

The Empress Dowager nodded too.

That was understandable. He could be left to be worried for a few days.

The more he was worried at the moment, the more he would hate her later, the Empress Dowager thought and persuaded herself not to get angry. Honored Princess Jing was no longer in the mood to listen to any of their conversation.

What dominated her mind was how her son was going to supervise the country – which basically meant that the King was going to make Ling the heir. Soon when Ling got the position of the heir, she was going to be the Queen as well.

Nothing else mattered, compared to this, so she did not care about or feel jealous of the Queen at the moment.

“The Queen is not doing well and the doctors can take care of her. You should watch out for yourself, whilst you remain here.” The Empress Dowager stressed, then she left with Honored Princess Jing.

The King did not see them off, but went to Zhao Yiqiu’s instead.

The Empress Dowager was still wearing a serious expression as she got into the wagon with Honored Princess Jing.

She had many things to worry about at the moment.

After the King confessed his feelings to Jiang Shuang, the King was slightly out of control. He started to suspect everyone and everything around him, and now he even started to suspect her. That did not seem like a good thing at all.

“Honored Princess Jing, when you inform Lord Ling about this, tell him to keep calm and follow the King’s orders.” The Empress Dowager stressed.

Honored Princess Jing was confused for a moment, then she realized what she meant.

Honored Princess Jing, who always lost herself in front of the Empress Dowager, was extremely cautious at the moment. “I got it.”

Then the Empress Dowager was assured and closed her eyes for a nap.

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The King did not visit the Queen, but turned to Zhao Yiqiu instead.

He said straightforwardly at the sight of Zhao Yiqiu. “Can you be honest with me? Are you able to let Jiang Shuang return to the court with me?”