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Chapter 841 Horrible Deed

Evening was coming soon, so De Fu should get the wagon and people ready if the King had the intention of returning to the town. Now when Lord Ling was badly injured, there would be even more things to prepare if the King was going to go on that trip. After all, he had noticed that the King was clinging to the Queen somehow.

That was why he asked the King for confirmation.

The King was startled, and then he thought of what happened these days and what the Jiang Family had been like, he could not help, but start to wonder. He shook his head with a bad look on his face.

"No need. Just get some messengers to report to me about the Queen's health every day, that is all," the King said stiffly without many emotions.

He had started to suspect that Jiang Shuang was playing hard to get. In this way, he might feel sorry for her, so that he would favor their son more.

So he would not busy himself by visiting the town. He was going to look into the whole thing right from the start.

Having said these words, the King stopped mentioning the Queen any more. With a sunken expression, he headed towards Qianqing Palace. De Fu was confused. He had been serving the King since he was young, and he had thought that he knew him well. That was why he thought the King had fallen for the Queen and showed real concern for her. However, judging from what happened today, it seemed that he was wrong after all.

De Fu shook his head slightly. He was just a servant, so all he needed to do was to obey his orders. He did not have to dwell upon anything

The King had been absent from Qianqing Palace for a couple of days, but the servants at Qianqing Palace did not stop keeping the Palace clean and neat. They swept the floor each day and made sure the incense was on.

The familiar scent and feelings made the King feel much more comfortable.

The town was a beautiful place, but he did not feel at home. Qianqing Palace was definitely much better.

De Fu served the tea to the King personally.

The King sipped the tea and started to think with his eyes closed.

It was not until the Empress Dowager arrived that the King put down his teacup and got up. "Greetings, mother."

The Empress Dowager nodded.

The load inside her heart was finally released when she saw the King greeting her. She could sense that the King had been feeling quite dissatisfied with her and he showed that on his face. Therefore, the Empress Dowager believed that he started to treat her with respect, when she saw him greeting her.

Lord Ling was badly injured this time, and that was something he had to suffer from, but it seemed that the attack had helped them gain a

lot.

Within such a short period of time, the Empress Dowager had gone through a lot inside her head, but she showed none of this in front of them, yet still maintained the calm and serious expression she had been holding in daily life. "I heard you are back in court. So I am here to visit you. You must have seen Lord Ling, haven't you?"

The King nodded and had a very complicated look on his face.

The Empress Dowager continued with satisfaction. "Lord Ling is lucky. He has many devoted guards who helped him out. Otherwise, he would have gotten more than just injured. They were out there trying to kill Lord Ling! Honored Princess Jing has not had experience with any of these, so she burst into tears and passed out. She is still asleep at this point."

"That is a terrible thing!"

"I have to be honest with you about something, which I had not believed should be put forward at this stage before."

Chapter 842 Truth

The Empress Dowager said with a look of misery and disappointment. She pretended as if she were trying to hide something important. The King, who had been feeling lucky for Lord Ling's safety despite the attack, felt shocked when he heard that his mother had something more to say.

He could not conceal his expression.

Something else happened before? His mother must have known something, but she had been holding it for a long time.

"What is it?" the King asked with surprise and anxiety.

The Empress Dowager sighed. She wore a very helpless look on her face. "Actually back to the end of last year, when Lord Ling married the Phoenix Girl and received many tasks from you, he had a feeling that someone was following him. One day when he went back to Lord Ling's Mansion, a couple of assassins attacked him, but he was protected by his guards, so he missed the attack."

"They got the assassins and spent one month interrogating them, until one of them confessed that they used to work for the Jiang Family, but they could get no more."

"I should have reported the message to you back then, but Lord Ling was not injured, and the whole thing had so much to do with the Queen's family, so we had to have a deep discussion first before telling you."

“Lord Ling is like his mother, smart but honest. He was worried that his Eighth Brother and the Queen would be affected, so he came to me and asked about the solution.”

“I asked him to look deeper into the matter, and said that he should not wrong good men. That was when I started to feel defensive towards the Queen. You are, after all, my son, and I should always stand by your side, so that you will not be hurt.”

“Later, Xunyang disappeared from the court, and I believe that it has something to do with the Jiang Family as well. So I confirmed that the assassins who attacked Lord Ling used to work for the Jiang Family as well. That was why I suggested that the Queen should move to the town, so that they would not hurt you instead.”

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“I should have told you the truth earlier, but we did not have enough evidence at that time, and you were busy with many errands, so the whole thing was delayed. Then you went to the town personally after hearing about the Queen’s condition.”

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“So I had to tell you the truth right now. You are my son, and I can tell that you care about the Queen a lot. I just didn’t want you to feel miserable after knowing the truth.”

“However, my hesitation has caused so much damage for Lord Ling. So I have to tell you the truth today!”

When the Empress Dowager finished her speech she still wore a look of regret.

“I thought that if the Queen could just stay down-to-earth, if you like her so much, but...” The Empress Dowager sighed and stopped speaking

The King wore a look of disbelief on his face as he recalled a lot of things.

After he made a confession to Jiang Shuang, what happened later catered to what he had just heard. Unexpectedly, Jiang Shuang was setting him up! He had been so worried about her!

He felt especially sorry for Honored Princess Jing and Lord Ling when he blamed Xunyang’s disappearance on them. When his men failed to find Xunyang, he put the blame on Honored Princess Jing!

Chapter 843 The Heir

“I will go and visit Honored Princess Jing later,” the King said. He made the promise directly due to the guilt he felt. He was going to make it up to Honored Princess Jing.

The Empress Dowager nodded with a very satisfied look on her face.

To get the King to stay by Honored Princess Jing’s side was better than him staying next to Jiang Shuang

Having said this, the King felt quite distracted. He kept thinking about what the Empress Dowager said before. Actually, on his way back to the court, he more or less had some conjectures – but what he had suspected differed from reality. It couldn't be confirmed that some of what he had suspected existed for real. Therefore, he just could not accept the truth at the moment, especially when everything seemed to be part of the conspiracy.

In his heart, he had never liked anyone from the Jiang Family – Jiang Shang looked down at him and wanted to control him, so that he could become a puppet King. However, Jiang Shuang was in love with him all this time. He was just making use of Jiang Shuang, but he just could not accept the truth that Jiang Shuang was making use of him too.

He felt that he was just a joke – why bother to show care to Jiang Shuang?

It was ridiculous! No one from the Jiang Family was a good person, including Jiang Shuang! She made herself sick just to make him feel concerned about her!

The Empress Dowager felt quite assured seeing that the King was in a kind of ironic misery.

The Jiang Family would never surpass the Yao Family!

“You are the King, so you should stop thinking about this. She is just a woman, all you need to see is the whole country.” The Empress Dowager added.

That made the King get slightly more sober.

His mother was right. She was just one of his wives, and he did not have to dwell upon her. He was the King and he was the head of the country. What he needed was to observe the whole country and expand his territory.

He should drop those minor things.

Well...

Since the Jiang Family was planning so hard just to steal his country from his hands, he was going to make sure that none of the Jiang Family's wishes were going to be realized. And, he was going to make the Jiang Family fall into despair.

The King gave a light cough, picked up his tea and drank it. He thought for a while before saying to the Empress Dowager. “Lord Ling is a very capable person. He has his own opinions and he can think thoroughly. He is the most outstanding son of mine. Now he has the Phoenix Girl as the wife, so I think that we should pick an heir now, since all of them have grown up.” “What do you think about Lord Ling?” the King asked the Empress Dowager. The Empress Dowager had no right in appointing the heir, the King just wanted to show his respect to the Empress Dowager when he asked her about that.

However, obviously, he was the right candidate in the Empress Dowager's heart as well. So she did not counter the King.

Instead of answering directly, she thought for a while and said, “The Eldest Prince has been stationed in the boundary, and you dispatched him there because you expected that he could make some achievements, but it seems that he has done nothing in the past few years, so he must be very incapable. As for the Sixth Son...”

Chapter 844 Not Him

"The Sixth Son is totally off track. He is a prince, but he keeps dealing with business people. He barely comes and greets me throughout the year, and he barely stays in the capital either. He is not a very calm-hearted person."

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"The Eighth Son is also very spoiled, arrogant and impulsive. He is never in a reasonable mood. He chopped the arm of an officer's daughter off, just because he got irritated. It ruined the girl's whole life. Also, he was born by Jiang Shuang, so he is part of the Jiang Family."

"Lord Ling is definitely the most suitable one. He is smart, honest, and filial. He is gentle and a very suitable heir. He will be accepted by the ministers and civilians for sure."

The Empress Dowager made an analysis about the princes.

As for the other princes, they were either too young or had a mother with too low a class. So they were never mentioned when princes were spoken of.

They would never get any title in their life, but they would have a free and leisurely life back in the court.

The King shared the same idea as the Empress Dowager. And he and Honored Princess Jing were in love with each other too, so Lord Ling was always the most suitable candidate. However, it was the first time for him to set up the heir, so the King felt quite nervous. Nevertheless, after receiving the answer from his mother, the King felt much more assured.

So he was in a good mood at the moment.

He had taken revenge upon the Jiang Family, and completed the mission. So he said, "Mother, please don't share the information with anyone regarding this matter. I will tell Honored Princess Jing and Lord Ling about it personally. And I will get busy with the preparations for the endowment soon as well."

The Empress Dowager smiled and looked at the King with interest. "Are you still prepared to give Honored Princess Jing a surprise at this age?"

At that moment, the Empress Dowager suddenly felt that the King had become young again.

He was like this when he was younger – he preferred to hide the surprise and reveal it later.

Only now did the Empress Dowager smile truthfully.

For a moment, the King had no idea how to answer so he nodded with a smile.

He had been on the throne for as long as 23 years. He was 19 years old when he took the throne, and now he was already 42. He was no longer young as before.

The reason why he liked surprises in the past was because he was still a young, naive prince.

He started to miss the old, happy times he spent with Honored Princess Jing.

The Empress Dowager felt assured seeing how the King reacted. She got up and returned to Cining Palace.

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The moment the Empress Dowager was gone, the King asked De Fu to get new tea and started to read the petitions on the table. Lord Ling had read through them the night before, and he should have delivered them to the town by this point, if the attack had not happened.

The King opened the petitions, then he smiled.

Lord Ling was very discreet, and he would circle out the important points from the petitions, so that he could be fast in understanding what was written in the petition.

When the petitions were all marked, he wrote his own opinions on another petition as well as the solutions.

However, when the King read what he had written, he understood that the solutions were quite dull, carefully-made, but obviously ineffective.

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Chapter 845 Hatred

The King was still very satisfied.

What he needed right now was an heir who could do things according to his orders, and who should not be more capable than him.

It seemed that Lord Ling was a smart person, but he still needed a decade to get everything right. That made the King feel much more relaxed.

He put away the petitions and said to De Fu. "Pass on my message – Lord Ling is badly injured right now, so take him to a palace to take a break. He doesn't have to do any more work right now, since it is bad for the healing process. As for the Princess Consort, get her to move into the palace with Lord Ling."

"Also, take a bonus to Lord Ling's Mansion, as well as Gu Mansion. I remember that the Lord Ling's Princess Consort's elder brother is working for Lord Ling, so he can be ignored at the moment, but I remember that the Princess Consort's father has never had a high position, so I believe that he should be promoted. Bring Prime Minister Chu to the court tomorrow, I would like to discuss with him what position the Princess Consort's father should get."

"And, arrange some people to guard the Queen properly in the town."

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"Go and get everything well done," the King said.

De Fu answered with a yes, then he went to do his own business.

The King decided to have a good rest. He had been so busy when he was in town that it was time for him to relax.

When the King laid down, De Fu left Qianqing Palace.

He looked down from a commanding point of view and sighed. Suddenly, he felt so baffled.

The court must be the most fickle place in the world.

He lowered his head, and continued to implement the order.

In the town.

Zhao Yiqiu and Gu Chaoyan were sitting next to each other and drinking tea in the same tempo, then they saw Zhou Huaijin hurrying towards them.

Gu Chaoyan asked. "What happened?"

Zhao Yiqiu watched quietly next to them.

The King left the town suddenly without leaving any message, nor had he dispatched anyone to pass on any more messages. Something had obviously happened.

Gu Chaoyan felt that something was wrong, so she asked Sword Two to inform Zhou Huaijin about this and Zhou Huaijin conducted the investigation directly.

Zhou Huaijin sat down and drank some tea, then he showed a very helpless expression on his face. "Lord Ling was injured, somewhere not far from the court. He is resting in the Imperial Hospital at the moment."

Gu Chaoyan nodded and understood the incident, but she did not understand why Zhou Huaijing would get injured.

"Who did this?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

Hearing these words, Zhou Huaijin smiled ironically, "It was found."

"The interrogation result was that the assassin was someone who used to work for the Jiang Family," Zhou Huaijin said with utter anger, but then burst into laughter soon. "Father hurried away, and he has not yet given us any more messages. He must have started to hate mother again, and he must have started doubting her as well."

No wonder he hurried away so fast, though he insisted on taking care of her just a day before. That was why!

Someone who used to work for the Jiang Family?

When his grandfather passed away, those who used to work for him were all transferred to different troops.

When the Guandong Troop was dismissed, many deserters ran away, because they were loyal to the Jiang Family, and refused to work for anyone else, but Zhou Huaijin understood one thing...

Chapter 846 Where Are You Going?

The Guandong Troop of the Jiang Family did not include anyone who ran away just because they were devoted to the Jiang Family.

He was little when his grandfather passed away, and grandmother once stressed that the Guandong Troop was not devoted to the Jiang Family, but to the court. It was the most straightforward and mature army.

If the Jiang Family was so ambitious, grandfather would not have just married grandmother, and had one daughter.

That was the most shallow logical principle, but his father never thought about this point at all.

At that time, Zhou Huaijin just wished that the investigation had been conducted upon whether it was really some deserters from the Guandong Troop who ran away, but his father said that the Guandong Troop was related to the Jiang Family, and that the whole thing should have been dropped because the Queen was part of the Jiang Family.

He had no idea why his father did not dispatch anyone to bring the deserters back, but after he established Shadow Door, he did look into what happened years ago, and he did try to find out the deserters.

However, the answer was that there was no such a thing as a deserter.

The soldiers in the Guandong Troop, especially those who were very capable, were found to be working in the military still. And those who worked in the Guandong Troop were never appreciated because of their social background.

Maybe those who chose to run away were not those that worked for the Jiang Family at all. Also, those so-called old soldiers had nothing to do with him...

Now these so-called old soldiers suddenly appeared and stabbed Lord Ling...

The whole thing sounded impossible. Or, the so-called old soldiers of the Jiang Family were just a tag.

His father, unfortunately, did not think that the incident was weird. That was what made Zhou Huaijin the most disappointed.

He had never expected that his father would treat him well or show him any concern, but he felt that his mother had wasted her time being with him for so long.

Zhao Yiqiu and Gu Chaovan understood what was going on throughout this short speech.

Zhao Yiqiu did not show any expression on his face, but said furiously, "He had nothing when he was young, and he was the least likely heir among all the princes. General Jiang, who was Jiang Shuang's father, would naturally suspect him. However, General Jiang treated him like his son later, and had

never done anything bad to him, but he, who was introverted, hated General Jiang and the Jiang Family... honestly....”

Zhao Yiqiu just did not have any words to describe this man and what he had done.

“Luckily, Jiang Shuang is able to leave him and live on her own.” Zhao Yiqiu said.

“Where do you want her to go?” Zhou Huaijin asked.

“South.” Zhao Yiqiu said without hesitation. “Jiang Shuang loves the South, and that is a place where we had been before. That is a great place for her to get better.”

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan exchanged a look and smiled.

There was going to be a whole life ahead, so they should always look into the future.

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan sighed with relief too as they thought of the days to come.

The Queen’s death would come in a couple of days, and later, she was going to be reborn. That would be a wonderful moment, when she was able to fly away from the cage and leave the man who set her up.

“Oh yes, something else was found this time – Destiny Monk has shown up in the Saint Divine Land,” Zhou Huaijin said with a complicated look on his face.

Chapter 847 The Chu Family

Gu Chaoyan was surprised.

Destiny Monk? He was the person who told Zhou Huailing about the Phoenix Girl’s existence back at Putuo Temple? But he disappeared after he passed on the message!

No one had any idea where he was, but what he had predicted might have turned out to be true.

The King had been seeking for him, and so did Zhou Huaijin’s Shadow Door.

Only when he was found would the truth be revealed – how was the Phoenix Girl related to anything, and would the Saint Divine Land flourish because of the Phoenix Girl, after all?

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Gu Chaoyan had not had strong belief in any of this, but judging from the experience she was going through right now, Destiny Monk might have had some idea of Destiny, which surprised her a great deal. So Gu Chaoyan wondered if anything was going to happen, since Destiny Monk had been gone for so long yet returned all of a sudden to the Saint Divine Land right now.

“People from Shadow Door have seen him, yet failed to follow him. We lost track of him instantly,” Zhou Huaijin said with a frown.

Gu Chaoyan patted the back of his hands.

Regarding the Destiny Monk, Gu Chaoyan did not think that it was necessary to find him.

If even people from Shadow Door failed to catch him, it meant that he was capable enough not to be seen. Therefore, he could appear whenever and wherever he wanted.

Gu Chaoyan thought for a while. "Now that we know that he has appeared, we should be ready for that."

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

She was right.

"Anyway, let's just go in, we should keep the old soldier thing from mother." Zhou Huaijin reminded them as he got up.

Zhao Yiqiu and Gu Chaoyan nodded in agreement.

At the imperial study.

Chu Tian came to the court when the King asked for him.

The King was not at Qianqing Palace, but at the Imperial Study instead, which was quite unexpected even for Chu Tian.

So many major things had happened during the past period.

Seeing Chu Tian here, the King waved his hand and asked him not to greet him any more. Instead, he asked him to come to his side.

He had given the whole picture a thought back in the Imperial Study, but he could not think of any proper position for Gu Ruxue's father, so he felt quite distressed.

"I asked for you today, because I have some words to exchange with you, you can skip the bowing. I have decided to transfer Gu Zhenkang from Taipu Temple to somewhere else, but I just looked over the list of positions, and I simply have found no proper position for him. You know these things well, so I would like you to have a look at the list for me? Which position should I give to him?" The King said with a look of misery.

Normally, the official positions of the court were fixed, and no major changes had happened during the past few years. It was going to be very difficult to suddenly get someone into a new position.

Chu Tian was surprised.

So the King was going to attach great importance to the Gu Family now?

The daughter of the Gu Family was Lord Ling's Princess Consort... So what the King meant was....

Chu Tian started to sweat...

Apart from the unsuitable positions... Neither Gu Zhenkang nor Gu Yunhe were people with any competences, and they were going to ruin any position they were placed in, but the King already made up his mind, so he had to make it happen.

Chu Tian wiped away the sweat on his forehead.

It was such a difficult issue for him.

The Chu Family had not taken a side yet at the moment, also...

Chapter 848 Promotion for Gu Zhenkang

Also the Chu Family were not in a good relationship with the Gu Family at all.

So when the King was discussing this matter with him, he was basically put into a dilemma. Also, Chu Tian wondered if the King was testing his tendency or not.

The Chu Family had had the tradition of working for the court throughout the generations, and Chu Tian finally became the Prime Minister of the Saint Divine Land.

The reason why the Chu Family were able to stay in the official rank throughout the generations, was only because they had one rule – they worked for the King, not for the princes.

However, now he was confronted with the issue of dealing with a prince. The situation right now was becoming quite complicated.

Destiny Monk had predicted that the Princess Consort of Lord Ling was the Phoenix Girl, so no one had any idea of what would happen to Lord Ling in the future.

More than half of the ministers in the court had already taken Lord Ling's side, yet the Chu Family had not yet made the decision. Because of that, Lord Ling was not so friendly towards the Chu Family.

So how should he promote Princess Consort of Lord Ling's father?

It was such a difficult issue for him!

Chu Tian had been sweating all this time. He gave it a thought for a long time before finally saying, "What do you think of the Ministry of Rites? Officer Gu Zhenkang has been working at Taipu Temple, which is in charge of the wagons and horses of the court, so it is quite reasonable that he is promoted to the Ministry of Rites. As for what happens after that... We can give it another thought later."

The Ministry of Rites was in charge of the worship and systems as well as foreign affairs of the Saint Divine Land.

That was to say, the wedding of any prince was going to be in the charge of the Ministry of Rites.

The reason why Chu Tian would make the recommendation was because Gu Zhenkang was such an ordinary person that only when he was at the Ministry of Rites would he be able to skip making too many major mistakes.

Also, the Ministry of Rites was a very promising place. Someone like Gu Zhenkang would definitely love to work there.

When the King heard Chu Tian's suggestion, he found the idea to sound good too. However, he still did not think that the position sounded that important. If this suggestion was given when Gu Ruxue was marrying Lord Ling, then that sounded nice, but at that time, the Phoenix Girl and Destiny Monk became

the prevailing topics, and Gu Zhenkang's rank was not yet considered... and when it was mentioned again, it was time for Lord Ling to be granted as the heir. Therefore, if Gu Zhenkang was promoted, then the reputation of the Princess Consort of the Heir would be raised as well.

So the position at the Ministry of Rites did not sound that weighty.

The King shook his head slightly. He did not think that Chu Tian was making a mistake... After all, Chu Tian did not know about the decision about the heir. Therefore, the King still thought that Chu Tian was doing a good job.

He thought for a while and said, "The Ministry of Rites is a very good department, but the Elder Young Master has already decided to stay away from any official rank and work for Lord Ling instead. That is a big sacrifice the Gu Family has made for us, so the position of the Ministry of Rites seems quite minor for Gu Zhenkang. I think that maybe he can be granted some affairs at the Ministry of Personnel instead. As for what position it should be... I will speak with the Minister of the Ministry of Personnel personally."

"Mr. Chu, the other three countries are flourishing so we should not cease progressing. We have much to do, and you have much to do."

The King consoled him, just because he denied his proposal.

Chu Tian was quite surprised. He had not expected that the King was still going to give him an important position.

"Okay!" Chu Tian answered politely.

The King nodded in satisfaction and added. "One more thing I would like you to do."

Chapter 849 The Second Concubine

Chu Tian had just let out a sigh of relief when he suddenly heard these words. He became nervous once again. Too many things were going on at the moment, and no one could tell what would happen. So Chu Tian was very nervous.

"Yes?" Chu Tian had his head lowered politely, waiting for the King to answer him.

The King was very satisfied. He thought that he was in his best state at the moment, since Lord Ling was treating him politely, as were the important ministers in the court.

The King answered with a smaller voice as if he were showing care to his minister. "Lord Ling is still young and he is not capable enough. Now he is badly injured and you, the Prime Minister, should take good care of him, if you can."

Hearing these words, Chu Tian felt his heart skipping a beat.

Taking good care of Lord Ling? Could that be....

His confusion was solved...

The King was giving him a hint! He had not expected that the hint had become so obvious right now.

Chu Tian's heart was beating hard – he subconsciously wiped off the sweat on his head and answered politely, "I got it. I will."

The King felt so good when he saw Chu Tian panicking.

That was a good sign. The important ministers feared him, which meant that the King was still prevailing in their hearts.

When he finished speaking, the King waved happily, "Anyway, you can leave now."

Chu Tian answered politely, greeted him and retired.

When he left the imperial study, Chu Tian hurried home.

Something major was going to happen.

The heir had not been settled in the Saint Divine Land during the past few years, but now the heir was going to be announced soon.

Also, the heir was not Lord Huai, who was the Queen's son, but Lord Ling, who was Honored Princess Jing's son instead. What was he going to do? So what the King meant was that the Chu Family should take Lord Ling's side instead of staying neutral. However, the Chu Family had their rules – they should stand by the lineal children!

What was he going to do?

Chu Tian hurried back to the mansion and his back was filled with sweat since he was going so fast.

The moment he walked into the mansion, he asked for the Young Master directly.

He went into the lobby and started to drink tea one after another, until he almost got fed up with the tea when he finally stopped.

Chu Yu walked in.

Seeing his father, who had always been calm and steady, behaving so nervously, he realized that something was wrong. He asked in confusion. "What is it?"

"It seems that the heir is going to be settled these days," Chu Tian said with a small voice. He was worried that someone would be eavesdropping.

Chu Yu panicked.

Now? The King was still young and he did not think that something like this would happen to the Chu Family these years, but now? So...

"It is Lord Ling right?" Chu Yu asked.

Chu Tian nodded and looked at his son. He was glad that his son was aware of the situation.

Chu Tian sighed. He was just about to say something, when someone shouted loudly, "Officer, Second Concubine is here asking to see you,"

Chapter 850 Rejection

The Second Concubine?

Chu Tian wondered whether she would ask him for anything?

He had entrusted his wife to deal with the women in the backyard, and the concubines would always turn to his wife for help, not to him.

Chu Tian frowned.

What an irritating thing!

However, since the pageboy claimed that it was an important matter, he was still feeling quite worried that something unexpected had happened. He answered. "Let her in."

Only then did the pageboy pass on the message.

Soon, the Second Concubine walked in.

The Second Concubine was not very young any more, but she still liked putting on very heavy makeup.

Chu Tian frowned. He showed no interest in how she was dressed. He had no major interest in women, it had been Madame Chu who made him marry so many concubines. For him, those concubines were all the same. And he only showed respect to his wife.

Therefore, Chu Tian did not show much delight in seeing the Second Concubine, and asked straightforwardly, "Just say it."

"Old Master, it is about Yerong's marriage," the Second Concubine said happily.

Chu Yerong, namely the Second Lady of the Chu Family, was addressed in this way because she had an Elder Miss above her.

Hearing that it was about Yerong's marriage... Chu Tian became even less pleased.

He thought that it was something major which had to be told to him, but it was just the marriage of the concubine's daughter! What a delay for his business. He remembered that Yerong was old enough to get married, but...

"You should speak with Mrs. Chu regarding Yerong's marriage, not me. You have been in the mansion for so long, so haven't you understood the rules of the mansion? I am in charge of the court business, whilst Mrs. Chu is in charge of family affairs!" Chu Tian said, starting to snap.

The Chu Family was an official family in the capital, which had rules. Everyone should follow the rules.

The reason why there was a wife was because the wife was normally in charge of family business in the mansion. That was something Chu Tian left his wife to do with full trust.

He had never allowed anyone to leap over the boundary.

He believed that his wife should teach the Second Concubine a lesson and give her a punishment, so that she could keep what she had done wrong in mind.

He said to the pageboy next to him. "Get Mrs. Chu here."

Hearing that Mrs. Chu was asked for, the Second Concubine said with a sad face. “Old Master, Mrs. Chu already rejected my proposal.”

“Yerong is a concubine’s daughter, but she has already found such a great suitor, so I hope that Yerong is able to marry that family. You can’t possibly wait until Elder Miss finds her suitor so that Yerong misses her best life, right? Mrs. Chu is over the top. She turned down the proposal directly. I feel that Yerong has experienced sadness, so I came to you for help. Old Master, please,” the Second Concubine said as she cried.

Chu Tian looked at Chu Yu in surprise – that was unexpected.

Mrs. Chu was a strict person, but she was always just.

“Which family did Mrs. Chu turn down?” Chu Tian asked.