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Chapter 861 Decision

"You have not understood the important point at all! The Queen was a special person, but she is part of the Jiang Family. You are making your own heir suffer because of someone from the Jiang Family, and I think that those from the Jiang Family would be laughing under the earth."

"Also, the Queen was sick for a long time before she passed away, and that is not a very auspicious thing."

"In the past, such a patient would have been buried without the public's eyes, but you are an emotional person, so I can't allow you to skip the heir because of the funeral!"

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"How would the heir look, if his ceremony is postponed because of one not so auspicious thing? You are not doing it for his sake, but to cause him trouble! Your offspring will not speak well of him, and the ministers will not respect him!"

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"What matters most of all is the living, not the deceased. You have to understand that point!" the Empress Dowager said angrily. She sounded so determined that she did not seem to leave the King any space to counter. The King started to hesitate. He prioritized the Queen's funeral, only because he felt that he had not treated Jiang Shuang well when she was alive, so he should give her a grand funeral. He had not taken any other factors into consideration.

What his mother said was right. The heir had a long life, and he could not just make him suffer because of his own guilt. The heir had married the Phoenix Girl, so he should be taken into consideration in everything.

Also, what his mother said about the living and the deceased were totally right.

The King started to make a different plan.

Seeing that the King started to hesitate, the Empress Dowager let out a sigh of relief.

She continued. "If you make the heir suffer, then that basically means that you are demeaning him and raising Lord Huai. Lord Huai is not an ambitious person, but what if he has some other thoughts, he might do something about the heir, and cause a sibling war! The Queen is gone, and Xunyang is missing, so Lord Huai is the only child she has left. The child will not have a promising future, but at least, he should be guaranteed to live and have a free life, right? That is the least you can do for the Queen."

The King let out a sigh of relief.

That was totally right. Lord Huai had been a spoiled child since he was little, and he had no promising future and he needed to rely on his brothers. So he should not offend his brothers at the moment. He disliked Lord Huai, but at least, he could guarantee that he had a carefree life.

It seemed that the Ministry of Rites should not follow his previous order.

The King looked at his mother gratefully. He had not been considerate enough on many occasions, but his mother kept reminding him so that he would not make any mistakes.

"I know what I should do, mother," the King said politely.

The Empress Dowager nodded in satisfaction. Since the King knew what he should do, she would not say anything more. She did not care about the Queen, but she should not leave the heir in such a state. She wanted the heir to take the throne, so she was going to stop every bad thing from happening.

The Empress Dowager finished speaking, then the King asked the officers from the Ministry of Rites to come in.

The King said as he looked at the Ministry of Rites. "As for the funeral and the ceremony..."

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"I have changed my mind."

"It is the first endowment ceremony for the heir, and it is extremely important. So we can't possibly demean the heir."

"So, keep a low-profile for the Queen's funeral. Make sure the complete process is done, especially the worship. She is going to be carried into the imperial graveyard. You from the Ministry of Rites should be in charge of that, and don't bother anyone from the ministry, just remember to keep it low-profile!"

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"The Queen passed away because of long-time sickness. We can't announce to the public the exact information. Just say that she passed away because of sickness."

"And keep the ceremony bustling. It is a peaceful world, so we need to add more happy things. An endowment ceremony is a happy thing," the King said as he looked at those officers.

The officers exchanged a look between themselves in surprise.

It was so difficult to guess what the King was going to do next. It was good that they had said nothing before, otherwise there would be unexpected consequences yet to come.

The King had, one moment ago, intended to pay more attention to the Queen's funeral, but now they understood that the simplified funeral of the Queen showed one thing clearly – the King wanted the heir to take the throne.

The officers kowtowed politely in front of the King and the Empress Dowager, "We understand."

The King nodded and waved his hands, telling them to get down to their own business.

The officers from the Ministry of Rites retired politely. The Empress Dowager was very satisfied by the King's arrangement, so she got up and said, "I am sorry, King, but I need to return to Cining Palace now."

"Also, Lord Huai's wedding has to be postponed, I am afraid. As for exactly when... just wait until all of these incidents have passed, and then we will know." The Empress Dowager reminded him.

The King nodded.

Lord Huai was already engaged, so it did not matter when the wedding was held. His mother, after all, just passed away.

Then the Empress Dowager left.

The King was left alone in the imperial study, feeling distracted.

He had been too busy to think about what he should do a while ago, but when all the orders were passed on and he became free to think, he suddenly felt that his heart had been emptied.

It was not supposed to be like this! None of this should have happened!

The King sat in the chair, looking distressed.

"De Fu, there is one portrait of the Queen painted by the painters before, bring it to me, please, I would like to take a look at it," the King said.

De Fu nodded and left.

The King was suddenly reminded of the portrait. The painter would always paint one portrait for the princesses each year, and the painter especially liked painting the Queen, but after the second year, the Queen did not seem to be that interested in being painted. She disliked being seated there for too long.

Though no one paid attention before, there were still some portraits remaining.

De Fu took the portraits for the King in a hurry.

The King was reminded of Jiang Shuang from years back, and soon fell asleep.

In the dream, Jiang Shuang no longer had the touch of toughness of those from the Jiang Family.

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The King believed that Jiang Shuang looked much more comfortable to his eyes right now. And she was like she was before and said, "Zhou Sheng, take my hands."

It was a spring in February of the 23rd year of the Saint Dividen Land.

The Queen's funeral was held in the most concise way under the arrangement of the Ministry of Rites. The body was carried to the imperial graveyard from the town and the coffin was brought in, then the funeral ended.

No one from the court came to pay their condolences, and the King was absent too. Only Zhou Huaijin, Gu Chaoyan, Zhao Yiqiu and Madame Jiang, as well as some other retired ministers were present.

The Queen passed away after being in her seat for 23 years.

An announcement was put up in the court

too.

The civilians were still in utter grief at the Queen's death, when the endowment ceremony of the heir took place. The bustling ceremony lasted for three days, and the message was passed on to every household.

Soon, the sadness about the Queen's death was replaced by happiness that permeated every corner of the country.

At the ceremony when the heir was endowed, all the ministers and officers watched the whole show, whilst the Empress Dowager, Honored Princess Jing and the King held the ceremony personally just to show the importance of the heir.

Apart from the heir and Princess Consort of the Heir, the Gu Mansion was the happiest of all.

The whole ceremony was so lively... Even days after it, people were still talking about the ceremony.

The ceremony was such a grand event to start with, yet Lord Huai, who used to be most adored, was no longer on the top. The civilians were very curious about this strange show.

The King's family was full of complications and love was never real.

The civilians were all craning their necks to see the show that came afterwards.

In March of the same year... The Queen's funeral and Heir's ceremony finally came to the end, and the peaceful days returned.

When everything quieted down, Honored Princess Jing started to get restless.

The Queen had been gone for a full month, and her son was already the heir, yet the King had not mentioned a thing about endowing the new Queen.

She had been waiting for the position for more than 23 years, so Honored Princess Jing had lost the patience to wait to take the throne. Her son was already the heir, so his mother should be the Queen, that was how the rules went.

Honored Princess Jing did not want her son to get demeaned because of her status.

She was different now. Therefore, Honored Princess Jing came to Cining Palace early in the morning.

She had the intention, but she just could not put it forward to the King herself. Instead, she had to ask the Empress Dowager to remind the King.

At Cining Palace.

The Empress Dowager was just taking the nap when she saw Honored Princess Jing. She asked indifferently, "What are you doing here, Honored Princess Jing?"

Honored Princess Jing smiled timidly.

She had not greeted the Empress Dowager as frequently as before, since she was busy with many affairs. The Empress Dowager must be feeling displeased by her.

"Aunt, I have been very busy these days, and I have no one to help me, so I have been too busy to visit you." Honored Princess Jing said with a flattering smile.

The Empress Dowager nodded hesitantly. She would not embarrass her family clan.

"But Aunt, I am here to have a discussion with you," Honored Princess Jing said with her body half bent.

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The Empress Dowager looked up at Honored Princess Jing and judging from the way she behaved, she more or less understood what Honored Princess Jing was asking for.

She had been defending Honored Princess Jing for years. So she could tell directly what Honored Princess Jing wanted when she showed certain expressions.

Instead of saying anything, the Empress Dowager looked at Honored Princess Jing, waiting for her to say whatever she had in

mind.

Honored Princess Jing smiled flatteringly as she said, "The Queen has been gone for so long, and Ling has become the heir. I am in charge of all the affairs and have the authority token in hand."

"I have not made any mistakes in dealing with the errands either, and I was thinking about helping Ling to be seated firmly, so I am wondering..."

Honored Princess Jing showed a smile to the Empress Dowager.

Honored Princess Jing just could not say her thoughts so directly. It made her nervous.

She had thought that since the Queen was gone, the Empress Dowager would start to suggest establishing the new Queen, but when the news never reached her, Honored Princess Jing got slightly anxious. That was why she came to remind the Empress Dowager.

Hearing what Honored Princess Jing said, the Empress Dowager showed no expression on her face, but looked at Honored Princess Jing quietly, waiting for her to finish speaking.

Honored Princess Jing said with a very timid smile, seeing that the Empress Dowager had not spoken for so long.

She had to finish her words directly, since she reached this point. So Honored Princess Jing continued. "I have been in the court for more than twenty years and I have dropped some ambitions, but Ling has become the heir, and no one dares to do anything to me either. I just feel that normally, an heir should be the lineal child of a family, and yet I am just an Honored Princess Jing.... so I am worried that the heir will be talked about outside the court. That is why I am here asking you for help."

That was a speech Honored Princess Jing said. She had to mention the heir for her own sake.

Honored Princess Jing knew pretty well that she was not that important for the Empress Dowager, even though she was part of her family clan, but the heir was different. The heir had their blood running throughout his body. And the Empress Dowager would not let her bloodline be humiliated at any point.

The Empress Dowager looked at Honored Princess Jing and sighed.

Honored Princess Jing was a very nice woman except that she could not think practically.

That was different from Jiang Shuang, who would tell the King that she wanted to the Queen directly. Honored Princess Jing was too timid to say anything straightforwardly, and she was in the right position to put forward the suggestion, but she did not dare to say it out loud directly.

Well...

The Empress Dowager did not like this point of hers. Why should someone from her family be so cowardly and timid whilst the daughter of the Jiang Family could be so bold?

Was the Yao Family worse than the Jiang Family? Not at all!

Well...

No matter how much she disliked her for this point there was nothing she could do.

The Empress Dowager stopped dwelling on the dislikes, and said to Honored Princess Jing, "The King must have forgotten about setting up a new Queen. I will remind him these days."

"Also.."

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Honored Princess Jing smiled hearing that the Empress Dowager would help her, and she felt much more assured.

Hearing that something else was about to be said, she listened carefully in glee.

The Empress Dowager nodded.

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Honored Princess Jing was an obedient person, and since that was her merit, she could not possibly make her become an intimidating woman. She could make requests to other people from the Yao Family, and expected that women from her family would have a strong personality and fear nothing.

"The heir has got the Princess Consort, who is also the Phoenix Girl. She is a very suitable match, but they have not yet started their own family after being married for so long, so that would not work. Although it would be best if the Phoenix Girl could give birth to a baby of happiness... yet..."

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"The heir needs to have more than one child from the Princess Consort, right?"

many children as possible!"

“What I mean is that the heir should have a Princess Concubine as well, who can help with the administration of the mansion. The heir’s Princess Consort doesn’t seem to be very capable of being in charge of the family affairs. So we can pick one young lady from our family, who can help to deal with the family affairs and share the children’s raising with the Princess Consort.”

The Empress Dowager looked at Honored Princess Jing as she said these words.

Hearing this... Honored Princess Jing suddenly wore a brightened expression on her face.

The Empress Dowager was, after all, The Empress Dowager.

She had a bigger plan than she did.

While she was thinking about her own position, the Empress Dowager already started to plan for Ling’s future. She felt lucky to have someone like the Empress Dowager backing her up.

Gu Ruxue and Huailing had been married for more than half a year, and yet they had not had any news of pregnancy. If the Princess Consort could not give birth to any babies, they should find someone else who could.

As for which of the children would be helped to take the throne in the future... that would be something to be discussed later.

Honored Princess Jing looked at the Empress Dowager with a look of gratitude. “Aunt, you are right. I haven’t thought about this point. There are many young unmarried girls from the Yao Family and they should be invited to come to the court, so that you can have a look at them. I don’t have a good judgment for picking the right person.”

The Empress Dowager nodded in satisfaction. Honored Princess Jing finally thought it through.

“I will deal with the establishment of the new Queen, so you don’t have to worry about that. Just wait for my news. You can go home now, if you have nothing else to say,” the Empress Dowager said. She was not a young person who liked chatting with people all the time. Especially when it came to Honored Princess Jing who was slightly dumb. She would rather avoid meeting her.

She finished speaking and drove Honored Princess Jing away.

Honored Princess Jing did not want to dwell there either. She greeted the Empress Dowager before leaving and said politely, “Thanks, Aunt.” Then she left.

The Empress Dowager massaged her temples, feeling quite exhausted.

The aunt next to her reminded her with a small voice. “What about taking a break in the inner chamber, so that I can massage you.”

The Empress Dowager shook her head and waved her hands. “I am doomed to work for all of those people. I have to do everything myself.”

“That means that Honored Princess Jing and the King all respect you,” the Aunt next to her said.

The Empress Dowager smiled.

That made her satisfied.

“Let’s go to the Qianqing Palace and take a look at the King.”

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Aunt said nothing, as she followed the Empress Dowager. She prevented herself from trying to persuade the Empress Dowager.

She had been serving the Empress Dowager for so many years, so she was very aware of what she should say and what she should not.

At Qianqing Palace

The King was distracted by the portrait when the Empress Dowager arrived.

Then she said helplessly as she saw the King staring at the portrait, “She is gone, so don’t linger upon her any more. What matters is those who are alive.”

“The Queen has been gone for approximately one month, so you should move on. Honored Princess Jing has been in charge of the affairs in the back court. And for that, you should think about establishing the new Queen. Also, the heir has been instated, and you can’t possibly allow his mother to stay as just an Honored Princess, right?”

The King was brought back to himself.

He shook his head as he thought of the new Queen.

Normally, it would be time to establish a new Queen, but his instinct told him not to – in his heart, he still believed that Jiang Shuang should be the Queen, in the past and in the future. Jiang Shuang should live in the Weiyang Palace.

The Empress Dowager was right, but the King did not want to say yes to this thing. So he mumbled. “It is still too early to get a new Queen, the heir has just been endowed and he needs practice. We can think about the new Queen when it is time.”

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“We are not in a hurry for any of this,” the King said.

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He was begging the Empress Dowager. He was very worried that the Empress Dowager was going to say some things to embarrass him. He truly was not in a mood to get a new Queen, and that was what he was thinking straightforwardly. He had no intention of making any changes.

The Empress Dowager opened her mouth and was about to say something, but she eventually sighed and let it go.

"Since we still need to wait a while before the new Queen is established, we need to get some more girls for the back court, which has been quite silent since the Queen passed away. We will get the Ministry of Rites to find the new girls."

The King nodded.

Everything else was fine, as long as the New Queen is not mentioned. As long as his mother stopped mentioning anything about the New Queen.

"Okay, you decide," the King said.

The Empress Dowager nodded and said nothing more.

Although it was an advantageous thing to have the New Queen established at the moment, if the King did not want to, then she had to drop it. Compared to the King, Honored Princess Jing was nothing. The King was her son, and as long as there was no major interest involved, she still favored her son instead. She would not annoy him just because of something small mentioned by Honored Princess Jing.

Now that the heir had been endowed, the new Queen would just be something added for the existing wonder. However, it did not have to happen at the moment. They could wait.

Time would heal. Any deep affection would be gone as time passed by, and the King was not someone with deep affection either.

The Empress Dowager returned to Cining Palace, feeling slightly tired.

Honored Princess Jing was waiting at Cining Palace.

She was told that her aunt had visited the King for this matter, so she came to the palace just to get an answer.

"How is it, Aunt?"

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When Honored Princess Jing was asking, she sounded quite cheerful. She believed that as long as the Empress Dowager helped her, she would not have any difficulty in getting the request fulfilled.

She was aware that when the Queen was still alive, it would not be so easy to replace her, so she said nothing about getting the title. However, things were different now. The Queen was gone, and one month already passed, and Huailing had become the heir too. Therefore, it would just be a reminder to the King for her to take the title.

So since the Empress Dowager did the work of reminding him, the whole thing should be okay. The Empress Dowager always succeeded in whatever she wanted to do.

That was what Honored Princess Jing was thinking inside. Therefore, it was just the right time for her to get the answer.

The Empress Dowager looked at Honored Princess Jing who was wearing an expression of delight.

She showed no emotions inside. Instead, she said, “Honored Princess Jing, the King is a man with affection, so when he says he adores you, you should also understand that the Queen was in her position for more than twenty years, and he could not possibly be so ruthless. You will have to wait for a little while longer before he instates the new Queen.”

“You have waited for so many years, so you can wait a little longer. The Queen has just been gone for little more than one month, so he doesn’t want to be talked about it. Hang on until the end of this year, when I will find an opportunity to remind the King about this. By that time, I believe that the request should be fulfilled. The end of the year is a bustling time, and a great time to get a new Queen.” The Empress Dowager answered, consoling her.

Honored Princess Jing had been fully expectant for this matter, but she did not want her son to get uncomfortable. So she chose to sacrifice Honored Princess Jing.

However, she still needed to console her, so she gave her some hope.

Time passed by quickly.

Honored Princess Jing’s face froze – so the King still did not want to make her the New Queen? Why?

It was a promise the King made for her when she agreed to marry him as the concubine, because the Jiang Family was not to be offended at that time, and she felt quite annoyed to see Jiang Shuang getting endowed as the Queen back then.

And more than twenty years had passed since that time.

Now Jiang Shuang was gone, and the Jiang Family was not a threat for them, so why was the promise still not fulfilled? Why? Why must she be demeaned like this?

Honored Princess Jing looked at the Empress Dowager.

She could tell that the Empress Dowager did not think that it was of any importance.

Honored Princess Jing felt a bit frightened, all of a sudden.

“Honored Princess, I hope that you can think about the general situation, you are in a most advantageous position right now, with your son as the heir, and with the King by your side. Don’t dwell on this tiny matter any more.” The Empress Dowager reminded her seriously, seeing that Honored Princess Jing looked displeased.

She was the King’s woman, so she needed to have a broad mind and needed to think about the whole situation rather than just dwell on her own desires.

Honored Princess Jing had been behaving very well in the past, but she was changing just because Jiang Shuang was gone – that would not work.

Honored Princess Jing said, “Okay, I got it.”

She forced a smile. “I can wait until the end of the year, it is quite late, but...”

Chapter 868 Zhou Huailing’s Inquiry

"It is just that the King has never spent the night at my place during the past month, and I truly have no idea what else I can do," Honored Princess Jing said with a look of concern.

Honored Princess Jing was a person who took interests as the priority.

Since she could not get the title as the New Queen, it would not work if she continued to make a fuss and throw her temper either. She would not do anything like that either, fearing that the Empress Dowager and the King would think that she was being unreasonable. Therefore, she decided not to waste any more time upon that.

Honored Princess Jing was planning to get the King to spend the night at her place, and as long as the King loved spending the night at her place, everything else would work out smoothly, and their affection would return gradually. By that time, she would get the title as the Queen before the end of the year.

The Empress Dowager threw a look at Honored Princess Jing. She was very aware of what Honored Princess Jing was thinking inwardly, but she was not going to stop her from making this plan anyway.

It was not a very good thing if the King never visited the princesses. So she decided to do Honored Princess Jing a favor anyway.

She said, "The Ministry of Rites has started to arrange new girls for the King and I will talk to him about that. You have not obtained the title as the New Queen, but you are holding the authority token, so you are someone who is working with devotion. Although you are not the Queen by title, you are almost like her."

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"You are not only going to get visited by the King when he is supposed to visit the Queen, but will also receive his visits on your own scheduled dates." The Empress Dowager added.

Only now did Honored Princess Jing say with satisfaction, "Thank you, Aunt."

The Empress Dowager nodded too, then she added some more words to Honored Princess Jing and asked her to leave.

Honored Princess Jing's face sank the moment she walked out of Cining Palace. She looked rather displeased.

She had thought that the Empress Dowager was helping her and taking her as the consideration, but it seemed that the Empress Dowager did not attach any importance to her request at all. She had been happy for nothing.

Luckily, she did not celebrate her victory in her palace, or spill the story, otherwise she would have been slapped right on her own face.

Getting the title and not getting the title of the Queen was totally different.

The Empress Dowager was dealing with her as if she were an idiot!

Honored Princess Jing looked really furious.

She was still looking rather displeased the moment she returned to her own palace, but she was no longer that pissed the moment she saw the heir. "Huailing, what are you doing here?"

"I am not cured yet, so I am here to visit an imperial doctor by way of seeing you. Father has given me the authority token for free access, so I can visit you as often as possible now, in case you have other rules for your future palace," Zhou Huailing said with a flattering look on his face.

He knew how to talk properly, and he decided to make the words sound nice so everyone would be happy.

Honored Princess Jing smiled brightly after she heard his words. She had been demeaned many times throughout her life, but she was most gratified by this filial and capable son of hers.

"Oh yes, I heard that the Empress Dowager helped to get the title of Queen for you, how did it go?" Zhou Huailing asked.

He visited his mother mainly for this matter.

Chapter 869 Helping You

Ever since childhood, he and his Eighth Brother were both princes and he was older than his Eighth Brother too, but whenever he was with Eighth Brother, he could tell the difference. Everyone treated the Eighth Brother more politely than him, only because his Eighth Brother's mother was the Queen whilst his own mother was just a princess.

That made him very uncomfortable inside his heart, but that was something that could not be changed. He was not the lineal son!

Even if he was the heir now, he still felt quite uncomfortable – his mother was still the Honored Princess Jing, and his Eighth Brother, who was useless and spoiled, was the Queen's son.

Traditionally speaking, his Eighth Brother was the real lineal son!

Why?

He was not convinced by this point at all. He hoped that his mother could be granted the title of Queen!

Only when his mother got granted the title of Queen, would he be the real lineal son!

When his messengers in the court heard the news and passed it onto him, he came to visit the court, expecting to hear the good news.

Although Zhou Huailing tried to make himself sound casual in tone he looked rather expectant.

Honored Princess Jing, all of a sudden, stopped looking at her own son.

Own son.

A long while later... She let out a sigh./ please keep reading on MYBOXNOVEL(d0t)COM.

"We did not make it," Honored Princess Jing said with distress.

Zhou Huailing frowned in surprise.

They did not make it? What happened?

That did not sound right. The Queen was already gone, and he was the heir, and his mother had not made any mistake so she should be granted the title of Queen, for reputation's sake at least. Why didn't they make it?

Honored Princess Jing looked at Zhou Huailing and said with a guilty tone, "I am not capable enough to help you son! I have been in the court for so many years and I have not thought about getting any more titles, but I feel concerned for you! I am so sorry that your mother is just a princess, so I went to the Empress Dowager for help and hoped that she could help us!"

"But the Empress Dowager is, after all, the Empress Dowager, not your mother. She doesn't care about you, nor does she help me. You are the heir, and they would like to train you for a while before giving you the best things."

"You married the Phoenix Girl, and you are young and capable, the Empress Dowager and the King like you, but still are defensive against you." Honored Princess Jing reminded him.

Zhou Huailing was extremely surprised.

He had been going on too smoothly these days, and his reputation was highly raised at the endowment ceremony. He almost got confused by those honors. He almost forgot that his father never treated him well in the past.

"Your father is still lingering upon the deceased Queen, so you need to watch out for Lord Huai, in case your father suddenly prefers him!" Honored Princess Jing said with a serious look.

Zhou Huailing suddenly became very furious!

His mother was right! His father used to adore his Eighth Brother so deeply, but as days passed by, he changed. He could never be sure what would happen to him in the future!

"Mother, don't worry. I can mention this to the King and I believe that he will understand everything!" Zhou Huailing said furiously. He was just not convinced by what happened to him!

Honored Princess Jing did not stop him either.

Her title as the Queen should be granted, if the heir mentioned it.

"Huailing, one more thing I need to remind you of."

Chapter 870: Be Careful

Zhou Huailing had been thinking about what he should do after his mother got the title as the Queen, but when he heard her reply, he suddenly put on an expression of cautiousness, looked about and made sure that it was the safest place before asking Honored Princess Jing. "What is that?"

He was the heir now, but he needed to be even more cautious after he became the heir. He needed to be discreet.

Honored Princess Jing felt more assured seeing that Zhou Huailing had become obviously more mature and acted carefully.

She had been thinking about this on her way out of Cining Palace.

The Empress Dowager was her aunt, but after spending so many years together, Honored Princess Jing already understood what the Empress Dowager was like – she only cared about personal interests, not emotions or affections.

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She would only think about emotions and affections, when interests were not that important any more.

For example, when the Empress Dowager tried to help her and Huailing, it was not because the Empress Dowager liked them, but because they were her best tools at the moment.

Tools would always have to face one result – they became useless and got abandoned. Therefore, they had to pave a way for themselves.

For example, when the Empress Dowager suggested that the ladies from the Yao Family should become the Princess Concubine and give birth to some children, which was something great for her the day before, today, she noticed something weird going on.

She had been thinking a lot on her way home, and she believed that the Empress Dowager had her own plan when mentioning this. She could not possibly let Huailing fall into that plan.

Honored Princess Jing said with a small voice, “The Empress Dowager is trying to select some Princess Concubines for you from the Yao Family.”

Zhou Huailing’s eyes brightened as he heard the words Princess Concubine.

The ladies from the Yao Family were all very pretty, and he had seen them before! Now he was the heir and he could get all kinds of women he wanted.

Honored Princess Jing patted him. “Huailing!”

“You are the heir, and you can get all kinds of pretty girls, but you should never pay attention to the ladies from the Yao Family. The Empress Dowager wants the ladies from the Yao Family to give birth to your children! But I hope that you and Ruxue will be able to give birth to the lineal children. She is the Phoenix Girl, and only by combining with her would you be able to help each other. You can become a father with any other woman except anyone from the Yao Family!”

Hearing what Honored Princess Jing said, Zhou Huailing suddenly realized that things were not that simple and that the situation was getting really complex.”

“Mother, what is going on?” Zhou Huailing asked with a serious look on his face.

“Do you know why the Empress Dowager is helping you all the time, it’s not because she adores you as the imperial grandchild, but because I am someone from the Yao Family! You have the bloodline from the Yao Family, and the Yao Family cares a lot about bloodline. So what they want is someone from the Yao Family to take the throne.”

“Currently, you are the only one available here, but if you and someone from the Yao Family give birth to a child, then there would be a backup in the world!”

“I am thinking that is why the Empress Dowager is so anxious to get someone from the Yao Family to marry you!”

“Huailing, when you are no longer irreplaceable, and when you are in the same position as her interests, I am worried that you will be given up!”

“I am from the Yao Family, but....”