

THE PRINCESS CONSORT HAS A LETHAL DESTINY

Chapter 31: Counting Hexagrams To Locate It

'It's better to remain blissfully unaware of certain things than get ourselves knee-deep in them.'

'Isn't that the case for Master Lu and his servants who are long-dead now?'

Floating Pavilion Town was surrounded by jade mountains of this generation. 'Those are not just ordinary stones, but stones that can be sold for silver. How could people not target all this silver?'

The previous county magistrate was the true murderer of Master Lu.

'But she could not believe a county magistrate had such courage and the patrol officers to execute it.'

'With regards to that, she could not tell how many people were involved!'

'All those involved would be capable of doing just about anything to save their own hides.'

Zhao Xuanjing was still a little unaccustomed to being rejected. He shook his head slightly.

Soon he calmed down, and he put a smile on his handsome face, "Thank you Your Lady for your guidance, but this item is very important to me. I hope Young Lady could help clear my doubts."

Xie Qiao rubbed her brow.

'Are you being childish and immature?'

'That noble appearance is wasted on him. He does not know how to cherish it but insists to have this evil item. This may cause him to die young.'

"All right then." Xie Qiao stuffed the silver money, one by one, into her pockets.

Dying young was none of her business.

After stuffing all the silver money into her pocket, Xie Qiao began working.

She asked Zhao Xuanjing to find a piece of paper.

"Kindly write something." Xie Qiao said.

"Detect?" Zhao Xuanjing thought this was interesting. "Could writing 'Detect' show us the location of things?"

However, he obliged and picked up the calligraphy brush. After hesitating for a while, he slightly moved his calligraphy brush on the paper. His head was empty. After two more breaths, he wrote the word "Jade".

"Writing in hesitation and a disturbed manner is a clear sign that this would provoke disputes. Young Master, I noticed that you had a smooth start?" Xie Qiao frowned slightly.

After she finished speaking, she looked at the sky outside the window, and then calculated the hexagram.

“A little dot means that earth lingers in the air and would soon turn to dust. The three straight lines are connected to the name of water. The single vertical line means cold wood, while the short horizontal line in the middle means there’s gold in the bag. The stroke beside the dot means flame.” Xie Qiao murmured, “The five elements have been identified, and your query is solvable.”

Later, she took out the tortoiseshell and copper coins and fiddled with them.

“When the fire element is hidden in the wood element, this is a sign of energy. When these two elements are in harmony with the gold element, you will soon find this item.”

Zhao Xuanjing could not understand what Xie Qiao said.

Imperial Bodyguard Zhou could not understand either.

Two of them were confused.

“Young Lady Xie, could you make it clearer?”

“This fire element represents the item you wish to find. The wood element leads to the position of the item. If we can make a connection between these two elements, it proves that this item can be found. When you write the word “Detect”, the five elements were all present and it was considered a good fit. This item is hidden at a position of the gold element. It points to the west and slightly to the south.”

“Southwest?” Zhao Xuanjing frowned, “This is all too vague. It won’t be easy to find the item.”

“The word written by the young master can be calculated on a hexagram, based on the provided time, event, font and the proportion of the five elements. Finally, the hexagram revealed that wealth is being exchanged. This item must be hidden in the ruins of a rubble wall.”

Xie Qiao did not wish to write down all her calculation steps one by one.

The 'Detect' word might look simple, but its horizontal and vertical strokes were not the sole reason that was taken into consideration.

For example, the time when 'Detect' word was written, the attributes and directions represented by each stroke, and elements that were contradictory or complementary to each other.

If it was just a simple 'Detect' word. She could calculate some hexagrams, but all of the results might be very general.

"In the ruins of a rubble wall in the southwest direction?" Zhou Shiwei concluded.

"That's where the signs all point." Xie Qiao thought for a while, and said, "I remember there being a deserted old village in the southwest. This village is relatively close to the mines, so the people there have moved away. The village had been left deserted for a long time. Maybe...you can go there to find it."

After taking the silver, Xie Qiao could utter whatever she thought of.