

Divine 131

Chapter 131: Show Me Your Wound

Zhou Huaijin smiled briefly. With his eyes upon her, he said, "You are heartless, and I am sinister, we make a perfect couple together."

Gu Chaoyan's face twitched. She felt a bit helpless, but she felt some sweetness too.

In this entire world, Zhou Huaijin was probably the only person who could tolerate her. Although she had no idea why from the very beginning, Zhou Huaijin had been treating her with kindness.

"Alright, stop thinking. The dinner is ready, are you hungry?" Zhou Huaijin asked with a warm voice.

She had not felt hungry earlier, but as Zhou Huaijin mentioned it, Gu Chaoyan felt her stomach grumbling.

The two went to have dinner together.

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In the following few days, Gu Chaoyan was very well fed at the Lord Huai's Mansion.

She had not seen Rong Chuxuan and Lin Sen any more. However, after that day, Gu Chaoyan seemed to receive much more respect among Lord Huai's Mansion.

She knew that she got the respect because of Zhou Huaijin.

Nevertheless, the leisurely days at Lord Huai's Mansion had to come to an end one day. She could not live like this forever, after all, she had missions to complete.

Therefore, after lunch Gu Chaoyan said, "My wound is more or less healed. I would like to return to the Gu Mansion tomorrow."

Zhou Huaijin's smiling expression faded, but he understood it clearly.

A woman like Chaoyan should not be enclosed inside a small place like Lord Huai's Mansion.

"Your wound is healed, really?" Zhou Huaijin asked.

Seeing that he was not keeping her, Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief. She was not worried that she would be trapped, she was worried that Zhou Huaijin would assume that she enjoyed life here so much that she lost her ambitions.

Seeing that he was worried about her wound, Gu Chaoyan nodded seriously. "Yes, it is healed."

"Really?" Zhou Huaijin looked confused. "I don't believe you."

Well... Gu Chaoyan's face sank. Then what was she supposed to do? "Then get the doctor to check it, then you can be assured."

"No way!" Zhou Huaijin looked serious. "Why doctors? No, no way."

As he was speaking Zhou Huaijin said with a serious and nice tone, "Let me have a look at it. If the wound is healed, I will take you home tomorrow."

Well... Gu Chaoyan hesitated.

He was checking her wound out? But her wound was... well...

"What about asking Qing to check for you? Or the maids?" Gu Chaoyan suggested.

"No, I have to check myself." Zhou Huaijin said with a serious tone, "It is just a wound. I am not a doctor, but I am concerned about you, although I am a man."

The words made sense.

Chaoyan looked at his serious face, thinking for a while...

And she understood that he must be really concerned. So she clenched her teeth and nodded.

She was not a conventional woman. After all, she was a killer from the 21st century who wore very little clothes in summer, totally unlike the people in this age who were wearing thick clothes. She was just a bit surprised. After all, she did not even have friends in the previous life, let alone been close with anyone.

Gu Chaoyan kept telling herself that he was just checking her wound out. So she removed the outer dress.

For a moment, she felt cool air brushing against her back.

Gu Chaoyan turned around and showed Zhou Huaijin her back. That was where her wounds were.

Zhou Huaijin's throat tightened.

Chapter 132: The Misunderstanding

Gu Chaoyan had been bathing with the magical water, so the skin of her back was fair and white. Although she still looked slightly chubby, Zhou Huaijin found her very lovely.

The whip wound was healing well, leaving just a few traces of pink scars.

As his long fingers caressed the pink scars, Gu Chaoyan subconsciously cringed from the touch. She was about to speak something when she felt that the fingers were just touching the wound softly, nothing more. That already made Gu Chaoyan flush. She stayed silent.

She had even more wounds and scars in her previous life, but she had been totally alone back then. She dabbed the medicine for herself and took care of the wounds alone as well.

That was how she developed her medical skills.

She was a killer, so she could not possibly go to hospitals for the treatment of gun wounds most of the time. Under such conditions, she cured the wounds herself.

As she thought of those dark days, she found herself really happy right now. Because someone was concerned about her when she was injured.

Zhou Huaijin opened his arms and swept her into them, saying with a gentle voice. "Yan, I am never going to let you get injured again."

"Yes." Gu Chaoyan answered softly.

"You smell so nice." Zhou Huaijin said as he leaned forward and took a sniff at her neck.

"You..." Gu Chaoyan turned around and pushed him away.

Gu Chaoyan suddenly felt a cool patch on her back. She realized that she had not yet put on the clothes. Gu Chaoyan mumbled as she saw Zhou Huaijin's eyes, "You are not clean."

"What?" Zhou Huaijin did not get what she said, so he took a step forward and approached her, asking.

He had just taken a step forward, when the door was opened.

Qing got startled at the scene in front of her, asking without thinking, "Miss, are we packing or not..."

Having done asking, she found the whole thing weird, so she lowered her head directly and turned around, saying, "I will be... outside."

"Hang on." Zhou Huaijin stopped her calmly. "I have other business to deal with, come and help your miss get dressed."

As he said these words, he walked away quickly.

Qing was gasping, nodding dumbly.

Seeing Zhou Huaijin disappearing, Gu Chaoyan pulled up her dress. Qing got startled. "Miss!!! You and Lord Huai, you..."

"..." Gu Chaoyan's face sank. That must be a misunderstanding!

"Miss, since Madame passed away when you were little, she had not been able to tell you something. But I have to tell you that it is something to be done after you get married! Miss, are you marrying Lord Huai? But he is Lord Huai!" Qing had not figured out what was going on.

Her miss had been divorced, and Qing never expected that her miss would marry anyone with an extraordinary status, as long as the husband was treating her nicely, but now... She and Lord Huai? But he was Lord Huai, the King's most beloved son, whose mother was the Queen!

He was the most noble lord in the Saint Divine Land! He was much, much better than the Prince of Duke Changning!

Now, he was with Miss?

Qing got very excited. If that was true, Qing would be very happy for her.

Seeing Qing's constantly changing face, Gu Chaoyan looked helpless.

Zhou Huaijin! He was so damn annoying!

Gu Chaoyan was just about to explain something to Qing, when Zhou Huaijin returned from outside. He looked radiant and had a few followers behind him.

Chapter 133: Four Swords

The followers were dressed all in black, in the same way as Rong Chuxuan and Lin Sen. Gu Chaoyan understood directly that these were hidden guards like the other two.

Zhou Huaijin mentioned before that he was getting her new hidden guards. So Gu Chaoyan was not surprised to see them here.

“Sword One, Sword Two, Sword Three, and Sword Four are all some of the most outstanding hidden guards from Shadow Door, they are yours from now on.” Zhou Huaijin said calmly.

During this interval Gu Chaoyan had been observing the expression of these four people.

Gu Chaoyan did not pay much attention to Rong Chuxuan before, since she knew that he was Zhou Huaijin’s man. And so she ended up in trouble.

Therefore, when she was given new guards, Gu Chaoyan had to take a closer look at them.

She nodded with her gaze upon the four guards.

When Zhou Huaijin was speaking, the four guards did not show much emotion. However, when they were looking at her, they showed a touch of respect. That was great. They understood what status they were in and what their missions were.

However, Chaoyan fell into a new thought.

Zhou Huaijin was worried that she would get injured, so he got her martially skilled hidden guards, but she had been a killer in her previous life, and ordinary people would not be able to hurt her. So she did not need so many hidden guards.

Now what she needed was to get back the dowries...

So she needed people who could help with the management of stores.

“I don’t need so many hidden guards, one will do. I need some people who are good at running businesses.” Gu Chaoyan thought for a while and put forward her suggestion directly.

She had the plan to train such people of her own, but she needed time. So she could use some of Zhou Huaijin’s guards first before she got the ones of her own. When her own people were well trained, she could return the present ones to him.

As she was speaking, Zhou Huaijin smiled and pointed at the four guards. “They might be called hidden guards, but they have learned all kinds of things at Shadow Door. So they should be capable enough to run the stores.”

Gu Chaoyan gasped. So these four people were versatile?

The Shadow Door seemed to be an excellent place full of talents.

“However, you have to take the whole thing into consideration. The Lin Family used to be the imperial business family, and your mother’s dowries took up half of the Lin Family’s properties. The amount

might even exceed that of my mansion! So those people are not enough. I will get you some more experienced businessmen these days, and you can hire them whenever you need them.”

As he was talking, Zhou Huaijin thought of something. “If you need my help, just turn to me. It would be very difficult to get everything back with your own hands. There are too many of the properties. I believe that the Gu Family had their eyes upon the properties when they decided to marry your mother. When your dowries are taken, the whole mansion would fade away. I don’t think that they would make the whole thing easy for you.”

He could use his power when the power was needed.

Zhou Huaijin was not a saint. If not for Yan’s own plan, he could get all the dowries back within one day with his own power.

Now he had to respect Yan and let her do what she needed to do, but he could not possibly allow Yan to be in a disadvantageous position.

Gu Chaoyan smiled. “Don’t worry, I won’t show mercy when the time comes.”

Chapter 134: A Glorious Return 1

The following day, Gu Chaoyan was getting ready to return to the Gu Mansion.

Qing packed some things. There were not many of them. They did not bring much when they came to Lord Huai’s Mansion, and they had been using what Lord Huai gave to them.

Gu Chaoyan did not think that they needed to bring anything back home, but Qing insisted on doing so. She said that the dresses Lord Huai made for her Miss were very pretty and that she should have them. She even brought with her some clothes that her Miss had not touched home.

Gu Chaoyan approved of Qing’s decision, seeing that she was happy.

As for the four Swords, Sword One and Sword Two were following her all the time. However, Gu Chaoyan did not want them to be dressed in black. Sword One was a girl, so she was dressed like Qing and stayed next to her as a maid. Sword Two was a young boy who helped around whilst Sword Three and Sword Four were hidden in the darkness.

Gu Chaoyan liked the four very much.

The four did not talk much at all.

Uncle Zhou prepared the wagon for them.

Gu Chaoyan failed to see Zhou Huaijin before she left. She assumed that he must be busy with something of his own. During the past few days, he had not done anything but keep her company, so she understood why he was not here seeing her off.

She had just made herself believe this idea, when Gu Chaoyan saw Zhou Huaijin riding on a beautiful horse, smiling at her right at the gate of Lord Huai’s Mansion.

Gu Chaoyan’s face sank. “What are you doing here?”

Zhou Huaijin pointed at the team at the gate. "I am seeing you off."

He pointed at the team that Gu Chaoyan had failed to notice. She saw that the team was so enormous. There were dozens of guards and some maids. Most importantly, at the head of the team, there was a large yellow banner that belonged to Lord Huai.

"That is way too exaggerated!" Gu Chaoyan said with confusion.

"It is half of what I have originally planned, so it's not exaggerated," Zhou Huaijin said with a reasonable tone. If not for Uncle Zhou who stopped him, he would have made the whole team bigger.

Uncle Zhou whispered. "Lord had planned to make the team twice as big, but I stopped him." Uncle Zhou looked as if he were waiting for Gu Chaoyan to speak highly of his decision.

Uncle Zhou was experienced and he had met many people in his life. He understood what Gu Chaoyan was like – she was not a vain girl.

Gu Chaoyan thought for a while. She was, after all, going back to the Gu Family now.

And the Gu Family were precisely the family that wished to reach the peak of the mountain, otherwise they would not have married their daughters to the families that got them profits. They would not have married her mother even if they despised the Lin Family.

Zhou Huaijin got those things ready for her, because he wanted to make her look radiant.

With the whole team following her, she would have less difficulty in dealing with the Gu Family.

When she thought about this Gu Chaoyan nodded seriously. "Not exaggerated."

Zhou Huaijin showed a bright smile.

Uncle Zhou gasped – had he made a wrong judgement of this girl?

Before Uncle Zhou had time to think anything more, Zhou Huaijin jumped off the wagon, stretched out her hands and helped Gu Chaoyan into the wagon. When Gu Chaoyan sat down in the wagon, she said casually, "Qing, Sword One, join us."

Qing jumped up, but Sword One was a bit hesitant. She was a maid after all.

"Come in, I don't have such a servant-master rule here." Gu Chaoyan said, seeing Sword One's hesitation.

Sword One obeyed Gu Chaoyan.

The wagon and team from Lord Huai's Mansion marched towards the Gu Family.

Everyone was watching the whole gang with surprise.

One hour later, the team stopped at the Gu Mansion.

As the housekeepers saw the yellow banner showing Lord Huai's Mansion, they collapsed and fell several times before going indoors to pass on the message.

Chapter 135: A Glorious Return 2

In the hall of the front yard, the guards, instead of following the rules of telling the housekeeper Chen Fu about the message, rushed into the hall. "Madame Gu!"

"What is it? Where are your manners?!" Gu Zhenkang bellowed displeasedly.

The guards were not supposed to enter the hall without telling the housekeeper, who was supposed to tell the masters and mistresses first. That was the rule. So at this moment, Gu Zhenkang was very displeased seeing that the housekeeper rushed in and broke the rules. The Gu Mansion was not like before, rules mattered very much!

Madame Gu did not think about this deeply. She understood that when the guard failed to follow the rules, he must be confronted with something important. "Spill it, what is going on?"

The guard calmed himself down after being lectured. "It is Lord Huai and his men. They are now at the gate of the Gu Mansion!"

"What?!" Madame Gu dropped her cane. Cai Ming went to pick it up and gave it back to Madame Gu.

Madame Gu clicked the cane against the ground excitedly.

"Tell everyone to get out of their room and go to greet Lord Huai!" Madame Gu got so excited that she flushed vividly, standing up just to greet Lord Huai.

Within a few seconds the front yard got chaotic.

Messengers went about to pass on the information, and some others were making preparations.

Gu Zhenkang also started to think about how to thank Lord Huai for taking care of his lineal daughter.

He even started to consider that with Lord Huai standing by his side, he would soon leave his current position and get promoted directly all the way to the 3rd rank, or even the 2nd!

By that time, he would very much like to see what expression those who once bullied him and laughed at him in his old workplace would have on their face.

Within one quarter's time, everyone at the Gu Mansion showed up. Including Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue who barely showed and some concubines who never got to visit the front yard.

Madame Gu led the team and came to the gate of the Gu Mansion with all of the members of the Gu Mansion. Then they kneeled down at the sight of the purple-clothed man on horse-back, saying, "Greetings Lord Huai, wish you a very long life."

The voice sounded very sturdy.

Zhou Huaijin glanced at these people. He had intended to make them stand on their knees for a longer time, before he decided to hold the plan for later use. He waved his hand. "Just get up."

As he was speaking, he hopped off the horse and walked towards the wagon. "Come out please, Yan."

The way he addressed Yan made Gu Zhenkang and Madame Gu startled and their eyes widened.

Gu Ruxue looked in that direction with hatred. Why? Why was Lord Huai treating her so well just because she knew some medical knowledge?

Gu Chaoyan was walking out of the wagon.

She was dressed in a white gown with a simple style, but it was the newest and finest brocade upon her that made Chaoyan look so clean and fresh. Gu Chaoyan was still slightly chubby, but her skin had turned fairer. Her large eyes made her look extremely cute.

Madame Gu got startled. It seemed that she had failed to notice that Chaoyan was getting prettier and prettier.

However, none of that mattered. What mattered above all was the purple-dressed young man in front of them.

“Lord Huai, please come to the mansion.” What Madame Gu wished above all was to get Lord Huai to take a seat in the mansion. He had been into the mansion before for the sake of Prince of Duke Changning, but now, he was here specially for the Gu Family.

If only he could take a seat in the mansion... The following day the Gu Mansion would become totally different!

Chapter 136: Out of Mansion

Within a short period of time Madame Gu started to imagine how the Gu Mansion would have to receive numerous guests as they used to, and how Gu Zhenkang would get promoted very soon. She even thought about Princess Gu who had no progress during the past few years – maybe she was going to have a breakthrough point too.

At that time, the Gu Mansion would not be far from the Top Mansion of the capital city.

Madame Gu looked radiant, waiting patiently for Lord Huai to take the next step, but Lord Huai did not spare a look at Madame Gu.

Madame Gu’s heart sank, as she noticed that something wasn’t right. So she turned to Gu Chaoyan, suggesting with the look that Gu Chaoyan should invite the man in.

Gu Chaoyan got what Madame Gu meant, but she did not intend to follow Madame Gu’s intention. Zhou Huaijin was here to help her, not to help the Gu Mansion. She was not going to allow the Gu Mansion to make use of Zhou Huaijin to get some benefits and interests.

So she was not going to ask him in. Instead, she said to him with a kind tone, “Lord Huai, aren’t you very busy with business? Chaoyan is now at home safe and sound, you can leave now, if you want to.”

Zhou Huaijin nodded with a smile hearing what Gu Chaoyan said. Then he left, ignoring the rest of the Gu Family during the process.

Gu Zhenkang flushed, not out of excitement, but out of anxiety. He was prepared with lots of words to speak with Lord Huai, who had totally ignored them!

He even threw an angry look at Gu Chaoyan too.

This eldest daughter of his was so dumb. She was not even introducing Lord Huai to him!

Gu Zhenkang complained with a small voice, but Madame Gu threw a sharp look at Gu Zhenkang, who pursed his lips and fell into silence.

Even though Madame Gu was displeased at Gu Chaoyan for not inviting Lord Huai in, she was not going to cause her any trouble. What she was thinking was that Chaoyan was too young to understand the whole society and that it was okay if she made a mistake now. She was a girl to be trained, and more opportunities were coming in the future.

So at this point, she should not irritate Chaoyan.

As they came to the hall of the front yard, Madame Gu asked the servants to pour the tea for Gu Chaoyan.

As she accepted the tea, Madame Gu could not wait to ask. "Chaoyan, what is going on? Why did Lord Huai take you to the mansion for treatment? What is the matter that he needs of you? Who is sick? Is it a serious disease?"

"..."

"Lord Huai seems to like you a great deal, you have to seize the chance!"

"..."

"Will Lord Huai come to you in the future?"

Madame Gu tossed tons of questions to her. And she looked very enthusiastic.

Gu Chaoyan, on the other hand, felt coldness across her heart. What Madame Gu was concerned about had nothing to do with her – she never asked if she was doing well, and if she was suffering in the cell.

She let out a cold sneer inwardly and said with composure, "I told you before that I am not allowed to say much about Lord Huai's errands. We will get into a lot of trouble if Lord Huai gets displeased." As she was speaking, Gu Chaoyan turned to Sword One, suggesting that she was Lord Huai's guard who could do all kinds of reports to Lord Huai's Mansion.

Madame Gu let out a dry laugh and dare not ask anything more. She mumbled, "Lord Huai is treating you well, I am just asking you a little bit of the story."

Gu Chaoyan nodded and got up. "I need to take a break now. I am going out of the mansion tomorrow."

"Out of the mansion? Why?" Madame Gu asked with confusion.

Chapter 137: Mess

"I am going to check up the dowry left by my mother." Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

Everyone in the hall became shocked.

The dowry, the stores? What was she still thinking about the stores for?

"No!" Mrs. Gu stepped forward and turned down the proposal. She had been running the stores these days, and she was never going to agree with her suggestion of getting the things from her.

Mrs. Gu turned to Madame Gu, hoping that she could turn down the proposal with her.

Madame Gu was pretty aware of the seriousness behind this matter. She opened her mouth, but she failed to utter a word.

Gu Chaoyan said, "Madame Gu promised me right? You said that if I give up my position as a lineal daughter and spare it to Gu Ruxue, then you are giving me my mother's dowries."

The words had just been spoken when Gu Chaoyan threw a very fixed gaze at Madame Gu and asked, "You are not breaking the promise, are you?"

As the words fell, Madame Gu was speechless. She had no idea how to answer. She did make the promise before.

That was only because Ruxue was supposed to marry Prince of Duke Changning! She needed the status as the lineal daughter so she could be honored. Also, she had not planned to give the dowries to Gu Chaoyan either.

Now... she deeply regretted it.

Chaoyan was marrying the second son of the officer of the Ministry of Revenue, who was not worse than Prince. The officer had real power and it would still work if Chaoyan kept the status as the lineal daughter.

As for the dowries... they were not going to give the dowries to Chaoyan. Those were the life support of the Gu Mansion!

At this moment, Madame Gu had no idea how to deal with the current situation. She had no idea what to say.

Seeing the scene, Gu Zhenkang found this daughter annoying. Ruxue would never have given them so much trouble. Gu Zhenkang got quite irritated. He pointed at Gu Chaoyan and bellowed. "Are you done?! Can't you be a little bit understanding as the lineal daughter?!"

"Me? Understanding?" Gu Chaoyan threw a cold look at Gu Zhenkang. Gu Chaoyan had lost all hope with this father of hers. She had no affection left within her towards him as she was confronted with the brainless complaint. "It was you who asked me to give up the position as the lineal daughter, and I agreed with that too. But my exchange deal is to get back the doweries of my mother, which should belong to me. I have learned how to manage these stores, Dad, why am I not an understanding girl?"

Madame Gu noticed that the atmosphere was getting worse. So she said straightforwardly, "Chaoyan, that is not what your father meant."

"..."

"What your father meant was that you are turning 15, and I have found a great suitor for you too. So you should spend the time upon learning the zither, chess, calligraphy and paintings, so you are able to find a position of your own in the society."

"..."

“As for the stores, you have no idea how to run the business, and it has been the Gu Mansion who helped with the management too. They are doing very well, so you don’t have to worry about this. When you get married in the future, the Gu Mansion can still help you with the management. The money earned from these stores would be given back to you directly.” Madame Gu said.

Chaoyan threw a look at Madame Gu.

Madame Gu nodded seriously, making her a promise.

With this promise, Madame Gu believed that Gu Chaoyan would not mention a thing any more. The money earned from the stores would still end up being in their pockets, since the girl was marrying one of Princess Gu’s men.

Madame Gu was sure that her plan would work out.

Gu Chaoyan laughed coldly. “You are right, Madame Gu, but...”

Chapter 138: Something More Important

“But what?” Madame Gu asked patiently. Madame Gu was willing to give her anything she was craving for at this moment.

Gu Chaoyan smiled brightly. “But I still want to manage the stores personally.”

“...” Madam Gu’s face sank.

“My mother passed away when I was little. I as her daughter have not done anything proper for her. Now I have grown up, and I should do something for my mother.” Gu Chaoyan said with a face of sincerity, looking very determined.

Madame Gu let out a breath of annoyance.

So this girl did not catch the long speech she had just delivered?

For one second, Madam Gu felt that Gu Chaoyan was no longer as dumb and mental as before, but had become increasingly pestering.

And the whole family had no choice but to follow her wishes at the moment.

Compared to the dowries, what the Gu Mansion needed more was the potential promotion given through Lord Huai. The official position mattered more, and with a high rank, those stores did not matter any more.

“Alright, if that is your wish, you can start the management tomorrow. I will ask Chen Fu to get your trip ready.” Madame Gu said, still looking displeased.

Gu Chaoyan smiled. “Sounds good.”

Mrs. Gu was no longer silent. She had never expected that Madame Gu would have approved of this proposal. Was she so old that she got dumb in the head? Those stores were so important for the Gu Mansion, what was she thinking as she nodded at her proposal! “Madame Gu, you...”

Madame Gu glared at her. Then she turned to Gu Chaoyan. "Go and take a break. We have sorted out a new yard for you to live in in the front yard, ask Chen Fu to lead you there. If you are not happy with it, just get them to do another round of cleaning."

A new yard?

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. "No thanks, Madame Gu. I am used to living in the Qiong Pavilion, so I will continue to stay there."

Madame Gu would have tried to talk her into accepting the new yard when she heard what Gu Chaoyan said, but Gu Chaoyan had countered her too many times for her to have any energy left to persuade her to do anything. So she just let her do whatever she wanted.

She waved her hand, suggesting that she could leave.

Gu Chaoyan left without hesitation.

The moment Gu Chaoyan left, Madame Gu asked the concubines to leave as well.

As they were all gone, Gu Zhenkang and Mrs. Gu could not stay silent any more. Mrs. Gu asked excitedly, "Madame Gu, how could you approve of her proposal? You knew that those stores were very important for our mansion! We are all living upon the revenue of those stores! What would happen to the Gu Mansion if the stores are all given to her?! If what she needs is the dowry, we can just add some more items to her dowries at her wedding."

"..."

"I have been running the stores during the past few years, so the stores have become the way they are now. The ugly girl has done nothing and now she is trying to take them away from me." Mrs. Gu said, feeling unconvinced.

Madame Gu massaged her temple, feeling a headache starting. She was pretty aware of the importance of those dowries, but now...

What mattered more was that her son could get promoted at work!

She sighed. "Don't panic, Chaoyan is too young to do anything about the stores. She has never been away from the mansion in her life. So she understands nothing about those stores, let alone running them personally."

"..."

"Just let her take a look. When she runs into trouble, she will give up and realize what I told her before was right."

"..."

"Don't think about this matter any more. We have got something more important to deal with tomorrow."

Chapter 139: A Shocking Scene

Something more important?

Gu Zhenkang and Mrs. Gu exchanged a look with each other, not knowing what was happening.

As she mentioned that, Madame Gu showed a smile on her face. "The officer of the Ministry of Revenue and his wife will be here tomorrow to take a look at Chaoyan. After that, the marital arrangement between Chaoyan and their second son would more or less be fixed. Princess Gu has set the arrangement, and she is not getting away from it."

Mrs. Gu's face sank. What did this ugly girl have to get this?!

Gu Zhenkang looked pleased. "If we can become the inlaws with the officer of the Ministry of Revenue, then the marriage would exceed that with Duke Changning's Mansion!"

Madame Gu nodded.

That was totally true.

The officer of the Ministry of Revenue was in charge of the Ministry of Revenue, which was one of the six ministries of the imperial court. The Gu Mansion had never imagined that such an excellent marital arrangement would have ever happened to them.

Madame Gu found the whole thing so proper.

Compared to this, Gu Chaoyan's request of the dowries seemed to be a rather small matter.

As she asked Gu Zhenkang and Mrs. Gu to leave, Madame Gu walked towards the Pear Yard with confidence.

At the Qiong Pavilion.

Qing and Sword One were cleaning the room whilst Sword Two were tidying up the yard.

Madame Gu had gotten her men to clean up the new yard rather than the Qiong Pavilion, so she had to get her servants to do the cleaning herself.

Gu Chaoyan was drinking the tea in the room as she said, "Just clean up the trash, leave the rest there. When I get hold of the stores and earn some money, we can hire some people to renovate the house for us."

"Really?" Qing asked expectantly.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Apart from renovation, she was going to plant some flowers here too.

She was just drawing the plan for the future of the Qiong Pavilion when Sword Three came running. He panted heavily as he said, "Miss, something has happened!"

Gu Chaoyan almost upset her teacup. She threw a helpless look at Sword Three.

When Zhou Huaijin presented the four guards to her, she thought that they were all hidden guards who did not talk or laugh much.

However, it seemed that they did have their own personalities.

Sword Three for example, was a hidden guard who got anxious easily.

She suspected if Sword Three was really a hidden guard.

“What happened?” Gu Chaoyan asked helplessly.

“I was listening against the wall of the old aunt. It seems that they are setting you up and even arranging a marriage for you!”

“...”

“Miss, aren’t you marrying Lord Huai?”

“...”

“Lord Huai showed his intention so clearly today. What is wrong with the Gu Family when they think about arranging a marriage for you! Lord Huai is so high in rank! Damn it!” Sword Three looked confused. He thought that the whole Gu Family were just dumbasses.

Gu Chaoyan smiled.

The Gu Family was not dumbasses, nor was it because of Lord Huai’s rank. Instead... “Lord Huai is just too far-fetched for them to think about.”

“...”

“He is high in status, so the Gu Family never thought that we can make a couple.”

“...”

“They don’t think that a man like Lord Huai would ever like a person like me.”

“...”

“So how would they ever be able to understand Lord Huai’s intention?” Gu Chaoyan said.

Actually, it was because her previous ugly face had left too deep an impression upon the public.

Even if she had become slightly better-looking now, they still considered her hideous.

And she had a bad reputation before and she had been divorced.

All of these would leave her out of the reach of Lord Huai in their opinions.

“So if you and Lord are getting married in the future, they will...” Sword Three did not dare to continue to imagine.

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As her potential wedding with Zhou Huaijin, Gu Chaoyan flushed and glared at Sword Three. “Just go and get your work done.”

Sword Three let out a small laugh and left without saying anything more. However, what he could see was that his new mistress might look cold, yet she could get bashful too.

After Sword Three left, Gu Chaoyan started to think about what she was going to deal with.

Her uncle mentioned that her mother had a large amount of dowries, so did Zhou Huaijin. Therefore, she was going to stay cautious.

She was a killer in her previous life with excellent medical skills, but she was never involved with business.

Therefore she became a little worried.

As she was thinking, evening arrived and Qing as well as Sword One had done cleaning. Sword Two had sorted the yard neatly as well.

The bathing time had arrived.

Just like before, Gu Chaoyan added some magical water in the water.

Now she could get more than just a few drops. She was able to squeeze out even more magical water with her consciousness, but she was still worried that if tremendous change happened to her, she might be considered as a monster. So just as before, she only used a couple of drops.

As she sat into the basket and closed her eyes... Gu Chaoyan suddenly saw a small patch of vacant land. What was going on?

She was sure that she saw the space with her consciousness, and the well she was familiar with was just next to the empty space... could it be....

Could it be the so-called space? And the space got bigger as time passed.

Realizing the possibility, Gu Chaoyan suddenly got excited. If she had a vacant space in her hands, she was probably able to arrange her medical field there!

She took a closer look at the space that was surrounded by white mist. Gu Chaoyan inhaled, noticing that the air felt very fresh.

It seemed that she needed to get some things to start planting here from tomorrow on.

After the bath, Gu Chaoyan got a bit too excited to fall asleep because of the empty space.

After she made a full plan, it was late at night and she finally felt sleepy and fell asleep.

Gu Chaoyan could have slept in, if not for what she was going to do the following day.

Gu Chaoyan still got up quite early.

After breakfast, Chen Fu came to inform her that the wagon and the servants were all ready for her.

That made Gu Chaoyan admire the flexible mind of Madame Gu, who still got everything ready for her today despite her unwillingness at the hall the day before.

“Miss, Madame Gu got two page boys for you too. Madame Gu is worried that you are not familiar with the world outside the mansion, since you have never been away from home before. So they can protect you,” Chen Fu said with a smile. He was now showing utter courtesy towards Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at the two page boys.

They were not here to keep her safe, but to keep an eye on her.

Sword Two was displeased. “No thanks, I can keep Miss safe.”

Chen Fu threw an embarrassed look at Gu Chaoyan.

“Forget it, just let them stay.” Gu Chaoyan did not mind. They could get whomever they wanted to watch her. She was going to do whatever she was going to do anyway.

As Gu Chaoyan said, the two page boys stayed.

“Miss, why did you keep them!” Sword Two liked his miss and did not want anyone to watch his Miss closely.