

Divine 141

Chapter 141: Out of Mansion 2

“If we get time on the way home, we can buy some things and let them carry them for us. Or, are you carrying them?” Gu Chaoyan said with composure.

She had planned this – she was getting some things to plant in the empty space.

That was a large place, and it would be hard to explain to anyone if what she bought was missing. So what she could do was to buy many things and planted some in the Qiong Pavilion and the others in her own space. She would need laborers to carry those stuff, and Madam Gu had just given her what she needed.

Sword Two’s face twitched.

So that was what his Miss was thinking.

Actually, he would be willing to carry the stuff too, but Sword Two would very much like to take a small break, if someone else was there doing the work for him.

He laughed and stopped talking.

As they walked out of the mansion, Gu Chaoyan did not head directly towards her stores, but asked the horsemen to take a tour around. She would like to see where those stores were located.

Judging from what Zhou Huaijin told her, her mother had a large amount of valuable dowries, but as far as she could remember, the Gu Mansion was not that wealthy either. Could the bleak business be the result of Mrs. Gu’s poor management?

After she checked up the location of the stores, Gu Chaoyan was more sure about the cause – Mrs. Gu was indeed a terrible manager.

Her mother stores were located at the most bustling place of Chang’an Avenue, very close to the imperial court. That should be the most ideal and best section, where there were more than one store but ten of them!

After she took a glance at the ten stores, Gu Chaoyan found that Mrs. Gu and the Gu Family had taken full advantage of the original host.

Luckily she was now inside the original host’s body.

If there had not been any changes happening to the original host, those stores might be in the charge of Mrs. Gu and the whole Gu Family until their deaths!

The Gu Family had taken full advantage of the girl, truly!

The Gu Family claimed that they did not like and looked down at business families, but they had taken possessions of the Lin Family’s stores.

“What is it, Miss?” Qing asked worriedly.

“Nothing. I just feel that with these stores in our hands, we are going to have a very wonderful life.” Gu Chaoyan stopped thinking any deeper and answered.

Qing smiled. She thought so too.

After Miss got rescued from committing suicide, she became full of ideas. She had thought that as long as Miss married someone kind, she was going to have a peaceful life, but now the maid thought that even if Miss married no one, they were also going to have a peaceful life.

As she was talking, they came to the doorstep of one store that sold clothes.

Gu Chaoyan did not think highly of the store as she glanced at it.

Mrs. Gu must be a stupid woman to open such a low-level cloth store on such a wonderful and bustling street.

So she walked in.

The salesboy saw that Gu Chaoyan had her own maid and servant, he walked up and said with a flattering tone, “Miss, are you buying garments?”

Instead of answering him, Gu Chaoyan sized up the store carefully.

She shook her head. What a waste of space!

As she was speaking, the salesman’s voice arose as he pushed away the madam standing right in front of him with impatience and disdain. “Just get out of here, if you can’t afford the garments.”

The madam fell onto the ground after being pushed.

Gu Chaoyan took a look at her and Sword One went up to help her up.

The salesman said to Gu Chaoyan with a smile, “Miss, just leave this woman alone! They are poor people who could not afford the garments in our store so they are here trying to trick us into paying them back.”

Gu Chaoyan saw the garments in the woman’s arms. Those garments were worn out with a tear and faded color.

Chapter 142: Justice

The woman looked messy after being pushed by the salesman. She looked a bit down.

Hearing what the salesman said, the woman said excitedly as she held the garments in her arms. “Salesman, you are talking nonsense! I bought the garments from you two days ago, and the color faded after the garments touched the water. And they ripped open when we pulled on it!”

The salesman said with a sneer, “Any more nonsense, and we are meeting at the court! The stores belong to the Gu Family who are working at the governmental office, you are never allowed to be snapping here!”

Hearing the words, the woman cringed. Angry, she decided to leave with the garments.

They were just ordinary people who were not a match against the officers. She could just let the money go to waste.

Seeing the woman leaving, the salesman laughed proudly.

He knew that the woman was not going to dig deeper into the matter.

Seeing the scene, Gu Chaoyan realized what happened. She said, "Hang on."

The woman was a bit uncertain. "You are speaking with me?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She took a step forward and grabbed the garments, gave a strong pull and saw that it was worn out after she took a closer look at it.

Seeing the scene, the salesman said, "Miss, don't believe the woman's nonsense, we didn't sell those garments. She must have gotten them from somewhere else."

Gu Chaoyan's face sank. She had not intended to do other things than check up the stores.

If the stores were managed properly, she could consider keeping the staff.

Unexpectedly Mrs. Gu had run a nasty business. So she needed to do something about it.

"Those are not from your garments?" Gu Chaoyan asked with a cold face.

"No, no," the salesman denied.

Gu Chaoyan exchanged a look with Sword One, who brought out some garments and gave them a strong pull. The same thing happened. Sword One got angry too. How dare such nasty businessmen do things like this? She continued with the examination and the same thing happened again and again.

The salesman became anxious. He looked at Gu Chaoyan. "Miss, we are not enemies, are we? Don't find trouble from us. Or I am going to ask my manager to deal with this matter."

"Good, I would very much like to see your manager." Gu Chaoyan said calmly and chose a place to sit down. She looked at the woman. "Please wait here, Madame, let me get you justice."

The woman looked at Gu Chaoyan with suspicion.

She was about to say something, when the manager rushed out angrily. "Who is making the mess here? Do you have any idea who is running the store?!"

"It doesn't matter who is running the store, but I am the owner, Gu Chaoyan." Gu Chaoyan said without showing courtesy.

What? The manager was startled.

This was Mrs. Gu's store, how...

Gu Chaoyan pulled out the contracts and leases. "See these?"

"You!" The manager sized her up. "You are the Lady Ugly!"

Hearing the words, Sword One slapped her hard on her face. "Any more offensive words, and you will receive harsher punishments!"

The manager covered up his cheeks. "You..."

"Stop talking, get the money to pay back this madame, and show me all the bills of this store for the past few years!" Gu Chaoyan said with an intimidating tone.

"But... what about Mrs. Gu..."

Chapter 143: Not Freeing

"Oh yeah? I am just checking up the accounts of my mother's dowries, why is Mrs. Gu involved in this? Are you saying that Mrs. Gu is trying to take possession of my mother's dowries?" Gu Chaoyan said without showing courtesy.

The chaos inside had drawn the attention of some locals outside.

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, everyone started to chit chat among themselves.

The garment store had not had a great reputation, but those ordinary people did not dare to do anything knowing that it belonged to Mrs. Gu. However, when they heard such a piece of shocking news, they started to gossip.

"True, dowries do not belong to the husband, but to the child!"

"I heard that Mrs. Gu is not the legal wife, but the concubine."

"Do you think that she has taken possession of the dowries!"

The bystanders started to chat and spread the gossip.

Some common people who had once had problems with the garment store started the gossip wildly.

The manager had no idea what to do.

Gu Chaoyan nodded in satisfaction. Those common people were helping! Seeing the scene, Gu Chaoyan turned to the common people outside the store and said, "Everyone, this store is one of my mother's dowries, but my mother passed away when I was little, so it has been Auntie who is taking care of it during the past few years. I was too young to do anything back then, but now I am here checking the stores and realizing that they are doing totally nasty business!"

"..."

"I might not be that experienced, but I do understand that nasty business is terrible. We have to be honest when we are doing business, right?!"

"..."

"So from today on, I am going to manage the store personally. If any of you have ever bought bad-quality garments from the store, come with your stuff and we will pay you back with double compensation. Is that alright?"

Double compensation!!

Everyone got excited. They raised their hands and said, "It is great!!"

"We are getting the garments!"

As they were speaking, many people had run away, fearing that those salespersons would not stick to the promise after the miss was gone.

Gu Chaoyan was very satisfied with what happened.

The manager got so annoyed that his eyes turned red. "Mrs. Gu is never going to let you do this!"

"If you are not bringing us the accounts, my girl will not let you off either, and she can do it before your men do anything to me." Gu Chaoyan looked at Sword One.

Sword One instantly rushed up and took control of the manager.

The manager was in so much pain that he said with clenched teeth. "How dare you do such a thing to me. Do you know who I am? I am Mrs. Gu's cousin!"

"Mrs. Gu's cousin!" Gu Chaoyan asked with eyes upon him.

"Yes!" The manager raised his chin, assuming that Gu Chaoyan was afraid.

Hahaha...

Gu Chaoyan laughed. "So what? This store is my mother's dowry. Is Mrs. Gu going to take possession of it? If that is her attention, let's meet at the court."

"..."

"You know pretty well what the law is like here, right?"

"If you ever dare to accuse your stepmother of taking the possession, you are never going to marry anyone!" The manager said fearlessly.

He had not kept a clear mind about what was happening when he was hit. Now some ideas started to gush in.

He did not need to fear a thing.

This girl was the Lady Ugly. Her mother died ages ago and no one cared about her in the mansion. Why should he ever be scared?

The manager was just thinking about these confidently, when the next second... Noise arose suddenly in the store.

The common people who had once bought terrible garments from the store were rushing in to get the compensation.

Chapter 144: To the Court

Seeing Lady Chaoyan who talked on behalf of them, the common people became extremely happy. "Lady Chaoyan, here are the garments, are we really getting double times of compensation?"

"Of course." Gu Chaoyan replied calmly.

"In your dreams!" The manager, who was at the mercy of Sword One, was still acting restlessly. "No compensation will be given out for the sold garments! If you want money, make this so-called Lady Chaoyan pay you back! You better ask her for help now, otherwise she herself will fall into trouble very soon."

Slap...

The manager had just finished his words when Sword One slapped him right on the face.

That was a hard slap that made half of his cheek swollen.

Sword One was indeed angry. She had never met anyone who spoke so highly of himself when he was hoaxing the commoners.

With hand over his cheek, the manager pointed at Sword One. "How dare you hit me! I am Mrs. Gu's cousin! I will send you to court!"

Haha...

"Don't worry, you will be in court before she is." Gu Chaoyan replied without showing any politeness.

Sending Sword One to the court? Haha, the court was not going to receive her, considering that she was Lord Huai's guard, no matter if she had made a mistake.

Instead of speaking with the manager Gu Chaoyan came to the counter.

She opened the counter and then she brought out the money. "Come, anyone who wants compensation, bring it to me."

Those commoners, who had been worried that this young lady would fear Mrs. Gu, came running towards her cheerfully seeing that she was not at all scared.

Some kind-hearted commoners claimed that they did not need double compensation, just the exact amount of compensation would do.

They were not people who acted unreasonably.

The garments sold from this store had been of such bad quality that they did not dare use them, otherwise they would not have come to get the money back.

There was a lot of money on the counter.

But there were quite a lot who needed the compensation, so soon the money was out.

Seeing the money running out right in front of his face, the manager kept struggling yet failed to get rid of the grip. He kept cursing Gu Chaoyan at the beginning, but Sword One found a piece of cloth to gag him later.

The incident at the garment store had caused a sensation in town.

One of the page-boys who kept Gu Chaoyan company had already run back home to report this matter.

As the page boy was done with the report, he came running back. "Miss, Madame Gu is asking for you at the mansion. She needs to have a word with you.."

The words had just been spoken when Sword Three joined the crowd too.

Gu Chaoyan had been rather busy with the compensation, and as she saw Sword Three, she summoned Sword Three and said, "I still have other matters to deal with at the Gu Mansion, please deal with the rest of the affair. Give the double payment to the commoners who are here for the compensation. I will go to Mrs. Gu if the money is out."

Then she threw a look at the so-called Mrs. Gu's cousin.

"Sword One, take him to the court. He has committed the crime!" Gu Chaoyan said.

"Ahhh..." The manager was gagged and failed to speak. He got extremely excited.

As the page boy saw the scene, he said, "Miss, this is Mrs. Gu's cousin, isn't it improper for him to go to the court?"

"Oh, so Mrs. Gu's cousin can skip seeing the court, even if he commits the crime? Since when did the Saint Divine Land become the domain of the Gu Family?" Gu Chaoyan snapped roughly.

The manager turned pale and the page boy became silent.

"Didn't you say that Madame Gu is asking for me? Let's go and check what she needs."

Chapter 145: Nothing Good

Gu Chaoyan did not think that Mrs. Gu was asking for her because of something good. Someone must have told her what happened and she was just asked to go home instead of continuing with the fuss here.

Superficially speaking, Mrs. Gu might be the one in charge of the stores, but the revenue must have flowed into the Gu Mansion.

That was exactly what made Mrs. Gu anxious.

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly and asked the horseman to go through the bustling streets they had just been to.

There were many trade stands on the bustling streets.

When she passed by this place a moment ago, no fresh herbs were sold. The herbs were probably sold directly to the pharmacies. After all, no one except for the doctors would buy the herbs home for planting. Such a stand would not exist here.

Therefore, Gu Chaoyan started to consider planting some fruits in the empty space.

She was thinking what kind of fruits would grow in that magical space.

The page boys got very anxious seeing that they were not on the way home. "Miss, where are we going? Madame Gu is waiting at the mansion!"

They were worried that Miss would go and make trouble in other stores.

If that happened... they would be doomed.

"We are on the way home, but I need to buy some things." Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

The two page boys were not very assured.

They were not on the way home! They had taken a roundabout way!

Gu Chaoyan ignored them. With Sword One gone, she got off the wagon and picked a pile of various kinds of fruit trees from the market. Those trees were already growing. She did not want them to grow too slowly.

After the shopping was done, she placed some in the wagon, or asked the page boys to carry them.

That made the two page boys even more miserable.

Normally, their job was to carry cosmetics when they were out with other ladies. However, when they were out with this Miss, they were carrying trees back home.

Nevertheless, they did not dare to refuse the order. The Miss was no longer the same as before.

With these trees on their shoulders, they spent even more time before they finally reached home.

Gu Chaoyan was still feeling quite pleased inwardly. She just could not help but imagine what those fruit trees would be like in space.

At this moment...

A very luxurious wagon passed them by.

The young man in white dress could not help but ask after seeing the scurrying wagon. "Which family does this wagon belong to?"

"Sir, the mark says that it is from the Gu Family. But there are many such families in the capital city, are we looking into which Gu family it is exactly?" The guard replied courteously.

The young man in white shook his head. He just found it a bit funny.

Which noble lady would buy so many trees? Weren't they supposed to buy cosmetics?

Okay, it was a Gu Family.

He did not need to look into that matter. They would meet when it was time. If that ever happened, he was not going to let her go so easily.

"Let's just leave."

The young man in white replied with a cold voice, and the wagon marched on.

The guard let out a sigh of relief.

This was an interlude that was totally unknown to Gu Chaoyan who was seated in the wagon.

They arrived at the Gu Mansion and Sword One, together with Chen Fu, was waiting for Gu Chaoyan at the doorstep. "Miss, Madame Gu is waiting for you at the front yard."

"Okay." Gu Chaoyan replied calmly and said to the two page boys, "Take the things to the Qiong Pavilion, Qing, go and watch them."

Then she looked at Sword One. She was suggesting that Sword One should come to the front yard with her.

She did not think that Madame Gu was asking for her because of anything good.

Chapter 146: The Zhao Family

She normally went to the front yard alone, but now she had Sword One, so she always took her along with her. Sword One knew martial arts and she was Lord Huai's guard. So Madame Gu could do nothing to her when Sword One was with her.

She felt quite assured with Sword One alongside.

She had just come to the front yard, when Gu Chaoyan found something was different. A few more strangers were there, and they seemed even more arrogant than the servants at the Gu Mansion.

It seemed that the Gu Mansion was receiving someone who had a higher position than Gu Zhenkang.

Gu Chaoyan was still thinking who was on the visit, when she realized what was going on, at the sight of the couple seated at the hall.

Madame Gu waved at Gu Chaoyan with a very loving face. "Chaoyan, come and meet Officer Zhao and his wife."

"Greetings." Gu Chaoyan bowed.

Officer Zhao took a look at Gu Chaoyan and sparkles arose in his eyes. He laughed. "Mrs. Gu looks very nice. Rumor goes that you are ugly, but I think that you are very pretty, maybe a little chubby. But we are not a particular family, so you are a good match with our son."

As he was speaking, Officer Zhao kept sizing up Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan frowned. If not for Princess Virtue who promised to deal with this matter for her sake, she would have done that herself.

Seeing Officer Zhao satisfied, Madame Gu flushed too.

She was no longer that angry about how Gu Chaoyan made the fuss at the stores. If they managed to establish a marital relationship with the Zhao Family, nothing else mattered.

As for the dowries... they could have a discussion with the Zhao Family, even if it meant that they might get less profits.

"We are satisfied with you, but you have been divorced before and you are marrying our son as the legal wife. So when we are hosting the wedding, we have to keep a low-profile. Or we will not gain a good

reputation in the capital.” Mrs. Zhao continued. She had a flat expression on her face. It was hard to tell if she was glad.

Madame Gu got startled. After a long while, she answered. “That is going to work, but when is the wedding day?”

“We will get a Fengshui Master to make a calculation. When the date is certain, we will inform the Gu Mansion.” Mrs. Zhao replied with a flat expression.

“Sure.” Madame Gu agreed happily.

As long as they could make the relationship work, nothing else mattered.

Well... Madame Gu never asked Gu Chaoyan what she thought, as the couple left the mansion.

When the couple was gone... Madame Gu said to Gu Chaoyan with a kind tone, “Chaoyan, now you see that your marriage is settled, just do not do anything like that in the store. Your husband’s family would not be glad, especially not someone like the Zhao Family!”

“Anything like what?” Gu Chaoyan looked at Madame Gu. “That is my mother’s dowry, I can even sell them if I want to, I am not doing anything improper.”

Hearing Gu Chaoyan’s harsh words, Madame Gu discontinued her speech. “Alright, just do whatever you want. What matters most of all is the marriage with the Zhao Family. Just go home and take a break.”

Gu Chaoyan did not say anything more, but she thought that it could be a great idea to sell the store. She should think about it.

“Miss, why are you not turning down the marriage arrangement with the Zhao Family?!” Sword One was confused.

Chapter 147: Not Working

“We don’t need to turn it down. This arrangement is not going to work.” Gu Chaoyan said calmly, paying no attention to the entire matter.

What? Sword One was confused.

“How did you know that this matter won’t work.” After all, none of them received the task to do anything.

As for this question, Gu Chaoyan smiled. “Princess Virtue will help me to deal with this problem.”

“Princess Virtue?!” Sword One was slightly startled. The way she looked at her new mistress had slightly changed. What she had known about her mistress was that she was capable. However, she had no idea how capable she could become, but now, Sword One started to feel that she should pay more attention to the new mistress’s abilities.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

She did not think that Princess Virtue would refuse to keep her promise. Princess Virtue might not need her at the moment, yet Princess Virtue was also worried that she would marry the officer of the Ministry of Revenue.

So Princess Virtue was definitely going to help.

She did not want to waste her time and energy upon this trivial matter.

As she was talking, they came to the Qiong Pavilion.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan here, Qing showed a smile. "Miss, are these trees going to be planted in the yard? We might need some laborers to help with the planting."

Qing was very glad to see those fruit trees too.

Gu Chaoyan thought for a while. "Sword One, tell Chen Fu to get some people to plant the fruit trees. Qing, go and prepare some snacks. I am starving."

As the two girls heard the arrangement, they both set out to do the work.

Gu Chaoyan was the only one remaining in the yard.

She glanced about cautiously and saw that no one was within the sight.

Only now did Gu Chaoyan start to use her own consciousness to put some of the fruit trees into her space. She was not sure if the method worked. After all, she had never tried it before.

She closed her eyes. Soon some fruit trees were moved to the space.

Gu Chaoyan was extremely pleased. So it truly worked!

She then used her consciousness and transported more fruit trees inside again.

That amount of trees was enough. Firstly, Qing and the other servants would notice that some of the fruit trees were missing. Secondly, the space was not very huge, so the trees that were able to be planted were limited.

As long as the fruit trees grew well in the space, Gu Chaoyan would go and get some herbs to plant.

"Miss, the snacks are ready." Qing's voice arose, bringing Gu Chaoyan back to reality.

Gu Chaoyan started to walk inside the room. "I will leave the rest for you to watch over."

Qing nodded and ran off cheerfully.

Gu Chaoyan went back into the room, drank some tea and visited the space where she started to plant the trees. Ten fruit trees already took up the entire place.

Gu Chaoyan was thinking about how to expand the space, which was not at all big enough at the moment.

Before she left, she used the spring from the well to water those trees.

As she left the space she got a bit tired too.

The consciousness consumed a lot of her energy.

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At Begonia Yard.

When Mrs. Gu heard how Gu Chaoyan behaved from the two page boys, she got so angry that her face was twisted. With eyes widely opened, she bellowed. “What! You said that she sent Gu Lin to the court!”

“How dare she! She must have done that on purpose!” Mrs. Gu shouted angrily.

“Mom, I think it is time to give this bitch a hard time!” Gu Ruxue snapped angrily.

Chapter 148: Gu Ruxue’s Wild Imagination

She had been fed up with her sister during the past few days.

Gu Chaoyan, the ugly girl, instigated Lord Huai to hit Prince! Instead of punishing her, Madame Gu got her a really wonderful arrangement of marriage, the officer of the Ministry of Revenue! How dare this ugly girl get an inlaw family like that!

And now she caused a big fuss at the stores.

Who did she think she was!

Gu Ruxue could not stand it any more and decided to do something about that.

If not for Mrs. Gu, who stopped her all the time, she would not have tolerated it to the present day.

“We can’t do something about the bitch now. Madame Gu adores her! Prince is still healing, so we don’t have anyone to back us up. Let her do her wild deeds for a few more days. She won’t have too long a time to go.” Mrs. Gu calmed herself down and thought over the whole thing.

Hearing what Mrs. Gu said, Gu Ruxue widened her eyes. “Mom, you have got a better idea?”

Mrs. Gu laughed. She did not need to think of any method.

“That bitch has been unsteady in mind for years and got a terrible reputation. Do you think that the officer of the Ministry of Revenue would ever approve of this marriage? The reason why she can marry the son is only because the son is crazy. He is crazy and violent. His previous wives were all beaten to death.”

“...”

“So the bitch will be beaten to death a few days after the wedding day, I am sure.”

“...”

“Since she is causing trouble at the stores, let’s just make sure that she can’t find any fault in the stores.”

As she was saying...

Mrs. Gu looked at her maid Lianxiang. "Go out of the mansion and tell the managers of the stores to stay smart. If the bitch wants to read the revenue and cost, just show her the list. We won't lose anything when she reads them. Don't think that she can do anything just by reading the paper."

Mrs. Gu threw a disdainful smile. She had beaten the bitch girl's mother, and this bitch girl had been under her control all this while. Now she might have grown up, so what? She was nobody to be scared of.

Lianxiang nodded. "What about Manager Gu Lin?"

"Don't worry, just let him stay in the court for a couple of days in case he keeps being arrogant. In the meanwhile, he should have some idea of what I am like." Mrs. Gu said calmly.

Lianxiang got it directly. She nodded, bowed and left.

Mrs. Gu was very satisfied with the perfect arrangement. She had been feeling rather glad.

With her eyes upon Gu Ruxue, she stressed. "Ruxue, you are going to be the daughter-in-law of Duke Changning's Mansion, just learn to stay calm instead of being anxious all the time. Otherwise you will lose to your opponent easily."

Knowing that Gu Chaoyan would sooner or later get beaten, Gu Ruxue was feeling extremely happy at the moment. She nodded at what her mother told her without thinking. "Got it, mom."

"Good... if you have time these two days, go and visit Prince. He will be very grateful if you visit him when he is sick." Mrs. Gu said.

That was how she made Gu Zhenkang get attached to her easily. She was indeed experienced.

As Prince was mentioned, Gu Ruxue was no longer enthusiastic like before. She just thought of Lord Huai...

Even an ugly girl like Gu Chaoyan could befriend Lord Huai, what about the prettiest girl of the capital city like her? She was capable of everything and she could probably...

Chapter 149: From the Lin Family

After one night's consideration Gu Chaoyan found that selling the stores was indeed a wonderful method. And Gu Chaoyan already got the candidate of the buyer.

Zhou Huaijin!

It was not very easy to survive in the capital.

Look at Mrs. Gu who was running a useless business. She had a garment store at such a wonderful place, but she was still selling the cheap garments.

So she had thought that it was because Mrs. Gu was not good at doing business, but after a thorough consideration, she realized that Mrs. Gu was not a stupid woman. She should have some knowledge as a lady born in an official family.

If she was not stupid, why was she using the best store to run the most ordinary business?

The only explanation was that that was the only business she was able to run.

Why?

The stores on Chang'an Street were all managed by the wives of those highly-ranked officers, and it was already a fixed thing which person ran what business. Mrs. Gu did not dare to run a luxurious business to steal their business, if she wanted to keep the stores.

Therefore, even if she took them over it was still a hot issue to deal with.

She wanted to make full use of the stores and earn a great deal of money from it. So she had to devote herself to do the work.

However, with her social status and abilities, she was not able to make a big fuss without causing much trouble.

So she needed to get Zhou Huaijin involved.

She was going to sell half of her stores to Zhou Huaijin. In this way, she was going to get the money and a supporter behind her back at the same time. What a wonderful deal.

As she was thinking about these, Chaoyan kept planning.

"Miss..." Sword One called with a small voice. When she saw how Miss behaved, she understood that something weird was going on.

"Sword One, we need to get out of the mansion today." Because Gu Chaoyan was cheered up as she thought about the plan, she said it with a bright smile on the face.

Sword One felt that those managers were going to suffer a lot today.

"Which store are we going to visit today?" Sword One asked. Sword Four was going to do some work too, if she was going to visit the stores.

"None." Gu Chaoyan smiled and said, "We are going to Lord Huai's Mansion!"

What?

Sword One looked confused.

What were they heading to the Lord Huai's Mansion for? Could it be because she missed Lord Huai? That would make the Lord so happy.

"I will make preparations now." Sword One said.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

When no one was around Gu Chaoyan sneaked into the space with her consciousness again to check up on the fruit trees. She was startled.

The small saplings were now growing so rapidly with small fruits dangling back and forth. The fruits were not ripe, but Gu Chaoyan felt that the fruits would become completely ripe by night.

What was more, Gu Chaoyan found that the space had been expanded.

If the situation went on like this, she was going to start her plan of getting the herbs in the mountains as soon as possible. Otherwise the space would be wasted!

She was thinking about getting ordinary ginseng planted here so that they could become the valuable kind.

Gu Chaoyan was in the middle of her beautiful imagination when Qing's voice arose from outside the space. "Miss, someone from the Lin Family is here to see you!"

Chapter 150: A Better Candidate

Hearing Qing's voice, Gu Chaoyan quickly came out of the space.

The Lin Family wanted to see her? What would the matter be?

Could it be because of Lin Jiashu's physical condition?

No, it could not be possible. She believed that her medical skills were excellent enough not to leave any complications.

Gu Chaoyan could not figure out the matter, so she nodded. "Let's meet them before we leave the mansion. We can just meet them at the front yard instead of here at the Qiong Pavilion."

"Okay." Qing replied.

Then they left for the front yard together.

In the front yard, Old Master and Mrs. Lin as well as Lin Jiashu were waiting for her anxiously.

The Old Master was absolutely unwilling to come to the doorstep of the Gu Family. However, for his son's sake, they had no choice but to come to this place. Luckily, the Gu Family did not dare to drive them away because of Gu Chaoyan's status.

However, the Old Master was still feeling uneasy.

Probably because he was at the Gu Mansion, or probably because they were going to ask Gu Chaoyan for a favor.

"Uncle, what do you need from me?" Gu Chaoyan asked as she approached them.

She did not hate her uncle. Apart from treating her nicely, Uncle at least showed up at the Government Office when she was arrested. So Gu Chaoyan showed respect to the Master of the Lin Family.

Seeing her approaching them, Mrs. Lin greeted her with a smile. She was in a totally different state compared to before, when she was really mean.

Gu Chaoyan found the whole thing weird. She dodged Mrs. Lin's outstretched hand towards her and took a seat.

Mrs. Lin was not displeased either. She withdrew her hand and said with a smile, "We need your help, Chaoyan."

The words had just been spoken when she pulled Lin Jiashu to her side. "Not about your cousin."

“...”

“Jiashu is healthy now, and he is just like a normal boy. During the past few years, he might have been sick but he never idled about. He has done a lot of reading. So we were wondering if you can ask Lord Huai to get Jiashu a job at the office. It doesn't have to be a high position, a normal one will do.” Mrs. Lin put forward the whole point straightforwardly.

She continued as she looked at Gu Chaoyan with a bright smile. “Chaoyan, I had not behaved properly before. I tried to stop your marriage. But now I figure that you are a very nice girl, so if you are willing to accept my son, we won't stop you from getting married.”

Hearing these words, Gu Chaoyan frowned deeply.

She was about to speak, when a furious and aged voice arose. “What marriage? Why am I not aware of anything about it?”

Madame Gu clicked the cane. Her face sunk.

She had no intention of meeting the Lin Family, but Cai Ming reminded her that she should check them out to see what the Lin Family wanted to get from Chaoyan.

That was why she was here.

Sure enough, she heard the Lin Family mentioning a marriage the moment she walked in the room.

She was glad that she was here! Otherwise the Lin Family would hoax the girl into doing something unexpected.

“What is going on? What marriage!” Madame Gu repeated the question with suppressed anger.

“It is a marriage between Chaoyan and Jiashu! Jiashu is healthy now. He is one year younger, but that is not a problem, right? They make a cute couple!” Mrs. Lin said.

Madame Gu threw a look at Lin Jiashu who was standing next to her.

“You mean him? He doesn't work. We already have a better candidate for Chaoyan,” Madame Gu said with a proud smile on her face.