

Divine 2271

Chapter 2271 - 2271: Mission 2

Upon arriving at the doorstep of the Qian Family, Gu Chaoyan spoke in a composed manner.

The Qian Family's gatekeeper couldn't possibly be unaware of Shen Lianxue's identity. An expression of disdain immediately crept onto his face. This woman had the audacity to return once more.

"Lady Shen, you've already terminated the engagement with our Young Master, so please refrain from bothering him any further. You are a lady, and you should conduct yourself with dignity. Our Qian Family may be fine, but your actions will only bring shame upon your Shen Family," the gatekeeper declared loudly, not hesitating to humiliate Shen Lianxue in front of the onlookers who frequented the Qian Family's gates.

Numerous people were passing by the entrance, and they watched with interest, their eyes filled with amusement at Shen Lianxue's predicament. After all, Shen Lianxue was considered a lady of a wealthy family, and commoners enjoyed witnessing such highborn individuals facing difficulties. Gu Chaoyan glanced around, unfazed by the public spectacle.

She had grown accustomed to it.

The Shen Family had subjected Shen Lianxue to such treatment, so she didn't expect any better from the Qian Family or these bystanders.

Taking a step forward, Gu Chaoyan asserted herself, "You are but a servant, what right do you have to address me in such a manner? Is this the conduct befitting the Qian Family?"

"It's no surprise, really," Gu Chaoyan continued, "considering that the Qian Family's Young Master is a deceiver. It's only natural that even the servants would adopt his demeanor."

"Ever since I terminated the engagement with the Qian Family, I had no intention of setting foot in this place again," Gu Chaoyan went on. "But your Young Master absconded with many of my

belongings and severed the engagement. I'm unsure if I even need to reclaim them. Is the Qian Family in such dire straits?"

"I've come here today to request something," Gu Chaoyan declared firmly. "If the Qian Family returns what belongs to me, I will depart, and we will have no further obligations toward each other."

Gu Chaoyan's words were direct and unwavering.

Her statement triggered a flurry of discussions among the onlookers. Initially, they had assumed that the Shen family's seemingly foolish girl was unwilling to let go of the advantageous alliance with Young Master Qian and had come to stir up trouble.

Now, it appeared she was here to demand something, adding a new layer of intrigue to the situation.

The crowd, having witnessed Shen Lianxue's previous visits to the Qian Family to cause disruptions, had grown somewhat weary of the repetitive spectacle. This unexpected turn of events injected fresh excitement into the scene.

"Why isn't the Qian Family's young master returning the girl's belongings? Go and inform your young master to come out and return her things," a bystander suggested, emboldened by the crowd's presence. With so many witnesses, even if they took advantage of the situation, they believed that the Qian Family wouldn't dare to retaliate later.

The gatekeeper's expression soured considerably.

Shen Lianxue had previously been submissive to the Qian Family, going to great lengths to secure her marriage to their young master. She even feared offending the gatekeeper. Their audacity stemmed from their perception of her docile nature.

However, the tables had now turned.

Shen Lianxue had transformed the dynamics with the Qian Family, and a curious crowd had gathered to witness the unfolding drama.

The gatekeeper was acutely aware that they were ill-equipped to handle the current situation. With a heavy sigh, he reluctantly dispatched a messenger to inform their young master and request his intervention.

Qian Ziang, meanwhile, remained unperturbed. Upon hearing that Shen Lianxue was outside, he had no desire to engage with her.

The gatekeeper relayed the situation with a tinge of helplessness, “Young Master, Shen Lianxue claims you have her possessions and haven’t returned them. She’s causing a scene, and there are many spectators. If you don’t go out, it may be challenging to resolve this matter..”

Chapter 2272 - 2272: Mission 3

If Shen Lianxue wasn’t dealt with promptly today, it could lead to rumors that the Qian Family’s Young Master refused to return her belongings. Over time, the situation might escalate, and the gatekeepers could find themselves in a difficult position. They didn’t want such a scenario to unfold.

Taken something?

Qian Ziang sneered upon hearing the accusation.

It was merely Shen Lianxue’s refusal to accept the annulment of their engagement and her insistence on marrying him. She seemed oblivious to her own limitations, with her meager cultivation. None of the noblewomen in the Southern Mist Kingdom had such negligible martial skills. Shen Lianxue and her mother were both utterly inept, unable to cultivate at all.

The very idea of marrying such a woman was laughable to Qian Ziang.

Initially, he had no intention of stepping out to address the matter. However, upon further consideration, he saw an opportunity to make things unequivocally clear. He wanted to ensure that Shen Lianxue abandoned any lingering hopes of marrying him.

“Very well, let’s go outside and see what she wants,” Qian Ziang decided.

With that decision, he strolled out of his quarters.

As he emerged, Qian Ziang was taken aback by the size of the crowd gathered outside. He had underestimated the extent of the spectacle.

Nonetheless, he quickly composed himself. The onlookers were primarily drawn by Shen Lianxue’s presence, and their interest didn’t concern the Qian Family. Qian Ziang didn’t feel particularly concerned about the situation; in fact, he welcomed the additional witnesses.

The more people, the better.

He intended to clarify matters so thoroughly that Shen Lianxue would abandon any lingering hopes. Perhaps she would even take her frustrations home and cease causing any trouble.

“You’re looking for me?” Qian Ziang said in a condescending tone.

Qian Ziang was accustomed to being dismissive of Shen Lianxue, but no matter how he treated her, just one word from him would make her feel touched and grateful.

“The engagement has already been terminated. Stop fantasizing about me. Go back,” Qian Ziang expressed his disdain.

From Gu Chaoyan’s perspective, the annulment of the engagement wasn’t an unforgivable act. She had no intention of marrying him, so breaking it off was the logical course of action. However, Qian Ziang’s actions extended beyond merely ending the engagement.

It wasn’t the termination of the engagement itself that irked her, but rather Qian Ziang’s deceitful behavior. He had been aware that Shen Lianxue possessed numerous mystical weapons from her mother, yet he had manipulated her into surrendering them before abruptly ending the engagement. Gu Chaoyan had no intention of letting him off so easily.

Qian Ziang harbored numerous ulterior motives, and it was his scheming nature that had ultimately led to Shen Lianxue’s demise.

“Dream about you? Why don’t you look in the mirror? Examine your own appearance. Is there any reason for me to have delusions about you?” Shen Lianxue didn’t hold back and relayed the Qian Family’s message to Qian Ziang.

“I came here to remind you that, even after ending our engagement, Young Master Qian has yet to return the items I lent him.”

Qian Ziang appeared taken aback.

Items?

Lent?

“Those items are mine. Since when did you lend them to me?” Qian Ziang retorted confidently.

Gu Chaoyan cast a look at Qian Ziang as if he were a fool.

She had initially expected it might require some effort to prove that Qian Ziang had her possessions. Unexpectedly, he readily admitted to it, making the situation much simpler.

This was more than she had hoped for.

“Give? Who do you think you are? Why would I lend you so many cultivation artifacts?”

Chapter 2273 - 2273: Mission 4

“I’m giving it to you. Are you planning to marry me and bear my children? Why on earth would I give you such valuable items out of the blue? Have you lost your mind?” Gu Chaoyan retorted sarcastically.

The Qian Family's gatekeeper couldn't help but hang his head in embarrassment upon hearing these words. The situation had taken an unexpectedly amusing turn.

Hahaha.

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It had been a while since they had witnessed such a lighthearted argument. It involved the Young Master of the Qian Family and the Lady from the Shen Family.

Typically, it was Lady Shen who carefully ingratiated herself with the Young Master of the Qian Family. Seeing her behave so assertively was indeed a rare sight.

As a result, the spectators preferred to see the Young Master of the Qian Family making a fool of himself.

These two individuals—Lady Shen, who was perceived as foolish and inept despite her noble birth, and the Young Master of the Qian Family, known for bullying the weak—elicited contrasting reactions from the commoners. While Lady Shen had never mistreated the common folk, the Young Master of the Qian Family had a reputation for tormenting them. Hence, the crowd relished the opportunity to witness his embarrassment.

Qian Ziang felt a pang of confusion.

He had claimed ownership of the items because Shen Lianxue had initially indicated they were intended for him, although she had been deceived by his ruse at the time.

He said this because he trusted Shen Lianxue too much. He trusted Shen Lianxue's love for him.

But from the looks of it, *

Why was Shen Lianxue always targeting him? Apart from feeling sorry for him in the past, she also felt sorry for him.

Could it be that Shen Lianxue was too sad and wanted to use these things to keep him?

The more Qian Ziang dwelled on it, the more he considered the possibility.

He spoke seriously, “Shen Lianxue, don’t attempt to manipulate the situation. Are you trying to use this ploy to trap me and force me to continue the engagement with you?”

“It’s impossible, Shen Lianxue!”

“A woman like you has no place in the Qian Family.”

“I don’t want these items!”

“Take them and get lost!” Qian Ziang snapped impatiently and fiercely, partly due to the discomfort of being ridiculed by the onlookers and partly because he had grown weary of the situation.

Numerous items lay strewn before Gu Chaoyan.

She examined them briefly, confirming that they indeed belonged to Shen Lianxue. However, she couldn’t help but notice that these were among the least valuable possessions from Shen Lianxue’s collection. It was no wonder Qian Ziang had readily produced them.

Observing the assortment, Gu Chaoyan glanced back at Qian Ziang. “Pick them up and return them to me.”

“Is the Qian Family just going to leave these items on the ground?”

“In that case, the Qian Family will have to retrieve the items we throw onto the ground,” Gu Chaoyan declared matter-of-factly.

The commoners erupted in laughter.

Since the engagement had been dissolved, this Lady from the Shen Family had become so eloquent that none could outdo her.

Qian Ziang seethed with anger, his face turning crimson.

His initial aim had been to belittle Shen Lianxue, but he found himself on the receiving end of humiliation.

Qian Ziang signaled for the gatekeeper to retrieve the items.

He urged them to be quick about it. He needed to sever all ties with this irrational woman as soon as possible.

Gu Chaoyan accepted the items without objection but soon wore a suspicious expression. “Young Master Qian, I’m afraid there’s something missing from this collection..”

Chapter 2274 - 2274: Mission 5

“It’s a low-level cultivation bead that my mother left for me. It wouldn’t be appropriate for you to simply take it, would it?” Gu Chaoyan stared at Qian Ziang with the gaze reserved for a villain.

As this question was raised...

Qian Ziang’s expression underwent a subtle change.

Low-level cultivation beads were a completely different matter from the items he had previously presented.

This was something that couldn’t be casually requested.

Not even the Southern Mist Kingdom’s royal family could possess such an item.

These mystical artifacts were likely left behind by experts from distant lands.

Shen Lianxue's mother possessed one.

She had given it to Shen Lianxue, yet hadn't even passed it on to the head of the Shen Family. This indicated the item's extraordinary value.

The reason Qian Ziang had refrained from ending the engagement for so many years was because of this very low-level cultivation bead.

With this bead in his possession, he could cultivate at nearly ten times the speed.

Within just half a year, he could become the most formidable member within the Qian Family and secure his position as the family head.

Furthermore...

He had planned and schemed meticulously for a long time.

His success hinged on having access to this low-level cultivation bead.

Returning it to Shen Lianxue would spell the end of his carefully laid plans.

Returning it was simply impossible.

His earlier careless words had placed him in a difficult predicament.

Qian Ziang cleared his throat softly. "How did that thing end up in my possession? You're quite cunning, even though you lack the physique for cultivation, you've hidden it well."

"If you truly wished to retrieve it, why would I, Qian Ziang, have broken off the engagement?"

"Shen Lianxue, you've been causing trouble for so long. Isn't it time to stop acting like a lunatic? Go back and see if you can find someone else to marry. Nobody in Nanlan would marry a person

incapable of cultivating their physique. That would be laughable.” Qian Ziang derided Shen Lianxue unapologetically.

With that, he turned to leave, determined to avoid further involvement with Gu Chaoyan.

He didn’t want to escalate the situation regarding the low-level cultivation bead.

Observing his impending departure...

She grabbed him.

The Qian Family’s gatekeeper attempted to pull Gu Chaoyan away, but she exerted force to swing open the door. Simultaneously, she used her spiritual energy to rip apart Qian Ziang’s outer garments. As his clothes tore, several items tumbled from his pockets, including some Spirit Stones and golden sabers, along with the low-level cultivation bead she had mentioned.

Gu Chaoyan retrieved the cultivation bead and cradled it in her palm. She regarded Qian Ziang as if she were a spectator at an entertaining show. “You claimed you didn’t take it. So why did it fall from your person?”

The onlookers began discussing the situation as well.

Qian Ziang’s face reddened.

Instinctively, he reached for the low-level cultivation bead that Gu Chaoyan had taken, but his disheveled appearance and clumsy movements caused him to stumble over his own pants.

He attempted to snatch it back, but his efforts were in vain.

Instead, he found himself in a sorry state, the subject of ridicule by the onlookers.

He had never anticipated that Shen Lianxue would actually possess cultivation, causing him such profound embarrassment.

“Now that you’ve taken it, we have no further obligations to each other.

Farewell,” Gu Chaoyan declared as she retrieved the items and walked away.

Many individuals commended Gu Chaoyan for her actions on behalf of Lady Shen.

As for Qian Ziang, his image was marred by mockery.

Ultimately, the gatekeeper escorted them off the premises and closed the Qian Family’s gate.

On her way home, Gu Chaoyan contemplated the low-level cultivation bead in her possession..

Chapter 2275 - 2275: Mission 6

She found today’s battle to be exceptionally smooth.

This low-level cultivation bead held no value for her. Its efficacy was limited to advancing one’s cultivation to the level of a Martial God. However, she had already achieved that status.

Yet, for the Southern Mist Kingdom, a realm with a severely underdeveloped martial arts culture, it was a highly coveted treasure. It was no wonder that Qian Ziang had resorted to numerous schemes to acquire this precious item from Shen Lianxue.

As for Shen Lianxue, she likely felt a profound sense of loss because she had already surrendered her most cherished possession and had failed to obtain her true desire.

Reflecting on recent events...

Shen Lianxue had indeed gifted Qian Ziang many things, but throughout the years, she had never parted with a low-level cultivation bead. This fact alone emphasized the bead’s unparalleled worth in Shen Lianxue’s eyes.

Now that the artifact was back in his possession, she could finally hold her head high.

Next, she needed to contemplate how to restore Shen Lianxue's dignity within the Shen family. When that mission was accomplished, his purpose would be fulfilled.

With her current cultivation level and capabilities, she had no doubt that she could achieve this goal within a matter of days.

With these considerations in mind, Gu Chaoyan made her way to the Shen Family residence.

At that moment, the Shen family remained relatively tranquil.

Upon her return to the Shen Family, the gatekeeper cast a disdainful glance in her direction. Nevertheless, she chose not to create any difficulties and allowed her to enter without hindrance.

She re-entered the rundown house.

It had been a long time since Gu Chaoyan had seen such a decrepit dwelling.

Resting peacefully here was out of the question. She could only wait for the Shen family to confront her as soon as possible.

After all, cultivating in this place was futile-

The scarcity of spiritual energy in this region was directly linked to the backward state of martial arts civilization. Gu Chaoyan couldn't sense any spiritual energy here, making it pointless to rest or linger.

As expected...

Soon enough..

It was clear that the Shen Family had become aware of the situation involving the Qian Family.

Naturally, the Shen Family disapproved of Shen Lianxue's involvement with the Qian Family and the commotion she had caused. The Qian Family held slightly more influence than the Shen Family, and even though Qian Ziang and Shen Lianxue's engagement had been canceled, he had promptly arranged a new marriage with Shen Ningyu, a young lady from the Shen Family. They were now connected by familial ties, and the Shen Family had no desire to see the Qian Family suffer.

Conversely, the Shen Family appeared indifferent to Shen Lianxue's fate, whether she lived or died.

"Shen Lianxue, come out!" It was the voice of Shen Ningyu. She had arrived with a group of people and forcefully kicked open the door to Shen Lianxue's residence. The small group stormed inside, determined to bring her to the main hall for a severe punishment. "Take her to the main hall so Father can discipline her properly. Let her lose her mind!"

Shen Ningyu was livid.

Her impending marriage to Qian Ziang was at stake, and Shen Lianxue's actions had seemingly embarrassed Brother Zhiang by creating such a scene.

However, the most critical issue was...

She had heard that Shen Lianxue had seized Brother Zhiang's low-level cultivation bead. Regardless of the circumstances, she was determined to reclaim it!

Brother Zhiang had promised that, with the aid of the low-level cultivation bead, he would become the most powerful member of the Qian Family within six months. At that point, he would undoubtedly secure the position of family head.

And she would smoothly assume the role of the Qian Family's headwife. But now...

All of that had been thwarted by Shen Lianxue, that wretched woman.

Shen Ningyu ordered two individuals to escort Shen Lianxue to the main hall and left two others behind to search for any low-level cultivation beads they could find.

Gu Chaoyan didn't resist but instead followed them to the main hall.

She was in high spirits..

Chapter 2276 - 2276: Mission 7

If everything proceeded according to plan, she believed she could accomplish her mission soon. She eagerly anticipated wrapping it up quickly and getting out of this troublesome situation.

Gu Chaoyan's spirits lifted at the prospect.

They reached the main hall.

Before Gu Chaoyan could face any reprimand, she overheard Lady You's sobbing pleas in the main hall. Lady You knelt before the head of the Shen Family, her voice trembling as she implored, "Old Master, please release Lianxue. She is a good-hearted girl, and the engagement has already been canceled."

"Considering all the gifts I've bestowed upon the Shen family, please don't hold it against Lian Xue," Lady You continued.

While the head of the Shen family had been tolerating the situation thus far, Lady You's words seemed to push him over the edge. He responded by violently kicking Lady You. Since Lady You had no cultivation skills, she was sent flying a meter away before hitting the ground.

The head of the Shen family harbored an intense aversion to discussing this particular matter. It was seemingly an unbearable issue in his life.

However, Lady You's contributions had indeed been invaluable. Without her contributions in the past, the Shen family might not have achieved its current status.

But the head of the Shen family was unwilling to admit that the family's prosperity owed itself to Lady You's contributions.

As Gu Chaoyan entered the scene, she witnessed Lady You being thrown aside.

This sight infuriated Gu Chaoyan, prompting her to help Lady You to her feet.

She furrowed her brow and addressed the head of the Shen family, "What's the need to react like this to my mother's words? Is it necessary to treat her so harshly?"

"If it weren't for the spatial ring my mother gifted me back then, would the Shen family have attained its current standing by presenting it as a token of respect to the emperor?"

"Without the Spirit Stones and golden sabers in my mother's spatial ring, would you have even reached the Martial Master realm? Would you possess that weapon in your hand right now?"

"Comparatively, my mother has bestowed numerous favors upon the Shen family. You've displayed no gratitude whatsoever and resorted to kicking my mother."

Shen Lianxue recounted the truth of what had transpired over the years.

The more the head of the Shen family heard, the paler his face grew.

He raised his hand as if to slap Gu Chaoyan, but she skillfully evaded the blow.

"You ungrateful daughter. Besides bringing trouble to the Shen family, what else are you good for? Look at the disgrace you've brought upon our family, just like your mother, always tarnishing the family's reputation."

"What were you doing at the Qian Family?" Shen Chengwang's face reddened with fury as he clenched his teeth to speak.

"What else could I do? I was engaged to Qian Ziang, and he borrowed some of my magical weapons for cultivation. Now that the engagement has been called off, it's only right for me to reclaim my belongings. So, I went to request their return. But the Qian Family, being a prominent

clan, not only refused to return the borrowed items but also denied ever borrowing them in the first place. This is the situation. They borrowed the items, and I'm merely taking them back. There's nothing wrong with that," Gu Chaoyan asserted with righteousness.

Shen Chengwang had initially intended to scold Shen Lianxue, but her argument seemed too reasonable. For a moment, he found himself at a loss for words.

While Shen Lianxue claimed to have lent the items, her demand for their return did indeed seem justifiable.

However, Shen Chengwang couldn't shake the feeling that something was amiss.

"In any case, you should not have confronted the Qian Family," Shen Chengwang finally said after holding back his frustration.

"I didn't create a scene. I went to retrieve the items and left peacefully. It was the Qian Family that provoked me. They borrowed the items and refused to return them; that's unreasonable. You can't let the Shen family be bullied like this!" Gu Chaoyan retorted..

Chapter 2277 - 2277: Mission 8

Shen Chengwang struggled to express his thoughts.

Originally, he had intended to reprimand Shen Lianxue. He hadn't anticipated that her last statement would directly implicate the Shen family. When it came to the Shen family, what else could he say?

He appeared somewhat defeated.

In the past, Shen Lianxue had been just like her mother—submissive and easy to converse with. Now, for some inexplicable reason, she had become so articulate that he found himself at a loss for words.

Shen Chengwang gazed at her for a prolonged moment before finally saying, “How is your dispute with the Qian Family related to the Shen Family? You caused trouble at the Qian Family today; someone, administer her punishment!”

Unable to counter her arguments, Shen Chengwang decided to remain silent.

After all, he could always resort to disciplining her in accordance with the family’s laws.

As the head of the family, he held the sole authority within the Shen family.

The servants moved forward to restrain Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan, however, swiftly struck one of them, sending the servant tumbling to the ground. “Even if I am to be disciplined by the family, I should be the one in the wrong. I, Shen Lianxue, am not at fault here, so why should I submit?”

“You’re quite audacious! Attacking a servant like that!” Shen Chengwang’s eyes widened. It was evident that the current Shen Lianxue had distanced herself greatly from her previous demeanor.

“Father, regardless of how much you may dislike me, I am still your daughter, your superior. They are servants, and it’s reasonable for me to defend myself against them. Do you believe your own daughter is inferior to a servant?” Shen Lianxue retorted unapologetically.

Upon hearing this, Shen Chengwang found himself unable to bear it any longer.

Indeed, that was the case.

Yet, Shen Chengwang couldn’t shake the feeling that something was amiss.

Madam Shen gently tugged at Shen Chengwang’s sleeve, silently indicating that it was unwise to argue with her in this setting.

Only then did Shen Chengwang relent.

“Both of you, go back. Don’t linger in the main hall and create a scene,” Shen Chengwang said in anger, not bothering to look directly at them.

Gu Chaoyan couldn’t be bothered to remain in this place, so she took Lady You’s hand and departed.

Shen Cheng watched their departure with simmering frustration, hurling the teacup in his hand to the ground to vent his anger.

Madam Shen attempted to soothe him and said, “That girl has a sharp tongue. Arguing with her is futile. The Shen family is a prominent household, and not everyone can match our Lady in terms of wit.”

“Isn’t there a competition scheduled for these next few days? Let that troublesome girl participate. If she truly performs poorly, we can find someone suitable for her to marry. Once she’s married, her belongings will naturally belong to her husband’s family. Then, she can retrieve them,” Mrs. Shen suggested.

She had no desire to linger here any longer. It was imperative to rid themselves of Shen Lianxue as soon as possible.

This way, Ningyu’s marriage to the young master of the Qian family would proceed smoothly.

She held a high opinion of the young master of the Qian Family. If nothing unexpected occurred, he would undoubtedly prosper.

Furthermore, he had plans for his own future. If Ningyu married into their family, her path would undoubtedly be smooth. In the future, he could contribute to the Shen family to some extent.

Shen Chengwang agreed with Madam Shen’s arrangement.

If they couldn’t find fault with her today, as long as they were determined, they would eventually uncover her misdeeds.

“Let’s go with your plan. I leave it to you,” Shen Chengwang conceded.

“Very well. ”

The two of them had already discussed their strategy.

Gu Chaoyan departed with Lady You.

Lady You still wore a worried expression and couldn't help but say, “Lianxue, you acted too impulsively today. Defying the Old Master won't lead to a good life for you at home in the future.”

“In the past, we didn't exactly live well either.. Is there any difference now?”

Chapter 2278 - 2278: Mission 9

Shen Lianxue, residing within Gu Chaoyan's consciousness, addressed Lady You with enthusiasm. She had been plagued by doubts regarding the days when she had refrained from fighting back or, more accurately, when she had chosen to endure silently.

Gu Chaoyan spoke earnestly, defending Shen Lianxue's stance. Shen Lianxue had been precisely as Lady You had described her—obedient to the Shen Family's will, believing that compliance would lead to a better life. However, the more she behaved this way, the more the Shen Family took advantage of her, treating her as expendable.

For Shen Lianxue, the consequences of her compliance had been severe.

She met her demise when the Qian Family terminated the engagement.

Such a situation could not be allowed to persist.

Gu Chaoyan was on the verge of explaining Lady You's perspective.

Lady You gazed at Shen Lianxue with a sense of helplessness.

She grasped the reasoning behind it all.

She was well aware of the hardships that Lianxue had endured over the years.

Nevertheless, she lacked any cultivation abilities, and over the years, Lianxue had depleted her own resources. Originally, she had thought she could endure it until Lianxue reached adulthood, believing that those difficult days would eventually pass. After Lianxue married into another family, she would lead a better life than her time in the Shen family. But no one could have foreseen that the Qian Family would abruptly terminate the engagement.

Following the dissolution of the engagement, they had no support within the Shen family.

Lady You feared that if she took this path, the Shen family would struggle to secure a better match for Lianxue.

Her own well-being mattered little to her. She merely hoped to endure the situation and resolve matters with Lian Xue before finding solace.

Lady You's expression betrayed a hint of pain. In the end, it was her inability to protect Lian Xue, her own daughter, that had condemned her to such a bitter existence.

Gu Chaoyan exchanged a meaningful glance with Lady You.

Seeing Lady You's self-reproach and suffering, he couldn't bear to witness her in such anguish.

Lady You possessed a profoundly generous heart, and her actions were indeed motivated by concern for Lian Xue. She worried that her own heartache for

Lian Xue would become unbearable, but her chosen approach had been flawed.

Gu Chaoyan sighed, gently shook her head, and spoke, "Throughout these years, we've suffered because we were too soft-hearted. We consistently entrusted our destiny to others. If we hadn't been

so tender-hearted and hadn't given everything to the Shen Family, they wouldn't have treated us this way. If we had been more prudent about our future, we wouldn't be in this predicament."

"There's still a long road ahead. We can't expect Madam to treat me kindly. I can only make decisions and plans for myself."

"Now that my daughter has reached the Martial Master level, I'm confident that with even more effort, I can break through to the Martial Master realm myself. When that time comes, what can the Shen family do to me?"

"Mother, please wake up. Don't remain so vulnerable. If this continues, it will lead to our worst possible outcome," Gu Chaoyan implored earnestly.

Lady You's eyes welled up with tears as she listened.

Aren't these the very thoughts Lian Xue had expressed?

She comprehended these notions thoroughly, even pondering them during her sleepless nights. Yet, she had been hesitant to truly confront them. She had been hiding away, reluctant to emerge and confront reality.

However, Lady You nodded with solemn agreement, affirming Gu Chaoyan's words..

Chapter 2279 - 2279: Mission 10

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief.

She had been concerned that Lady You might be incapable of clear thinking, trapped in a single mindset, and unable to extricate herself. Assisting Lady You

in this regard would have been time-consuming.

Unexpectedly, Lady You displayed rationality as well. Everything fell into place. She likely grasped the pros and cons of the situation but was too frail to confront it head-on.

With this newfound understanding, things would become considerably easier.

Gu Chaoyan had initially calculated that she would only need a few days to complete her mission here. However, when she departed, Lady You would continue living in the Shen Family. According to the original circumstances, Lady You would face even greater mistreatment once Gu Chaoyan was gone.

Gu Chaoyan intended to teach her how to survive in this environment.

With a shift in Lady You's mindset, Gu Chaoyan would assist her in cultivation. Together, even without Shen Lianxue, they would thrive here.

Gu Chaoyan retrieved some ordinary pills and holy water from her spatial ring, placing them before Lady You. "Mother, take these pills and cleansing water. I will teach you how to cultivate."

"Huh?" It all happened so suddenly that Lady You had no time to react.

Cultivation pills?

"Mom, truth be told, I was able to make a breakthrough because I encountered another master from the cultivation continent. That master gave me these pills, allowing me to attain the rank of Martial Master. These were all left by the master. You can benefit from them too. With cultivation, you won't be subjected to bullying in the Shen Family," Gu Chaoyan explained.

Lady You glanced at the pills, her hesitation evident.

She shook her head slightly, unwilling to accept them.

"I came across these by chance, and they have greatly benefited me. Lianxue, keep them for yourself and strive for further breakthroughs. With increasing strength, no one in the Shen Family

will be able to mistreat you. I'm getting older, and I can do as I please now. As long as you can manage on your own for a long time," Lady You insisted as she returned the pills to Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but feel both amused and touched by the situation.

Lady You possessed a gentle disposition, yet she was someone who genuinely cared for Shen Lianxue, showering her with various blessings.

However, with such a meek personality, she would undoubtedly be vulnerable on the cultivation continent, lacking any powerful connections.

Gu Chaoyan placed the pills back into Lady You's hands and insisted, "Mom, please accept them. I am now a Martial Master, so these pills hold no value for me, and I have an abundance of them. It would be a shame if you don't utilize them. "

"In that case..." Lady You was enticed. Having lived for many decades without the ability to cultivate, she had endured immense suffering. She often pondered how different things would have been if she possessed cultivation.

Shen Lianxue wouldn't have been subjected to bullying, and her cherished possessions would have been safeguarded.

"Yes, Mother, take them. After our meal, I will guide you through a meditation session. If all goes well, you'll undoubtedly reach the level of a Martial Master," Gu Chaoyan affirmed.

Lady You's eyes brimmed with hope as she ingested the pill.

Gu Chaoyan awaited the outcome.

The spiritual energy on this continent was incredibly scarce, almost non-existent. The martial arts culture was severely underdeveloped, and Gu Chaoyan's pills possessed the ability to elevate even the least gifted individuals to the status of Martial Saints..

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As a result, she didn't dwell on how these pills might have been useless.

Following Lady You's consumption of the pill, Gu Chaoyan initiated her meditation.

After a while, Lady You's body emitted a radiant glow, indicating a breakthrough was underway. Gu Chaoyan watched with a smile.

A martial artist.

A Martial Master.

Gu Chaoyan believed that everything was proceeding smoothly.

However, just when she believed the process had concluded, Lady You continued to break through.

This unexpected development surprised Gu Chaoyan. She had intended for these pills to facilitate Lady You's ascent to the rank of Martial Master. Little did she anticipate that the breakthrough would persist.

Warrior!

Third Heaven of the Warrior Realm.

Sixth Heaven of the Warrior Realm.

Ninth Heaven of the Warrior Realm.

It was the Ninth Heaven of the Warrior Realm!

Merely a step away from achieving the status of Martial King.

It was worth noting that within the Shen family, the family head, Shen Chengwang, held a relatively high cultivation level. He had attained the pinnacle of the Martial Master rank. With Lady You now a Martial Warrior at the Ninth Heaven of the Warrior Realm, no one within the Shen family would dare to mistreat her.

This was because, on this continent with its extremely rudimentary martial culture, martial prowess held an elevated status, and one's cultivation determined their standing.

Gu Chaoyan had initially believed that Lady You possessed an unsuitable physique for cultivation. However, the current results clearly indicated that Lady You not only had a suitable constitution for cultivation but also displayed talent on this continent.

"Mom, congratulations!" Gu Chaoyan conveyed her happiness.

"What?" Lady You was still in the dark. She sensed her spiritual energy and couldn't believe that she had truly reached the Ninth Heaven of the Warrior Realm.

What a shock!

With this level of cultivation,

Even if the Shen family attempted to suppress them, the Shen family clan would not permit it.

Lady You no longer held any affection for Shen Chengwang. In her eyes, Lian Xue was the most important person, and her top priority was to protect Lian

Xue.

"I'll head to the clan immediately. With my cultivation, I'm sure I can persuade the clan to provide us protection!" Lady You exclaimed in excitement.

"Don't worry, Mother, don't be hasty. Just wait. We don't merely want protection; we intend to reclaim what we've been deprived of!" Gu Chaoyan asserted with conviction.

Completing her mission wouldn't be feasible by hiding alone. To succeed, she would need to regain her dignity within the Shen family. Furthermore, it wasn't Lady You who needed to regain her pride, but Gu Chaoyan herself.

Lady You hesitated, feeling that this approach would make numerous enemies and was somewhat reluctant to proceed with it.

She was about to attempt to persuade Gu Chaoyan...

At that very moment, a knock sounded at the door.

Before Lady You could invite the visitor inside, the door swung open, and an individual entered with a less than friendly expression. They spoke disdainfully, "What's the matter with you? Why haven't you come out to greet us? The clan competition is scheduled for the day after tomorrow. The Old Master mentioned that Shen Lianxue will be participating this year, so I've come to inform you. You should prepare thoroughly." Prepare to lose face.

This individual refrained from stating it directly.

Nevertheless, the disdainful expression on their face was unmistakable.

"Understood," Gu Chaoyan replied without bothering to engage in an argument with the servant. She had no intention of squandering any more time on this matter.

A competition?

It was precisely what she had been hoping for.

She had been fretting over how to elevate her status in the Shen family and assert her position, and now the opportunity had presented itself.

Following the competition, she could then proceed to teach these individuals a valuable lesson.

Upon concluding his message, the servant observed that Shen Lianxue's response appeared rather nonchalant. Consequently, he concluded that there was nothing intriguing to hold his interest, and he promptly departed.

“Why are you participating in the competition this year? Previously, our team would not have allowed you to compete. How is this even possible? If your cultivation level is subpar during the clan competition, everyone will ridicule you,” someone commented, their tone carrying a hint of mockery..