

## Divine 231

### Chapter 231: A Strike Back 2

She might feel sorry for her, but the truth was that Princess Gu got what she deserved.

Mrs. Gu, however, was lucky enough not to get involved. Even at the very last moment, Princess Gu still insisted on getting her involved rather than Mrs. Gu.

Mrs. Gu burst into tears, kneeled down in front of Madam Gu and shouted with a sincere tone, "Madame Gu, I am so sorry not to have been able to keep Princess!"

"..."

"Madame Gu, something went wrong with Princess!"

"What?" Madam Gu dropped her cane as her eyes lost focus. "What happened to her?"

What happened to the Princess? That could not have been possible. She might not have any offspring, yet she had been quite down-to-earth in the court.

Nothing had happened during the past few years. How could that be? How could something go wrong with her! It must have been their fault!

"What went wrong?!"

Mrs. Gu pointed at Gu Chaoyan with tears in eyes, "It was she who set up Princess! Princess said so before she was taken away!"

"..."

"Something went wrong with the Princess in the room where she was supposed to have a break!"

"..."

"She was sleeping with a man in the room where she was supposed to have a break!"

"..."

"It must have been she who planned a conspiracy! Princess went to check up on her, but she set Princess up instead!"

"..."

"Princess has lost her life, so will all of us!"

What! Madame Gu got so angry that she glared at Gu Chaoyan, raising her hands just to slap right on Gu Chaoyan's face.

Gu Chaoyan dodged the hand.

Mrs. Gu was indeed very talented at misleading people. Did she believe that everyone would listen to what she said and believe her?

Madame Gu had used all of her strength upon the slapping move. Angry, she collapsed upon the chairs and glared at Gu Chaoyan, pointing at her furiously, "You b\*\*\*h!"

Gu Chaoyan did not care about this accusation. She knew the Gu Family all too well.

She replied in composure, "The man who slept with Princess Gu was your nephew, Mrs. Gu, someone from your family!"

"..."

"Do you think that the nephew would have obeyed my order?"

"..."

"Mrs. Gu, are you saying that Madame Gu or every one of us is stupid? You are still misleading all of us. Honestly, even the Zhang Family would come to the door and force you to give their son back!" Gu Chaoyan replied calmly.

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, Gu Ruxue said with a sharp voice, "It should have been you who were stained!"

Stupid. That was what Gu Chaoyan thought of Gu Ruxue at the moment. How could she be so stupid?

With a pair of sharp eyes upon Gu Ruxue, Chaoyan said, "Second Sister, are you saying that you all knew about this long before it happened, and that it has always been part of your plan? But what you did not expect was that it would have been Princess Gu who got tricked instead?"

"..."

"So it should have been you who set up Princess Gu?"

Hearing these words, Madame Gu kept moving her hands but she lost all of her strength. All she could do was let out unclear noise.

At this time, she understood clearly that it had been Mrs. Gu who caused all of the trouble.

Her poor daughter... they were all tricked! She used to be the only person of the whole family that they were proud of.

"Oh no!" It was a maid from Biquan Palace who remained to watch them over.

Gu Chaoyan also noticed that something was wrong with Madame Gu.

### **Chapter 232: A Stroke**

Gu Chaoyan had been looking at Gu Ruxue all this while, so as the maid shouted, Gu Chaoyan looked in her direction and noticed that something was wrong with Madame Gu. She could not say a word and she could barely move.

She... She had a stroke!

Madame Gu was an aged woman, who had had hope in Gu Ruxue on this visit to the court. She had expected that she was going to bring enormous glory to the family, but now Princess Gu fell into

trouble, and the whole Gu Mansion might be involved too. Princess Gu was the King's woman, and even if she was disgraced, she should not have slept with some man right in front of everyone else. The King would definitely get very angry. The Gu Family was done for.

That was why Madame Gu got so furious.

Gu Chaoyan turned to the maid, "What are you staring at? Go and get an imperial doctor! If someone dies at Princess Virtue's palace, there will be trouble!"

She said this with a frightening tone.

The maid hurried off to get an imperial doctor.

Normally, since the Gu Family committed such a huge crime, Princess Virtue did not need to get them a doctor. What she needed to do was to watch over them. However, if someone died at her palace, it would be a terrible thing for the whole palace.

Hearing that an imperial doctor was needed, Gu Ruxue realized that something went wrong.

Madame Gu was the supporting column of the whole family. She must not collapse when something like this happened to them.

She came to Madame Gu and was about to shake her.

Gu Chaoyan said coldly, "Don't touch her before the doctor arrives. You would not be able to bear the consequences if something goes wrong."

Gu Ruxue's hands froze.

Mrs. Gu had no feelings towards this. Hearing Gu Chaoyan's sharp words, she said ironically, "Aren't you good at medical skills? Why not save her now? Or are you just lying to all of us?"

It would be best if this b\*\*\*h was revealed as someone totally incapable. In this way, Lord Huai would ignore her. Then she could get her to bear all the consequences, Mrs. Gu thought.

"I won't be able to cure a stroke." Gu Chaoyan confessed. She had no intention of treating her either.

Well... she was definitely capable of treating people with strokes, but since it was Madame Gu who had gotten sick, she claimed that she was not capable of doing that at all.

She might have a kind heart as a doctor, but she was not a saint.

This Madame Gu once planned to get her to marry a mentally disturbed person for the sake of family interest, even though she knew that the man's previous wives were all mistreated to death.

From that moment on Madame Gu was no longer someone she respected. She was not going to spare any efforts to save someone who tried to cause her trouble. She was not that kind.

Therefore, how Madame Gu would depend on whether the imperial doctor was found and whether he was able to treat her.

Gu Ruxue was almost at the edge of shedding tears when the maid finally came with an imperial doctor.

He was more like a minor medical servant than a real imperial doctor, judging from the clothes he was wearing.

“Doctor Wu, come and check it out!” The maid said anxiously.

The imperial doctor checked Madame Gu and said calmly, “She is having a stroke, caused by excitement. That is not a deadly disease, but I don’t think she will be able to get up in the future.”

“What?!” Gu Ruxue’s eyes widened.

She was not able to get up? Then how would she be able to arrange the errands at the Gu Mansion?

At this moment, Gu Ruxue almost hoped that Madame Gu were dead, because maybe, the King would spare them because of this old woman’s death.

### **Chapter 233: Not Saving**

Princess Gu was her daughter... When she did something like this, it basically meant that she had not taught her well. So if she died to repent what she had done, then all would be fine. In this way, the whole Gu Family would not be involved... Why should they get involved because of what Princess Gu did!

As she thought of this... Gu Ruxue’s face sank. She took a few steps backwards, getting herself far away from Madame Gu as a look of disdain hovered over her face.

Gu Ruxue had totally forgotten how much interest Princess Gu had brought in when she was in the court. What she remembered was how Princess Gu was getting them into trouble.

Seeing the way Gu Ruxue and Mrs. Gu treated Madame Gu, Gu Chaoyan showed a mocking expression on her face as she looked at Madame Gu – see? That is how the girl you favor treats you at this moment.

She shook her head inwardly...

Mrs. Gu had been full of complaints, so she never paid any attention to how Madame Gu was doing. And Gu Ruxue was already getting herself out of this place.

Gu Chaoyan sighed and said to the maid of Princess Virtue. “Please, Miss, could you please get Madame Gu a place to lie down. She should not be seated like this. As for the remaining affair, wait until Princess Virtue’s order which we are going to obey unconditionally.”

The maid looked annoyed... If not for this Elder Miss whom her Princess had mentioned before, she would not have even spoken to them. At this moment, she was also speaking in a very serious tone as she started to guide them out, “You are the sinners so you would not be able to have a good place to stay. Come with me to the servant’s room now.”

Madame Gu was carried out by Cai Ming and her other servants.

The servant’s room was not very far from where they had been.

As the maid took them there, she said straightforwardly, “Just hang out here. You are not allowed to go anywhere before the Princess arrives.”

Gu Chaoyan nodded and thanked her.

Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue left the room directly as if they would get infected with a disease at any moment.

Then Gu Chaoyan followed out.

Madame Gu waved her hand, shouting at her anxiously, "Hang....on, Chaoyan."

Gu Chaoyan ceased her steps. She saw that both Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue were gone, and Madame Gu did not stop her. She sighed and threw a look at the old woman behind her.

Madame Gu looked very anxious. "Please... beg... for mercy to Lord Huai... so Princess... can be spared."

She did look extremely worried. Madame Gu was a person who was only seeking interest and benefits, but at this moment, she still cared about her daughter Princess Gu. She was asking her for help.

However, that was not going to be possible. The princess having an affair was going to get her, or even her whole family killed.

Had Madam Gu ever considered what would happen if she begged for mercy? Had she ever thought about what consequences would happen to her if she did beg for mercy? Or did she think that her life was not important at all.

She sneered. "Madame Gu, do you think that would be possible?"

"..."

"The man that slept with Princess Gu was Mrs. Gu's nephew. Mrs. Gu might have come up with a plan, but she alone would not have been able to hide a man here in the court. That basically meant that Princess Gu and Mrs. Gu had worked together to set me up."

"..."

"If I had not gone out of the room because of needing the toilet, then it would have been me who fell into trouble. Do you think that I am going to beg for mercy for the people who are setting me up?"

"..."

"Princess Gu has gotten what she deserves."

"..."

"She was checking up on me in the room, but she did not expect that Zhang Liangyi had been drugged so he could not tell whom he was sleeping with. He forced Princess Gu!" Gu Chaoyan said with a serious look on her face.

Well...

### **Chapter 234: A Perfect Match**

Well... She was actually lying.

Wasn't it a perfect idea to get Madame Gu to hate Mrs. Gu and her whole family? That would be a very fantastic show to watch.

Madame Gu was still mumbling something when Gu Chaoyan stopped listening to her. Before she left, she said, "I am not going to beg for Princess Gu, but I will ask the King to spare the Gu Family."

As she finished saying the words, she left without saying anything more.

Madame Gu did not utter any more sound. She might have been moved by what this girl had said, but Gu Chaoyan was not feeling very satisfied with what she had promised. If she begged for mercy for the Gu Family, both Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue would be spared as well.

After she walked out of the room, Gu Chaoyan did not see where Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue were. They must have hidden themselves somewhere else.

Then she noticed someone coming towards her. It was Zhou Huaijin.

Instead of saying anything more, he pointed in a direction, suggesting that they should take a walk.

He should not talk too much here at Biquan Palace.

There were always ears out for whispers here in the place. Princess Virtue was not a very careless person.

They walked for a very long time until they came to a quiet place, where Zhou Huaijin took hold of Gu Chaoyan's hands, asking with a look of uncertainty, "Will you blame me?"

"For what?"

"Princess Gu is dead, and Madam Gu had a stroke. That is a huge strike for the Gu Family and I am the cause of all of these. Will you hate me for being so ferocious?" Zhou Huaijin asked with a guilty tone. He found out what happened to Madame Gu on the way here.

He had not planned to see Madame Gu having a stroke.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head.

"Actually, I can cure Madam Gu's stroke. It is just a matter of acupuncture. But I did not do that. You think I am ferocious?" Gu Chaoyan asked. She did wonder what he would think of her, because such similar kinds of matters would happen quite often in the future.

Zhou Huaijin shook his head without hesitation. "Nope."

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly, "We are a perfect match, one being evil, the other ferocious. We don't have to get anyone else involved."

Zhou Huaijin laughed brightly. He was truly happy.

That was what he said to Yan when he asked her to marry him a long while ago. Great that she still remembered the words.

He patted her head gently.

The two continued to walk, feeling no pressure inside their hearts.

After a while, Gu Chaoyan suddenly thought of something and asked him, "The King must be very angry about what happened to Princess Gu. Did he get mad at you when you asked him to spare the Gu Family's lives?"

Biquan Palace was Princess Virtue's palace, even if Zhou Huaijin had been one of the witnesses, it should have been Princess Virtue who decided what to do with this matter. Zhou Huaijin accompanied her to the site only because he wanted to beg for mercy for the Gu Family. Yan, together with Gu Ruxue and Mrs. Gu were on the same boat, so that was all he could do.

So Gu Chaoyan felt a bit sorry for him.

As the question was raised Zhou Huaijin thought of something and shook his head, "Nope."

"..."

"Before I was able to say anything, Princess Jing already asked him for mercy. Even my Queen Mother was not needed." Zhou Huaijin said.

He found the whole thing peculiar. It must have been Lord Ling's intention to spare the Gu Family, when Princess Jing did so.

Normally, Lord Ling would never consider marriage with the Gu Family since such a thing happened, but now... it seemed that they still wanted to stick to the marriage arrangement.

"What is he thinking?"

### **Chapter 235: Cloudy Day**

That was something Gu Chaoyan could not understand.

Gu Ruxue might be a very pretty girl, but Lord Ling could get as many equally pretty girls as he wanted. And Gu Ruxue was not smart enough to be his assistant in his career either.

"Maybe Lord Ling is head-tamed?" Gu Chaoyan said casually, "But Gu Ruxue is not skilled in doing this kind of witchcraft either..."

Zhou Huaijin looked helpless, but he smiled in a sweet way.

There was no such witchcraft existing in this world, and no one from the Gu Family was able to get close to Lord Ling either.

They thought that there must be something they were not aware of in the process.

"Anyway, stop thinking about that. I will get my staff from Shadow Door to look into this matter. You have had a long day today, go and take a break now. You are heading home when you get up." Zhou Huaijin said.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She did feel very tired. It was indeed a long day and many things had happened.

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The following day, no one mentioned what happened the day before the moment she woke up. The servants from Biquan Palace behaved normally as before.

Gu Chaoyan would have not remembered that something so enormous happened the day before, if she had not seen Madame Gu getting carried away. No one of the whole Gu Family was uttering a word.

Both Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue stayed silent. They were very quiet throughout the entire path leading outside the court.

Then they got onto the wagon of the Gu Mansion and headed home.

The atmosphere was so quiet and dark as if a rainstorm were on the way.

Then they got off the wagon, walked into the Gu Mansion and headed towards the front yard.

Gu Zhenkang, who was seated on the main seat in the front yard, was showing a face of distress. He looked as if the whole sky had fallen down. He did not shout at Gu Chaoyan at the sight of her, but glared at the gang that walked in.

As for what happened in the court... He already found out about it in the morning court session. And he had been seated on this spot for more than four hours.

The servants helped Madame Gu down whilst Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue were standing motionlessly in the hall.

The seat Gu Zhenkang was sitting on used to belong to Madame Gu, but Gu Zhenkang showed no intention of sparing it for her. He didn't even ask Madame Gu about how she was doing.

After a long moment of silence Gu Zhenkang smashed the teacup and bellowed furiously as a vein popped out of his head. "What on earth happened!"

"..."

Even Mrs. Gu got startled by the way he was bellowing. Then she pointed at Gu Chaoyan instantly and said, "It is all this b\*\*\*h's fault!"

"..."

"She should have been in that room, but Princess Gu ended up being there! It must have been her plan to set Princess Gu up!"

"..."

"Now Princess is dead, and Madame Gu is sick, it is all her fault!" Mrs. Gu bellowed furiously, totally unaware of what she had been like when interrogated by Madame Gu earlier. Now she was trying to get herself out of the trouble by making Gu Zhenkang believe what she said.

Gu Zhenkang threw a glare at Gu Chaoyan directly. Fury covered his face.

He knew it! He knew that it was all this ugly girl's fault!

The Gu Family were a family of literatis... If Madame Gu had not forced him to marry a businesswoman, none of this would have happened! Business families were always full of bad luck! Even their bloodline was totally stained!



Sure enough, the daughter born to a businesswoman would always cause trouble for the Gu Family. How would Ruxue marry Lord Ling in the future and how would he get promoted and make a fortune?

Gu Zhenkang threw a look at Madame Gu who was unable to move, looking really annoyed. It was her fault too! If she had not insisted on the marriage, he would not have ended up being like this.

“Someone, take away this girl and beat her!”

### **Chapter 236: Reminder**

Gu Zhenkang had always disliked Gu Chaoyan, and right now, he truly had no intention of sparing her. He looked twisted and furious.

Mrs. Gu was chuckling inwardly – someone was finally able to punish her! She deserved this for what she did to her back in the court!

Hearing that her son was going to beat Chaoyan, Madame Gu got so anxious that she kept making unclear noises in the chair, but she was suffering from her stroke so she could not utter a clear word at all.

Gu Zhenkang was annoyed by her noise, so he ignored her totally.

However, Gu Chaoyan was not at all anxious. Standing motionlessly in composure, she said calmly after a short while. “Princess Gu was the Princess of the King, but was having an affair with some other man. That was a sin that could have gotten all of us killed.”

“...”

“However, everyone in the Gu Mansion is doing fine, only because I turned to Lord Huai for help.”

“...”

“Now you are going to beat me?”

“...”

“Sure, then I can tell Lord Huai’s men to tell Lord Huai about this.”

“...”

“Then he can withdraw this favor.” Gu Chaoyan showed a brief smile. Beating her? Sorry, Gu Zhenkang was not even qualified to do so.

Having finished speaking, she stood there composedly.

Gu Chaoyan was dressed in a set of plain-colored dress with no ornaments in her hair. Her hairstyle was quite simply done.

A strange feeling flashed across Gu Zhenkang’s eyes. He found that something different had happened to this daughter he always disliked. She was no longer as ugly as before, and as she stood on the spot, she was showing a brief smile, looking very intimidating.

He seemed to have seen someone inside her... Namely the deceased Old Master of the Lin Family.

Old Master Lin had such an intimidating air in him as well, one that made people feel rather guilty.

He was totally aware of the punishment, since Princess Gu was having affairs with some other man. However, why should he show any gratitude towards this girl who had saved the whole family's life? She was the girl he hated most.

Gu Zhenkang felt so suffocated with anger.

Faced with Gu Zhenkang's changing expressions that showed how he wanted to beat her yet how he feared death too, Gu Chaoyan lost her patience and said, "Are you still going to beat me? If not, I am going to take a break at the Qiong Pavilion."

Gu Zhenkang glared at her fiercely, but he could not utter a word.

Mrs. Gu was not convinced. "B\*\*\*h, you are not leaving!"

Gu Chaoyan was about to say something when Chen Fu hurried in. "Madame Gu, Old Master, Mrs. Gu, the Zhang Family are here! They are making a fuss at the door!"

What?! Mrs. Gu was dumbfounded. What were they doing there?

When she turned to Zhang Liangyi, the Zhang Family already came to an agreement with her. They wanted fortune too, and they should have understood the potential risk! Now Zhang Liangyi was dead, she should not be blamed for that! She had not planned to get her nephew killed either!

Mrs. Gu was thinking this as anxiety hovered over her face.

Gu Zhenkang looked very impatient. "What are they doing here?" Then he glared at Mrs. Gu, "Aren't they your family? What are they doing here? I am not qualified enough to help them right now, since we ourselves are in trouble!"

Gu Zhenkang might have despised Mrs. Lin for her identity as a businesswoman, and thought that Mrs. Gu was a great match for him, yet he never had the intention of allowing her family to make a fuss here at his own home.

"Oh yes, father, sorry for not reminding you before. It was the Young Master of the Zhang Family who was having an affair with Princess Gu."

### **Chapter 237: The Zhang Family Here for Trouble**

Gu Chaoyan was about to leave when the Zhang Family came to the doorstep. So she was more than willing to watch the show.

She truly had no idea what on earth Mrs. Gu was thinking... She tried to use the Zhang Family to frame her, so Princess Gu ended up being the victim. What made her so confident as not to fear a thing? She behaved as if she had nothing to do with this matter and she even spent so much effort trying to make up a lie to push the blame on her!

Why couldn't she ever understand that when the Young Master of the Zhang Family died in the court, The Zhang Family had to answer for the consequence as well! They might have lost their official titles. So they were definitely coming to her to seek justice. However, she behaved as if she were totally innocent.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. She got interested in the upcoming show, so she found a place, took a seat and started to watch what was happening in front of her.

“What on earth is happening?!” Gu Zhenkang bellowed as he asked with a sunken face, but now he was shouting at Mrs. Gu instead.

Mrs. Gu was completely startled. She shuddered and said with a tone of dissatisfaction, “What are you bellowing me at for? I have nothing to do with this!”

“...”

“It was the Zhang Family who wanted to get fortune so they begged me to slip Zhang Liangyi into the court. But I did not tell him to offend Princess Gu! That was not my fault at all! Mrs. Gu argued with a reasonable tone.

The Zhang Family, who had rushed in, caught what she said. They were so displeased, especially Mrs. Jinzhang who started to shout from a distance away. “Zhang Sanya, you evil bitch! How can you get yourself out of this matter?! You came to our door and got Liangyi to marry that ugly girl so that he could get the restaurant and dowries! That was how Liangyi got killed!”

“...”

“If not for you we would never have to suffer anything like this!”

“...”

“You have to take responsibility for this matter!”

Mrs. Jinzhang was extremely annoyed.

If not for Mrs. Gu, she would still be the Madame of the Official mansion and her Liangyi would still be alive, but now...

The doweries were all gone and the whole family was broken! Liangyi was dead, and he could not come back to life. There was no use for her to stay sad any more, but Mrs. Gu must take responsibility for what happened to the whole family. The Zhang Family had lost their official rank and the whole house had been confiscated.

The Zhang Family had no place to stay. Now Mrs. Gu had to compensate for their losses!

Mrs. Gu was very annoyed too. If Mrs. Jinzhang’s son had not been stupid enough to ruin the plan, Princess Gu would not have died, and she was never in a position to take the so-called responsibility.

She said with a mocking tone, “Are you blaming me for this? It was you who wanted to become rich and your son who was so stupid! I brought him into the court so he could get an opportunity to make a fortune, but he was so stupid as to offend Princess Gu! What position do you have to beg me to take responsibility now? We are ruined too, and you should thank us for not turning our backs to you!”

The Zhang Family might have been Mrs. Gu’s family, but now the whole family was in ruins. So Mrs. Gu was not stupid enough to take their side and give up the Gu Mansion.

Mrs. Jinzhang was a fierce-tempered person, but so was Mrs. Gu.

This speech made Mrs. Jinzhang totally speechless. She pointed at Mrs. Gu and said, “You are definitely evil!”

“...”

“We are ruined so we fear nobody and nothing! We can go to the governmental offices and spread whatever deeds you have done so that you have no way of living in this place!”

### **Chapter 238: Lord Ling’s Proposal**

Gu Chaoyan stayed and watched the show for a while, then she got bored – nothing interesting happened when two equally terrible parties were fighting over one small errand.

The Zhang Family might be pathetic at the moment, but they deserved all of this. The Zhang Family must have trusted Mrs. Gu’s words so they got Zhang Liangyi to ruin her. In this way, the Zhang Family would be able to share the dowries and restaurant with her. However, they had never expected the result to be like this.

Who could they blame this on except for themselves?

Gu Chaoyan was not a person who could be bullied as they wished. She threw a look at Sword One and Qing and left together with them.

It was a land of peace back at the Qiong Pavilion. The fruit trees they planted in the yard had been growing well.

Gu Chaoyan asked Qing to pick some fruits.

These fruits could make Qing look prettier and healthier. In this way, she would avoid getting small diseases. Sword One, on the other, would get stronger and more powerful with martial arts.

She could not expose her space. So what she could do was to get the supplements for Qing and Sword One in this way.

When they had time, they would ask the four guards to have a taste of these fruits too.

In the following few days, it was very quiet in the Gu Mansion.

Gu Chaoyan heard from Sword One that the trouble with the Zhang Family had been solved. Mrs. Gu was worried that the Zhang Family would spread rumors about her, so she got them to live in the Gu Mansion for the time being. The Gu Mansion was enormous, since they used much of Mrs. Lin’s money to conduct renovations. So it was large enough to hold the entire Zhang Family.

Rumor went that Mrs. Jinzhang had gotten lots of money from Mrs. Gu as well, but Sword One was not sure how much exactly she had gotten.

Madame Gu was doing better with her stroke. Yet she was still unable to get up and had to lie down in the Pear Garden the entire day.

Soon the day of the entrance examination of Saint College approached.

While Gu Chaoyan was making full preparations for the test, a piece of shocking news arose.

Sword One said with a face of confusion, "Miss, Lord Ling's men are here for the proposal!"

Gu Chaoyan's lips twisted.

What was wrong with Gu Ruxue? What made Lord Ling want to marry her anyway?

Lord Ling's family not only begged the King for mercy last time, (although Gu Chaoyan claimed that she did that to the Gu Family).

"And they paid a great deal of attention to this. They asked Madame Huo to be the ambassador, and the wedding gifts are enormous! People would even assume that he is getting the Princess Consort!" Sword One added, looking even more confused.

Sword One even believed that Lord Ling must have become stupid, but she did not dare to say something like this.

Gu Chaoyan just could not fathom the whole thing either.

Nevertheless, it was very lively outside in the front yard.

Gu Zhenkang had assumed that the marriage would be ruined after what happened to Princess Gu, and he even started to seek for other marital matches for Gu Ruxue at the moment. But now, Lord Ling's men were here for the proposal, so was Madame Huo.

Gu Zhenkang smiled so brightly. He directly asked Chen Fu to bring Mrs. Gu, who had been grounded by him, to the front yard. "Go get Mrs. Gu, she is the Second Lady's mother and has to be present."

Chen Fu hurried off.

Madame Huo smiled brightly too. She had gained a glorious reputation for herself because of this marriage proposal. Lord Ling asked her to be the ambassador, only because Huo Wei and Ruxue had a close friendship.

"Officer Gu, the Gu Mansion will be completely different in the future. We from the Huo Family would probably need your help!" Madame Huo said with a large smile.

### **Chapter 239: Anxious**

After all, if one daughter of the Gu Mansion was able to marry Lord Ling, even as a concubine, then the whole thing would get really fantastic.

Honestly, Lord Ling's Princess Consort was the daughter of a general, one of his concubines, the second daughter of the prime minister... So who would ever expect that the third position would have been taken by the miss of the Gu Family?

When Madame Huo learned of the news, she was already really shocked. And she was even more shocked when she saw the presents given by Lord Ling for the proposal – they were enormous, almost as much as those given to the second daughter of the prime minister, or probably even more glamorous. Honestly, Lord Ling must have been paying a great deal of attention to this.

Gu Zhenkang was still not in a very high position right now, but after the marriage was completed, the Huo Family would definitely have to turn to the Gu Family for help and favor!

Honestly... Madame Huo felt a bit jealous.

The ladies of the Huo Family were actually quite pretty too, and her son was in a relatively high position too. So why didn't they get such a marital arrangement.

Yes, she was jealous, but she had to do her job well.

Madame Huo asked Lord Ling's men to put everything down and then gave Gu Zhenkang the list personally. "Officer Gu, here is the list for the marital presents. Lord Ling pays a great deal of attention to Miss Ruxue. Generally speaking, concubines do not have so many luxurious presents for a proposal, so Miss Ruxue is truly honored!"

Gu Zhenkang took over the list and felt that his vision was blurred at the sight of the list. Then he gasped. He knew that he had made the right decision. Ruxue was the prettiest among all of his daughters. She was the smartest and most adorable, and she would always achieve something great. Now all that proved to be right. Even Lord Ling considered Ruxue to be important.

In the future the Gu Mansion would definitely flourish.

He got so excited that his hands were shivering. He kept nodding. "Alright, alright, please pass my gratitude to Lord Ling!"

At this time, Mrs. Gu also got the news from Chen Fu and hurried to the front yard.

She had already seen full boxes piled up even when she was outside. As she came in and saw Madame Huo there with the matchmaker, she showed a very bright smile. "Those are all the presents for our Ruxue?"

"Of course." Madame Huo said with a smile, thinking inwardly that Mrs. Gu was so rude to mention all of these now, but she kept silent at the moment. After all, the Gu Mansion was totally different from this moment on. So she did not have to offend anyone for this minor matter.

Mrs. Gu looked very excited.

During the past few days, she had become so distressed, because the Old Master had been complaining about her and Mrs. Jinzhang had been mocking her. She had not had a peaceful day since the incident happened, but now... Her Ruxue had such great achievements. No one would dare to say a thing when Lord Ling showed his care for her.

Mrs. Gu started to chat with Madame Huo passionately. All Madame Huo could do was to listen patiently.

The talk lasted for a very long time and much time had passed.

Gu Ruxue had been watching from the screen all this while, because the bride-to-be was not supposed to be present when the proposal was made. So most of the time, they were watching from behind.

However, Mrs. Gu spoke for way too long and Gu Ruxue lost her patience. She stepped out and said, "Mom, why are you still keeping Madame Huo? Madame Huo needs to make a report back to Lord Ling."

She was afraid that Lord Ling would regret his decision, if she was kept here for too long. Her mom was so bad-mannered.

Hearing these words, Madame Huo stood up and said, "Yes, Lord Ling is waiting for me to give him a message!"

#### **Chapter 240: Dowries**

Neither Gu Zhenkang nor Mrs. Gu stopped them from leaving.

Then Madame Huo left.

Gu Ruxue could not stop smiling at the sight of these boxes full of presents. She thought that after what happened to Princess Gu, Lord Ling would blame her family and drop the thought of marrying her. She had been very distressed during the past few days, and she even thought about turning to Jiming again if the marriage was canceled.

However, it was great that she did not go to that man yet. Otherwise she would have missed such a great opportunity.

Look at those presents! Lord Ling must have liked her a lot for him to become so generous. She was definitely going to have a great life once married to Lord Ling.

Seeing Gu Zhenkang and Mrs. Gu returning to the hall after seeing off Madame Huo, Gu Ruxue put down what she had been holding, and said with pursed lips and eyes upon her parents. "Dad, and Mom, I can't marry Lord Ling with no dowries! Look at those presents from him! I have to get many dowries so that Lord Ling will not look down on me!"

Madame Gu had not allowed Gu Chaoyan to give her dowries to Ruxue, because she did not think that Prince of the Duke Changning was important enough... However, now Gu Ruxue was going to marry Lord Ling!

He was the King's son, a very important and highly-ranked nobleman! Those dowries should be for her, not for that ugly bitch!

Hearing these words, Mrs. Gu took her daughter's side. The Gu Mansion could offer a lot of dowries from the storage room. When Madam Gu was in charge previously, they were not able to touch any of them, but now things were different, Madame Gu could not make any decisions at all.

She turned to Gu Zhenkang directly. "Old Master, Ruxue is marrying Lord Ling and we are all relying on Lord Ling for our future happiness. That ugly girl is not going to marry anyone with any background, so her dowries will be a total waste. Just give hers to Ruxue instead. In this way, Lord Ling would know how much we cherish this marriage and treat us with a better attitude!"

Gu Zhenkang got extremely displeased with Gu Chaoyan when her name was mentioned.

That was just a daughter born to a businesswoman who was never going to achieve anything in the future. If the dowries were given to her, they would be a total waste. So the dowries should be given to Ruxue.

He was in charge of the Gu Mansion now, so he could make the decision as he wanted.

He looked at Gu Ruxue and said with an affable tone, "Ruxue, don't worry, you are my most cherished daughter. I will definitely marry you off with a grand scale of dowries!"

"..."

"Chaoyan is not going to marry anyone great in her life, so her dowries would be a waste after all. I promise you that her dowries will all be yours!"

"..."

"I will talk with her in a couple of days, and she should get the point."

Gu Zhenkang did not hesitate a second before he made the decision for Gu Chaoyan.

He never thought that those dowries were from Mrs. Lin to her own daughter and they were not properties belonging to the husband, so Gu Zhenkang had no rights to make the decision...

However, Gu Ruxue was extremely glad to hear these words. She should get those dowries... Gu Chaoyan was an ugly b\*\*ch who deserved none of the good things.

She took hold of Gu Zhenkang's arms and said, "Thanks so much, Dad!"

Gu Zhenkang was very pleased. This daughter of his was marrying Lord Ling, and now she was showing so much closeness towards him. For once in all of these years, he felt that he was a great father.

At the Pear Yard.

Madame Gu asked Cai Ming to take a look at what was happening outside. She needed to be in charge of Lord Ling's proposal.