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Chapter 2701: Sky Sect 27

Gu Chaoyan gazed at Lin Xue, contemplating the words Xiaoyun had uttered. It was evident that Xiaoyun spoke out of discontent, driven by her own opinions. However, Gu Chaoyan found a certain logic in what she had said.

As Xiaoyun pointed out, managing the attire of the Heaven Emperor was no small feat. The task required precision, and only those who successfully passed the assessment in the Xing Sect were deemed qualified.

Yet, Gu Chaoyan, who had barely spent a few days in the Xing Sect, suddenly found herself thrust into the responsibility of overseeing the Heaven Emperor's clothing. It seemed inevitable that mistakes would occur, and once they did, the consequences would be irreversible. She would undoubtedly have to bear the brunt of her own missteps.

Adding to the complexity, the sect master of Xing Sect harbored a strong dislike towards her, even going so far as to wish for her removal from the sect.

Considering all these factors, a thought crossed Gu Chaoyan's mind—did the Sect Leader of Xing Sect intentionally orchestrate this situation?

"It seems like the Sect Leader wants to put the Heaven Emperor's clothing in my hands, knowing that any misstep could lead to my punishment and expulsion from the sect," Gu Chaoyan speculated.

Lin Xue attempted to offer words of comfort but found herself at a loss, realizing there was little she could dispute. Their situation had reached a point where they were pushed to the back of the mountain, with little room for anything else.

It seemed natural for the Sect Leader of Xing Sect to want them to leave.

Therefore, her guess was very likely to be like this.

Although it was a little dangerous.

But Lin Xue felt that it was a good thing.

“Chaoyan, have you considered how challenging it would be for us to encounter the Heaven Emperor without this opening? The current situation may be perilous, but the prospects of wealth and prestige are within reach. Perhaps, this is our moment,” Lin Xue expressed, a glimmer of hope in her eyes.

Despite spending numerous years in the Xing Sect, Lin Xue had never stumbled upon such a promising opportunity. What more could one ask for?

Gu Chaoyan nodded in agreement.

Lin Xue’s perspective struck a chord with her.

Her purpose in joining the Sky Sect differed from that of others. She aspired to meet the Heaven Emperor and pose some pressing questions to him.

If she could seize this chance to encounter the Heaven Emperor and address her inquiries, whether her future lay in the Sky Sect became inconsequential. Her sole focus was gaining the knowledge she sought.

Eagerly, she hoped for the opportunity to arise sooner rather than later.

Gu Chaoyan reflected inwardly, contemplating her own thoughts.

“What about you? Whose presence are you eager to secure?” Gu Chaoyan inquired.

“A person in the clouds. I still don’t know who he is, but after you go, I will have a chance to find him,” Lin Xue said with a smile.

In her eyes was the light of hope.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, wondering how she could help Lin Xue.

When she returned to the bed, Gu Chaoyan was still thinking about what to do next.

The following morning...

Gu Chaoyan did not dare to delay any further.

She went straight to the Sect Leader of Xing Sect and waited to start her new mission.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect dared not linger; his authority did not afford him such liberties.

Unaware of Gu Chaoyan's perception of his intentions, the Sect Leader found himself grappling with his own troubles.

Why had the Heaven Emperor chosen Gu Chaoyan? If she excelled in her duties, it could potentially propel her beyond the standing of the Sect Leader himself. The prospect of being surpassed by someone like her left the Sect Leader deeply unsettled.

He regarded Gu Chaoyan with a complex expression.

"Let me guide you through the process of familiarizing yourself with the care of the Heaven Emperor's garments first. We'll proceed to the celestial realms later," he stated, his tone carrying a mixture of obligation and reluctance.

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What else could Gu Chaoyan say? She could only nod and acknowledge the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

After all, he was the Sect Leader of Xing Sect. Whatever he said, he would do.

She followed.

The Heaven Emperor was different from the others.

Within the Xing Sect, garments were meticulously managed based on hierarchical divisions. The residents of the celestial realms had dedicated caretakers for their clothing needs, as did the members of other sects, each operating in separate spheres.

However, the Heaven Emperor's attire was an exception—it stood alone in its exclusive pool.

“While you can seek Lin Xue's assistance for routine matters, only you have the authority to send it to the clouds,” instructed the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

In theory, only one individual held the responsibility for the Heaven Emperor's clothing, initially shouldered by Xiaoyun.

Xiaoyun had proven herself more than capable of handling such responsibilities.

However, harboring concerns about Gu Chaoyan's perceived incompetence, the Sect Leader sought Lin Xue's aid, hoping to avert any potential mishaps. Beyond personal worries, the Sect Leader aimed to shield the Xing Sect from blame, a scenario he vehemently wished to avoid.

The Xing Sect had long occupied a lower status within the Sky Sect hierarchy. Avoiding unnecessary ventures became a fundamental strategy for maintaining the Sect Leader's standing in the eyes of the Sky Sect.

If something went wrong in the clouds, he would not be able to cover it up.

“Remember, you must be very, very careful. Nothing must go wrong. Neither you nor I have the ability to bear it,” the Sect Leader of Xing Sect said in a rare serious tone.

Gu Chaoyan suddenly got distracted.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect didn't seem to be lying. He didn't seem to want anything to happen to her.

Wasn't that what he'd set her up to do? To make her go wrong?

Gu Chaoyan suddenly got confused.

Amid her uncertainty, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect swiftly moved forward with the next phase.

“We’re heading to the clouds now. Memorize the designated route—no aimless wandering. Whether it’s the clouds or other sects, nonchalant strolls are off-limits. Stick to your path, and all will be well,” the Sect Leader emphasized, handing Gu Chaoyan an authority token with limited significance. “This token grants access to specific areas. Don’t dwell on it too much.”

Gu Chaoyan nodded, sensing an underlying caution from the Sect Leader, as if he anticipated potential missteps.

Despite her discontent, Gu Chaoyan chose to remain silent and followed their lead.

The route proved straightforward, a predetermined path barring any casual detours.

Upon reaching the clouds, the Sect Leader escorted her directly to the Heaven Emperor’s palace. Specific garments awaited, exclusively reserved for the Heaven Emperor’s use. No interaction with the Heaven Emperor was required; her sole duty was to place the clothes in their designated location.

Then her mission was complete, and she went straight down the mountain.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was afraid that she would do something wrong. He reminded her repeatedly, afraid that something would go wrong in the future.

Gu Chaoyan felt helpless.

The matter was so simple that she would not make a mistake on a business trip.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect also treated her like a fool.

“Tomorrow, you will come alone. You must be careful and not make any mistakes, understand?” The Sect Leader of Xing Sect continued to nag.

Gu Chaoyan nodded helplessly.

Upon her return, Gu Chaoyan carried a substantial load of clothing with her. A brief survey of her surroundings yielded no sight of the Heaven Emperor.

A touch of melancholy settled within her. It seemed that the opportunity to encounter the Heaven Emperor during this assignment eluded her grasp.

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Gu Chaoyan was feeling very melancholic, because she found that this task was very difficult and she could not see the Heaven Emperor at all. She had no idea that a pair of eyes were staring at her from a distance.

These eyes were the Heaven Emperor's eyes.

There was a hint of excitement on his face, but his eyes were filled with anticipation.

In the future, after she was in charge of this task, he would be able to see her every day. Moreover, his clothes would be completely washed by her.

In the past, he had never dared to think about such a thing.

He was proud of Yan Su, even in front of the Heaven Emperor. There had never been a Heaven Emperor like him in her world. All she had was to defeat him.

Now, it was probably what he really wanted in the past.

Now, it was so easy for her to appear in front of him.

As Gu Chaoyan turned around, a subconscious inkling told her that someone had been observing her.

The Heaven Emperor swiftly averted his gaze upon realizing he had been caught.

Carefully scanning her surroundings, Gu Chaoyan found no onlookers. In the realm of clouds, solitude prevailed, leaving her puzzled by her own suspicions. Why would anyone be scrutinizing her in this secluded space?

Observing her surveying the area, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect reproached, "Focus on your task here; there's no need to wander with your eyes. Complete your duty and leave. This is the clouds, not a place for idle curiosity."

Though dissatisfied, Gu Chaoyan withheld her words. As the Sect Leader, she held a subordinate role, and in this realm, she was bound to follow the orders of others, unlike in the Demon Clan where she enjoyed a different status.

Could she still talk back?

She left with a helpless expression.

Behind them, the Heaven Emperor seethed with anger at the unfolding scene.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect, normally beyond reproach, found himself the target of the Heaven Emperor's uncharacteristic outburst.

It appeared that the Sect Leader had been enjoying a bit too much comfort lately, a notion the Heaven Emperor vowed to address. Internalizing his discontent, he resolved to settle scores with the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

Unaware of the brewing storm, the Sect Leader continued his scolding of Gu Chaoyan, descending the mountain with a palpable fear that her actions might bring trouble upon him.

Reluctantly, Gu Chaoyan acquiesced to the situation.

The Heaven Emperor, now questioning his decision to appoint the Sect Leader, lamented the lack of foresight. The Sect Leader's apparent incompetence left the Heaven Emperor regretting his choice, wondering how someone so ill-equipped could hold the position of Sect Leader.

Reflecting on the situation, the Heaven Emperor contemplated how, if not for his age and inactivity, he wouldn't have bestowed the position upon such an inept leader.

Gu Chaoyan found herself handpicked for this task by the Heaven Emperor, raising suspicions about potential ulterior motives owing to their acquaintance.

While other sect masters might discreetly handle such matters, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect seemed oblivious to this subtlety. His constant worry hinted at a fear that Gu Chaoyan might inadvertently cause trouble for him.

In the vast expanse of the Sky Sect, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect appeared to be the least astute, a realization that led to self-contempt for his disdain towards others' perceived stupidity.

The Heaven Emperor, vexed by these thoughts, resolved to cease dwelling on the matter.

The ensuing days passed quietly, with the Heaven Emperor avoiding encounters with the Sect Leader of Xing Sect. Gu Chaoyan, however, became a constant presence, improving the Heaven Emperor's mood.

Yet, from Gu Chaoyan's perspective, the job was isolating. A solitary endeavor, she seldom encountered others even when navigating the celestial realms.

However...

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Lin Xue was extremely excited.

Every time Gu Chaoyan was about to go to the clouds, Lin Xue would be full of hope, thinking that Gu Chaoyan would be able to see the Heaven Emperor and that she would see him the next time.

But Gu Chaoyan acted as if she was in a one-man show.

She felt that the chances were slim, but every time she saw Lin Xue's face, she couldn't bear to tell the truth. She continued to wait with hope.

Of course, they were completely unaware of one thing.

The Heaven Emperor, whom they had been planning to meet, had actually been watching them the entire time. In fact, he had already met them.

The two of them continued to wash their clothes.

A person came in quietly from outside.

Gu Chaoyan swiftly turned, sensing the movement in an instant. Her guard was up, ready to strike at a moment's notice.

Upon recognizing the person, she relaxed her stance and calmly questioned in a hushed tone, "What brings you here?"

Setting aside what she held, she ushered him to a slightly more secure spot. Although there wasn't much tangible difference, Gu Chaoyan instinctively deemed this location safer.

"We're not in the secluded back of the mountain, and there are too many watchful eyes here. Any misstep could lead to trouble. How did you manage to navigate through the crowd without being noticed? Discovery here could bring complications not just for you but for the Sky Sect as well," Gu Chaoyan cautioned. Her focus was on meeting the Heaven Emperor, but their goals were different—they were invested in the future of the Sky Sect.

Errors in their actions could prove costly.

The Heaven Emperor noticed the concern in Gu Chaoyan's eyes and found a strange warmth within. Embracing his current persona, he was troubled by the thought of explaining himself in the future. What if he could maintain this identity? The idea appealed to him, especially if it meant eliciting worry from her.

Did this fool realize he was the Sky Sect's most formidable figure? Actions held no consequences for him, except in her presence.

“Don’t fret. I’m confident in my ability to remain undetected. I’m here just to ensure your well-being and will depart shortly,” the Heaven Emperor reassured, mirroring Gu Chaoyan’s soft tone.

Her assurance put Gu Chaoyan at ease, appreciating his thoroughness.

“I didn’t anticipate you reaping benefits from this unfortunate situation. The current circumstances seem preferable to the back mountain,” the Heaven Emperor remarked, expressing a sense of approval.

Lin Xue nodded in agreement, pleased with the turn of events. However, Gu Chaoyan’s demeanor didn’t reflect the same happiness.

“We exercise caution daily, and the Xing Sect’s leader constantly frets over potential mishaps, mentioning the name incessantly. It’s not as serene as the back mountain; there’s a constant air of tension. I miss the tranquility of the clouds and the company of familiar faces,” Gu Chaoyan shared with a hint of seriousness.

The Heaven Emperor was deep in thought.

He could not reveal his identity yet.

If he was exposed, how would he explain himself?

This was a very important matter.

But what Chaoyan said made his heart ache.

He felt that it shouldn’t be like this.

It seemed that he had to think of a way to prevent Chaoyan from being bullied by that stupid old man from the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

“It’s a good thing anyway, so don’t think too much about it. That old man is just being long-winded. Just don’t take it to heart,” the Heaven Emperor consoled.

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Although the Heaven Emperor was very dissatisfied with the Sect Leader of Xing Sect's evil deeds, he only offered a few words of comfort. As for what to do, he would have to take it slow in the future.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, thinking that what Heaven said made sense.

It was just an old man who was a little long-winded. He just put one ear in and out and didn't take it to heart. Actually, it didn't have much of an impact.

Gu Chaoyan smiled. "You are right."

"..."

"Don't worry, we are doing well. You, on the other hand, need to train well. If there is nothing important, don't show up here all the time. It is not good to be caught, it will affect you." Gu Chaoyan said.

Heaven was really not bad.

He had only eaten a little of her food, but he was so dedicated to bringing them to the banquet. Even now, he still cared about them so much.

That was why Gu Chaoyan had to protect him.

The Heaven Emperor still wanted to retort, but in the end, he stopped and nodded obediently.

From his perspective, he relished the amusement of adopting the role of the Heaven Emperor before Gu Chaoyan, fully aware that no repercussions would touch him within the Sky Sect. He had the freedom to act as he pleased.

However, Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue perceived him differently. To them, he was merely an inconspicuous disciple donned in green attire—an existence with a lowly status. Without careful consideration, his future could easily be jeopardized. This perspective fueled their genuine concern.

There was no need for him to say anything.

He also nodded. “Don’t worry, I’ll go back first. If there’s anything, I’ll look for you again.”

He went back.

Engaging with them had become a challenge; the carefree days of playing at the back of the mountain were a distant memory. The Heaven Emperor regretted his hastiness, realizing that his impulsive decision had disrupted the ease they once shared. He should have approached things more deliberately.

Meanwhile, Gu Chaoyan and Lin Xue were engrossed in their tasks, unaffected by the Heaven Emperor’s return.

Coincidentally, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect arrived with a genuine purpose this time. However, the Heaven Emperor, already in a sour mood, frowned upon learning that the Sect Leader was mistreating Gu Chaoyan. His opinion of the Xing Sect leader soured even more, and he found himself caring less about any consequences that might befall him.

With a cold expression, the Heaven Emperor inquired, “What’s the matter? How does a modest sect like yours find itself entangled in so many affairs?”

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect hesitated, sensing that his urgency may have been misguided. Nonetheless, since he was already there, admitting that everything was fine might be worse.

Summoning courage, he explained, “It’s about Xiaoyun, who used to oversee your attire. She’s been put on hold now. According to our past practices, she should serve as a maid in your palace. The decision was abrupt back then, and we never finalized it. Now, with time passed, I thought it best to address the matter.”

The Heaven Emperor looked at the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

He did not notice the person in front at all.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was right.

However, he looked down on some of the people he liked.

Letting her come to his palace was better saved.

Still.

He could arrange for someone to stay in the palace.

“Since that’s the case, let her continue to be in charge of the original matters. There’s no need for her to be a maid in my palace.”

Chapter 2706: Sky Sect 32

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was completely stunned by the Heaven Emperor’s words.

He instructed Xiaoyun to continue managing the Heaven Emperor’s wardrobe, a duty originally designated for Gu Chaoyan. However, Gu Chaoyan had been appointed by the Heaven Emperor himself for this task.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect found himself bewildered by the sudden turn of events. Puzzled, he looked at the Heaven Emperor and questioned, “What should we do with Gu Chaoyan? Should we send her back to the back mountain?”

With no alternative plan in mind, the Sect Leader couldn’t fathom any other resolution. Gu Chaoyan had not committed any wrongdoing; it was Xiaoyun’s desire to take on the responsibility. Consequently, if Xiaoyun were to assume the role, Gu Chaoyan would have no place within the Xing Sect. The only plausible option seemed to be sending her back to the back mountain.

The Heaven Emperor, incensed by the Sect Leader’s apparent lack of understanding, cast a cold gaze. He was profoundly displeased.

To the Heaven Emperor, it seemed unfathomable that Gu Chaoyan would be relegated to the back of the mountain. He couldn't comprehend the Sect Leader's decision.

Expressing his frustration, the Heaven Emperor stopped just short of outright admonishing the Sect Leader. Instead, he commanded, "Arrange for her to serve as a maid in my palace."

"Huh?" The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was taken aback.

Assign Gu Chaoyan to the Heaven Emperor Palace?

Concerned about her recent performance and fearing potential issues, the Sect Leader hesitated. "But she's only been handling the clothes for a short time, and her performance isn't stellar. Directly placing her in your palace might not be suitable. It could lead to complications, and I worry she might cause trouble!"

Since ancient times, there had never been such a precedent.

Those who went to the Heaven Emperor's place as maidservants had to go through countless trials and tribulations before they could be arranged there.

There was no such thing. She had only entered the sect for a short period of time and had caused quite a bit of trouble. She hadn't even done much work before she was sent directly to the Heaven Emperor.

He was worried, really worried.

He wanted to stop that.

The Heaven Emperor frowned. "Is the Sky Sect yours or mine?"

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was shocked and hurriedly replied, "It's yours, Heaven Emperor."

The Heaven Emperor's fury escalated as he retorted, "Then why are you spouting so much nonsense? Are my words worthless?"

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect, cautious not to offend his superior, quickly denied any disregard for the Heaven Emperor's words. "No," he stammered, "I just don't think there's any precedent for this. I'm concerned that she won't excel in the role and might cause trouble for you, Heaven Emperor."

The Sect Leader's thoughts were straightforward, but the Heaven Emperor was unswayed by them. In his eyes, only his perspective held weight. Responding brusquely, he declared, "I'll arrange it now."

Only then did the Heaven Emperor's anger begin to dissipate. Waving his hand dismissively, he signaled for the Sect Leader to leave, expressing a clear desire to end the conversation.

Once the Sect Leader of Xing Sect exited, the Heaven Emperor felt a slight relief. He harbored a deep dislike for the Sect Leader, finding fault in his approach to handling matters and interactions with others.

But...

Even if he didn't like it, it was fine.

He was indeed suitable to be the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

He was very honest. He did what he had to do and followed the rules. That was why nothing went wrong.

Although they were just some people in charge of miscellaneous matters, if they were sneaky, they might cause trouble.

Therefore...

No matter how angry he was, he had never considered really replacing this Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

As he thought about this...

The Heaven Emperor's mood improved significantly.

Another thing that made him happy was Gu Chaoyan's matter.

When he became a maid in the palace in the future, he would be able to see her with his own eyes.

It was much better than sneaking around now.

But...

She had met Heaven before.

How to deal with this matter was a problem.

Chapter 2707: Sky Sect 33

If she knew that she was Heaven, would she misunderstand and think that he was lying to her?

The Heaven Emperor found himself regretting his earlier playfulness. If he hadn't acted that way, perhaps none of this would have transpired. Now, he had to conceal his regrets and navigate the consequences.

Furrowing his brow, he contemplated his next steps.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect returned to the sect with a helpless expression and lingering fear. The situation with Xiaoyun had an explanation, but why did it seem to be escalating?

The Sect Leader was visibly distressed.

Upon her return to the Xing Sect, she sought out Xiaoyun and Gu Chaoyan. Given the Heaven Emperor's simultaneous arrangements for both, she had to address the matter promptly.

"Xiaoyun, you're now in charge of these female officials. For the time being, you won't handle the other duty. Continue overseeing the Heaven Emperor's clothes," instructed the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

Xiaoyun appeared slightly disappointed.

She wasn't going to the Heaven Emperor's palace as a maid? Instead, she was returning here?

It wasn't an entirely positive development, but it wasn't negative either. At least, it was better than the current situation. She would persist in managing the Heaven Emperor's clothes. When the opportune moment presented itself, she could still transition into a maid role. Regardless, staying in the palace indefinitely was not an option.

But...

She knew her place.

She was also a little puzzled. If she continued to be in charge of the Heaven Emperor's clothes, then what about this person?

What was she responsible for?

Xiaoyun had her own questions, and so did Gu Chaoyan.

Xiaoyun continued to be in charge of her original tasks. What about her?

Now responsible for the Heaven Emperor's attire, could she find solace in returning to the mountains?

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect, eyeing Gu Chaoyan, was hesitant about making any arrangements. Yet, the Heaven Emperor had already dictated the course of action, leaving him with little choice.

In reluctant frustration, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect declared, "Gu Chaoyan, starting from tomorrow, you will serve as a maid in the court of the Heaven Emperor. As a member of the Celestial Thearch's court, you will be among the celestial beings. Although you will no longer be under Xing Sect's direct jurisdiction, remember, you're still a representative of our sect. Exercise caution and refrain from bringing shame to Xing Sect. Success in your duties is imperative; failure

might mean more than losing the maid position—you might find yourself unable to return at all. Don't underestimate the challenges that lie ahead."

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect rambled on unhappily.

After saying that, he was slightly satisfied.

Gu Chaoyan was still in the intermediate state of shock, so she did not have time to listen to what the Sect Leader of Xing Sect said.

She was going to be a maid in the Heaven Emperor's palace?

How could it be so fast?

It felt as if someone was helping her without her doing anything.

These things came suddenly and she was at a loss.

Xiaoyun was more angry than shocked.

Why?

No matter what, this job was the one she had been on for the longest. Logically speaking, it should have been hers. How could it be the turn of such an unknown person?

Why?

Resentment simmered in Xiaoyun's gaze as she regarded the Sect Leader of Xing Sect. The perceived bias from the sect leader left her feeling unfairly treated.

She couldn't help but wonder if the Sect Leader's actions were driven by prejudice. How else could she find herself entangled in such an unjust situation?

However, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect remained indifferent to Xiaoyun's resentment. He continued focusing on instructing Gu Chaoyan, harboring concerns that she might bring about embarrassment. After all, she was the one ascending to the celestial court.

Gu Chaoyan, caught in the middle, felt a sense of helplessness. The Sect Leader's apparent bias against her weighed heavily on her shoulders.

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Despite his evident concern, the Sect Leader found himself obligated to entrust Gu Chaoyan with such a crucial responsibility. Perplexed, she couldn't discern his true intentions. Was he scheming against her, employing this task as a means to an end?

Gu Chaoyan weighed the options. If she flawlessly managed the Heaven Emperor's attire, she could transition to the role of a maidservant. However, any mishap could lead to dire consequences, possibly eternal damnation. Moreover, she couldn't shake the fact that she was still a member of Xing Sect.

This perspective led Gu Chaoyan to question the Sect Leader's motives. She couldn't make sense of his actions unless he harbored some hidden agenda.

As these thoughts occupied her mind, the Sect Leader of Xing Sect continued his mutterings, oblivious to the turmoil within Gu Chaoyan.

Xiaoyun remained silent. The coveted job didn't bring her joy, overshadowed by the tense atmosphere.

Gu Chaoyan, feeling the intensity of Xiaoyun's glare, couldn't help but sense a burning sensation on her left side. She believed herself to be innocent, blaming the Sect Leader for assigning the role. Why was he placing so much blame on her? It was as if she had the liberty to choose her own position—a choice she would likely not have made if given the chance to decide.

What was so good about being a maid? If she took a step too quickly, she would flash to her waist.

Gu Chaoyan, on the other hand, was getting impatient. She said straightforwardly, "Sect Leader, I got it. Nothing will go wrong."

“Nothing will go wrong? There are many things that can go wrong with a person like you,” the Sect Leader of Xing Sect retorted bluntly.

Gu Chaoyan rolled her eyes. “Then why do you want me to be a maid in the Heaven Emperor’s Palace? Aren’t you worried that something might happen to me? I think that I should continue to take care of the clothes and find someone else to do the maid’s work.”

She didn’t want to go anyway.

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect was stunned.

This task was personally arranged by the Celestial Thearch, and it wasn’t him. He definitely wouldn’t be willing.

However, he definitely couldn’t say it directly.

It could only be him.

However, she was unwilling? That was impossible!

The Sect Leader of Xing Sect could no longer maintain composure. “This is non-negotiable. You are you,” he asserted firmly. “Rest well; I’ll escort you to the celestial court tomorrow.”

With these words, he swiftly departed, anxious that Gu Chaoyan might backtrack on the agreement and create complications.

Initially elated, Xiaoyun’s mood took a sharp downturn. The realization that there was no escaping this fate dampened her spirits.

Frustration prevented her from confronting the Sect Leader, so she directed her glare at Gu Chaoyan. “I don’t know what the Sect Leader sees in you, but relying on unconventional methods won’t get you far in the Sky Sect. Enjoy your pride now, but it won’t last. Sooner or later, you’ll stumble and face the consequences,” she warned with a venomous tone.

“...”

“I’m waiting to see that day,” Xiaoyun said with displeasure.

Gu Chaoyan was feeling helpless.

She knew this too.

However, she did not take the unorthodox path.

She was also inexplicably confused, okay?

Don’t think that just because she was willing, she wasn’t willing, okay?

Xiaoyun left fiercely.

Gu Chaoyan had no choice but to leave.

Lin Xue was still very happy when she told her the news, but Gu Chaoyan did not smile at all.

She felt that things were very strange, but she didn’t know why.

Feeling the weight of numerous uncertainties, Gu Chaoyan experienced a heightened sense of pressure. She couldn’t afford to let her guard down, fully aware of the challenges awaiting her. Employment in the Heaven Emperor’s palace was no laughing matter.

The night dragged on, with Gu Chaoyan foregoing sleep entirely.

With the arrival of dawn, she sought out the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

However, the Sect Leader remained unusually silent that day, offering no further words.

Chapter 2709: Sky Sect 36

It was because the Sect Leader of Xing Sect was worried. He was worried that she wouldn't be willing to go if he continued nagging. What should he do? He wouldn't be able to answer to the Heaven Emperor, and the Heaven Emperor would definitely vent his anger on him.

He did not want to take the risk. He only wanted to be the Sect Leader of Xing Sect.

If he could not become the Sect Leader of Xing Sect, he would really be finished.

So he behaved himself and did not give Gu Chaoyan any chance to get angry.

He brought her to the clouds.

When she arrived at the clouds, Gu Chaoyan still felt a bit nervous. If she became a maid in the palace, she would no longer be in charge of the Xing Sect, but the clouds.

The rules here were strict, but it was not as good as in the Xing Sect.

Although the Sect Leader of Xing Sect was usually very naggy and prejudiced, he was an honest person.

He didn't really do anything to hurt others.

But when it came to the clouds, Gu Chaoyan could not guarantee anything.

Therefore, he was more or less a little nervous.

"In the future, you'll oversee matters in the Heaven Emperor Palace, attending to his daily life and sustenance. You'll receive guidance, but I caution you against making errors. The Heavenly Palace has few inhabitants, and you'll be solely responsible. No one will come to your aid, and any misstep will result in punishment," the Sect Leader of Xing Sect warned.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

She more or less knew about this.

She came here every day and found that there were very few people in the palace.

Gu Chaoyan started to learn from the people in charge.

The Heavenly Palace was not big, and there were many rules. There were a lot of things to do.

Gu Chaoyan did not finish learning until the sky turned dark.

After the lesson, Gu Chaoyan subconsciously followed the Sect Leader of Xing Sect home.

Just as he was about to depart the Heavenly Palace, he found himself halted.

“From now on, you will reside in the Heavenly Palace,” declared the Sect Leader of Xing Sect, leaving in haste, seemingly anxious to distance himself from any potential entanglements involving Gu Chaoyan.

Unaccustomed to this change, Gu Chaoyan felt a sense of confusion. She had grown accustomed to following the Sect Leader of Xing Sect, and without that guidance, she felt adrift.

The elderly maid accompanying her offered no additional information. She guided Gu Chaoyan to her designated resting place and promptly departed.

Surveying the opulent surroundings, Gu Chaoyan couldn't shake the feeling that everything resembled a dream. Since her arrival at the Sky Sect, she had been navigating a series of unpredictable events, unsure of what each day would bring.

Contemplating when she would have the opportunity to engage with the Heaven Emperor and seek answers about her predicament, Gu Chaoyan succumbed to exhaustion and gradually drifted into slumber.

Unbeknownst to her, as she lay in peaceful sleep, a figure silently approached her bedside.

The Heaven Emperor, his gaze intense, observed her with a burning determination.

Little did Gu Chaoyan know, many aspects of her journey were aligning with the Heaven Emperor's cunning plan.

However...

However, when he really saw her, everything was messed up again.

She was in the Heavenly Palace now. He had been too anxious.

He wondered if she would be able to face all this so soon.

Bathed in the moonlight, the Heaven Emperor's hand tenderly brushed against Gu Chaoyan's face. Her features, delicate and slightly furrowed in slumber, hinted at a subconscious unease within this unfamiliar celestial environment.

Sensing a presence, Gu Chaoyan instinctively extended her hand. Startled, the Heaven Emperor withdrew his touch, careful not to disturb her peace. Gu Chaoyan, still asleep, remained oblivious to the brief interruption.

The night unfolded at a languid pace, though for the Heaven Emperor, it felt remarkably short. A sense of urgency weighed on him—it seemed his departure was imminent.

Rushing back to his responsibilities, the Heaven Emperor returned, coinciding with Gu Chaoyan's awakening.

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She opened her eyes and looked at the unfamiliar environment before her.

Although this house was not big, she lived here alone, so the environment was not bad.

In Lin Xue's absence, Gu Chaoyan found it difficult to sleep well. A persistent feeling of someone's presence lingered in the room, even though the likelihood of an actual intruder was slim. Unfazed, she dismissed it, but a complex unease settled within her.

After mustering herself, Gu Chaoyan prepared for her maid duties and ventured out, marking the beginning of her encounters with the Heaven Emperor.

Nervousness gripped her as she contemplated the impending meeting. Questions loomed in her mind, and the uncertainty only intensified her unease.

Entering the Heaven Emperor's Palace with lowered eyes, Gu Chaoyan was met with a hushed instruction from the maid who had previously guided her. "Why are you so late? Go serve the Heaven Emperor his meal."

She offered a shy smile, aware that she wasn't tardy; in fact, she had followed the time set by her instructor. Unbeknownst to her, the Heaven Emperor had spent the night in her room, prompting him to rise early for breakfast.

That was why the situation was like this.

Of course, the Heaven Emperor wouldn't know such details.

Gu Chaoyan looked around. Apart from the maid, there was no one else in the court. The Heaven Emperor was sitting there alone, waiting for someone to serve him.

Gu Chaoyan got bolder and sized up the Heaven Emperor.

Gu Chaoyan was slightly disappointed when she saw the Heaven Emperor. She had wanted to see if the Heaven Emperor looked the same as Huaijin, but the Heaven Emperor was wearing a silver mask, so she could not see his real face.

He sat upright. It was unknown if there was any expression on his face, but he really did not move.

Gu Chaoyan found him very familiar, as if she had seen him somewhere before.

Gu Chaoyan's task was very simple.

She was responsible for putting whatever the Heaven Emperor wanted into his bowl.

Still.

Gu Chaoyan had no idea what the Heaven Emperor liked.

She chose whatever she could see.

The Heaven Emperor wasn't picky, and he ate just like that.

He ate very slowly, very slowly.

Gu Chaoyan, on the other hand, stood there quietly with other maids supervising her. Gu Chaoyan did not dare to do anything reckless.

For some reason, the Heaven Emperor took two hours to finish his breakfast.

Gu Chaoyan felt very tired. This job was even more tiring than washing clothes.

Two hours later, the Heaven Emperor slowly rose to his feet.

He didn't eat much. He just ate slowly.

People who cultivated needed very little food.

Gu Chaoyan heaved a long sigh.

The Heaven Emperor didn't say anything, but the maid spoke. "The Heaven Emperor needs to sleep for a while. Stay by his side and watch over him. Remember not to let anyone disturb him."

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Then she started to drive the wagon to that direction.

The Heaven Emperor did not say anything, but lay down to rest. Gu Chaoyan had to wait on him.

There was no specific need for her to do anything. She just waited at the side.

Gu Chaoyan looked at the mask that he still had not taken off. The Celestial Thearch was a very cold man. He had not said a word for so long.

She wondered when she would have the chance to talk to him, so she could ask him about Huaijin.

Meanwhile, the Heaven Emperor had already fallen asleep.