

Divine 301

Chapter 301: Mistaken?

As Lord Huai, Zhou Huaijin grew up in the imperial court where conspiracies and evil minds were found everywhere. And as the most beloved son of the King, he was inevitably confronted with conspiracies. Therefore, he had never relaxed, except when he was with Gu Chaoyan. That was when he could totally relax and stopped thinking about those plans.

“You are a smart guy, how could you not think of this point?” Gu Chaoyan looked a little worried – she had expected more of him. Then she explained. “He is such an excellent brewer, a loyal one too! Of course, we should get him to work for us. We might not have been able to do that before, but now the Elder Princess has hurt him so deeply. It will be much easier for us to get him.”

Gu Chaoyan looked a little proud as she was talking.

Actually, Gu Chaoyan had not thought about getting that man to work for her, but at the contest, he took the pill given by County Princess Anxi without any hesitation. That meant that this man was honest and loyal. He was going to be very practical for her!

With a hand supporting his head, Zhou Huaijin opened and closed his mouth as he watched her delivering the speech. Then he pulled her over.

Being pulled over all of a sudden, Gu Chaoyan lost her balance and fell upon Zhou Huaijin. Subconsciously, Gu Chaoyan tried to get up.

With the beautiful girl in his arms, Zhou Huaijin would not release her so easily. He reached for her and held her tightly, staring at Gu Chaoyan with bright eyes.

Gu Chaoyan’s entire face flushed and her mind froze for a moment. A long while later, she staggered. “You... you are drunk, I will get Fu Bao to take care of you.”

“I am not drunk.” Zhou Huaijin replied resolutely, as he approached Gu Chaoyan.

“You are really drunk!” Gu Chaoyan stiffened. She looked very nervous, as she tried to get rid of Zhou Huaijin.

Zhou Huaijin thought that she was just being shy, so he put some force into his grip. However, when he noticed that he was wrong, he released his hands and caressed her head. “Don’t be afraid, I am not drunk, really.”

Gu Chaoyan calmed down a little. She was not scared, it was just that she had never been so close to anybody and that made her nervous, just subconscious nervousness.

Zhou Huaijin caressed her head and moved away from her, fearing that she would be scared. Then he thought for a while and said, “Sword One, come in and serve some tea for your miss.”

Sword One had just walked a step away when she heard her name called, so she rushed in directly. She had thought about letting Lord and Miss spend some time alone together, and thought that she was not needed.

Soon she came with a kettle of tea. “Miss...” Then she put down the kettle, thought for a while and said, “I... will be going out now?”

“Just stay here.” Gu Chaoyan stressed.

Sword One was shocked.

At the Gu Mansion.

Zhou Huaiyu had made a deal with Gu Chaoyan that when the money was ready, he would get the money delivered to the Gu Mansion. He had thought about asking his men to do the job, when he realized that he could do it himself – he was available today, anyway.

When Chen Fu passed on the message to Gu Zhenkang, he thought that he heard it wrong. “Lord Yu is here? Are you sure?”

Chen Fu shook his head and said resolutely. “Old Master, I would never mistake Lord Yu. Also, no one would dare to impersonate him, would they?”

Chapter 302: Lord Yu’s Visit 1

Hearing what Chen Fu said, Gu Zhenkang got totally assured – it must be Lord Yu who was at the door. He struck the table heavily, looking very pleased.

Well, he did not have to suspect anything. The Gu Mansion at the moment was completely different than before. Ruxue was marrying Lord Ling, so it was going to be very normal for them to receive some lords here and there. He should have been prepared for this kind of situation. Gu Zhenkang patted his head and reminded himself about that.

He assumed that Lord Yu was here to visit him.

He thought for a while and turned a calm look at Chen Fu – Lord Yu must be here to talk about some alliances! Ruxue was marrying Lord Ling, and Lord Yu might need someone too. Luckily, he had a daughter, who was yet to become an adult, at the mansion. Gu Zhenkang showed a smiling expression. “Chen Fu, go and bring the Third Lady here, and make sure she is dressed properly! She will have a great future, do you understand that?”

Chen Fu nodded constantly. He did not understand – the Gu Mansion was never a family clan big enough to be looked up in the capital city. So why did Lords keep coming to their place these days? Could that have been a blessing from God?

However, that was not for him, a servant, to think about. Chen Fu rushed to the back yard, fearing that he would be blamed by the Third Lady because of his slight delay. After all, a marital alliance was a huge matter.

As Chen Fu came around, Gu Xiuying was throwing her temper at a maid, but she stopped suddenly at the sight of Chen Fu. She was quite surprised to see Chen Fu here – after all, he barely came to this place.

Gu Ruxue, who was one of the concubine's daughters, already put everyone else in the shade.

Now she was marrying Lord Ling, and the whole mansion was paying their full attention upon her. They never thought about the other daughters. Gu Xiuying suddenly felt that she was even worse than Gu Chaoyan the b***h, at least she was always mentioned by others in the mansion.

Ignored by the whole mansion, Gu Xiuying even showed a touch of flattering smile on her face at the sight of the butler. "Butler Chen, do you need anything from me?"

Chen Fu was not used to this kind of attitude of hers. Instead of accepting the water given by the maid, he said with courtesy. "Old Master is asking me to tell you that you should get dressed and come to the front yard."

Getting dressed? Coming to the front yard?

Gu Xiuying smiled brightly – were they arranging a marital affair for her now?

Hearing the good news, she kept on asking Chen Fu. "Which family is the young master from?"

"He is not a young master."

Before Chen Fu could finish the words, Gu Xiuying looked disappointed. She went back to her seat, refusing to move.

"Third Lady, please hurry up, he is not Young Master but Lord Yu! Don't be late, please." Chen Fu said helplessly.

"What?!!" Gu Xiuying's eyes brightened. A lord? She had the chance to marry a lord?

Instead of asking anything more, she went into the room and started to get dressed.

Outside the Gu Mansion...

Gu Zhenkang went to greet Zhou Huaiyu personally. The moment he saw the man, Gu Zhenkang felt that he should not have suspected a thing about his identity – those sons of the King resembled the King very much. All of them were very handsome.

Judging from the air and his face, he must be Lord Yu, for sure.

Chapter 303: Lord Yu's Visit 2

Gu Zhenkang greeted Zhou Huaiyu politely. "Greetings, Lord Yu."

He was so obedient.

Zhou Huaiyu had been quite glad until he noticed that something was wrong. Gu Zhenkang did not resemble Chaoyan. He thought for a while and realized that Chaoyan never showed him any courtesy, and she had never even greeted him properly either. Whatever, he was quite glad that the Gu Mansion treated him politely.

Since it was Chaoyan's father, he also showed him equal courtesy. He reached out for him and helped him up. "It is okay, Officer Gu."

After Lord Yu's help Gu Zhenkang showed a bright smile.

Sure enough, he was here for one of his daughters.

Well, he knew that the Gu Mansion was just going through some bitterness before a hugely luxurious life was around the corner.

Now Ruxue was marrying Lord Ling and if Xiuying could marry Lord Yu... all would be great. In this way, the Gu Mansion would be guaranteed to have a bright future. After all, Chaoyan, the annoying girl, could still work for Lord Yu, and Lord Yu would care a little about her. Whoever was going to be the King in the future, the Gu Mansion was safe. At least one of them was going to have an endlessly luxurious life. At that time, he would be granted the title of "The King's Father-in-Law."

Gu Zhenkang was in an even better mood as he thought about this. He would have gone to his mother at Pear Garden and told his mother about all of these, if not for Lord Yu's presence. He would have shown her how he was bringing the Gu Mansion further and further into a bright future.

Leading the way, Zhou Huaiyu had no idea that Gu Zhenkang had made such a huge plan inside his head within a brief period of time.

However, the moment he walked into the hall, he had a feeling that some woman was staring at him. Feeling unassured, Zhou Huaiyu took a look around for the woman and sat down, but no one else was in the hall.

Zhou Huaiyu waved at Gu Xiuying.

Deeply pleased, Gu Xiuying thought that Lord Yu was here for her. Could it have been the visit to the temple, where Lord Yu spotted her beautiful face, that caused him to come to her door today?

If that was the case, she would like to see how Gu Ruxue would reflect. After all, Lord Ling and Lord Yu were both equally noble.

Gu Xiuying walked towards Zhou Huaiyu in a pretentiously pretty way as she thought about this. "Lord, are you asking for me?"

The moment Gu Zhenkang walked in, he saw the scene and thought that the two of them had met each other. No wonder Lord Yu was here – he was going to visit Xiuying. He should take care of his second concubine from today on. Maybe he could start by spending the night there tonight. Gu Zhenkang was already getting more and more absent-minded.

Seeing the scene, Zhou Huaiyu was more sure that the woman was a maid. So he pointed at her and said, "You, serve me some tea."

Gu Xiuying found that something was wrong, but Lord Yu probably did not want to be served by a maid, so she did it herself. After all, she was serving a lord!

As he watched her serving the tea Zhou Huaiyu teased, "Officer Gu, you are not a highly-ranked man, but you are indeed living a very luxurious life – even your maid is dressed like a lady."

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What Zhou Huaiyu said made Gu Zhenkang's face twitch.

Gu Xiuying had not noticed what happened, until she turned around and saw that she was the only girl in the hall. Then she wore a very weird expression on her face.

As she came to the hall, she saw two maids standing right here. Seeing the two maids looking pretty and dressed well, she knew that the two girls were up to something. So she drove them away directly and remained here alone. So since she was alone, the lord I kept looking at her.

However, now Gu Xiuying stomped her feet and turned to Gu Zhenkang, looking rather upset. "Dad..."

Gu Zhenkang was very anxious too. He had not expected that Lord did not know Xiuying at all, but instead took her as the maid!

"Lord, this is my third daughter Xiuying, not the maid." Angry as Gu Zhenkang was, he still spoke with a polite tone. He was the lord so what more could he say?

It was also his carelessness that caused the embarrassment. Where were the maids in the hall!

Gu Zhenkang's face sank and turned to Chen Fu with a displeased look. "Chen Fu, you have been working with us for a long time and you have not made one single progress! Where are the maids? Why is no one here? Are you asking me to serve the guest?" He said with a heavy tone, though he was not bellowing at him.

With his head lowered, Chen Fu said, "It is my fault, I will get the maids here."

Gu Zhenkang let out a heavy sigh, sounding rather furious.

Chen Fu was feeling wronged too. There were maids waiting at the hall before, but the Third Lady came and beat them both before driving them away. She even stated that no maids were allowed here!

What was he supposed to do apart from obeying the Third Lady!

Now a misunderstanding was caused and he had to take the blame. With the lord here, his fault might be ignored. However, when the lord was gone, he would have to receive punishment. When Madame Gu was in charge in the past, she was never strict to the servants, but now the Gu Mansion was full of an angry air. He sighed and continued to get the maids.

In the hall, Gu Zhenkang showed a smiling face, "Lord, we are correcting that immediately."

Zhou Huaiyu frowned slightly and started to dislike Gu Zhenkang. He didn't know any rules of how to behave properly!

He should have introduced the lady when he first walked inside, otherwise he would not have taken her as the maid. Now when he, the Old Master made a mistake, he pushed the blame to the servant instead. He never cared much whether he was served. He could always serve himself.

If not for Chaoyan's sake, he would have lost his patience.

"Lord, what are you doing here today?" Gu Zhenkang asked.

Zhou Huaiyu took a deep breath. He got so pissed that he almost forgot what he was here for.

"I am here to talk with Chaoyan, please get her." Zhou Huaiyu felt much better as he thought of Gu Chaoyan. He sounded more cheerful too.

Gu Zhenkang's face sank as he heard what he said. Gu Xiuying's face turned pale too.

He was here asking for the trash, Gu Chaoyan? Gu Xiuying was so angry that her fists were tightly clenched. Why did everyone come here asking for that trash? Was she even worse than her?

Zhou Huaiyu could tell that the Gu Family was not behaving well when Chaoyan was mentioned.

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"Oh yeah?" Zhou Huaiyu asked with a flat look on his face.

He was part of the imperial family and he was used to all kinds of plans and conspiracies. When Chaoyan was not mentioned, what he was aware of was that the Gu Mansion was totally unruly, but when Chaoyan was mentioned, he knew that something was wrong judging from the two people's facial expressions.

Previously, all he knew was that Gu Chaoyan was the Elder Miss of the mansion, but he did not dig into that, but now... It seemed that the Gu Mansion, although tiny, was not as simple as it looked.

He did not seem to have noticed anyone coming to pick her up outside the Saint College the other day. So something was indeed wrong here.

Zhou Huaiyu seemed to have understood something within a short period of time, so his expression sank. Although he knew that Chaoyan was not a girl easily bullied, he was feeling very sorry for her because she had to stay at the Gu Mansion like this.

Gu Zhenkang was still wearing a smile. He did not like Gu Chaoyan, but he did not dare to show that in front of Lord Yu either. So he explained. "That girl went to the Jiang Mansion a few days ago. If you want to see her, I will get someone to bring her back home. Please hang on for a moment, or Xiuying can keep you company and give you a tour of the mansion?"

Zhou Huaiyu frowned deeply and looked very displeased. He was about to turn it down when he suddenly thought of something. There were not so many Jiang Mansions in the city, could it have been that Jiang Mansion?

"Which Jiang Mansion?" Zhou Huaiyu asked with an angry tone.

"Madame Jiang, the Queen's mother." Gu Zhenkang said and could not help but let out a touch of pride. He was going to let Zhou Huaiyu think highly of the Gu Mansion so that Xiuying could have a chance with him.

Hearing the name, Zhou Huaiyu's expression sank. He had underestimated Gu Chaoyan! Even Madame Jiang was defending her. No ladies from any family had ever been able to get close to Madame Jiang, and Madame Jiang had only the Queen as her daughter. So... he thought of Zhou Huaijin.

For some reason, he felt displeased when he thought that Gu Chaoyan might run into Zhou Huaijin at the Jiang Mansion. He did not want to cause her trouble by making her come home from the Jiang Mansion, but he still nodded. "Then go and get her. Tell her that I am here asking for her."

Hearing this, Gu Zhenkang showed a smiling face. "Okay!" Then he took a look at Gu Xiuying and continued to say, "What about Xiuying showing you around?"

Zhou Huaiyu nodded subconsciously. Well, he was just curious to see how that girl grew up and where she was living. He had no idea how someone like Gu Zhenkang got to cultivate a lovely daughter like her!

"You have many begonias here." Zhou Huaiyu stated nonchalantly, as he saw begonias everywhere in the corner of the Gu Mansion. Could it have been Gu Chaoyan's preference so the flowers were planted?

Gu Xiuying showed her face, but soon turned normal, as she answered obediently, "Sister likes it, so they were planted."

Oh really? Gu Chaoyan liked begonias? That was weird. Zhou Huaiyu smiled happily.

Chapter 306: The Meeting

When Chen Fu came to the Jiang Mansion to pass on the message with the servants, Gu Chaoyan was engaged in reading the book of The Anecdote of Saint Divine. She barely had time to read fun books in her previous life, but now she managed to read a lot at Jiang Mansion.

The Anecdote of Saint Divine was a recording book that contained lots of interesting stories, including the events happening in history.

She was reading as she told Qing a story about a beggar. Then the two of them laughed loudly under the shadows.

Seeing Chen Fu, Gu Chaoyan folded the book, stopped laughing and asked with a soft tone, "What is going on, for you to be here all of a sudden?"

Chen Fu was feeling very relaxed in front of Elder Miss. He answered calmly, "Lord Yu is at the mansion asking for you. Old Master asked me to get you home."

As Zhou Huaiyu was mentioned, Gu Chaoyan patted her own head. She almost forgot about this – back at Saint College, Zhou Huaiyu asked her if he should deliver the money to the Gu Mansion and she agreed. However, she had not expected that she would end up being at the Jiang Mansion instead.

Well, the money was very important after all they had won lots of money through the bet!

Gu Chaoyan got up instantly, "Let's go home now, we need to return before the evening."

Sword One and Qing helped to put away the stuff and left with Gu Chaoyan.

Seeing that they were having a relaxing and easy time at the Jiang Mansion, Chen Fu found that all was better here.

Chen Fu felt that Elder Miss should stay at the Jiang Mansion and never go home, but he did not dare to utter a word of those thoughts.

"Let's go, Mr. Chen." Gu Chaoyan reminded him after seeing Chen Fu's transfixed expression.

“Okay.” Chen Fu answered and followed up.

No flowers were planted at the Jiang Mansion, which was covered by bamboo. Compared to the colorful scene at the Gu Mansion, this place seemed much nicer.

As they walked past the bamboo, they saw the Housekeeper and told him what happened, then they left together.

The wagon to pick her up was of great quality.

Gu Chaoyan assumed that the Gu Mansion was just putting on a show for the Jiang Mansion to offer such a great wagon that was normally only available for Gu Zhenkang and Gu Ruxue.

The Jiang Mansion and the Gu Mansion were not very far from each other, so they arrived within one hour.

When Gu Chaoyan had just stepped into the hall, Zhou Huaiyu almost came to the Qiong Pavilion where Gu Chaoyan was living. He was about to go inside when the servants told them that Elder Miss was home. Zhou Huaiyu gave up his curiosity and went to meet her. In the meanwhile, Gu Xiuying let out a sigh of relief.

She was not stupid enough to tell the Lord that her sister was living in a shabby place like this.

Zhou Huaiyu threw a dubious look at Gu Xiuying, wondering what made her so relaxed. Was he giving her such a huge pressure? Never mind. He hurried off.

Gu Chaoyan was still dressed in a plain blouse. When Zhou Huaiyu entered, she was sipping tea, but did not seem to be pleased by the taste of it. She frowned slightly and put down the teacup.

Seeing Zhou Huaiyu walking into the room, Gu Zhenkang got up instantly. “Lord, here is the girl.”

Zhou Huaiyu nodded.

Gu Zhenkang turned to Gu Chaoyan with displeasure. “Serve the lord tea!”

Chapter 307: Gu Zhenkang’s Idea

Instead of moving, Gu Chaoyan sat there quietly, looking very cold. She frowned even more deeply and answered calmly, “Maids are supposed to serve the tea.”

Zhou Huaiyu, who had been very displeased, was now smiling. He had been thinking that something was wrong with the Gu Mansion, but he had not sensed what was wrong. Now when Chaoyan was here, he finally understood what was wrong – Gu Zhenkang was a literati and an officer in the court, but he did not even know how to behave properly! He asked his daughter to serve the tea for him! Even if that daughter of his was born by a concubine, she was still a lady, not a maid.

He suddenly felt that everything was better, and even the air too as he was seated here. However, he found that the two extra people in the hall were quite annoying. “Officer Gu, and Lady Gu, just get down to your business, me and Elder Miss have our own business to talk about.”

Gu Zhenkang’s flattering face stiffened, and he did not utter any more words.

He was a bit embarrassed and threw a look at Gu Xiuying, answering courteously, "I will be off now."

Gu Xiuying stomped her feet and glared at Gu Chaoyan. She was very displeased.

Why! Why was she asked to go out when Gu Chaoyan was here? It was she who spent so much time with the Lord today! Trash Gu Chaoyan, she was so annoying.

Gu Zhenkang pulled her away directly, even if she did not want to leave.

"Finally, I am feeling better." Zhou Huaiyu stretched his arms and said.

"Where is my stuff?" Gu Chaoyan reached out and cut straight to the topic without any polite words.

Zhou Huaiyu almost burst into coughs when he just relaxed. "Can you be a little bit more implicit? Why are you asking me for money the moment we are meeting? We should chit chat first." Zhou Huaiyu complained with dissatisfaction.

In this land, every woman behaved gently and nicely when they saw him. They all wanted to show what they were capable of in front of him, but Gu Chaoyan was different. She was treating him like air and thinking about money! She was totally different from that flattering dad of hers.

Hearing what Zhou Huaiyu said, Gu Chaoyan squinted at him and said, "Are you trying to get away with it?"

Zhou Huaiyu, who was in the middle of drinking tea, spilled it directly. What was this woman thinking anyway?

Zhou Huaiyu felt discomfort dominating him again. He grabbed a stack of money from his pocket and passed it to Gu Chaoyan. "I am not like that, alright?"

Gu Chaoyan was already counting the money. After that, she answered indifferently. "I was not sure alright, it is not a small figure."

Zhou Huaiyu felt very furious. He had never been so pissed before. He stood up instantly. "The money is here, I am off." Damn, he should not have been so kind-hearted as to deliver the money here personally. He should have asked one of his guards to do it, that would have been enough.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at him and put the money into her space. She dusted herself up and was about to leave for the Jiang Mansion.

She had just left the hall when Gu Zhenkang stopped her. "How did you get to know Lord Yu?"

"At Saint College." Gu Chaoyan answered coldly.

Oh yah, there. So the lord treated her well because she was from the Gu Family.

"Your sister Xiuying is soon going to be an adult and I think that she looks cute together with Lord Yu. Do remember to mention her often in front of Lord Yu." Gu Zhenkang stated.

Chapter 308: Jealousy

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Gu Zhenkang and then at Gu Xiuying who looked completely dressed up.

No wonder Gu Xiuying was present in the hall – that was what Gu Zhenkang was thinking. What a bold idea that he had come up with!

“Isn’t Second Sister marrying Lord Ling?” Gu Chaoyan said.

“That is true. Your second sister is marrying Lord Ling, and if your third sister marries Lord Yu, everything would be great. With them married to the lords, Caixin would be able to marry an excellent family too. Now the King is getting older and older, what if something happens to him? At that time, the Gu Mansion would have a solid support. No matter which lord takes over the throne, the Gu Family would become part of the imperial family!” Gu Zhenkang said proudly. He looked forward to having a bright future with the Gu Family.

Gu Chaoyan looked at Gu Zhenkang as if she were looking at an idiot. He did think that he was the smartest guy in the entire world.

Even other ministers in court would not dare to take sides. Which side would he take if something happens to the court? He would not end up well, if he took neither.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head slightly. She now understood why the Gu Mansion had come to the present situation. She wondered if Madame Gu knew any of these.

“Are you helping or not? We are one family and sisters. If we live a great life, we can support each other.” Gu Xiuying threatened.

Gu Chaoyan sneered. She truly had no idea what to say to these two people. “If you want help, you should turn to your Second Sister. Isn’t she going to be the Princess Consort of Lord Ling? Her words matter more than mine.”

That reminded Gu Zhenkang suddenly. How stupid had he been? He should have turned to Ruxue. Gu Chaoyan was just a useless being!

As this thought hit him, he lost all patience with Gu Chaoyan. “Just do whatever you are supposed to do, serve Madame Jiang well, so she stays happy.” Then he hurried off with Gu Xiuying.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief. She was not even bothered to dwell upon these two people. Before she went back to the Jiang Mansion, she told Sword One. “Sword One, stay at the Gu Mansion these days and watch out for Chen Fu. Try to see what he is up to?”

“What do you mean?” Sword One asked with a small voice.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. To be more exact, she truly had no idea what she wanted to get from her. She just felt that something was going on with that man. He seemed to be tolerating something.

“It is fine. Just keep your eyes out for him. Nothing particular.” Gu Chaoyan said.

“Yes, Miss, I got it.”

When she went back to the Jiang Family, Qing was her only maid with her.

The wagon was still the same, so was the driver, except that Chen Fu did not have time to see her off.

Back at the Jiang Mansion.

The moment she entered the mansion, Zhou Huaijin appeared. "Where have you been, I have been waiting for you for ages."

Well... Gu Chaoyan felt that he was playing cute with her.

She softened her tone. "Zhou Huaiyu asked for me at the Gu Mansion, and delivered the money to me. That was why I was gone."

The money? He knew that Zhou Huaiyu liked hosting some gaming events when he had time, but he did not expect that Chaoyan would get to know him this way. And she was calling him Zhou Huaiyu in an intimate way! That was not going to work!

Chapter 309: Jin

Why was he receiving the same treatment as Zhou Huaiyu? He had to be the most special one in Yan's eyes.

As Zhou Huaijin was thinking, he started to get very jealous.

Seeing that he did not answer her question, Gu Chaoyan threw a side glance at him and saw him frowning deeply. He looked contemplative, and a little unhappy too.

"What is wrong with you?" Gu Chaoyan asked dubiously, thinking that she should have told him about her whereabouts.

"Call me by my name." Zhou Huaijin looked deeply into her eyes.

"Zhou Huaijin?" Gu Chaoyan answered with slight hesitation.

Zhou Huaijin shook his head. A touch of disappointment flashed over his handsome face. He was receiving the same treatment as Zhou Huaiyu! He was not treated differently!

Gu Chaoyan was confused too. She wondered what was wrong with him? What she cared about was the money, that was why she went there to fetch it herself, otherwise she would not have met Zhou Huaiyu personally! Also, she was not a good friend with Zhou Huaiyu at all. She was just a participant in his game.

Gu Chaoyan was about to make an explanation for herself, when Zhou Huaijin placed his hands on her shoulders seriously and looked deep into Gu Chaoyan's eyes. "Call me Jin, from now on."

What? Gu Chaoyan looked even more confused.

"You..."

"Call me!"

"Jin?" Gu Chaoyan burst out, thinking that something was wrong, but if he liked it, she had no choice but to do it.

Hearing that he was addressed in this way, Zhou Huaijin was satisfied. Then he showed a smile, and held Gu Chaoyan's hands. "Call me in this way from now on!"

Gu Chaoyan got rid of his hands subconsciously.

This was the Jiang Mansion! She was worried that Madame Jiang would consider her unruly, and that she would have a bad impression of her. After all, in front of them was the hall for dinner.

“We are going to be seen!” Gu Chaoyan reminded him with a small voice.

Zhou Huaijin had been feeling gloomy because of what Chaoyan had done to him, but hearing her words, he smiled again. So Yan did like him, she was just bashful.

He tightened his grip as he said, “Madame was tired. She ate some small things from the kitchen and went to bed. Don’t worry, we are the only two at the dinner table today.”

Gu Chaoyan looked into the sky.

It was almost evening time. Normally, people went to bed early in this age, but rarely this early! Especially when Madame Jiang didn’t normally do so. Gu Chaoyan found that something was wrong.

“How is Madame Jiang doing these days?” Gu Chaoyan asked guiltily. She had been spending the past few days at the Jiang Mansion, but got engaged in the affairs of Yellow Crane. She did not even have time to keep Madame Jiang company. She did not even know how Madame Jiang was doing. She felt guilty that she did not live up to Madame Jiang’s friendliness.

Madame Jiang had been doing well after being treated by Gu Chaoyan last time, so he did not pay much attention to that. He thought that Madame Jiang was just very tired when she said that she needed sleep. He did not put many thoughts into it.

However, when Chaoyan reminded him, Zhou Huaijin looked serious too. He turned to Gu Chaoyan and said with a very small voice, “What do you mean?”

Chapter 310: Missing

Seeing Zhou Huaijin’s worried look, Gu Chaoyan patted his hands and said, “It is okay! I am just wondering. I haven’t been keeping Madame Jiang company these past two days.”

Zhou Huaijin let out a sigh of relief.

General Jiang passed away ages ago, leaving Madame Jiang behind. Zhou Huaijin was very worried and concerned about her. Now what he expected was that Madame Jiang would live a few more years.

The two ate dinner together.

At the Gu Mansion.

Gu Yunxuan and Gu Yunhe hurried back home, after they received the letter from the family. They quit the military and arrived home before the Mid-Autumn Festival.

On the way home, they heard a lot of shocking stories.

They had not expected that such tremendous changes had happened during the past few years that they were not at home.

Gu Zhenkang and Chen Fu were waiting for them at the city gate. Seeing his grownup sons, he felt very gratified, as if he had seen the future of the Gu Mansion.

“Yunxuan, Yunhe, here you are!” Gu Zhenkang greeted them with a smile.

“Father!” Gu Yunxuan and Gu Yunhe greeted him loudly. They had been away from home for too long and had had a hard time at the military. Seeing their family all of a sudden, the two boys got rather excited.

Gu Zhenkang patted their shoulders and knew that it was not the right place to have a conversation.

“Let’s just go inside. Your mothers prepared some welcoming dinner for you.” Gu Zhenkang said.

The two nodded, got back into the wagon and went home together.

Everyone from the Gu Mansion, including the concubines and servants, were waiting at the doorstep for these two young masters to come home.

As Gu Zhenkang took them inside the mansion, Mrs. Gu spotted Gu Yunhe directly. She could not help rushing up to him directly. “He, you look so much thinner than before. You have had a hard time!”

Gu Yunhe smiled. “Mother! I am fine, now the bitterness is gone!”

His father revealed something in the wagon.

He knew that their Second Sister was marrying Lord Ling, so when they came home, they could work for Lord Ling, who could help them get some important positions. That sounded much better than being in the military!

At the military camp, they never got any opportunities to achieve something despite the old relationship with grandpa’s friend. They were nothing more than minor soldiers who kept on training and working every day. The capital was naturally much better. So Gu Yunhe was very happy that he could finally come home, and he truly did not have any interest in mentioning what happened at the army.

“Alright, mom, dinner will get cold if you don’t stop talking. Let’s just go inside.” Gu Ruxue said as she looked up at Gu Yunhe. “Come in, brother.”

“Okay!” Gu Yunhe answered happily.

He was very pleased with his sister. If not for her, he would not have been able to return to the capital city. Thank goodness that his sister was marrying Lord Ling.

Gu Zhenkang patted Gu Yunhe and the whole family walked inside happily. And Gu Yunxuan, who was never noticed, smiled bitterly. He had always been treated like this before he joined the military, and now, the situation was still the same years later. He was motherless, after all.

He shook his head and followed in.

They took their seats respectively, and then Gu Yunhe asked curiously, “Where is Madame Gu and Gu Chaoyan? Why are they missing?”

That question caused everyone to have a weird look.