

## Divine 35

### Chapter 35: Regulations

Hearing what Mrs. Gu said, Gu Zhenkang nodded along, in full agreement. In his eyes, Gu Chaoyan's life was indeed not good enough when compared with Gu Ruxue.

He was just about to add another warning when his gaze clashed with a pair of sharp eyes, making Gu Zhenkang take a step backwards, subconsciously.

"Are you sure about this?" Gu Chaoyan asked coldly.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan's behavior, Mrs. Gu felt a bit frightened too.

But as far as she knew, Gu Chaoyan would not be able to do anything, otherwise she would not have been suppressed by the family for years.

Even if Gu Chaoyan possessed some knowledge in medicine, it didn't change her circumstances or status in the family.

She bellowed loudly. "You hideous weirdo, concentrate on trying to cure Ruxue, alright?"

Gu Chaoyan frowned deeply. She wished to slap this woman badly.

She approached Mrs. Gu and looked down at her from a commanding view. Mrs. Gu was from the South so she was quite short in height. "If Madame Gu had not given me a promise, I would not have been here today."

"Aunt Zhang, you want my life for your daughter? Well, I would very much like to see if you dare take it!"

Mrs. Gu cringed. She was frightened by Gu Chaoyan's current behaviour and demeanor.

Suddenly, she got furious.

What did this girl call her? Aunt Zhang? No one had dared to address her in this manner for years. Well, well, well, had she started to think of herself as someone outstanding? Just because she got the Wang Family's grace, she dared to humiliate her?

She raised her hand to slap Gu Chaoyan. "Girl, what did you just call me?"

Gu Chaoyan caught her wrist and Mrs. Gu could not get rid of it even with all her might. She called out to Gu Zhenkang with a wronged expression on her face. "Old Master, look at this hideous girl. She called me Aunt and wanted to slap me!"

Vein popped out on Gu Zhenkang's forehead and he glared at Gu Chaoyan as if he wanted to kill her. "Are you done or not?"

He was indeed furious.

This unruly child always created trouble. There was never peace in the mansion when she was around.

“Me? Creating trouble?” Gu Chaoyan sneered. “Please tell me father, what trouble have I caused?”

“A concubine’s daughter is sick and a legal wife’s daughter has to die for her sake?”

“As for Aunt Zhang... did I call her by the wrong name? I did not serve Aunt Zhang before, so the etiquette process is not yet completed... so, of course, she is just an Aunt for me.”

“If I am wrong, please correct me.”

Having said the words, Gu Chaoyan glared back at Gu Zhenkang.

Gu Zhenkang opened his mouth but was stuck, not knowing how to counter her argument.

The Gu Family members considered themselves to be cultured people, who always knew how to behave with decorum. But Gu Zhenkang had a bias inside his heart, so when no one pointed out those regulations and rules, he didn’t think that he had made a mistake.

Since Gu Chaoyan was speaking the truth, he had no words to counter her.

During all these years in Gu Mansion, there had never been any distinction between the daughters of concubine and legal wife, because everyone thought that Gu Ruxue was the eldest lady with the most outstanding appearance. She had performed well in the court, and gained the title as the most pretty girl in the entire county.

Unable to come up with a retort, Gu Zhenkang said, “Alright, alright, that is it! Go and check on your Second Sister. Be very careful though! She is going to be the honored princess soon!”

Mrs. Gu was about to say something when Gu Zhenkang patted her shoulders and whispered. “Just let her cure Ruxue first.”

Gu Chaoyan sneered.

Honored princess?

The Gu Family had a terrible memory. They had forgotten how she got the title of a princess in the first place.

But she did not react. She did not care about the position or the Prince. Honestly, speaking with these two people was just a waste of her time. If she had not gotten that promise from Madame Gu, she would not have been bothered to step into Begonia Yard.

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She came to the inner bedroom and looked at the surroundings.

Gu Zhenkang and Mrs. Gu were not assured, so they followed behind, fearing that she would do something to Gu Ruxue.

Gu Chaoyan felt quite sorry for the original host of this body. She had been treated so terribly by her father during the past few years just because she was ugly. Now she hoped to become pretty as soon as possible so as to see how Gu Zhenkang would react at the sight of a ‘new’ her.

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Inside the bedroom, Gu Ruxue was lying in bed, surrounded by the servants who were busy taking care of her. Since she had rashes all over her face, she was not wearing any makeup and her hair was scattered over the pillow. The moment Gu Chaoyan entered, she jerked up and her expressions turned angry. She pointed at Gu Chaoyan with her index finger. "What are you doing here, you hideous girl?"

Before Gu Chaoyan could respond, Gu Ruxue threw a disdainful look at her. "Are you here to compare your ugliness with me? Unfortunately, even if my face has become like this, the Prince still loves me."

Gu Chaoyan looked at her coldly, feeling nothing inside.

Gu Ruxue's arrogance hadn't diminished even by an iota. Gu Ruxue had innocently assumed that even if she was stuck with this kind of a face permanently, Lu Jiming would still love her.

She should have realised that Lu Jiming would definitely divorce Gu Ruxue in such a situation, since he did that to Gu Chaoyan due to the same reason.

She shook her head. It was not her problem.

"You are truly naive. Honestly, a selfish and ruthless man like him is not my type. If you like him that much, I sincerely wish you all the happiness." Gu Chaoyan said nonchalantly.

She pulled out the herbs that she picked from her yard and passed them to a servant. "Use this plus 0.5g of perilla, 1g of atractylodes. Boil them together for one hour on medium fire. Drink the soup three times a day. After three days, the rashes will be gone."

The servant did not take the stuff from Gu Chaoyan and looked at Gu Ruxue, instead.

Gu Ruxue pointed at Gu Chaoyan furiously. "Ugly woman, you are trying to kill me, right? I am not using your herbs, if you had not..."

Gu Chaoyan raised her eyebrows, wondering if Gu Ruxue would spill the truth that she had been slapped by her the other day.

Sure enough, Gu Ruxue did not continue but looked at her parents with a wronged expression on her face. "Dad, mom, this fattie is jealous of me! Her intentions are malicious."

Hearing these words, Gu Zhenkang glared at Gu Chaoyan, intending to scold her.

Gu Chaoyan was not bothered and said calmly, "You have no choice but to use it if you want to get better!"

Then she stuffed the herbs into the girl's hands.

As she turned around and met Gu Zhenkang's eyes, she said, "Inform Madame Gu when her face gets better. I will go and get my condition fulfilled."

She looked so intimidating that no one dared to take a step forward to stop her.

She started walking out when she seemed to remember something and paused.

## **Chapter 37: Jealousy (Part 2)**

“Move the begonias out of the yard. I am afraid that the rashes on her face were caused by those flowers.”

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Having said the words, she left decisively from there.

It was not until Gu Chaoyan disappeared from the Begonia Yard, did Mrs. Gu suddenly come back to herself. She asked Gu Zhenkang in an unsure voice. “Old Master, can we trust what she said?”

“The Duke Changning’s Mansion is sending people to make the marriage proposal soon, and none of the doctors have a way to cure her. So, we have to give it a try. After all, she was able to cure the little boy, so she might have some knowledge in medicine. Also, we can ask a doctor to check the prescription before using it.” Gu Zhenkang analyzed both the drawbacks and advantages of using her prescription.

Gu Zhenkang was a clever person, otherwise a minor scholar could never have become an officer at the official’s temple.

Mrs. Gu heard him and thought that it was the only option left in front of them.

She asked the servants of Begonia Yard to show the prescription to the resident doctor of Gu Mansion, and to boil the medicine if he instructed them to.

Hearing her mother give instructions, Gu Ruxue’s eyes widened and she screamed in disbelief. “Mom, how can you make me drink the medicine prescribed by that hideous girl? She wants to kill me!” Gu Ruxue could not trust Gu Chaoyan, so she refused to drink anything given by her.

Seeing her behavior, Mrs. Gu consoled her in a small voice. “Ruxue, none of the doctors are able to cure you, so we have to try this prescription. She would not dare to cause you trouble so blatantly. Your father warned her before she came to the yard. He told her that if your condition doesn’t improve, she will have to die because of that. I believe that she won’t do anything harmful to you for her own sake.”

Only at this point did Gu Ruxue get a bit assured. “Really?”

Mrs. Gu nodded, assuring her daughter earnestly.

Just to please her, she went ahead and told her the details of the conversation between the girl and the old lady. “That ugly girl reached a compromise with Madame Gu in exchange of a condition raised by Madame Gu herself. Madame Gu has promised me that as soon as your face gets cured, she will grant you the position of the eldest daughter before the wedding!”

She held Gu Ruxue’s hands in her own. “You have to take good care of yourself these two days. I believe that your face will definitely get better.”

Gu Ruxue was overjoyed hearing those words. She nodded and found this unexpectedly wonderful news to be very satisfying.

She had never liked her position as the daughter of a concubine.

Moreover, Duke Changning's wife cared a great deal about her daughter-in-law's social status as well. She had been worried that she would not be getting married under a proper title, but now, all her worries were gone.

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Gu Ruxue was no longer scared about being framed by her sister.

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By the time Gu Chaoyan came back to Qiong Pavilion, it was already evening. Seeing her miss return, Qing was really relieved. "Oh finally! Miss, you are here."

"Miss, did you have a hard time at Begonia Yard?" Qing sized up Gu Chaoyan, trying to see if she was injured. She had been very worried all this while waiting for her.

Shaking her head, Gu Chaoyan found a place to sit down and said with a laid-back expression, "I was just checking her face, nothing would have happened."

As she was talking, Qing got the tea and snacks ready and served them.

The tea leaves and snacks had been brought back from the Wang Family. When they had asked what Gu Chaoyan wanted as a reward, she told them that she needed food and drinks rather than jewelry.

Qing glanced around and then whispered. "Miss, you haven't forgotten about it, right?"