

## Divine 38

### Chapter 38: Duke Changning Is Here

Gu Chaoyan took a sip of the tea and threw a contemplating look at Qing. She seemed to be worried that someone was listening to their conversation. That's why she had made such a veiled reference to the past incident. This girl was not that silly as she had thought.

"What are you talking about?"

Qing dropped her voice to whisper. "Miss, have you really forgotten about slapping the Second Miss? She will definitely take revenge. You know that everyone, especially Old Master and Mrs. Gu are on her side."

Haha.

She had never thought about this matter. Though Gu Ruxue did like making small reports, she also liked to maintain a good reputation. So, she would always make up stories showing herself in a good light. As a result, the slap episode would always remain a secret, because Gu Ruxue must have felt humiliated due to it.

Otherwise, she would not have slapped her that day.

Gu Chaoyan smiled. "She did not talk about this with me."

"Alright, stop wasting time on useless things. Help me boil the medicine which I bought. I am going to exercise in the yard. I have to take care of my skin and lose some weight!" Gu Chaoyan put down the snacks and the tea cup.

Qing gave a brief reply and went to follow her orders.

She had many doubts in her mind. But her lady was able to cure the little boy, so Qing assumed that she would not have any problem in taking care of her own skin and weight.

It was night by the time the medicine was done. Gu Chaoyan was done with exercising as well.

Qing stepped out of the room to prepare the hot water for the bath.

Gu Chaoyan concentrated for a moment and immediately, got a drop of water on her finger. She mixed it in the medicine, hoping that it would hasten the process of her beautification. Although she was confident about her medical skills, she did not mind taking some shortcuts.

After the medicine and bath, she laid down on the bed and slept.

Gu Chaoyan was quite tired. She found that it was probably because of her excess weight that made her become exhausted easily.

She had a dreamless sleep.

When she woke up, Gu Chaoyan found that her body was sticky. She must have sweated in the night. She quickly instructed her maid. "Qing, prepare some hot water, I need a bath."

Qing nodded dutifully and went out.

Gu Chaoyan lifted the blanket and realized that her body was filthy, not just sweaty.

Gu Chaoyan thought of the drop of water.

Was this the result of that mystic water?

She seemed to have turned a little thinner and fairer overnight. This put her in a good mood.

Qing had hot water ready and said, "Miss, go and take a bath."

"For some reason, the servants in the storage room delivered the water the moment I asked them to, totally different from how they used to behave earlier." Qing mumbled yet did not think about it any further.

By now, Gu Chaoyan had already stepped into the bathing barrel.

After the bath, Gu Chaoyan felt extremely refreshed. "You don't have to get breakfast from the kitchen today. The snacks we brought back are very tasty, let's just eat them."

Qing responded with a smile. She loved those snacks too.

After a quick breakfast, Gu Chaoyan decided to exercise again. She had just finished with some warm-up when Chen Fu came there.

When he saw Gu Chaoyan doing some weird moves, he asked her in confusion. "What are you doing, Miss?"

"Exercising." Gu Chaoyan said nonchalantly.

Chen Fu laughed hearing the words. "You will look very pretty when you become thin."

Gu Chaoyan did not bother to respond to his mocking words.

Chen Fu continued speaking. "I am here to inform you that Duke Changning and his wife are here. They are asking for you to come to the front yard."

### **Chapter 39: Concubine Princess**

Duke Changning and his wife were here? No wonder Chen Fu, the Butler of the Gu Family was here personally to ask her to show up.

However, why was she being asked to come there at this time?

Could they be here on behalf of Gu Ruxue? After all, she was the one who gave her the prescription, making them suspicious of her.

Thinking about this, Gu Chaoyan nodded.

She did not have to put on makeup or change dresses like other ladies. So, she got up immediately and said, "Lead the way, please."

Chen Fu smiled and stepped out.

Qing was the only one serving Gu Chaoyan, so she brought her along. No one talked on the way.

They reached the front yard after sometime.

Gu Chaoyan discovered the changes that occurred in the front yard within just a day. The front yard, which used to be filled with begonia flowers, was now empty, except for a few sporadic flowers that were still blooming.

She smiled briefly. Her father did treat Gu Ruxue the best.

He had altered the entire front yard, only because she mentioned last evening that those flowers might affect Gu Ruxue's recovery.

Gu Chaoyan did not have much of a reaction towards this move, yet she could feel that the original host of this body would not have been very happy to see this.

She sighed and walked into the hall of the front yard.

It was quiet in the hall. Gu Chaoyan spotted Duke Changning and his wife sitting on the upper seats. Next to them was Lu Jiming in a blue robe.

The previous Gu Chaoyan would have definitely gazed at Lu Jiming. He was a terrible man, yet he was indeed good-looking. No wonder the old Gu Chaoyan had done those things for his sake because even she found him attractive. Yet that happened before she met Lord Huai. After encountering Lord Huai the other day, she found that Lu Jiming was not that outstanding.

Suddenly Gu Chaoyan was startled when she realized that she was thinking about Lord Huai at this point.

Composing herself, she bowed and greeted the people in the hall politely. "Nice to meet you Duke Changning, Mrs. Changning and Prince."

"You may rise!"

Gu Chaoyan stood straight and three pairs of eyes stayed fixed on her.

The Wang Family had given some clothes to her before she departed from their house. These were made based upon Gu Chaoyan's instructions, and all of them were in light colors.

Probably because of the new clothes, Lu Jiming found this hideous woman looking a bit prettier than before. He found that she was no longer that annoying to his eyes. Lu Jiming had no other standard in picking a spouse, except that she had to be good-looking. Otherwise he would not have fallen for Gu Ruxue.

Duke Changning didn't speak up, and Gu Chaoyan stayed silent as well.

Looking at the awkwardness in the room, Madame Gu said, "Chaoyan, come to my side."

Seeing the smiling and affable-looking Madame Gu, Gu Chaoyan did not turn her down and approached her.

As she came to Madame Gu, she said, "The Duke Changning's family is here, because they want to discuss your marriage."

Marriage?

Gu Chaoyan's face changed and she looked sharply at Lu Jiming.

"We had a small discussion the other day in the mansion. Duke Changning thinks that it is rude of us to cancel the marriage directly. Although your appearance and character are not enough to make you the princess, yet your mother helped us before, so we can't completely ignore you."

"..."

"Hence, we are here to offer the position of Concubine Princess to you."

Chapter 40: Working With Lord Huai

Gu Chaoyan sneered.

Now she understood what was going on!

It seemed that Lu Jiming told them about her saving the little boy the other day, and after some discussion, they realized that they could get connected with the Wang Family through her. Hence, they were offering her the Concubine Princess position suddenly.

Concubine Princess? A Concubine?

Duke Changning and his family were unbelievably thick-cheeked. They were making use of her yet they pretended as if they were showing benevolence towards her?!?

First of all, it was them who owed her mother a favor, and to top it, they were offering her a lowly position in the mansion. It was very kind of them, indeed, huh? They would not only 'repay the favour' but would also get involved with the Wang Family in this way.

Initially, Gu Chaoyan did not really dislike Duke Changning so much. Rumors had made her sound like a terrible person, so it was reasonable that they cancelled the marriage.

But now, she found the entire family to be disgusting.

"I disagree!" Gu Chaoyan snapped, looking very cold.

"What?" Duke Changning and his wife were surprised. They had been expecting that this hideous woman would be grateful to them, but she turned them down? What an ungrateful bitch!

Duke Changning's wife lost her pleasant expression. She snapped. "We offered you this position for your mother's sake."

Her expression turned meaner and she continued in a loud voice. "You want to be the princess instead?"

"You don't deserve that position!" Lu Jiming interjected and looked at Gu Chaoyan with disgust clearly visible on his face.

"You can't get everything you desire, have you seen yourself in the mirror? Your attitude is so brazen!"

Gu Chaoyan frowned.

She had never met another family who was as shameless as this one.

The position of the princess?

She did not care about that either!

She had even turned down Lord Huai's proposal. Why would she ever think about becoming this prince's wife? Ridiculous!

These people would have died had they met her in her previous life.

But in this era, she had to tolerate the abuse and could do nothing because one's social status mattered the most here.

At this point, Gu Chaoyan started to think about cooperating with that mental Lord Huai. He had offered her the position of his wife. She was sure that she could offer him something in return to make the deal mutually beneficial.

She clenched her fists and pressed down her fury. She stared at Duke Changning's wife coldly. "I was more than willing to cancel the marriage, in tandem with the Prince's wishes."

"..."

"Even if Prince did not write the divorce paper, I would have done that."

"..."

"I want neither of the positions!"

"..."

"And it is you who proposed this, not me!"

Having said the words, she bowed to Madame Gu and said, "Please, turn down this proposal for me!"

Madame Gu looked at Gu Chaoyan in all seriousness. Her voice held no emotions. "You are sure about this?"

"Very sure." Gu Chaoyan answered without a moment of hesitation.

Lu Jiming's face underwent a change. He was thoroughly peeved now.

But Madame Gu was quite happy, though it did not show on her face. "You must think it through carefully. I won't be able to help you if you regret this in the future."

Gu Chaoyan still nodded earnestly.

She was already thinking about cooperating with Lord Huai, so she had nothing to regret about the future, nothing at all.