

## Divine 431

### Chapter 431: Difference

Gu Chaoyan was always alone when on missions in her previous life. She would always set about doing something whenever she made up her mind. However, now there was someone listening to her carefully and willingly.

That made Gu Chaoyan extremely happy.

She sipped the tea and said, "A clinic. I am opening a clinic."

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"Yellow Crane is a great place, but I am not the best at restaurants. A clinic is different. I hope that I can open a clinic that helps the civilians."

"..."

"Also, I will cultivate my own personnel too."

"..."

"So even if I don't have the Gu Mansion's help, I can still survive on my own." Gu Chaoyan said confidently.

Zhou Huaijin felt assured when he saw her confident smile.

"Okay, there are many people at the Shadow Door, you can pick whichever ones you need to see if they can be handy." Zhou Huaijin said generously.

When he firstly established the Shadow Door, his initial hope was to establish an organization that could protect the people he cared about. Including the Queen in the court, and Gu Chaoyan outside the court.

He was going to spare no efforts to help her as long as Chaoyan needed it.

"No." Gu Chaoyan turned down that offer directly.

She had a firm belief in the personnel at the Shadow Door, but she felt that those staff should have better and more important missions to deal with.

Zhou Huaijin had helped her way too much in the past. Now, she was going to use her own abilities to complete the missions.

"I have Sword Four and the other three, so I can make it through, trust me!" Gu Chaoyan said.

"Okay!" Zhou Huaijin replied directly.

As long as she was happy, nothing else mattered.

"You won't be too busy to talk with me, will you? I would get very annoyed if that is the case," Zhou Huaijin said, sounding a bit unconvinced.

Gu Chaoyan's face twitched. She kept thinking of how frightened Qing got when she first mentioned Lord Huai – she used to say that Lord Huai is like a Shura who never smiles and that he was very scary when angry, but now...

If Qing saw how this man showed the adorable parts of him, Qing would definitely get a very complicated feeling in her heart. Gu Chaoyan could not help but smile.

Zhou Huaijin caressed her head, then he asked Sword One to enter the room.

It was getting late, Chaoyan must have gotten very tired after talking with him for so long.

They were not yet married, so Zhou Huaijin should not stay at Chaoyan's place for so long. Now Sword One was here, and it was time for Zhou Huaijin to leave.

Sword One was smiling brightly as she saw Gu Chaoyan again.

Gu Chaoyan had no idea what she was smiling for, but she knew what she was going to do now.

If she was going to open the clinic, there was a lot of work to be done in the preparation stage.

She had just taken up the brush, when another sound of knocking arose.

Gu Chaoyan put down the brush and sighed. "This is a bustling day."

Sword One went to see who the visitor was.

The moment she opened the door, she said with a smile, "Elder Miss, it is the Second Young Master."

Second Brother? Gu Chaoyan got up and came to the outer chamber.

The moment she walked out of the room, she spotted Gu Yunxuan who looked rather messy. He still had some things in his hands. Seeing Gu Chaoyan, he stuffed the things into her hands and said, "This is the salty chicken, I just bought it on the sly for you, you love chicken, don't you? Help yourself!"

"Second Brother, what are you busy with these days, for you to get so messy?" Gu Chaoyan asked in confusion.

### **Chapter 432: Willing or Not**

Gu Yunxuan's birth mother passed away when he was little, whilst Mrs. Gu never cared about him and Gu Zhenkang preferred his eldest son instead. So Gu Yunxuan was not living a rich life at the mansion either. However, Gu Yunxuan was always dressed neatly and properly on the few occasions Gu Chaoyan met him.

However, today he looked exhausted and messy, and his clothes seemed not to stand in line with his status as the Young Master.

Gu Chaoyan was not a very nosy person, but she just could not help but ask him.

Gu Yunxuan saw the tea kettle on the table, and hurried to fetch a cup. "Chaoyan, let me drink some tea first, I will tell you later."

Before Sword One could serve him, he poured himself a few cups and drank everything. Then he took a seat and sat down.

He said, "Ruxue is getting married soon, and Brother has his own work to do, so he leaves the errands for me to run. I have been dealing with a lot of small and big errands these days. That should not be a difficult thing for me, since I am used to the military life where we are always in a hurry, but I just don't have much knowledge about the errands in the mansion, so I have spent extra effort in getting to know the procedures."

Having said these words, Gu Yunxuan poured himself some more cups of tea and gulped it down.

Gu Chaoyan frowned involuntarily.

The Gu Mansion was not an ordinary mansion with no servants.

Chen Fu was the housekeeper and there were so many pageboys and maids in the mansion. So why was the Young Master running about? He was now working as a pageboy!

Gu Chaoyan felt quite furious inwardly. The Gu Mansion was so good at making use of people.

Gu Yunxuan might not have much awareness about the meaning behind that. He thought that he was doing all of these for his own sister Gu Ruxue.

"I am done with drinking, Chaoyan, just eat the chicken while it is still hot. I am not even sure when I will be able to get it for you again. I bought these when I was on an errand and came running when no one was around," Gu Yunxuan said and got up, ready to continue with his own affairs.

Gu Chaoyan took hold of him. She looked at Gu Yunxuan with determination. "Second Brother, I have a job for you, but you have to start from the bottom, are you willing to do that?"

"Yes." Gu Yunxuan said without much consideration.

He was totally engaged with different affairs these days, but none of them seemed to be meaningful at all – he was always running about doing small errands.

"Chaoyan, what are you asking me for? I have considered asking my father to find a small job for me to do, after Ruxue gets married." An honest smile hovered over Gu Yunxuan's gentle-looking face.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head.

"No, not to father." Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief. "Second Brother, hang on for two days, I will ask the Lord to help you."

Gu Yunxuan got embarrassed.

"Would that be too inconvenient for you?" He looked worried.

Gu Chaoyan burst out into laughter. "No, Lord Huai is a nice man."

She had someone from her mother's family. Her Second Brother was one of them!

After a few more words, Gu Chaoyan asked Gu Yunxuan to continue with his own affairs.

After Gu Yunxuan left, Sword One showed a sneaky smile as she stuffed the chicken at Gu Chaoyan. “Elder Miss, you really like salty-chicken?”

Gu Chaoyan’s face twitched.

### **Chapter 433: Tricks**

She never liked the salty-chicken. She assumed that it was the original host who liked salty-chicken when she was little, so Gu Yunxuan bore that in mind and assumed that she always liked the food.

Above all, Gu Chaoyan felt that her heart was fully warmed. Even if she did not like it, she was going to eat it for Gu Yunxuan’s sake.

However, Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Sword One – she was not going to do the mission alone.

“Sword One, let’s eat it together, now, when it is still hot!” Gu Chaoyan looked at Sword One with a sneaky smile. She had to pay for laughing at her misfortune.

Sword One showed a bitter face. She should not have laughed at her – it was the Elder Miss she was talking with.

They had been eating for a quarter hour before the salty-chicken was finished.

After that, they were extremely stuffed. So they took a walk about in the yard, and then started to paint the sketch map of her own clinic.

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In the following two days, Gu Chaoyan stayed in her Qiong Pavilion.

And soon, it was time for Gu Ruxue to get married.

Early in the morning, Chen Fu came to ask Gu Chaoyan to join the family in the front yard.

It was always the servants of the mansion that were busy rather than the Young Masters and ladies, but on the wedding day, the Young Masters and ladies had to be present. Gu Chaoyan would not have been invited in the past, and Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue might even have stopped her from showing up, but things were different now.

Gu Chaoyan just got engaged, and it was important that she was present since she was marrying Lord Huai.

Gu Chaoyan came to the front yard with Sword One, and Gu Zhenkang showed a flattering smile as he pointed at the best place. “Chaoyan, go and take that seat, next to your Brother.”

Gu Chaoyan followed the direction, and saw that there was a vacant place next to Gu Yunhe. Behind him was Gu Yunxuan as well as some children of the concubines, including Gu Caiqin.

She started to walk towards that direction.

Gu Yunhe threw a disdainful look at Gu Chaoyan and then said to Gu Xiuying. “Xiuying, come and take a seat here.”

Gu Xiuying was surprised, but got quite happy too. Normally, she and Gu Caiqin should have taken the corner seat, but Brother was asking her to take the best one, next to him!

There would be quite a lot of noble people attending the wedding today.

If someone could spot her next to Brother, and knew that she was not an ordinary child in the Gu Mansion, then she would definitely get engaged with some excellent family this year.

“Sure, Brother.” Gu Xiuying did not even ask Gu Chaoyan for permission before taking the seat next to Gu Yunhe.

The seat was taken, so Gu Yunhe looked at Gu Chaoyan with a proud look.

Their father did give her the seat, but she was not going to get a proper position in the mansion when she disobeyed him.

Gu Yunxuan said, “Chaoyan, come to sit next to me.”

Gu Yunhe mumbled as he laughed ironically. “She has no other seats other than with those children of the concubines.”

The words had just been spoken, when a cold voice arose. “Chaoyan.”

Gu Chaoyan spotted Zhou Huaijin.

#### **Chapter 434: Lord Huai Here**

Next to him was Fu Bao as well as an armed guard dressed in black whom Gu Chaoyan had never met before. Behind him were a few pageboys.

That was one of the few times when Gu Chaoyan saw what Lord Huai should be like.

Because of his calling out to Gu Chaoyan, he no longer looked that serious. Instead, he had a small smile on his face and he looked rather gentle as he walked towards Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan’s anger disappeared as well. She smiled and asked “What are you doing here?”

“I am here because of you.” Zhou Huaijin answered briefly, but as he looked over Gu Chaoyan and saw Gu Yunhe, he frowned as coldness dominated his eyes. Lucky he was here today, otherwise Chaoyan would be bullied by those people again. How dare the Gu Family treat her like this – she was already the appointed Princess Consort who should never be treated in this way.

Gu Yunhe’s heart skipped a beat as he spotted Zhou Huaijin. He had not expected that Zhou Huaijin would have shown up for the Gu Family’s sake. He was Lord Huai who should have only been available at Lord Ling’s Mansion for this wedding.

Ruxue was indeed marrying Lord Ling, but he was going to work in the capital in the future and he should not offend Lord Huai!

Gu Yunhe sweated heavily, although it was autumn. He got up directly and made a move towards Zhou Huaijin, bowed and said with a flattering smile, “Lord Huai, what are you doing, here is a seat for you.”

Gu Yunhe was trying to suck up to him, but instead of looking at him, Zhou Huaijin said to Gu Chaoyan. "Come with me, your father got a seat for me over there."

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She just took one step when she suddenly thought of something, "Wait."

Zhou Huaijin stood there patiently.

Gu Chaoyan moved to the corner and saw Gu Yunxuan. "Second Brother, come here."

"What is it, Chaoyan?" Gu Yunxuan looked confused. He also spotted Lord Huai, but he did not dare to make a move. He was a concubine's son, and father once stressed that it should be the Elder Brother who received the important guests, not him. That was why he was very confused about what was happening.

Gu Chaoyan did not have time to explain but pulled him up. "This is not a good seat, let's sit over there."

Gu Yunxuan was confused. He was about to say something when Gu Chaoyan pulled him away. They came to Zhou Huaijin. Gu Chaoyan smiled and said, "This is my Second Brother, let's go there together."

Awkwardness dominated Gu Yunxuan's face, but he still bowed. "Greetings, Lord Huai."

Zhou Huaijin took a look at Gu Yunxuan. He had no idea that someone like this was living at the Gu Mansion before, but as he met him today, he found that this man looked similar to Chaoyan, no matter how Chaoyan would make a presentation of him. He looked a bit worried, but he was still a frank, and well-behaved man.

He was not sure if this man was going to become capable in the future, but at least he was a very nice man. It was Chaoyan's luck to have a Second Brother like this.

Zhou Huaijin patted Gu Yunxuan's shoulders. "Greetings, Second Brother."

Gu Yunxuan got startled, waved his hands and said, "No, no, Lord, no."

Gu Yunhe got shocked hearing Lord Huai calling him "Second Brother".

### **Chapter 435: Guide the Way**

He looked at Gu Yunxuan with a pair of sneaky eyes and then said with a low voice, "Yunxuan, are you following them, Ruxue is getting married, and there is a lot of work to be done."

He was warning him. If he did follow them, then Gu Yunhe was not going to protect him any more at the Gu Mansion, and Gu Yunxuan was never going to have any position in the mansion when he became the master of the whole mansion.

Zhou Huaijin frowned as he took a step forward, seeing that Gu Yunhe was threatening someone right in front of him.

Gu Chaoyan gripped him and slightly shook his head.

Gu Yunhe was asking the Second Brother to make a choice. If the Second Brother decided to follow Zhou Huaijin, then the two brothers would be rivals from this moment on. If he chose not to, then Gu Yunhe

was still going to make Gu Yunhe run errands for him. And Gu Yunxuan was never going to end up well being Gu Yunhe's pageboy.

Gu Chaoyan had no intention of interfering with this matter. She would like Gu Yunxuan to make his own choices.

Gu Yunxuan was a very excellent man who cared about her. So for this reason, Gu Chaoyan was willing to offer Gu Yunxuan an opportunity so that he could stand out in the future, rather than getting tormented and made use of by the people at the Gu Mansion. And she hoped that Gu Yunxuan could make this choice on his own.

Standing there, Gu Yunxuan knew that despite his self-demeaned personality, he was not a stupid man.

Chaoyan promised to give him a job, though small and hard, it could be a great opportunity for him. He did not think that he was worse than others. And he did not want to work with a heartless man like Gu Yunhe.

So without much hesitation, Gu Yunxuan added. "Elder Brother, you are a very capable person, and I am sure that you have done all for Ruxue's wedding, and you must be able to handle all the problems that might possibly pop up."

Having said the words, he turned to Zhou Huaijin and clenched his fists.

Zhou Huaijin nodded, then he started to head in the other direction.

Gu Yunhe looked annoyed – what did this Gu Yunxuan think he was doing? Ruxue was his sister, who was marrying Lord Ling, but Lord Ling never called him Elder Brother at all! On the other hand, Gu Yunxuan was just a concubine's son and he was not even born by Gu Chaoyan's mother! Why did Lord Huai call him like that?

Now he knew clearly what was going on. As long as Gu Yunxuan chose Lord Huai, he was going to be offered better opportunities and he was going to exceed him in the future, but he was the Elder Son, the lineal Young Master of the Gu Mansion, Gu Yunxuan should never exceed him! Gu Yunhe was so angry that he clenched his fists tightly.

Seeing Gu Yunxuan leaving, he spoke loudly, "Gu Yunxuan, are you disobeying me? Have you forgotten your father's words?!"

Zhou Huaijin threw a cold glare at Gu Yunhe.

He ceased walking and asked expressionlessly, "Young Master, are you saying that I am doing something wrong?"

Gu Yunhe shivered. He did not take Lord Huai into consideration as he was shouting at Gu Yunxuan.

He showed a regretful and angry expression on his face. "No, no Lord," he said and then said happily, "I am just thinking that Gu Yunxuan might not have any knowledge of what is going on there, so I am thinking about guiding you there instead."

"Okay, then, come and guide the road," Zhou Huaijin said expressionlessly.

## Chapter 436: The Evil Lord

Gu Yunhe was surprised. He did not expect that Lord Huai would respond to this casual excuse he had just come up with. However, after being surprised, he again became joyful. So Lord Huai was willing to give him an opportunity?

As long as he was showing himself off in front of Lord Huai, he was definitely going to be better than Gu Yunxuan. At that time, he was definitely going to torment Gu Yunxuan.

He showed a flattering smile and nodded. "Okay, okay!"

Then he gave Chen Fu a blink and asked Chen Fu to show the way.

During this interval, Gu Yunhe exceeded Gu Yunxuan so he took a step closer to Zhou Huaijin. Then he showed a proud look to Gu Chaoyan. Yes, this girl was marrying Lord Huai, but he did not think that Lord Huai would listen to everything she said. People from the imperial family were only out for business.

He was the Young Master of the Gu Mansion, and he was going to become the future Old Master. Besides his sister was the Equal Princess Consort of Lord Ling. So no matter what Lord Huai was doing, he had to stand by his side after all. Gu Yunxuan and Gu Chaoyan were nothing to him.

Just look at what Lord Huai was doing for him right now?

Gu Yunhe could not help showing a proud look on his face.

Chen Fu nodded at the vacant seat and then Gu Yunhe hid his proud smile and pointed at the empty seat. "Lord, take this seat."

Zhou Huaijin nodded expressionlessly. Then he took the central seat and then turned to Gu Yunxuan and Gu Chaoyan. "Take a seat too."

Hearing these words...

Gu Yunhe also took a step forward and was about to sit down on the vacant seat.

Zhou Huaijin threw a look at him. "Since you are done with your work, you can leave now. You must have a lot to do since your sister is getting married, don't you?"

Gu Yunhe almost sat down when he heard the words. He stiffened and showed a look of disbelief. So what he did was guide the road?

He could not believe that that was what Lord said, so he again tried to take the seat when Fu Bao stopped him, as he showed another direction. "Please, Young Master?"

Gu Yunhe looked embarrassed.

He threw a look at Zhou Huaijin, who was ignoring him, but spoke with Gu Yunxuan instead.

He was extremely furious and unconvinced. What in the hell was Gu Yunxuan doing! He was about to say something when Fu Bao stopped him.

So he had to leave with Chen Fu. So he was in the same status as Chen Fu?



Gu Yunhe got extremely angry, so he gave Chen Fu a few more kicks after they were a few meters away. "You old servant, what are you doing?"

If not for Chen Fu, he would not have been treated in the same way as that housekeeper!

Chen Fu was not young any more, he could not stand up after being kicked. He was supporting his waist with his hands. He had no intention of coming here, it was the Young Master who had no idea where Lord Huai was supposed to sit, so he came along to help him. Why was this his fault? The Young Master was so unreasonable.

Chen Fu watched the man leaving the site, as the pageboy helped Chen Fu up and reminded. "Housekeeper, you have to get up and deal with the errands there."

Chen Fu struggled to rise. However, the moment he arose, he collapsed again.

"Are you okay?" The pageboy got anxious too – the Young Master had kicked him hard.

### **Chapter 437: Unhappy**

Zhou Huaijin looked at Gu Yunxuan. "I heard that you used to serve at Jiayu Pass?"

Gu Yunxuan had been quite restrained while sitting next to Lord Huai. After all, he only got to speak with minor generals back at Jiayu Pass.

Hearing that Lord Huai mentioned about him serving at Jiayu Pass before, he had his eyes widen in disbelief – he just could not believe that Lord Huai knew about him!

Gu Chaoyan was surprised too.

She had only mentioned a little bit about the Gu Mansion when she was with Zhou Huaijin. Unexpectedly, he remembered everything, even the minor trivialities. That warmed up her heart completely.

"Yes, Madame Gu dispatched us two to Jiayu Pass. A couple of months earlier, father brought us back saying that there is a lot to be done here." Gu Yunxuan answered honestly, sounding a little bitter.

Zhou Huaijin nodded. Judging from his behavior, he could tell that this little brother was not having a wonderful time here at home.

Normally, civilians did not care about the rank of children, but people born in mansions did. Children born by concubines normally had a difficult time at home, but that was only because the concubine did not have a strong family background. The Gu Mansion was different, however. Apart from Madame Gu, no one else in the mansion had any manners, especially Gu Zhenkang.

Gu Yunxuan must have been living a more difficult life than the children born by concubines from other ordinary families.

He did look like someone growing up in the military army, as he had a very frank personality.

"I may not be able to dispatch you back to Jiayu Pass, but I can offer you a small position at the Military Department, difficult and unimportant, are you willing to do that?" Zhou Huaijin asked.

“Yes I am!” Gu Yunxuan answered without consideration.

For him that would be an extremely important opportunity. He did not need something amazing.

He could just make efforts to go higher and higher, even if he started from the bottom.

Zhou Huaijin nodded, looked at Gu Chaoyan who nodded back. Zhou Huaijin and she had the same idea – the Second Brother needed an opportunity. Gu Chaoyan had intended to mention this to Zhou Huaijin who could possibly help him to go to Jiayu Pass, but now it seemed nice for him to start from the Military Department.

Zhou Huaijin looked at Gu Yunxuan. He was most suitable to stay at the military, because Zhou Huaijin believed that a steady and intelligent general like Second Brother was also needed there.

However, since Chaoyan liked her Second Brother so much, it meant that Gu Yunxuan was going to help Chaoyan in the future.

So Gu Yunxuan could just be Chaoyan’s representative in her mother’s family.

He did not want Gu Yunxuan to go back to Jiayu Pass, only because Jiayu Pass was way too far for Gu Yunxuan to help Chaoyan in the future – that was the selfish side of his.

However, if Gu Yunxuan could stand out in the Military Department, he would still be able to serve at Jiayu Pass. At that time, he would be going there as a general, not as a soldier.

Zhou Huaijin sipped some tea.

The front yard started to become bustling.

“Lord Ling is here. I am going to check if there is anything I can do.” Gu Yunxuan said as he looked out at the front yard.

“No need.” Zhou Huaijin said directly.

He had never seen a Young Master going out to do errands when a wedding took place at the mansion.

As the drums and trumps started, Zhou Huailing came in with a red robe. He was showing a very fake smile on his face.

It was always his plan to marry the Phoenix Girl, but for some reason, when the wedding day finally came, Zhou Huailing was not at all happy. He kept thinking of the two naked, tangled bodies back in the study of the Gu Mansion the other day.

### **Chapter 438: Disgust in Heart**

He felt disgust arising inside his heart. He was the King’s child, the imperial son whose mother was Princess Jing. He was the most honorable Lord Ling! However, now he had to marry a woman who had shared the bed with another man! If she had been an ordinary woman, he could just leave her no matter what her family was like, but she was the very Phoenix Girl who could help him get the world! So no matter how much he disliked her, he had to marry her!

In the past few days, Xie Yan had an analysis about the situation. He could tolerate everything if he could get the world, but when he got the world, he was not going to take another look at this woman.

However, as he was dressed in the red robe and sitting on the horse-back and listening to the loud noise of drums and trumps, he felt very uncomfortable inside his heart, very uncomfortable. He felt so demeaned.

And the moment he walked into the Gu Mansion and spotted Gu Zhenkang's smiling face, he felt like killing! However, in the end, he had to show a fake smile after all.

He sighed and showed a very bitter look on his face.

Seeing the scene, Xie Yan whispered to him. "Lord, please keep it down, she is the Phoenix Girl..."

Zhou Huailing tried his best to regain the smile. Okay, for the sake of the world, he could try to tolerate all.

On the way to his wedding, Zhou Huailing spotted a silhouette not faraway. She was not dressed in the white blouse she normally liked. For this important day, she was dressed in a yellow blouse with no makeup on, but she still looked very pretty. She looked so happy, as she kept smiling all the time.

Zhou Huailing felt his vision blurry. That was the girl he had been seeking. If the birthmark on her face was not there, she would definitely be the most beautiful girl in the whole city.

Zhou Huailing suddenly felt slightly delighted.

Gu Chaoyan had been speaking with Zhou Huailing and Gu Yunxuan, when she felt someone staring at her. Soon her smile disappeared, and she started to frown. She looked up subconsciously and saw Zhou Huailing's stare. She somehow felt very disgusted.

Zhou Huaijin noticed that too. He stood up and came to stand in front of Gu Chaoyan.

Zhou Huailing got very pissed as he saw a tall figure blocking Gu Chaoyan. He almost forgot about that. He almost forgot that the woman he dreamed about was now Zhou Huaijin's.

He showed a very wild smile. So what?

When he became the king, the woman was still going to be his.

He stopped staring at her.

Zhou Huailing started to gather up energy and looked rather determined. Yes, he was going to marry the Phoenix Girl! As long as he got her, he could get the whole world. He would just bear one moment of displeasure.

Zhou Huailing looked extremely confident.

Xie Yan sighed in relief. Lord Ling had not been performing well today, and he was very anxious too. He worried that Lord Ling would suddenly regret his decision – but now, it seemed that he was not going to.

In order to show that he was paying great attention to Gu Ruxue, he decided to carry her out of the room personally, but Zhou Huailing felt that the walk to that room was way too long.

After a long while, he finally came to the Yard.

Gu Ruxue was already waiting for him dressed in the red robe. Someone reminded her that Lord Ling was here.

Gu Ruxue cheerfully took hold of the red robe, and said bashfully, "Greetings, Lord."

Zhou Huailing felt discomfort arising inside him again.

Chapter 439: Looking for Gu Chaoyan

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Why didn't he realize that Gu Ruxue was so terribly-behaved before?

It was the wedding day, and she should stay bashful. A proper girl would not call out to someone like this when she was still under the red drape. His Princess Consort was not like this, nor were any of his concubines.

Zhou Huailing, who had been wearing a small smile, suddenly lost his smile.

Xie Yan had to give him a small reminder for Zhou Huailing to show a slightly better look.

Gu Zhenkang also felt that Lord Ling got a bit displeased about this, so he jabbed Gu Ruxue, suggesting that she should know better rather than piss Lord Ling off on this very special day.

Jabbed, Gu Ruxue got very annoyed, thinking that someone dared to push her. So she screamed loudly, "Which bitch is jabbing me?"

Zhou Huailing's forced smile was now gone.

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She could punish the servants in whichever way she wanted in the past, but today was the wedding day. How could she humiliate herself so much in front of the public?

"Ruxue..." Gu Zhenkang whispered and said in her ears, "The Lord is a little unhappy."

Zhou Huailing frowned at the father and the daughter.

Like father, like daughter. These two people had no manners. He was the Lord Ling, how could they whisper in front of him!

He shook his head and said with a cold face, "Let's just leave."

Instead of carrying the bride, he turned around and left.

Xie Yan knew that Lord Ling had gotten mad. Lord Ling might look quite mild, but he was his man and he knew him well. Lord Ling was not a mild person inwardly at all. He had whispered to him many times to cool him down, but this father and daughter did not know how to behave, so they had irritated Lord Ling. That was why he did not remind Lord Ling to carry the bride. He was not going to obey him at all.

However, she was the Phoenix Girl, after all. Lord Ling might get pissed, but he should not. He had to make sure everything went well, otherwise he would have to take the blame.

Xie Yan tugged at the matchmaker and the aunt next to Gu Ruxue. "Help her, and make sure she doesn't fall."

Gu Ruxue felt slightly more honored when Xie Yan said these words. She was not humiliated any more.

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The matchmaker and the aunt helped her so that she could follow Lord Ling out of the room.

Now it all looked very strange. The bridegroom was walking at the front with a cold face, whilst the bride was helped by the matchmaker and the aunt. Was Lord Ling supporting the Gu Mansion or not? It was quite confusing.

Zhou Huailing started to think about the familiar figure. He started to seek out Gu Chaoyan the moment he walked out of the yard. Only by seeing her would he feel slightly more determined.

However, Zhou Huailing did not see Gu Chaoyan where she had been a while ago. Zhou Huailing frowned – where was she? She should be here since her sister was getting married, she should not have left so early! Zhou Huailing kept looking out for her, but could not find her at all.

He ceased his steps. So did the matchmaker and the aunt as well as Gu Ruxue.

"Lord Ling, what are you looking for?" Gu Zhenkang asked.

#### **Chapter 440: The Phoenix Girl or Not**

"Where is Chaoyan?" Zhou Huailing burst out.

Gu Zhenkang was shocked when he heard the name. He subconsciously started to search for Gu Chaoyan as well.

Gu Ruxue's fists were tightly clenched. Her face was totally twisted. Her father said that Lord Ling was not happy, so she automatically believed that it was because Lord Ling cared about what happened last time, but it turned out that it was all because of the b\*\*ch Gu Chaoyan! Why was she everywhere? Why was she so annoying?

Xie Yan got shocked, realizing that Lord Ling had just lost himself. He gave a light cough and reminded him. "Lord, the right time for the wedding is coming!"

Zhou Huailing brought himself back, pretending as if nothing had happened and continued to walk forward.

Gu Ruxue was helped by the matchmaker and the aunt as they followed behind.

As they came outside of the Gu Mansion, Zhou Huailing mounted the horse instead of taking a look at Gu Ruxue.

Gu Ruxue was very annoyed as she was helped into the litter by the matchmaker and aunt. She had her fists tightly clenched, eyes sparkling with fury. She said with teeth clenched. "Gu Chaoyan!"

However, whatever happened, Lord Ling had still married her.

Seeing the wagon leaving, Gu Zhenkang let out a heavy sigh. His heart that was suspended was finally let down.

He had been so worried that the Lord would be reminded of what happened to Ruxue, so he would give her up in the end, but now he was assured – at least Lord married her after all.

He went back to the mansion to receive the guests with a smile on his face.

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At Lord Ling's Mansion.

It was totally cold at the Mansion, different from the bustling Gu Mansion.

The Princess Consort was not present to host the wedding, so the concubines were not present either. Other elderly members of the family, such as the King and Princess Jing, were in the court. None of the ministers attended the wedding – the Lord was not doing the wedding in a proper manner, so the ministers refused to show up. So those that were at the mansion were just Lord Ling's staff. And all of those staff were just his subordinates, so Lord Ling did not even have to make a toast with them.

As the bride was guided to the wedding room, Lord Ling followed in as well.

Gu Ruxue could not help but remind him, after sitting there for a long while. "Lord, don't you need to make a toast for the honorable guests?"

"No need." Lord Ling answered coldly.

Gu Ruxue said no more. She knew that Lord was not in a good mood today.

Zhou Huailing drank a few cups of wine, and cleared his mind.

He explained. "Ruxue, you know that I am a Lord who already has a Princess Consort, and according to the etiquettes, you are only allowed to take the vacancy of the concubine, but I am giving you the reputation and making you the Equal Princess Consort, because of that, we are receiving no guests here."

Gu Ruxue's face twisted under the red drapery.

No guests? So none of those people acknowledged her identity? Why! Why could the bitch Gu Chaoyan become the real Princess Consort whilst she could not? She was the Phoenix Girl after all!

"I am giving you the best treatment, you should never betray me. The man already died, there is no need to think about him!" Zhou Huailing reminded her seriously.

"Lord, I was set up, I did not know that man at all. I am still an innocent girl!" Gu Ruxue shouted.

Zhou Huailing was not in a mood to hear any of these.

He grabbed a knife and came to Gu Ruxue. He grabbed her hand, wanting to verify if she was the real Phoenix Girl, otherwise he would not be able to proceed with what happened next.