

Divine 561

Chapter 561: No More

“What about staying in the court, so that you can have better access to me.” The King picked up the tea, asking calmly and throwing a look at Zhao Yiqiu.

Zhao Yiqiu still had a calm expression.

He took the teacup and sipped. “You know pretty well that I am not used to living in the court.”

The King smiled and waved his hands. “Yeah, I just hope that you can have better access. If you are not used to living here, then just settle down outside the court.”

Zhao Yiqiu nodded, then he got up and waved goodbye to the King.

The King did not stand up, but sat still in his chair. He asked his Eunuch-in-Chief to see him off whilst he himself stayed to read through the petitions.

Zhao Yiqiu asked the Eunuch to leave as they came out of the Imperial Study. Then he left the court by himself.

He had not been in the court for ages, but Zhao Yiqiu knew the court well. So he found the exit.

As he came out of the gate, Zhou Huaijin was waiting for Zhao Yiqiu.

Zhao Yiqiu was not surprised to see Zhou Huaijin, but said calmly, “You are going out of the court too?”

Zhou Huaijin suggested that they should leave together, and Zhao Yiqiu did not turn that offer down. They were walking shoulder to shoulder.

Zhou Huaijin was not a chit-chatter, and he knew Zhao Yiqiu’s personality well, so he asked straightforwardly, “Mr. Zhao, how is my father?”

“You know well, Lord Huai, I am a doctor and I can’t reveal his situation. If you care about him, you should ask him directly,” Zhao Yiqiu said.

Zhou Huaijin nodded. Just as he had expected, Zhao Yiqiu was not telling. This man was still the one he had remembered.

He had not liked Zhao Yiqiu before, since he considered this man as someone really traditional who always lived in the frame. He did not even go after the person he liked.

Now he understood Zhao Yiqiu well and even admired him somehow. He was always a man who was inside the frame, someone who was totally self-disciplined. That was something his father just could not do. That was why his mother suffered from misery.

Zhou Huaijin stopped thinking about these and asked. “You have found a place to settle down?”

“Not yet,” Zhao Yiqiu said calmly. He never had this kind of plan. He always followed the situation. When he received the letters from the King, he came to the court directly rather than taking care of his own accommodation.

“Then let me get a place for you to settle down.” Zhou Huaijin said with a smile, “And you can meet my future Princess Consort. She is an excellent doctor too.”

Zhao Yiqiu threw a surprised look at him.

Had there ever been anyone who could claim to be an excellent doctor in front of him?

Judging from Zhou Huaijin’s confident tone, he could tell that this was indeed a skilled doctor. He had been gone from the capital for just a few years and now such an excellent figure had arisen?

Zhao Yiqiu nodded. “Okay.”

Zhou Huaijin started to lead the way for him.

At the Gu Mansion.

Mrs. Gu came back to the mansion with Gu Yunhe, looking completely embarrassed and messy. Gu Ruxue, who looked very unwilling, was following behind.

Gu Zhenkang asked excitedly seeing them, “How is it, did you do it?”

Mrs. Gu was extremely annoyed.

“Do not ever mention this!” Mrs. Gu said, “Never think about marrying the Princess!”

Then she took Gu Yunhe to take a seat in the hall. She shouted as her son was seated. “Where is the bitch Gu Chaoyan? Get her to treat Yunhe!”

Chapter 562: Gu Chaoyan for Medicine

Gu Zhenkang had no idea what just happened, but he understood that Yunhe needed to be healed, so he asked Chen Fu to get Gu Chaoyan.

He said in a fortunate tone, “Not sure what that girl is busy with these days. She is never at home, but Yunhe, you are lucky, she is at home now. It seems that the girl does have some medical skills. She is healing all the refugees out there. She should be able to heal Yunhe. For some reason, some home doctors are missing these days too.”

Gu Zhenkang kept nagging and mumbling, but Mrs. Gu had no reaction to that at all.

Those home doctors were not at all important. She could even get the imperial doctors! She wanted Gu Chaoyan to check up on Yunhe just because she did not want to wait any longer.

She took some sips of tea. Only now did Mrs. Gu calm down.

Seeing her returning to normal, Gu Zhenkang asked, “What happened in court today? Why can this matter not be mentioned at all?”

Mrs. Gu sank her face. “Yunhe will lose his life! Lord Huai is not to be irritated. You can ask some noble families around to see if there is any suitable lady that can match Yunhe.”

Gu Zhenkang nodded. He looked rather unconvinced. Yunhe's marriage with the princess had been what he had anticipated above all.

He had been rather worried about his children's marriage. The Gu Mansion used to be poor, but at least they were people of literatis. Yet he was forced to marry a businessman's daughter! Although he married Mrs. Gu, who was from an official family, he did not think that was enough. It had been bothering him for decades.

If Yunhe managed to marry the Princess, then he would be completely relieved.

Gu Zhenkang might not have married someone great, yet he could ask his son to do so!

A successful marriage would totally back Gu Zhenkang up!

However, that hope was totally destroyed. That made Gu Zhenkang unhappy. Since Mrs. Gu already told him the situation, Gu Zhenkang simply had nothing else to say. So he mumbled. "Then... what about the County Princess? Elder Princess seems to be quite satisfied with our family."

"Dad, stop mentioning that County Princess! She is very fierce and rude! I can turn to other ladies who are gentle and have a great background. I don't have to marry the County Princess." Gu Yunhe's face was aching terribly, but as he heard the County Princess mentioned, he could not help speaking bitterly.

Mrs. Gu glared at Gu Zhenkang. For some reason, she felt very uncomfortable hearing Gu Zhenkang mentioning the Elder Princess.

It might have been a great thing if Yunhe could marry the County Princess, but she still said, "True, Yunhe is very different from the past. He can get any noble lady! What are you in such a hurry for?"

Gu Zhenkang retreated and said nothing more. As long as Yunhe was doing well, then all would be fine.

Gu Chaoyan was now at the doorstep, guided in by Chen Fu. She looked rather tired and pale.

Sword One took her back to the mansion, seeing that she looked very pale, but before she had time to take a break, she was asked to show up at this hall. Sword One was very displeased about this.

However, Gu Chaoyan asked gently, "What is it?"

"Look at your Elder Brother's face. Princess Xunyang's work! Do something for him!" Mrs. Gu said arrogantly.

Chapter 563: No Way

Gu Chaoyan had not noticed Gu Yunhe when she walked in, but as Mrs. Gu mentioned it, she turned around and saw Gu Yunhe's face. His eyes were blackened, face swollen like a steamed bun, lips like two sausages!

She almost burst into laughter. She had not expected that Princess Xunyang could have done such a job! Gu Yunhe had become totally unrecognizable! However, as she saw his face... Gu Chaoyan suddenly ceased her urge to laugh.

Princess Xunyang was a noble lady, but she was not an unreasonable person. She never beat people for no reason. The reason why she would beat him up was probably because Gu Yunhe had done something horrible.

She remembered that Mrs. Gu once mentioned about Gu Yunhe's intention of marrying Princess Xunyang. And then she thought of Mrs. Gu's evil plans... she realized that they must have tried to set up Princess Xunyang.

Before Gu Chaoyan said anything Mrs. Gu said angrily, "Yunhe wanted to exchange a few words with Princess Xunyang, but got beaten up. The Queen and Lord Huai threatened to kill him!"

"..."

"You are the Princess Consort to be married to them, you should definitely speak with them. Ruxue is the Phoenix Girl and they will someday need Ruxue for help, they should not behave so extremely, we are not the ones to irritate as they want." Mrs. Gu was angry, yet she did not dare to utter a thing when they were at the Weiyang Palace. So she vented her anger in front of Gu Chaoyan.

Those words, once spoken, made her feel slightly better. She glared at Gu Chaoyan and bellowed. "What are you standing there for? Come and check up Yunhe!"

"Checking him up?" Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Gu Yunhe. "No way."

Mrs. Gu had talked so much so she had intended to get herself a sip of tea, but before she could reach the teacup, she widened her eyes after hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, "What? What did you just say?"

She sounded as if she had just heard a joke!

No way?

"Look at this girl, Old Master, she said no way!" Mrs. Gu said sarcastically.

Gu Zhenkang was furious too. It would be the Gu Mansion's honor to marry the Princess. And Princess Xunyang and the girl were good friends right? However, instead of helping him out, this girl was doing nothing! Gu Zhenkang finally found an excuse to vent his anger.

Instead of showing any courtesy, he struck the table. "Are you treating him or not?"

"No." Gu Chaoyan answered directly without consideration. "Not everyone is qualified to use my medicine, and Gu Yunhe is one of those who doesn't deserve it!"

Gu Zhenkang got extremely angry.

What!

"You cured the refugees, but not your Elder Brother!" Gu Zhenkang was so pissed – he almost believed that he had heard it wrong.

Gu Chaoyan composedly stood on the spot. She could have just drugged Gu Yunhe to death! He was dreaming of asking her to treat him!

Xunyang... Xunyang wasn't a girl for him to dream of and set up!

Gu Zhenkang had thought that he had frightened Gu Chaoyan, yet Gu Chaoyan did not even show any reaction. That made Gu Zhenkang really irritated.

“Come again?!”

“No way.” She had no intention of treating his man at all!

Gu Zhenkang laughed out of anger. “Sure, sure, sure, then get out of this family, you are not the daughter of the family!”

Chapter 564: Out of the Family

Standing calmly right there, Gu Chaoyan kept her back straight without moving an inch.

She did not even show any slight changes on her face after hearing what Gu Zhenkang said. She said calmly, “If that is the case, then father, please remove me from the family tree. Also, I am not yet married, so I am taking away every piece of the dowry my mother had. As for anything else, I won’t bother you any more.”

Having said these words, she turned around and was about to leave.

Gu Zhenkang’s eyes widened. He had lost the imposing air he was holding – he had just meant to frighten this girl, but she was truly leaving the family.

“You...” Gu Zhenkang was speechless.

“You can leave, but you are an unmarried daughter who has no right to talk about dowries!” Mrs. Gu said coldly. She knew pretty well how much dowry Ms. Lin had left. She wanted this girl to leave the family without bringing away the doweries!

Ruxue had married Lord Ling...

Lord Ling had to use a lot of money and the Gu Family had to help a little, but the Gu Family was not a business family so what they had was all in the storage. And much of the money had been spent.

If Gu Chaoyan brought away the dowries, what would they have to give to Ruxue?

“You won’t be able to take away those things!” Mrs. Gu insisted.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Mrs. Gu. So this woman was trying to take possession of Ms. Lin’s dowries?

Gu Zhenkang had intended to say something, but got stopped by Mrs. Gu. He fell into silence. He was thinking that Gu Chaoyan could leave the family, but she should leave the doweries to them. Ruxue would be enough for the family, since she was the Phoenix Girl. Also, they had just offended the Queen and Lord Huai, so he did not expect the Queen and Lord Huai would be of any help for them. Therefore, those doweries were the most practical thing to keep at the moment. So Gu Zhenkang nodded in agreement.

Gu Chaoyan sneered. “Are you sure?”

“Oh yeah?” Mrs. Gu said reasonably. What would Gu Chaoyan do about it?

Maybe she would sue her at the governmental office.

Gu Chaoyan would not take this risk, thought Mrs. Gu.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. "Alright then."

Having said these words, she left with Sword One and Qing. Both Sword One and Qing looked very annoyed.

As they walked out of the mansion, Qing said, "Elder Miss, why should we leave Ms. Lin's dowries to them?"

"Don't worry, they won't be able to take them away." Gu Chaoyan said, "Let's go to the mansion first and we will deal with other things later."

Gu Chaoyan was feeling a bit tired, so she was not in a mood to deal with this thing today. However, no one was going to take anything away from Gu Chaoyan. She was going to make those thieves pay for every piece they had taken away from her.

Both Sword One and Qing believed what Gu Chaoyan said.

Sword One went to fetch the wagon.

Since they came out of the mansion alone, no one had gotten their wagons ready, so they had to go on foot.

It was very convenient to find wagons to rent in the capital. Soon Sword One found one wagon.

They got into the wagon and headed towards the mansion.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan's look, Sword One was very worried. "Elder Miss, are you alright?"

"I am fine, just tired. I am a doctor, and I know my body well," Gu Chaoyan said, asking Sword One to be assured.

That made Sword One feel slightly less worried.

As they came to the mansion, Sword One helped the girl to get off the wagon.

They ran into Zhou Huaijin and Zhao Yiqiu at the gate.

Zhou Huaijin felt something was wrong, the moment he spotted Gu Chaoyan here. "What just happened?"

Chapter 565: How is Chaoyan?

"Nothing serious." Gu Chaoyan said calmly, "Just got kicked out of the family."

Fu Bao, who was standing behind Zhou Huaijin, twitched his face. Lady Chaoyan was very different from the other girls, who would just burst into tears.

Even Zhao Yiqiu, who was showing no concern about anything around, threw a look at Gu Chaoyan.

This must be the future Princess Consort Zhou Huaijin mentioned. She was said to be skillful in medicine, and she did seem quite special.

Zhou Huaijin frowned deeply. He had not expected that so much had happened when he was in the court.

“Because of what?” Zhou Huaijin asked seriously.

“Gu Yunhe was beaten by Xunyang and his face has swelled up. He wanted me to treat him, but I said no. He doesn’t deserve my medicine.” Gu Chaoyan said, “Mrs. Gu did ask me to treat him... honestly, I have a lot of poison too, it was already nice of me not to poison Gu Yunhe!”

Hearing these words, Zhao Yiqi could not help but look at Gu Chaoyan.

Zhao Yiqiu had believed that he was a doctor with principles who always treated patients without fail, but this girl... This girl was a doctor without any principles yet without any conspiracies! She treated good people and poisoned the bad ones. She could do both and she was saying that so frankly as well!

Zhao Yiqiu did start to pay attention to this special girl.

Zhou Huaijin patted Gu Chaoyan’s hands. “If that is the case, then stay in the mansion. You don’t have to return to the Gu Family. Yeah, that is not something serious.”

Then he took Gu Chaoyan and came to Zhao Yiqiu. “This is Mr. Zhao, a doctor too. He has just come out of the court. He can live in a remote yard in the mansion.”

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She said politely, “Greetings, Mr. Zhao.”

Zhao Yiqiu nodded in response.

Zhou Huaijin led them into the mansion.

Gu Chaoyan had just raised her feet when she almost collapsed. Luckily Zhou Huaijin was quick enough to hold her.

He was panicking, “What happened?!”

Zhao Yiqiu came to feel her pulse. He looked at Gu Chaoyan with a look of confusion, then he said, “Get her in!”

Zhou Huaijin carried her.

Zhao Yiqiu was confused. He had not been in the capital for so many years, and he had run into two strange things the moment he came back.

One was the strange poison the King was suffering from. The second was that the pulse he felt was missing!

The former might be because of his bad medical skills, but the latter.... Zhao Yiqiu sighed.

He hurried into the room.

Zhou Huaijin helped Gu Chaoyan to the bed, asking her to lie down.

Gu Chaoyan felt very helpless. “I am doing fine, I’m just a bit tired and tripped. I am a doctor, I know my body well. I am fine.”

Zhou Huaijin did not care. She was indeed a doctor, but doctors did not cure themselves!

She always said that she was fine, but he did not think so!

“Mr. Zhao, how is Chaoyan?” Zhou Huaijin asked Zhao Yiqiu who was standing at the doorstep, but refused to come in.

“She is fine, just needs some rest.” Zhao Yiqiu answered with a look of complication.

Zhou Huaijin did not believe it. He asked Sword One to take good care of Chaoyan.

Then he took Zhao Yiqiu out and said, “Mr. Zhao, please be honest with me, how is Chaoyan?”

Chapter 566: Detoxifying

Zhao Yiqiu had a very complicated look on his face. He was full of confusion as well. He could not tell how she was – she had no pulse, so how could he make a diagnosis?

However, he could not tell Zhou Huaijin the truth. He was a doctor with principles. He could not reveal the situation of the patients to people for no reason, even if Zhou Huaijin was her future husband.

He sighed. He thought for a while and said, “Judging from the way she looks, she must have gotten too tired. So she needs to take a good rest. Also, the winter is very cold, and girls like her need to stay warm, unlike us men. As for the rest... she is basically fine. Lady Chaoyan said that she is a doctor and she knows her own physical condition well.”

Hearing what Zhao Yiqiu said, Zhou Huaijin believed that Chaoyan was fine, but Zhou Huaijin knew Zhao Yiqiu well, and he sensed that there was something else.

Zhao Yiqiu was a man of few words. He always said the truth after examining the patients rather than anything else, but today was different.

When Zhao Yiqiu was talking about Chaoyan, he was wearing a very twisted look, and he had been talking for so long as if he were trying to console him.

Zhou Huaijin stared at Zhao Yiqiu, but Zhao Yiqiu was still wearing a look of composure, showing no expression at all.

“Is that true?” Zhou Huaijin asked suspiciously.

“I never tell lies.” Zhao Yiqiu said with determination.

That made Zhou Huaijin let out a sigh of relief.

Zhao Yiqiu was indeed a man of principles. He never told lies, which was what he had been clinging to. So since he affirmed with him about this, then Chaoyan should be doing just fine.

Zhou Huaijin accompanied Zhao Yiqiu to the wing yard. “We have few servants here in the mansion. If you need anything, just come out of the room and say so, someone would be at your service.”

“Okay.” Zhao Yiqiu answered, then he asked Zhou Huaijin to leave.

Zhou Huaijin ran directly to Chaoyan’s room.

Sword One had just walked out and said with a small voice. "Elder Miss has just fallen asleep!"

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

He sat down by the bedside holding her hands.

Gu Chaoyan had long fingers, which were very skinny since she had lost a lot of weight.

Her hands smelled of medical herbs, since she had been making the medicine during the past few days. Xia Yinghan had left and only Xue Feihan was still helping her. The other students from the Saint College were not willing to show up, so Gu Chaoyan had to do many things personally.

He hired some expensive doctors in the capital so the situation improved, and Chaoyan had some time to take a break.

As he thought of this, Zhou Huaijin felt his heart aching deeply. He should not have let her do so much work that exhausted her.

Zhou Huaijin stood by Gu Chaoyan's side throughout the night.

It was not until the following day that he left for some business at the Shadow Door.

When Gu Chaoyan woke up, he had just left.

Gu Chaoyan sat down in the yard and did some sunbathing on this winter day. So when Zhao Yiqiu came, she was taking a calm break.

"Are you feeling better, Lady Chaoyan?" Zhao Yiqiu asked.

Hearing the voice, Gu Chaoyan opened her eyes, adjusted her posture and asked Zhao Yiqiu to take a seat as well. Zhao Yiqiu sat down on the stone chair next to her, keeping a distance between them.

"I am feeling much better, Mr. Zhao, thanks." Gu Chaoyan answered politely.

Zhao Yiqiu nodded and decided to leave. He had felt Gu Chaoyan's pulse and it was his obligation to inquire about her.

He had just turned around, when he ceased his footsteps and asked calmly, "Can you detoxify Pearl Poison?"

Chapter 567: Suing My Father 1

Gu Chaoyan had been feeling drowsy, but hearing what Mr. Zhao asked, she suddenly lost the sense of sleepiness.

"Pearl Poison? What are the symptoms?" Gu Chaoyan asked. She was not very familiar with the medical terms of this era, unless she knew what the symptoms were.

A couple of days ago, her space had been widened, and a small room appeared. There were a few books in the room and many of the books were about how to detoxify poison. Since she had been very busy with different things, she had not read the contents carefully, but since Mr. Zhao asked her all of a sudden... she might go inside and check out those books. Maybe she could find the solution there.

Zhao Yiqiu hesitated, but he had been thinking about this position during the past few days yet had gained no idea. Since Lady Chaoyan asked, she might have some clues?

He thought for a while and said, "The patient gets increasingly tired and soon loses all the strength in their limbs. Those are the current symptoms. It is a disease that causes people a great deal of pain."

Gu Chaoyan frowned.

Magical water might help to detoxify the poison, or she could leaf through the books that newly appeared in the space.

However, she could not give a specific answer at the moment, so she said, "Please let me think about it first Mr. Zhao."

That was what Zhao Yiqiu had expected. He nodded. "Thank you, Lady Chaoyan"

He still showed no expression on his face.

"It is okay." Gu Chaoyan answered.

When Zhao Yiqiu left, Gu Chaoyan looked at his back, wondering what kind of words should be used to describe this man.

When Zhou Huaijin walked in, he saw this scene...

Gu Chaoyan was staring at the back of Zhao Yiqiu dumbfoundedly...

He could not help but get jealous, as he said, "Mr. Zhao is old enough to be your father, what are you staring at him for? Am I not better looking?"

Gu Chaoyan stopped staring at him and burst out into laughter. "You are the best looking one."

That made Zhou Huaijin slightly satisfied. Zhao Yiqiu was a handsome man, but he looked too gentle, unlike Zhou Huaijin. Zhou Huaijin was quite confident about his appearance, but those were just pretentious words of jealousy.

He knew that Chaoyan was not into that man at all. So he did not dig into it.

"Feeling better?" Zhou Huaijin asked.

"Yes, much better." Gu Chaoyan answered.

Zhou Huaijin felt assured. He had noticed that Gu Chaoyan looked more lively than before, so he said those words to amuse her. He was no longer feeling that worried any more.

Sword One came and poured him a cup of tea.

Zhou Huaijin sipped a cup of tea and said, "You are now living here, but we have few servants here, so I got some more people to help you. They are working in the kitchen and running errands. Sword One and Qing would be serving you as usual, you are used to them."

"Okay." Gu Chaoyan answered relaxedly. She was used to Zhou Huaijin's care.

She took hold of Zhou Huaijin's hands, then she told him her plan. "I am going to the Government Office tomorrow, to sue my father."

Zhou Huaijin was surprised. For one moment, he could not think of what she was going there for.

"I am suing my father to take possession of my mother's dowries. I am going to get my doweries back." Gu Chaoyan reminded him.

Chapter 568: Suing My Father 2

Dowries?

Oh yes, that was true. Gu Chaoyan's mother Ms. Lin from a family that once was the most wealthy in the whole captail. They were related to the imperial family too. Old Master Lin loved his daughter deeply, so when she got married, he gave away almost half of the properties. Those things were almost as much as those in his own Lord Huai's Mansion!

It was very normal for the Gu Family to get all of them. They must be thinking that Chaoyan would not ruin her own reputation since she was marrying him soon.

Honestly, suing her father for the dowries, was something that never occurred in the noble families.

Some cases like this happened in common families, but girls normally lost their reputation after getting the dowries, and ended up in a terrible position.

Maybe that was what the Gu Mansion had been thinking, so they did not seem to fear anything, but Gu Chaoyan was not an ordinary woman. She was his future wife and he was not going to let her end up in a terrible situation.

"I will back you up," Zhou Huaijin said.

"Okay." Gu Chaoyan answered with a smile. She had never thought that Zhou Huaijin would be out of the plan. He always took her side.

Since the law said that the dowries belonged to the wife, then it was not at all wrong for her to sue Gu Zhenkang.

The following day...

It was a very sunny day without wind. The sun was giving out rare warmth.

Gu Chaoyan headed towards the Government Office with Sword One.

The wagon was from her own mansion, a very simple one which used to take Qing when she was out running errands. Since Gu Chaoyan suddenly showed up, new wagons were not yet ready, so she took this one directly instead.

When Gu Chaoyan got off the wago, the guards at the Government Office simply could not move their eyes.

This... this was the Elder Miss of the Gu Family, the future Princess Consort of Lord Huai!

She was here once before, but the officer was changed. What was she doing here again?

Those guards were very frightened.

“Lady Chaoyan...” One of the guards was about to speak, when Gu Chaoyan walked past them, came to the drum, took up the sticks and started to drum. The sound was so loud that the whole Government Office could hear it.

When the sound of the drum arose, then it meant that injustice happened, and someone was suing for justice.

The officer came to the hall.

“Bring the prosecutor!” the Officer said seriously.

The guards showed Gu Chaoyan in politely.

When the Officer saw the prosecutor, he was startled.

“Lady Chaoyan?” the Officer asked confusedly, “Aren’t you treating the refugees outside the capital? What are you here for?”

Gu Chaoyan was surprised that the Officer knew about the refugees, but that was not what she was here for.

“I am seeking for justice,” Gu Chaoyan said as she stood there.

“But the law says that any prosecutor seeking for justice shall be hit five times before suing anyone...” The Officer looked at her awkwardly. She was a skinny girl who could not possibly take five big hits!

Gu Chaoyan nodded. “Just do it.”

The Officer was in a dilemma, so were the guards – were they really going to hit her?

The guards looked at the Officer.

The Officer nodded and gave them the order. Gu Chaoyan did not move an inch and just stood on the spot calmly. The guards did not give much force, but after five hits, Gu Chaoyan looked pale.

“I am suing my father who drove me out of the family and still refuses to return my mother’s dowries to me. Please help me get justice, Officer!”

Chapter 569: Your Wound

Gu Chaoyan said this without bending herself, as she stood there with back straight.

She had just been hit five times and she was at the verge of collapsing, but she looked very resolute as she had her eyes upon the Officer.

The Officer was shocked. He had no idea who Elder Miss was suing when she walked into the office. He had thought that she was defending those refugees, but never her dowries!

The laws of the Saint Divine Land were stated clearly. It was written that girls should have their dowries, while the husband’s family should not be involved.

The Elder Miss of the Gu Family had a mother who passed away when she was still little, and the Elder Miss was the only child left. So it was totally reasonable that Elder Miss should have the dowries.

And that was so for all women. However, laws were one thing, but most of the time, it was the public comments that had the power in that era.

There had been a few similar cases in the past...

Some girls did get the dowries back, but they had to bear the name of not having filial piety to their father and get disdained by her husband's family until they passed away in pity.

That was what happened to ordinary people when they tried to sue their father. What about the Elder Miss?

She was going to marry Lord Huai, and she was going to be an active figure in the noble families of the whole capital.

She was someone who would not possibly sue her father for the dowries. Probably that was what the Old Master of the Gu Family was thinking, thus being so fearless, but... The Elder Miss had hit the drums.

It was a behavior ordinary girls would never have done, however, it got done by the Elder Miss instead.

The Officer, who had not understood the behavior, now understood everything. He looked at Gu Chaoyan in admiration!

The Government Office in the capital was different from that in the county, and the Officers of these two places were in charge of different things. The Officer in the capital Government Office was always in charge of some small errands of the civilians, since there were officers everywhere.

However, today... the Officer got totally fired up inwardly!

"Elder Miss, I will take your case and will review it fairly and justly, please be assured!" the Officer said attentively.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at him.

The Officer's eyes were sparkling. That surprised her a great deal – this was an ambitious Officer with a goal of life!

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

The Officer continued, "One more thing, Elder Miss, you have to be aware that your case has to be reviewed in public, any problems with that?"

"No." Gu Chaoyan answered.

She had come to sue Gu Zhenkang, so she had nothing to fear or to show. The case could be reviewed in public!

"You have just been hit, please go home to take a rest. We will review the case the day after tomorrow, and we will send staff to bring you here," the Officer said.

"Yes." Gu Chaoyan answered.

When she was about to leave the Government Office, she bowed to the Officer as a way of showing respect, even though she, as the future Princess Consort, did not have to do that.

The Officer responded to the bow as well, then Gu Chaoyan left.

As she went back to the wagon, Sword One said concernedly, "Elder Miss, please let me check your wound!"

Chapter 570: Weakness

Gu Chaoyan took hold of Sword One's hands, stopping her from the next move. Then she patted her hands and consoled her, "I am fine. The two guards did not use much force. Don't worry, what I need is to use some medicine when we come home."

Sword One was anxious so she panicked, but Gu Chaoyan wasn't that comfortable showing the wound in the wagon, since the wound was on her back.

Sword One felt like crying, but she did not do anything more.

She had just been panicking a moment, without realizing that they were in a wagon and her Elder Miss had her wound on the back.

Elder Miss might look like a cold person, but she was a person who got bashful easily. Although she never showed that clearly, her red ears had exposed her inner emotions.

Okay, so they would not check the wounds now, but Sword One still took her Elder Miss into her arms and said, "Elder Miss, then lean against me, so the bumping wagon won't hurt your wound."

Gu Chaoyan nodded and leaned against Sword One.

Five hits. The guards had spared their force too. She was thankful for those guards, who might think that it was not right to hit girls or just fear Zhou Huaijin's existence.

In the meanwhile, she was getting worried too.

Well... It was about her physical conditions.

She was getting weaker and weaker. In the previous life, she had gone through ups and downs and even got seriously injured, but she had never felt so weak. She had gone through all kinds of lethal moments as well, and she was always in a proper condition.

However, now... she had thought that her own adjustment would work, and that for a long while, she should be doing well, but it seemed that after winter came she had not been feeling very well.

She got tired easily and she got small colds all the time. Right now, she was feeling terrible after just getting hit five times on the back.

The wounds could get healed easily since she had the magical water, but the physical condition of hers could not recover that easily.

She decided to pay some more attention to this too.

All the way to the mansion, she was frowning. When the wagon pulled over, she stopped thinking, took a deep breath, and got off the wagon with Sword One's help. Sword One was worrying that Gu Chaoyan would collapse.

As they came to the inner chamber, Sword One said anxiously, "Qing, get Elder Miss a clean blouse."

Qing hurried away to fetch the clothes.

Sword One helped Gu Chaoyan to lie down on her stomach.

Gu Chaoyan gave Sword One a medical bottle. "This is for the wound, put it on and the wound will be better by the following day."

Sword One nodded.

The moment the blouse was removed for the medicine, Sword One burst into tears as she saw the wounds.

Elder Miss kept saying that she was fine at the wagon and she believed that, but the wounds were all over her back! Elder Miss must have been going through so much pain!

Sword One was afraid that Gu Chaoyan could not stand the pain. So she kept putting on the medicine little by little, as she asked with a small voice, "Does it hurt, Elder Miss?"

"No." Gu Chaoyan answered. She had a much higher tolerance of pain than others – it was a result of training in her former life.

However, when the medicine was all put on, sweat drops appeared all over her forehead.

As she was wiping the sweat away, Zhou Huaijin came in and saw the wound on her back. His face changed directly as he asked, "What is going on?"

"A hit at the Government Office." Sword One answered.

"I will make them pay!"