

Divine 971

Chapter 971: Over the Line

“You have crossed the line and forgotten who you really are.”

“...”

“I remember that when I got engaged with Chaoyan, I told you at Shadow Door that Chaoyan has full access to Shadow Door unconditionally. I can see that you have forgotten everything I have said. She can't be allowed to enter the Shadow Door? Then what is the point of keeping Shadow Door?” Zhou Huaijin looked expressionless, while scolding her.

Feng Yue just could not believe what she heard. Her pupils broadened, as she looked at Zhou Huaijin in astonishment.

What was the point of keeping Shadow Door? Feng Yue kept thinking about this sentence. What was the point?

So if Gu Chaoyan did not have access to Shadow Door, then there was no point in keeping it?

What did Lord Huai think of those who were working here?

Feng Yue just could not accept what she heard. She could not believe that Lord Huai would think in this way!

She had always thought that Lord Huai and they belonged to the same team, but inside Lord Huai's heart, the Shadow Door was not as important as Gu Chaoyan?

Then what were they, after all?

Feng Yue turned pale, and looked terrified as if she had been seriously stricken.

Zhou Huaijin was very displeased by what Feng Yue said and did – but Feng Yue was just one of the many hidden guards he trained at Shadow Door, and he would not make an effort to study how terrible she looked.

Instead, he just said coldly, “Go and get your punishment at Shadow Door, and your titles are removed for the moment. If you make another mistake next time, I will have to fire you.”

Having said this, he turned around without showing any emotions. Then he started to head towards Gu Chaoyan.

He had not planned to take Gu Chaoyan's hands, but at this moment, he did. How Feng Yue reacted might have hurt Chaoyan in some way, and Zhou Huaijin would have fired Feng Yue, if not for the achievements she had done for Shadow Door.

He was about to walk inside with Gu Chaoyan...

Mo Bing subconsciously was about to stop them before he just left it.

Mo Bing and Feng Yue spent most of their time together. They mostly thought the same... That was why he subconsciously tried to stop Gu Chaoyan. Yet he knew clearly that Lord Huai was the head of Shadow Door and should have the say about everything.

It was their own issue if they had a problem against Lord Huai's decision, but they should never exceed him.

Mo Bing watched Lord Huai and Gu Chaoyan leaving as he threw a look at Feng Yue, who had a terrible look on her face as if something horrible had happened.

He thought for a while, then he asked the other hidden guards to watch the gate...

Then he went to Feng Yue who had become horribly pale.

"What is it?" Mo Bing asked, without showing any changes on his face.

"What is Lord Huai doing? He is leaving us for the sake of one woman! He says that there is no point in keeping Shadow Door if Gu Chaoyan can not have access to it! What is he thinking?" Feng Yue smiled ironically, looking very disappointed.

Mo Bing frowned.

"Feng Yue, you have made a mistake, not Lord Huai." Mo Bing reminded her.

Feng Yue looked even more surprised. She kept shaking her head. "My mistake? What mistake have I made?"

Chapter 972: Punishment

Feng Yue became a bit worked up. She bellowed furiously, "I am saying this and doing this only because I am thinking about Shadow Door and the Lord!"

"..."

"Mo Bing, you and I were the first ones to join Shadow Door, and we witnessed what Shadow Door was like and how Lord was doing in the capital! Years passed, and the reason why Shadow Door has become so firm is because the Lord and we have made so much effort!"

"..."

"The Lord has come to the age of getting married and fathering children, which I am clearly aware of."

"..."

"But the Lord should be more rational when he is dealing with something. He should not have asked that woman to be involved with Shadow Door. She doesn't deserve to be part of us, and she should not put Shadow Door into potential danger either!"

"..."

"I am doing this for the Lord!" Feng Yue said excitedly.

She had almost lost control of her emotions because of what happened. She had lost her mind because this was what she cared very much about.

Mo Bing looked at Feng Yue...

For the first time ever, he found Feng Yue seemed like a stranger to him.

When Feng Yue and he went to the Feather Mulberry Land together, she occasionally revealed that Lady Chaoyan did not deserve Lord Huai, but he did not put too much thought into that. Later when she kept saying that Lady Chaoyan should not be involved with Shadow Door, he did not think that she was wrong about it either, so he had been quite cautious about hiding information, since people at Shadow Door should be cautious anyway. However, it was different now.

Lord Huai was showing Shadow Door to Lady Chaoyan without any concern, which was a clear message for him.

No matter how much objection Feng Yue and he had in their minds, they should not hold any countering thoughts. Instead, they should follow the Lord's message and respect Lady Chaoyan as well.

What he had not expected was that Feng Yue was so persistent and even a little crazy.

Mo Bing frowned and said to Feng Yue, "Feng Yue, you are making a huge mistake!"

"..."

"We did spend the worst time with the Lord and we did make efforts for Shadow Door, but you should always remember that no matter what happens, we are just servants, and the Lord is our master."

"..."

"We have to obey the master's words."

"..."

"We and the Master are not on the same level. We are not qualified enough to exceed him. Lady Chaoyan, however, is the one that shares the same status as Master."

"..."

"The Lord is right about this decision, and Feng Yue, it is you who have not understood where you are."

"..."

"If not for the Lord, we would have starved to death as orphans. He has given us life, and it is our duty to work for him. We have no right to tell him what to do and what not to do, got it?"

Hearing what Mo Bing said, Feng Yue still shook her head.

It was not like this at all. It should not have gone in this way. They were all people who went through ups and downs with the Lord, but Gu Chaoyan had done nothing!

Mo Bing sighed at the sight of Feng Yue.

It seemed that Feng Yue still had not understood what mistake she had just made.

“Just go back to Shadow Door for your punishment. Hopefully, you will understand what mistake you have made,” Mo Bing said calmly.

Then he went back to his own position and continued to guard the door.

In the meanwhile...

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan already came to the inner part of Shadow Door.

The branch looked ordinary from the outside, but things were very diversified and abundant inside.

Chapter 973: Not Scared

Apart from what was already there, Gu Chaoyan made a discrete observation of how the branch looked like. It looked as if it were an ordinary mansion, but as a matter of fact, this place was even more concealed and secure than places like Dali Temple.

Yes...

It was concealed and secure!

No one outside the branch was able to enter this place, unless the guards of Shadow Door gave them permission. Otherwise any entry was impossible.

There were different hidden guards in every corner. Even a bird was unable to make it out.

Before this day, Gu Chaoyan only had a little knowledge of what Shadow Door was like, which she heard from Fu Bao and Sword One, or Manager Song as well as other people. However, since she was here today in person, she had to admit that Shadow Door was a lot more extraordinary than she had imagined.

Well...

No wonder Shadow Door was omnipresent.

She looked at Zhou Huaijin next to her, who was only in his 20s. So it meant that when he built Shadow Door, he was still underaged. Yet even at such a young age, he was able to build a place like Shadow Door and develop it into such a firm place with a solid foundation.

She could not help admiring him completely.

Also, despite the powerful existence of Shadow Door, he still kept a low-profile in the capital, showing nothing to the outside.

The King, the Heir and those ministers in the court, as she believed, must have thought that Zhou Huaijin was a spoiled and useless Lord.

None of them had any idea that the spoiled and useless lord in their eyes had managed to build a place like Shadow Door!

Gu Chaoyan could not help feeling sentimental as well. She took hold of Zhou Huaijin's hands tightly, as emotions filled her heart.

Zhou Huaijin could feel her tension, and thought that she must have been terrified on her first visit here to Shadow Door, which was, after all, different from ordinary mansions. In this place, the hidden guards were busy with their own errands without showing any expression. They did not bow or greet the visitors, unless he had some tasks to assign. That was the rule that already prevailed when Shadow Door was first established, because Zhou Huaijin did not intend to waste any time upon manners and rules, when they had other serious affairs to deal with.

Afraid that she was not yet adapted to what she was surrounded with, he looked down at her and consoled her with a smile. "Don't be afraid, the hidden guards at Shadow Door look very serious, but they won't hurt you. Also, they are at your mercy, as long as you need them!"

Zhou Huaijin explained gently.

He suddenly felt that he had not yet considered a few points regarding Shadow Door in the past.

Chaoyan had been so engaged with her own business that Zhou Huaijin never took her to Shadow Door in the past or to show her around. Whenever she was free, he always asked her to have a break instead.

For one thing, he felt that Chaoyan could always ask Sword One and the other three to deal with anything she needed, and for another, he felt that Shadow Door was just an office, which might just be open for Chaoyan when she needed in the future by receiving the authority token from him.

However, what Feng Yue had said and did made him hesitate. He became aware that he had not been discreet enough.

He had thought that those people who worked for him would be devoted to him, but those guards were also people with emotions and thoughts...

So if he did nothing about it, not everyone at Shadow Door would be devoted to Chaoyan.

Then...

Chapter 974: Firm Shadow Door

He needed to come up with a way to solve this issue.

Chaoyan should not be scared of those from Shadow Door, and those from Shadow Door should be truly devoted to Chaoyan as well.

For one moment, he felt like he was falling into a dilemma.

However, Gu Chaoyan had not expected that Zhou Huaijin had misunderstood her. For one moment, she had no idea how to express herself. So she just nodded and said with a smile, "It is fine."

Only now did Zhou Huaijin feel slightly more assured.

After they went through a few alleyways, they came to a place that looked like a prison, which did not seem as gloomy as that at Dali Temple. Instead, it was a renovated yard that looked really solid from outside.

Seeing the confusion in Gu Chaoyan's eyes, Zhou Huaijin explained as he stood next to her. "This prison was designed by someone very skillful. We don't need such a prison at Shadow Door, but I didn't want

to kill his idea. When I was building the branch here, I spared an extra place for him to make a prison, which has never been used, until now.”

“...”

“Lucky for me, I never turned down that idea. The prison made by him is really solid, even for those monsters.” Zhou Huaijin said, sounding as if he admired that man deeply.

Gu Chaoyan nodded too.

That man did seem to have a very good and well-planned idea. If such prisons could be used at Dali Temple or the Ministry of Personnel, or even in some mansions, it would be great, but... currently, it was not very ideal for the court to build a prison like this. Therefore, the idea had to be dropped.

They were there to see the monsters inside.

They exchanged a few words outside, before walking in together.

It was not dark inside the prison. It was actually bright enough to see what was kept. Two hidden guards were leading the way, so the couple walked into the core from outside.

Gu Chaoyan saw what they were when she was still far away.

She was totally surprised.

She frowned deeply.

She could accept those mutated wild boars, apes and black serpents, but this thing she was seeing right now was more than human beings.

Well...

It was so strange... It was a thing that had a silhouette of a human, or it was human that was changed into such a state. They were covered by the hardest metal.

No ordinary beings were able to counter such a thing.

They could not be injured. Nor did they have any inner organs. They could never be killed.

Also, as these things were lying there one after another...

They showed no movement and breathed no air.

Gu Chaoyan still felt hair standing up on her neck, totally shocked.

“Have they been like this since they were brought back?” Gu Chaoyan asked.

“Yes, they have been like this since they were brought back, lying like this, but one thing that can be sure is that they were the things that hurt people in the mountains.” Zhou Huaijin said.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

She took a few steps forward and looked at the chained door.

She thought for a while and said, “Open the door. I need to have a look at it.”

The hidden guards did not dare to open the door, since those were very dangerous beings. Although they were not moving right now, they could not be sure that something unexpected wouldn't happen.

So the hidden guards looked at Zhou Huaijin.

Chapter 975: One Gift

Zhou Huaijin frowned deeply.

He did not want Chaoyan to take such a risk by getting close to the dangerous things, but he was going to respect her.

Gu Chaoyan consoled him. "Don't worry. It will be fine. I just want to see what is going on here."

Zhou Huaijin hesitated, but he still nodded.

The hidden guards, who seemed a bit hesitant too, still opened the door.

Gu Chaoyan walked in fearlessly. Seeing her entering, Zhou Huaijin followed. He was going to let Chaoyan see what she needed to see, but he was definitely going to keep her safe.

Gu Chaoyan squatted down as she walked in.

Those things were not at all alive.

They were just like people who were petrified, totally invulnerable. What was more, they were covered by metal! A couple of things like this had already given people a lot of trouble, what if there were a group of them! Gu Chaoyan just could not believe what would happen by that point.

Gu Chaoyan checked them thoroughly.

She did not know how those things were controlled to hurt people, after seeing that they were just things without any sign of life.

Those things were not moving at all, as they were checked.

It was not until Gu Chaoyan gave up and shook her head, that the two of them stood up.

They walked out in disappointment.

Gu Chaoyan thought for a while and asked. "Are we able to remove some metal from them?"

Zhou Huaijin nodded. He had not thought about this before, but it sounded like a good one.

Someone from Shadow Door was able to handle this.

He nodded. "Yes, but we may need some time."

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief.

Nothing else needed to be checked at the moment. The key point was to see what the metal on them was so that some riddles might be able to be solved.

However, at this moment, they had no the slightest clue.

Both of them became rather distressed.

Zhou Huaijin decided not to let Chaoyan stay at Shadow Door, since everyone looked very busy with their own business and looked very serious.

They went into the wagon and headed back to Xinlin Mansion.

On the way to the mansion, Gu Chaoyan had been speechless, as she kept thinking about the whole thing.

She found that things were becoming very complicated on this continent. It seemed that the throne and the conflicts between the four countries suddenly seemed so minor – there were other beings that were more difficult to deal with.

Maybe Destiny Monk would know something. Maybe it was related to the Phoenix Girl he once mentioned.

Gu Ruxue was definitely not the Phoenix Girl, but could the Phoenix Girl really be a girl?

What she had known so far was that it was her phoenix that was able to cause the gathering of hundreds of birds, and it was the phoenix that had made all so-called Phoenix Girls possible.

As far as she believed, maybe the phoenix was the Phoenix Girl after all!

She wondered what the phoenix could do...

She had not yet discovered what the phoenix could do.

Gu Chaoyan had been thinking about this on the way home, but when they reached Xinlin Mansion, Zhou Huaijin helped her off the wagon.

The couple walked into the mansion and Gu Chaoyan started to get a little tired.

Zhou Huaijin asked Fu Bao to fetch some snacks for her.

Gu Chaoyan was slightly less exhausted after some pastry and tea, when Zhou Huaijin walked in and showed a gentle smile.

He took a seat next to her and said, "I have a gift for you."

Chapter 976: The Authority token

Gu Chaoyan was very confused and looked at Zhou Huaijin, as she heard his words.

They had never exchanged any gifts with each other before, but Zhou Huaijin would always give her large boxes of things she found useful, and Sword One and Qing would sort everything out for her to use.

Gu Chaoyan wondered what gift he was giving to her, and why.

Zhou Huaijin found this confused girl really lovely, as her large eyes were clear and sparkling.

He subconsciously pinched her face. Then he took out the authority token from his pocket and placed it in her hands.

Gu Chaoyan, at this point, had not yet understood what that was given to her. So she asked subconsciously, “What is it?”

“The Authority token for Shadow Door,” Zhou Huaijin said.

Only now could Gu Chaoyan see clearly that the black authority token in her hands was carved with two small characters – “The Head ”, and on the side of the authority token were some totems related to Shadow Door. Small but very exquisite.

However, Gu Chaoyan was still hesitant and decided to return the authority token to Zhou Huaijin.

He spent years building Shadow Door and the ones from Shadow Door had all the rights to work for him. She should not accept the whole authority, even if Huaijin had the intention to give it to her.

However if she just gave it back to Huaijin without saying anything, he would not say yes.

Gu Chaoyan explained. “You have to take back the authority token. Shadow Door is yours, and you need the authority token to arrange work for Shadow Door, not me. If I need to have some business done, I can just ask one of the Sword siblings to do that for me. The authority token isn’t needed at all.”

“...”

“Also, I told you that I was going to cultivate some people for myself, and that is what I am doing right now, and it is getting more and more mature as well. Apart from the Sword siblings, I have got Xiu Jie and Xiao Jin who could all work for me. Xiao Jin has been very devoted these days too, so I have enough staff with me. The authority token isn’t that useful for me.” Gu Chaoyan said.

Then she placed the authority token back into Zhou Huaijin’s hands.

However, the moment Zhou Huaijin received the authority token, he gave it back to her directly.

Seeing that giving it to her directly did not work, Zhou Huaijin explained from another perspective. “Just take this authority token, you don’t have to overthink it. I am the Head and I don’t need an authority token to pass on orders. If you need to have any business done, you can just show it to anyone. If you don’t need it, just take it as an ornament. It looks good on you too. You won’t be in any trouble with the authority token with you.”

“...”

“Also, Shadow Door is too huge and has too many members for me to spot everyone. I am worried that someone will give you a hard time without it. Understand?” Zhou Huaijin caressed her face.

It was Feng Yue’s behavior that reminded him. Otherwise he would not have thought about this.

He felt slightly better, when he gave the authority token to her, because the authority token represented everything.

Gu Chaoyan looked at the authority token in her hands.

Chapter 977: Noisy

She was still hesitant, but did not turn him down again.

Huaijin was just worried about her, after saying so much. He would not be assured if she did not accept the authority token. So she would do what he wanted her to do, to make him feel assured.

She was not going to over use the authority token now that it was in her hands. She would act based on the situation.

Gu Chaoyan put away the authority token carefully and placed it in her pocket. Then she looked at Zhou Huaijin with a smile. "Is that okay?"

Zhou Huaijin nodded and caressed her head, then he served both her and himself a cup of tea.

Gu Chaoyan took up the teacup, sipped it and said, "I plan to bring Shen Tai to have a look at those things at Shadow Door."

Gu Chaoyan did not even address those things as people, just things.

Shen Tai?

Zhou Huaijin looked a bit confused when he heard the name. For one moment, he just could not think of who that was.

Gu Chaoyan continued. "Shen Tai is the man that was injured by those things. He might not have seen what those things were, but he was the victim, and he should be able to have a rough idea of it. I hope that I am able to obtain some practical information from him. We don't have any clue at the moment, do we?"

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, Zhou Huaijin suddenly remembered.

Shen Tai was the badly-injured man from the mountains, who was brought back to life by Chaoyan at Xinlin Clinic. However, later when he and Chaoyan left on their trip, the patient stayed at Xinlin Clinic and by this point, he should have recovered.

If he could have a look at those things, that might be a solution too.

Just as Chaoyan said, they truly had no clue of what was going on. Maybe Shen Tai was able to offer some useful information under such a circumstance.

"That sounds like a practical idea, but we have to inform Shadow Door about it. Also, you will have to tell Shen Tai that he has to be blind-folded when he is taken to Shadow Door."

"..."

"The branch of Shadow Door in the capital is a well-built place. Shen Tai owes you his life, but whether or not he is trustworthy isn't yet certain. So we can't expose Shadow Door to him."

"..."

"It might not be that convenient for us, but I will explain the situation to him."

Zhou Huaijin reminded her.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, agreeing with what he had said. Shadow Door was an important place, and no mistakes were allowed to be made there.

“Okay, let’s do it that way. We will visit the clinic tomorrow.” Gu Chaoyan said.

Zhou Huaijin nodded before asking her to bathe and sleep earlier.

It had been a very exhausting day for them after visiting Shadow Door.

The following day...

Gu Chaoyan got up very early.

She did not think that the visit to Shadow Door would be easy, so she decided to get up early and save some time.

After eating a brief breakfast with Zhou Huaijin, they left with Sword One. Fu Bao had been busy dealing with the errands at Lord Huai’s Mansion, so he had been absent these days. Zhou Huaijin was thus alone.

Xinlin Clinic was located in a very remote area, but not very far from where they lived. So the wagon soon arrived at the destination.

Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin got out of the wagon and headed to Xinlin Clinic, when they heard some noise arising from inside. She subconsciously frowned.

What was the noise here so early in the morning?

It was a just clinic that only saved dying patients.

Chapter 978: Brothers

As they walked into the clinic, Xiu Jie, who was inside spotted Gu Chaoyan, almost letting out a sigh of relief as if he had seen his savior. “Here you are, Elder Miss.”

After greeting Gu Chaoyan, Xiu Jie bowed to Zhou Huaijin politely and said, “Master.”

Zhou Huaijin nodded and threw an interested look at Xiu Jie.

Carefulness was Xiu Jie’s biggest merit, which was noticed by Zhou Huaijin a long while ago. They often greeted him as Lord but today, he greeted him as Master... then it meant that his real identity as Lord should not be exposed.

His calmness was stirred, as he heard the greeting, wondering what was going on inside. After all, Xiu Jie was addressing him differently.

“What is it going on?” Zhou Huaijin threw a look at the room, asking.

Zhou Huaijin had just burst out the question, when a man rushed out and kneeled down in front of Gu Chaoyan. “Lady Chaoyan, please keep me as a laborer here at Xinlin Clinic, okay? I only need food and I can do anything!”

Shen Tai shouted excitedly.

Inside the room, however, Shen Tai's brother struck hard on Shen Tai, anxious as he heard what he said. "What are you talking about? What do you mean working here for free? What about our family? We have so much land at home, so how can we survive if you don't return and work?"

They had just heard the news from their fellow villagers.

Their fellow villagers were out in the city buying stuff, when they saw Shen Tai looking totally healthy in the clinic. That was why they decided to get him back.

They had thought that Shen Tai would return home of his own accord, when he was recovered, but if Shen Tai lost any limbs and could not make it home, they could just desert him and let him die in the clinic alone.

They were farmers who were not able to afford to support a useless being. That was why they never thought of Shen Tai.

However, Shen Tai turned out to be completely healthy, so they should not let Shen Tai spend his days at the clinic. He should go home and continue to do the farming.

Shen Tai was able to cover half of the labor work!

So what was he talking about now? He wanted to work at the clinic, for free? That was a total loss for the family! He was offering the clinic a free laborer, not a paid one! He must go home to do the farming work, if he was not paid enough.

"Brother, the doctors here saved my life, and they have helped me be reborn! I have to pay them back!" Shen Tai insisted.

"As for the family... brother, you are married, but I am not! You asked father to give all the land to you because you are married, but I got nothing! Even if that is the case, I have worked devotedly on the farm for more than a decade! I don't owe the family anything. I just want to repay my saviors, and you should not stop me, just leave me alone! When I was in a coma, I heard what you said! You said that if I couldn't recover, you weren't picking me up here. So now, please, just assume that I haven't recovered!" Shen Tai said.

Shen Tai's brother was startled. So he had heard those words?

He felt quite guilty, but thinking of what Shen Tai could do for the family he still did not want to give up.

He insisted too. "I am your brother, just like your father, you should obey me!"

Chapter 979: Plan

"You are part of our family, and me and our parents raised you, so you should repay us. Yes, those were the words I said, but I had no other choice! We are a poor family who can't afford medical treatment. You don't want your parents to be burdened with any debt, do you?" Shen Tai's brother said reasonably.

Having said this, he also could tell that Shen Tai was not willing to leave.

He noticed that the clinic looked filled with money, so he replied. "I will never let you stay here and work for free, but..."

Shen Tai's brother glanced at Gu Chaoyan.

"But if you are paid, you can stay. If you aren't, you better go home and continue with your labor work!" Shen Tai's brother said.

Hearing his words, Shen Tai became even more annoyed.

He had always been devoted to his family, and the efforts he had made should be counted as his repayment to them, for he had never taken anything from his family after working for them for over a decade.

What he wanted to do right now was to pay his gratitude.

"Brother, I am already 20 years old, and you don't have a say about what I decide to do. Since I already made up my mind that I want to repay my gratitude, that will be what I do, so stop trying to figure out a plan." Shen Tai replied.

Shen Tai's sister-in-law didn't seem happy when she heard his words. "That is not a plan! Yes, you are working hard these years, but what about in the future? You and your brother are both men, and we need to help our parents when they are old. You aren't thinking about leaving them to me, are you? Shen Tai, it is you who is making plans!"

Shen Tai's face turned totally red, as he heard what his sister-in-law said.

His brother had gotten the family's land, so it should be his brother who supported the parents when they became old. Shen Tai would not leave their parents behind, of course, but his brother had already been given so much more, so he should make more efforts.

Now his brother had gotten all the good things...

Even if Shen Tai had a good temper, he still did not think that it was a fair decision.

"I will definitely support my parents when they are old, but sister-in-law, you better not talk as if you were not responsible. I have my own plan regarding how to support them, and if you don't want to support our parents, that is fine too, give the land back to them, and I will support them to the end of their days!" Shen Tai replied.

When Shen Tai's sister-in-law heard that she was asked to return the land, she got so annoyed that she started to shout like a crazy woman.

Gu Chaoyan frowned. She got very annoyed hearing those small family affairs.

If not for Shen Tai, she would have moved those people out of the room already.

Hearing the conversation, she believed that Shen Tai was a nice man. He might be a bit timid, but he was a man who had his own principles. He was insisting on his own ideas.

One, he intended to express his gratitude, and two, he was even willing to support his parents that favored his brother.

These two points were already enough in her eyes. At least, he was qualified enough to work for Xinlin Clinic. Therefore, she decided to help Shen Tai.

Gu Chaoyan looked at Shen Tai's brother and his wife, asking, "If Shen Tai is working for me here, how much do you want to get from him?"

The couple, who had been blaming and scolding Shen Tai for desiring the family's land... suddenly, had their eyes widened hearing about the potential payment.

They ceased fighting.

This woman manager of Xinlin Clinic, who was running a clinic in the capital, must be very rich.

Shen Tai's brother and sister-in-law kept thinking about a solution.

They were trying to remember how much those workers from the village were paid when they were working in the capital.

Chapter 980: Contract

They remembered that the son from his neighbor Mr. Li was working at a restaurant and received 8 liang a year. Together with some other bonuses, he was able to get 10 liang a year... and that was already enough for Mr. Li to brag about in the village.

However, the son of the village chief was working as a pageboy for a wealthy family, and that boy was paid around 1 liang a month, thus 12 liang a year. Together with some other bonuses, that boy was able to get around 15 liang a year... Shen Tai's sister-in-law kept thinking about how much she should say. She was hoping to get as much money as possible a year.

They had a lot of land at home, but few people were capable of working. A good harvest would need a lot of effort, and since their son was going to school soon, they needed money.

She was thinking about getting 15 liang... in this way, that would be a huge income for her, but if she said that she needed 15 liang, and the manager wasn't willing to pay that much, then the deal would be off. Faced with the two choices of getting money and Shen Tai's returning home to do the labor, she believed that the former should be a better choice. Shen Tai's efforts on the farmland would not help to earn much money within a year anyway.

Shen Tai's sister-in-law was hesitating and it took her a while before she said, "13 liang a year."

Having said this, she timidly glanced at Gu Chaoyan, fearing that she would not agree with it. Shen Tai's sister-in-law already thought about a better deal, namely 10 liang a year, if Gu Chaoyan shook her head.

However, in case Gu Chaoyan accepts the request, it would be a great deal.

Before Gu Chaoyan could say anything, Shen Tai sprang up and said anxiously, "That won't work! She saved my life, and didn't charge anything from me, how can I get paid for my work!"

Gu Chaoyan looked at Shen Tai.

He did look very sincere.

Gu Chaoyan asked. "So your plan is to stay at the clinic and work out of gratitude?"

Shen Tai nodded seriously.

“In that case, stop talking now. Let me deal with it,” Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

Then she took out a note from her pocket.

It was worth 1,000 liang.

Then she said calmly, “In this case, then Shen Tai should sign a life-time contract, and here is 1,000 liang as the payment. It should be enough to cover the rest of his parents’ life, isn’t it? What do you think?”

Shen Tai’s sister-in-law had her eyes widened as she saw the money. She had not seen so much money even to this age.

It was 1,000 liang, enough to buy a small house in the outskirts of the town!

She had thought that 13 liang was already too much, but Shen Tai was far more valuable than she expected – that was 1,000 liang!

Shen Tai’s sister-in-law had no hesitation and nodded directly, “That is definitely enough!”

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

She threw a look at Xiu Jie. “Xiu Jie, go and have a contract prepared and let Shen Tai’s brother and his wife sign it. Then we will settle it.”

Xiu Jie answered and went to do what was needed.

He was glad as well.

Actually, for Elder Miss, the money did not matter. What mattered was that Elder Miss had seen value in Shen Tai, which was enough for this lucky dude.

Shen Tai got anxious, seeing what was going on.

That wouldn’t work! He came straightforward and said, “Elder Miss, that won’t work! You saved my life, so I should work for you without asking for anything in return!”