

## Divine 101

### Chapter 101: Unexpected.

She might be a killer in her previous life, but she was also skilled in zither, chess, calligraphy and painting. So performing was not a difficult thing for her.

She looked at her dress that was prepared by Gu Ruxue, which was most suitable for dances, she said naturally, "I will dance."

"I would very much like to see what the ugliest girl would do with dances!" Princess Xunyang said arrogantly and returned to her seat.

Gu Chaoyan did not make any preparations but went on the stage directly.

Gu Ruxue planned to follow, but upset the tea in her hands, as the water splattered over Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan noticed that her shoulders had become wet. So what she had assumed was true.

"Sister, do you want to get changed?" Instead of making an apology, Gu Ruxue asked casually.

Well...

Everyone was waiting for Gu Chaoyan to perform. She had no time to get changed at all.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. She went up to the middle of the stage directly.

Gu Ruxue watched in her seat carefully.

She was expecting to see Gu Chaoyan get humiliated in public!

Gu Chaoyan was talking with the instrument players about the melody. Those players were imperially employed, and Gu Chaoyan's messages to them went through easily.

Gu Chaoyan started to perform openly.

She started to sing a song called The Bright Moon...

Alongside with the melody, Gu Chaoyan danced as she sang, "Bright, bright moon in the sky, fairy up there, please tell me what it is this year? How I wish to fly away, yet the pavilion high up, makes me feel scared in some way. I dance with the silhouette up in heaven, how wonderful it feels on the earth even."

Those who had expected to see a ridiculous and funny show, started to pay great attention the moment she started to sing.

Gu Chaoyan was slightly chubby, yet the way she danced was so beautiful that her chubbiness was ignored. What remained was the lovely voice of hers.

And they had never heard her singing in this way before.

It was so beautiful.

Gu Ruxue was shocked too! Where did the ugly girl learn this?

But it did not matter. She was waiting to see how she was going to live on when her dress fell off.

A small smile hovered over her face, as she waited patiently.

The song ended, and what Gu Ruxue had expected did not happen. Gu Chaoyan was standing right in front of them with a great posture.

After a moment of silence, the crowd started to clap.

Madame Min went up and gripped Gu Chaoyan's hands excitedly, "Did you compile the dance and song yourself?"

Gu Chaoyan did not know who Madame Min was, but she replied with a great manner. "I did."

Having said the words, Gu Chaoyan felt somehow guilty. Since she was living in a different ancient time, the real writer for this melody and lyrics had not existed yet.

No wonder this song made this lady so glad.

"Impossible!" Gu Ruxue shouted.

Madame Min threw a look at Gu Ruxue. "What do you mean, Second Lady, or are you saying that you made the song and melody?"

Gu Ruxue looked up guiltily, "No, no, I just find it curious. Sister never learned those things in the past, how did she come up with such a song and dance all of a sudden."

Madame Min had heard some rumor about this lady. She looked at Gu Chaoyan briefly.

She still believed her, but Madame Min found it curious too.

Instead of answering the question directly, Gu Chaoyan asked, "Second Sister, you just told Princess Xunyang that I have been making preparations for this performance for a long while, so how did I come up with the dance and song all of a sudden?"

## **Chapter 102: The Min Family**

"Well..." Gu Ruxue's lips twitched. She had no idea how to answer the question.

She threw a lethal look at Gu Chaoyan. Since when did the ugly girl dare counter her! How dare she embarrass her in front of Madame Min. She was definitely going to report this to Madame Gu and her father!

Gu Ruxue got so furious yet she did not dare to utter a word in front of Madame Min. Instead, she said with a kind tone, "Sister, I am just concerned about you. I was afraid that you would do something bad for the performance."

Gu Chaoyan looked at Gu Ruxue coldly.

She said that she was concerned about her, but actually, she was suggesting that she was taking shortcuts.

That was how Gu Chaoyan's reputation was ruined by them!

"You think too much, Second Sister. Those who have a narrow mind would think the same about people around them. Don't behave like this." Gu Ruxue said as she looked at Gu Chaoyan with a serious face, intimidating just like a noble lady. "Didn't you say that you are performing too? You can do that now."

Gu Ruxue got startled. She just could not believe her own eyes as she faced Gu Chaoyan.

This was Gu Chaoyan, really? The deserted ugly girl living at the Qiong Pavilion? Why did she look so confident and intimidating in front of her?

Gu Ruxue clenched her fists tightly.

Her eyes had turned thoroughly red because of anger and her fists were very tight.

Gu Chaoyan ignored her, but said to Madame Min. "My sister is too young to understand courtesy, sorry."

She sounded polite, but not flattering.

With eyes upon Gu Chaoyan, Madame Min completely believed that she was the person who could compile such a beautiful song.

Gu Ruxue went up to the stage, and Madame Gu came to greet Madame Min as she saw Gu Chaoyan speaking with her.

Madame Min said to Madame Gu politely, "If you have time, you can bring Lady Chaoyan to my place for a visit. I like her a great deal."

Madame Gu showed a bright smile, "I will, I will."

Then Madame Min nodded at Gu Chaoyan and returned to her own seat.

Madame Gu brought Gu Chaoyan back to their seat. She smiled brightly and patted Gu Chaoyan's hands. "So great that Madame Min likes you!"

"..."

"Madame Min is not from an ordinary family. She is the daughter of the eldest daughter! She is now married to the Min Family which are of high rank in the imperial court for generations. Her husband Officer Min is one of the key ministers. If we are able to befriend the Min Family, your father can be easily promoted! Madame Min is very skillful at zither, chess, calligraphy and painting, and she is even a teacher at Saint College."

Gu Chaoyan disliked it when Madam Gu kept nagging, but when she heard the word Saint College. She realized that she could befriend Madame Min, if she was a teacher at Saint College. After all, she intended to attend Saint College too.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan's expression, Madame Gu assumed that she had understood the importance of the Min Family. So she showed an affable smile and stopped talking.

At this time, Gu Ruxue was on the stage too.

Well, Gu Ruxue, who had a title of the prettiest girl in the capital city, was indeed beautiful, wild and open, especially when she was dressed in red.

Now, she was dancing elegantly.

### **Chapter 103: Her Trick!**

She did look pretty.

It was obvious that during the past few years, Gu Ruxue did spend a lot of effort in building herself up.

Seeing Gu Ruxue's performance, Madame Gu nodded in satisfaction. Madame Duke Changning and Lu Jiming who were not faraway nodded as well.

Gu Chaoyan took a few sips of the tea, then she looked at the girl on the stage.

After a few moments, Gu Ruxue noticed something was going on. She felt that her clothes were slipping away. She had assumed that it was just an illusion, until she felt cool air coming towards her shoulders. It was at that moment did she realize that something wrong was happening!

She looked at the shoulders subconsciously, and got startled!

The garment on her shoulders started to crack open.

What happened?!

It should have been Gu Chaoyan's clothes that had this problem?

Not hers!

Did she make a mistake somehow?

Gu Ruxue was so shocked that she did not pay attention to her moves, which gradually turned horrible. What was more, she did not dare to make any big moves, fearing that the whole dress would fall off and her innocence would be ruined!

Gu Ruxue sweated out of anxiety, but she did not dare to stop either. Nor did she dare to make any big moves. So she was dancing like a stupid person on the stage.

The audience started to laugh at Gu Ruxue's moves, not caring a thing about her ridiculous performance.

"What is going on?!" Madam Gu's face sank.

Madame Duke Changning found it very embarrassing as well. She threw a glare at Madame Gu.

Madame Gu could not stand it any more, but hurried to the stage, asking Gu Ruxue to get off.

Gu Chaoyan had to follow as the eldest miss of the family. As she passed Lu Jiming, she noticed the disdain on Lu Jiming's face. He did not even want to take one more look at the girl on the stage.

Gu Chaoyan could not help but laugh. So this was how the man Gu Ruxue tried so hard to get behaved? She shook her head.

She was about to follow, when an arm stopped her.

Gu Chaoyan followed the direction of the arm and saw Princess Xunyang's ironic face. "You did this, didn't you?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded without any denial.

That startled Princess Xunyang. She had witnessed numerous tricks and conspiracies as a resident in the imperial court, but she had never met anyone who had left such a loophole after she or he committed a trick, nor had she ever met anyone who admitted the wrong doings so directly.

How Gu Chaoyan admitted her fault made her even less annoying than ever.

"It could have been me who was humiliated on the stage." Gu Chaoyan said to Princess Xunyang with a pair of clear eyes. "But I was smart enough to find out. I am someone who takes revenge, so anyone who dares to set me up would need to bear the same price. Or... well, I have shown her some mercy." Gu Chaoyan said as she watched Gu Ruxue's ridiculous performance.

After all...

Gu Ruxue's plan was to make her lose her innocence completely. On the other hand, she was just causing her panic and anxiety.

Instead of asking anything more, Princess Xunyang threw a cold look at Gu Chaoyan and left.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief. She was performing very calmly, but it was a princess standing right in front of her. If she had guessed the wrong direction of this princess, she would have lost her life.

She regained her composure and then walked towards Gu Ruxue.

The moment Gu Ruxue saw Gu Chaoyan, she pointed at her and screamed with excitement, "It must be this ugly girl who has set me up! Madame Gu, mother, you have to get justice for me!"

#### **Chapter 104: Outstanding**

As she was speaking, Gu Ruxue was struggling just to start a fight with Gu Chaoyan.

However, Madame Gu stopped her and covered her mouth, fearing that something more inappropriate would come out of her mouth.

She would have approved of Ruxue before. She was pretty and had an excellent suitor, and the Gu Family had to rely on her. For her sake, Gu Chaoyan was nothing, and she could even bear the responsibility for today!

However, now it would not work.

Ruxue had humiliated herself, yet she could not get Chaoyan involved.

Chaoyan had not only the support from the Wang Family, but also Lord Huai as well as Madame Min. What was more, Princess Gu had helped to arrange a marriage for her too. So, no, she must not do anything.

Madame Gu covered up Gu Ruxue's mouth and asked the maid to bring Gu Ruxue back to the inner chamber of Princess Gu at Biquan Palace.

And during the whole process, Gu Chaoyan was standing right on the spot with back straight, staring at Gu Ruxue's mess.

Mrs. Gu glared at Gu Chaoyan fiercely.

She did not believe that Gu Chaoyan was smart enough to set up Ruxue, but she was making a mistake today, if she did not get her to admit. Also, she was angry that Madam Gu was not helping Ruxue this time.

She took a few steps forward and glared at Chaoyan with a fierce look. "Ugly girl, you better admit the wrong doing today, or you are never going to have a peaceful day in your life."

Gu Chaoyan sneered and approached Mrs. Gu, asking calmly, "Auntie Gu, did you ask Madame Gu for permission for me to admit the mistake?"

The words had just been spoken when Gu Chaoyan left without taking one more look at her.

Mrs. Gu stood motionlessly on the spot. She felt that something different had happened to Chaoyan, but she could not tell what the difference was.

She shook her head.

Impossible. She was still the ugly girl that could be easily bullied by them.

Mrs. Gu followed the gang.

As they came into Biquan Palace, Gu Chaoyan was on the way to see Gu Ruxue when a maid from Biquan Palace stopped her. It was a stranger who showed a cold expression to Gu Chaoyan as they met. "Lady Chaoyan, Princess Virtue is asking for you."

Princess Virtue?

Gu Chaoyan nodded and left with the maid.

It was a fortunate thing if Princess Virtue was asking for her.

When she was checking up Princess Gu during the daytime, she more or less understood that Princess Virtue would either ask for her or try to cause her trouble. It would be great if it was the former.

It was always more useful to get one more friend than one more enemy.

Princess Virtue was the main princess at Biquan Palace. So she was residing in the largest hall.

There were quite a few maids and eunuchs in the major hall, and the maid led her in.

Princess Virtue was seated in full composure. Her well polished hand was holding the teacup. However, she was not taking a sip from the tea, nor did she show any expression.

Gu Chaoyan greeted her politely.

After the greeting, Princess Virtue nodded. "Sit down."

“ ... ”

“You stood out very clearly today.” Princess Virtue said as she was still holding the cup.

Gu Chaoyan couldn't help but look at her hand.

“Thanks, Princess Virtue.” Gu Chaoyan replied with a smile.

“However, you should never get confused by one glorious moment and assume that you can do anything and achieve anything.” Princess Virtue said, sounding honest.

At the interval, her maid changed a new teacup for her.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. “I got it.”

“You got what?”

### **Chapter 105: Presents for You**

“I am one of the ladies of the Gu Family, but I am not helping Princess Gu.” Gu Chaoyan replied calmly. She put it straightforwardly when answering Princess Virtue's question, just like before.

She was a straightforward person, and after a brief conversation, she understood that Princess Virtue was a very smart lady.

Instead of talking implicitly, she put forward everything.

“Oh, really?” Princess Virtue smiled and looked at Gu Chaoyan with interest. “You do understand the point. But tell me, why are you not helping Princess Gu, when you are in the same family that can give you honor?”

Princess Virtue showed a smile on her face, but Gu Chaoyan could sense the lethal atmosphere coming out of her.

Gu Chaoyan understood that those who knew too much would not live for too long.

However, since Princess Virtue was asking, she was actually giving her the opportunity.

Gu Chaoyan smiled ironically, “Giving me honor?” Princess Gu is planning to marry me to the second son of the officer of the Ministry of Revenue. He is a dumb-headed person. That is an honor I would not want to get.”

“ ... ”

“Please, tell me, why would I help someone like that?”

“ ... ”

“She is now making me marry a dumb-headed person, what do you think she will do to me in the future?”

Oh?

Princess Virtue had no idea about this arranged marriage, but when she saw Gu Chaoyan, she noticed that Gu Chaoyan was full of ambition and she was not at all convinced.

"You know pretty well what you need." Princess Virtue said and put down the teacup in your hands. "Since you trust me, I would like to give you a hand too. Don't worry, I would not make you marry that man. Go and check on your Second Sister."

Gu Chaoyan showed some joy on her face as she looked at Princess Virtue. "Thanks, Princess Virtue."

Princess Virtue waved her hands.

The maid guided her out. As she came out of the hall, the maid showed a touch of courtesy.

As she came to Princess Gu, Gu Chaoyan could still hear Gu Ruxue's screaming that made a lot of curses at her.

Seeing the scene, Madame Gu looked at Gu Chaoyan helplessly. "Chaoyan, you can go home with Madame Duke Changning and the Prince. Ruxue has to spend one night here."

Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly.

She truly had no intention of staying at the palace, but she did not want to go home with Duke Changning's Mansion's wagon either.

Madame Duke Changning did not turn down the proposal, even if her face looked dark.

Lu Jiming was, however enthusiastic, "Chaoyan, let's leave."

"Thanks." Gu Chaoyan replied calmly.

Lu Jiming's face sank too, when he saw Gu Chaoyan's cold expression.

Even Gu Ruxue was flattering him as she was standing in front of him but this ugly girl was giving him the cold shoulder? He left Biquan Palace with displeasure.

Lu Jiming said unhappily, "Ugly girl, Ruxue told me that Madame Gu is going to marry you to the stupid son of the officier of the Ministry of Revenue?"

"..."Gu Chaoyan did not reply.

"If you beg me, I would not mind letting you marry me with an equal amount of presents." Lu Jiming said arrogantly. Now he was offering the deal that Gu Chaoyan could not possibly turn down, or so he assumed.

## **Chapter 106: Wait and See**

Duke Changning's Mansion might not have actual power, but they had ranks.

He understood clearly that a family like the Gu Family would flatter them no matter what. That was why this ugly girl kept pestering him since childhood and the Second Sister Gu Ruxue kept sucking up to him as well.

The ugly girl performed well at the banquet today. So he was willing to offer the deal.



He smiled briefly.

Lu Jiming waited for the ugly girl to agree out of excitement.

A while later Lu Jiming had not heard her reply, so he looked at Gu Chaoyan with confusion.

Gu Chaoyan looked ironic, straightened up her back without making a big move and said calmly, "Equal amount of presents to marry me?"

Lu Jiming nodded proudly. "Satisfied now?"

"Do you think you are even worthy of my attention?" Gu Chaoyan bellowed without saving his face.

"You!" Lu Jiming got furious. He had never expected that this wonderful offer had been snubbed by this ugly girl! "What more do you want? Do you think you are worth any of it!"

The words had just been spoken when Lu Jiming lost his patience.

He took a step forward, gripped Gu Chaoyan's hands and dragged her towards the wagon. He said sinisterly, "I would very much like to see if you will be marrying me if you lose your innocence. However, I am afraid to tell you that you are losing the deal of an equal amount of presents."

They were now outside the court. They were surrounded by the servants of Duke Changning's Mansion whilst the servants of the Gu Mansion remained inside the court. Qing was the only one Gu Chaoyan had.

Seeing that, Qing lunged at him despite their social statuses. "What are you doing!" She said as she pushed Lu Jiming, who in return gave her a violent kick. Qing was a girl who was not a match against Lu Jiming, so she fell onto the ground.

Gu Chaoyan squinted. She was just observing the surroundings and did not expect that Qing would have taken actions in defense of her so fast.

Now Qing was injured...

Gu Chaoyan released herself from Lu Jiming's hands and slapped Lu Jiming's face hard. It was so loud that Madame Duke Changning came running by. "Bitch, what are you doing with Jiming!"

Instead of looking at Madame Duke Changning, Gu Chaoyan said coldly, "This is for your shameless behavior!"

The words had just been spoken, and before Lu Jiming understood what was going on, Gu Chaoyan gave him a very violent kick, which sent the tall man directly onto the ground. "This kick is for Qing. How dare you kick my girl?"

Madame Duke Changning got both angry and concerned seeing her son kicked and slapped. She bellowed angrily, "You bitch, how dare you hit Jiming!"

The next second, Gu Chaoyan raised her feet and stomped hard on Lu Jiming's face.

Lu Jiming clenched his teeth in pain. "Bitch, how dare you stomp on me! I am going to make you suffer."

One more kick on him.

"Bitch!" Madame Duke Changning stepped forward, trying to get hold of Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan gave his face one more kick. "Don't you ever let me hear you calling me bitch, or I will give him an equal number of kicks."

"Bitch..." Madame Duke Changning did not dare to shout, but glared at Gu Chaoyan furiously. She helped the man on the floor up as she said, "Just wait and see, you lady of the Gu Family. How dare you start a war with Duke Changning's Mansion!"

## **Chapter 107: Prettier**

Madame Duke Changning was shouting instead of doing anything more. She helped Lu Jiming up and said with full concern, "How are you doing, Jiming, are you alright? Let's go home now, I will get you justice!"

They stumbled and got up from the floor. Lu Jiming looked at Gu Chaoyan with disbelief. He had never expected that Gu Chaoyan would want to hit him!

How could that be possible?

He remembered clearly that the ugly girl had clenched steamed buns in her arms just to keep the bun warm, just because he said that he liked warm steamed buns. However, then she got burned herself.

And back at Duke Changning's Mansion, she jumped into the lake when he asked her to!

She loved him so deeply! Why did she hit him now?

Lu Jiming just could not understand what on earth had gone wrong. He forgot to interrogate her, but staggered back into the wagon.

Madame Duke Changning found everyone around annoying. She kicked the horseman. What were these servants doing when Jiming was hit a minute ago? She was going to make them suffer when they were back at the mansion. They were going to experience multiple times more pain than Jiming did. They were just minor servants, after all.

The wagon scurried off, bringing up a lot of dust.

Qing and Gu Chaoyan were standing outside the court.

Qing was worried. "Miss, do you think Madame Duke Changning would do anything to us?"

"Yes."

"Then what should we do?" Qing looked anxious and worried.

"It is fine, Qing." Gu Chaoyan gave Qing's pretty face a slight pinch. "You don't have to worry about things around me."

Qing nodded and looked at her miss. For some reason, what Miss said to her made her very assured.

Gu Chaoyan liked Qing more and more. She might get scared occasionally, yet in the aspect of defending her, she could sacrifice her own life! She must be the one that moved her heart above all in her past two lives.

Seeing Qing's lovely face, Gu Chaoyan just could not help but tease her. "We don't need to worry about Madame Duke Changning now. There is one more thing that is more urgent at the moment."

"What is it?" Qing looked at Gu Chaoyan.

"How are we getting back to the Gu Mansion?"

Qing looked about, then she panicked. The whole Gu Family stayed at Biquan Palace, and Madam Gu had intended to get her to travel home with Duke Changning's Mansion. However, the prince was hit by her miss and had dashed off.

How were they getting home?!

Qing's small face showed an expression of confusion.

Gu Chaoyan burst into laughter. "Anyway, I won't tease you any more. Let's go and rent a wagon!"

Qing looked helpless, but also slightly delighted. Miss sometimes liked teasing her. It was fun.

It took a long while before they got to rent a wagon. So as they reached the Gu Mansion, the day had gone dark.

No one dared to stop her entry and exit of the Gu Mansion or snap at her.

The guards saw her walking into the mansion politely. However, they could not help but comment.

"Have you noticed that miss has gotten prettier?"

"Yes! She used to be chubby, tanned and ugly, but now she is not ugly at all."

"If that is the case, she may really be able to marry someone with an extraordinary social status." The guard who spoke the words found the rumor becoming more and more realistic.

"No way. She may have gotten prettier, but a family like the Gu Mansion would not get her an excellent suitor!"

## **Chapter 108: Government Office Was Here**

Gu Chaoyan, who had gone to the Qiong Pavilion, did not hear what those guards were talking about.

After one bumpy and dramatic day, she was very tired.

Qing got hot water ready and she decided to take a full bath. The water drops were extremely useful. Because of the water, her plan to become prettier had been realized ahead of time.

She looked at her own reflection from the bronze mirror.

Her skin was becoming fair now, and she was still slightly chubby. Nevertheless, even so, her facial features started to stand out, especially the pair of beautiful eyes. She believed that as long as she lost some more weight, her face would become prettier. However...

Gu Chaoyan felt her left cheek, where a red birthmark was visible. It was quite small, and did not stick out when she was chubby and tanned, but now that she had become fairer, the birthmark was

becoming more and more conspicuous. Gu Chaoyan had not yet gotten an idea of how to remove the birthmark at the moment.

That sounded a bit unfortunate, but the most important mission right now was to lose weight.

That was a very long night.

Gu Chaoyan had a very nice sleep since her plan to become prettier went on very smoothly.

However, she was still sleeping the following morning, when Chen Fu came running to the Qiong Pavilion. Because of how Madame Gu treated Gu Chaoyan, he did not dare to do anything unfriendly at the Qiong Pavilion. He was asking Qing to get Gu Chaoyan out.

Gu Chaoyan was not in a hurry and did not go out to meet Chen Fu until she was well dressed.

Chen Fu was pacing back and forth in the hall of Qiong Pavilion when he saw Chaoyan coming out. He said quickly, "Miss, the staff of the Government Office of the capital city are here to take you to prison! They said that you hit the prince of Duke Changning! Madame Gu is not here in the mansion and the Old Master is just..." Chen Fu did not dare to say anything more, but asked Gu Chaoyan to come up with an idea.

So...

Gu Chaoyan more or less understood what happened.

Her so-called father Gu Zhenkang did not care about her at all.

"Well, let's go and work with the staff," Gu Chaoyan said calmly and then looked at Qing. "Qing, you stay at the Qiong Pavilion."

Chen Fu was slightly surprised. He was about to say something, but uttered no words. He had thought that Miss had come up with an idea.

She had come up with many ideas these days.

Was she going to walk into prison now?

"Miss, if a girl has been to jail, maybe the marriage will... you know." Chen Fu reminded her involuntarily.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at him. Wasn't this man working for Mrs. Gu?

"Got it."

Hearing the words, Chen Fu had to let go.

As she walked out of the Qiong Pavilion and came to the front yard, Gu Chaoyan was grabbed by the staff from the Government Office. As they had Gu Chaoyan, the officer said to Gu Zhenkang courteously, "Officer Gu, we are here completing a fair trial, so we have to bring her away."

Gu Zhenkang nodded. He took a step forward and looked at Gu Chaoyan, surprisedly finding that this daughter of his was becoming prettier. However, he did not care and said with a frown, "I can't help you about this matter. You should not have hit the prince. You know pretty well who that man is!"

“ ... ”

“Now you are going to be jailed, you will learn from this lesson so that you won’t bring any more trouble for our mansion!”

### **Chapter 109: Not Their Business**

Having said these words, Gu Zhenkang flung his sleeves, suggesting that those men could bring her away.

The officers thanked him.

It was always very difficult to get the suspect from home. They had thought that they would experience hardship, yet it worked out more smoothly than they had never expected.

It seemed that this Miss of the mansion was not at all worthy.

The officers who took her all the way to the Government Office not only scolded her but also lectured her, since they understood what status she was in.

However, Gu Chaoyan threw no temper, just frowned.

It was not until they reached the Government Office that they met the chief.

The chief was a fat man with large ears. Seeing the woman standing in front of him, he snorted at Gu Chaoyan. “So you are the Miss of the Gu Family, the so-called ugliest girl of the entire city? But you don’t look that ugly at all.” He reached out his chubby hand, intending to touch Gu Chaoyan’s face. Gu Chaoyan glared back at him lethally. “Don’t you ever dare touch me!”

The fat chief withdrew his hand uneasily. His heart was itching, as he saw a fair-skinned lady of a family, totally obvious that he should not conduct such a thing.

He let out some dry laughter. “Look at you, wild girl. Do you really think you are the Miss of the mansion?”

He said to his staff, “Get her in the prison, and do not feed her anything.”

“Okay.”

The fat chief snorted, then left.

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At the Qiong Pavilion.

Seeing the staff from the Government Office taking Chaoyan away, Chen Fu went to tell Qing back at the Qiong Pavilion, feeling unassured.

Hearing the words, Qing sprang up and shouted, “What? The staff from the Government Office took Miss?! No one from the Gu Mansion stopped them?”

“...”Chen Fu was silent.

Qing paced back and forth anxiously. She finally understood that people from the Gu Mansion were not reliable at all.

What was she going to do?!

After thinking for a long while, Qing finally recalled the Lin Family.

She stomped her feet. "I am going to the Lin Family!"

Then she dashed off.

Seeing the scene, Chen Fu did not stop her, but went to attend his own matters. He left the girl alone at the mercy of God.

Qing walked very fast. As she was about to walk out of the mansion, she bumped into Madame Gu who had just come home.

Seeing that it was Madame Gu standing in front of her, Qing got so excited as if she had seen a hero. After all, Madame Gu had been treating Miss well during the past few days. She knelt down on the ground and said to Madame Gu. "Madame Gu, you have to save Miss!"

Madame Gu got excited. What had happened in the short interval when she was away?

Gu Zhenkang happened to be receiving his mother when he saw Qing who was on her knees. He gave her a kick. "Bitch, how dare you stop Madame Gu!"

Madame Gu did not care how Qing was doing, but she was curious what happened. "What is it going on?"

"Of course it is the ugly girl's wrong doing! She hit the Prince yesterday and Madame Duke Changning reported her! The staff of the Government Office came to bring her away!" Gu Zhenkang said nonchalantly, feeling somehow glad.

"What?"!

Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue laughed as they heard the words. Mrs. Gu said, "Serves her right! How dare she hit the Prince! She set up Ruxue back at the court, and I don't think that she should be kept in our mansion any more!"

Having said these words, Mrs. Gu looked at Madame Gu.

She was worried that Madame Gu would interfere with this matter, so she added. "Madame Duke Changning must be very angry if she reported to the government. She doesn't even care that our two families are soon to be united! If we do anything about it, Ruxue's marriage would be affected."

"Madame Gu, it is not Miss' fault!" Qing looked at Madame Gu with a persistent look.

Madame Gu threw a look at Qing.

## **Chapter 110: A Strange Tone**

Princess Gu had set up a wonderful marital arrangement for Chaoyan. And Lord Huai was helping Chaoyan back at the court too.

With all of these taken into consideration, she should go and bring the girl back, but...

Madame Gu thought for a while and concluded that the girl should be taught a lesson, so she could understand that a skillful doctor like her would need Gu Mansion's help.

As the idea struck her mind Madame Gu sighed and shook her head. "I would like to save your Miss, but it is not a difficult thing. She is the Miss of the Gu Family, so when Madame Duke Changning is no longer angry, the whole thing will end of its own accord. Don't worry, just get up now."

Hearing this Qing got so sad that tears gushed out of her eyes.

She was totally devastated. The Gu Family did not care about Miss' life and death!

Then she thought of the Lin Family and rushed out like a maniac.

Seeing the scene, Gu Zhenkang told the guards. "Stop her!"

Madame Gu waved her hands. "It is okay, just let her leave. She is going to the Lin Family, but they can do nothing as a business family." Madame Gu said disdainfully.

Gu Zhenkang pursed his lips, saying nothing more.

With eyes upon her father, Gu Ruxue cried. Gu Zhenkang felt his heart aching. "Ruxue, what is it? How did the ugly girl set you up?"

Gu Ruxue looked wronged!

Mrs. Gu stepped forward. "You can tell what happened! Something was wrong with Ruxue's dress as she was performing in the court yesterday! But the ugly girl put on a great show! Of course she set her up!"

"Shut up!" Madame Gu scolded Mrs. Gu angrily.

She had liked this daughter-in-law of hers before, but during the past few days, she found this woman becoming increasingly stupid.

"Ruxue was set up, but no evidence showed that it was Chaoyan's work! Don't blame her as you wish!" Madame Gu bellowed.

Gu Zhenkang nodded. "You are right, we have to investigate the matter. The ugly girl is too stupid to cause such mischief!"

Madame Gu was not glad hearing these words, but glared at Gu Zhenkang.

She did not like it when he belittled his daughter. He could do whatever he wanted in the past, but now Chaoyan was marrying the son of the officer of the Ministry of Revenue, and she should not be belittled all the time.

However, she did not want to scold her own son, so she said, "Just don't keep mentioning this kind of thing any more alright, drop it now."

Having said this, she looked at Cai Ming. "Get some money and see what is going on in the Government Office!"

“Mom, why are you still caring for the ugly girl?” Gu Zhenkang was not glad.

“Your sister set up a marriage for her with the second son of the officer of the Ministry of Revenue. We have to mind her business every now and then, and you should stop being so unfriendly towards her.” Madame Gu stressed.

Startled, Gu Zhenkang thought it through and smiled. “Sounds great.”

Madame Gu nodded in satisfaction, smiling.

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At the Lin Mansion.

Qing rushed in despite any difficulties. “Old Master, please save my Miss.” Qing kowtowed without hesitation.

“What happened to Chaoyan?” The Old Master looked surprised.

Mrs. Lin pursed her lips. She knew that trouble would come when she was involved. Was she trying to seduce Jiashu with some trick?

“She doesn’t like Jiashui right? But what is she doing now asking us for help? Since she can marry someone better, let that man help her, not us.” Mrs. Lin said with a strange tone.