

## Divine 111

### Chapter 111: Too Late?

Hearing what Mrs. Lin said, Qing burst out in tears, but she had no one to turn to. The Gu Family was ignoring them, so the Lin Family were the only ones who could help. She kowtowed to them and as she looked up, blood already came out of her forehead. "Please, Miss saved the Young Master, you have to help her!"

Seeing the scene, Old Master helped Qing out. "Stop that now. We are definitely helping her, but we are just a business family. I am not sure if we can help. Anyway..." Old Master turned to Lin Jiashu. "Jiashu, go and get a note of 1000, we are visiting the Government Office."

Lin Jiashu nodded. He was worried too.

He had just walked out of the room when Mrs. Lin gripped him. "Did you forget what she said to you?"

Lin Jiashu shook his head, sighed and still headed on.

Old Master looked at Mrs. Lin, "Stay out of this matter, you are getting more stupid!"

"Why am I getting stupid?!" Mrs. Lin was unconvinced and caught up with them. That was not a small amount of money for the Lin Family.

Lin Jiashu was efficient with the mission and soon brought out the note.

The two men headed out to the Government Office with Qing, with Mrs. Lin insisting on tagging along. The Old Master had to approve of it.

The Government Office was not very far from the Lin Family.

The capital city was a place full of important officers, so the chief's mansion was not a very important spot. That was why the mansion was located at the border of the capital city. Although it was not a very important spot, for ordinary people, business families without background, or the Gu Family without any actual power, they were always easily administered.

They had just reached the door of the Government Office, when Lin Jiashu stuffed some money into the staff's pocket. "Officer, we are here meeting the chief."

The purpose was very obvious, as the money was stuffed.

The staff exchanged a look between each other. "Which family are you from?"

Lin Jiashu did not dare to answer straightforwardly, but looked at the Old Master.

The Old Master said calmly, "We are from the Lin Family, and we are here for the Miss of the Gu Family. She didn't make a huge mistake, can't Chief do something about it." Old Master said as he stuffed some more money into the officers' arms.

The officers weighed the money, then they nodded. "Hang on here, we will tell the chief about it."

Hearing these words, the Old Master felt calmer. It seemed that money could solve the issue. Then he nodded at Lin Jiashu.

Lin Jiashu let out a sigh of relief.

As for Gu Chaoyan... He had a very strange and complicated feeling towards her. He did not hate her, but he was also curious why he resisted her at the beginning. And what she said to him later annoyed him as well, and he was still annoyed by that. What he wanted to see was whom this woman was going to marry, and if that man was truly better than him!

However, he never hoped that she would end up in prison.

He was going to save her, just to see what this woman could do. The Gu Family was not a powerful family, and they were not going to get her a wonderful martial arrangement.

Lin Jiashu was just thinking inwardly, when some noise arose at the gate. Lin Jiashu looked up and saw a few wagons coming to their way.

The wagons were not very luxurious but they were remarked, meaning that the wagons belonged to a family with a rank.

Old Master was confused too.

As he saw the marks of Duke Changning's Mansion on the wagon, he got startled. "Are they too late?"

## **Chapter 112: Not A Miss**

He whispered. "Your Miss hit Prince of Duke Changning?"

Qing nodded.

The Old Master's heart sank.

The officer who went inside to pass on the message showed up again. Seeing the wagon from Duke Changning's Mansion, he had no choice but said, "Old Master Lin, Chief said he has no time for you."

The officer said the words and returned to his own spot.

When Madame Duke Changning and Lu Jiming got there, they did not notice the Lin Family, but went straight into the Government Office. The guarding officers at the door bowed politely.

Seeing the scene, Qing kneeled down directly. "Old Master, what should we do? What can Miss do?"

The Old Master looked helpless as well. He had the intention of helping her, but he had no other method, since the officers did not give them the chance to meet the chief.

The money I had prepared could not come in handy.

"Didn't you hear? The Chief refuses to see us. There is nothing we can do." Mrs. Lin said quickly. It was a 1000 note that could be saved, when the Chief turned them down.

Lin Jiashu made a circle on the spot, not knowing what to do.

Seeing that the Lin Family had no way out, Qing rushed out.

She started to beat the drum crazily whilst shouting loudly, "Our miss was wronged! Our miss was wronged!"

She had made some noise when she was brought in too.

"What are we going to do!" Lin Jiashu got anxious. He intended to rush in, but the guards stopped him. Unable to do anything, Lin Jiashu stood worriedly.

Seeing that, Mrs. Lin consoled. "What can we do? We are just a business family who have no power against the Government! Also, even the Gu Family did not care about her, so we better go home. She will be released after she gets punished."

Hearing what Mrs. Lin said, Lin Jiashu shook his head and said with determination, "No, I am waiting right here."

Old Master sighed and got the point. Madame Duke Changning must be very annoyed at the moment. She would be fine after Madame Duke Changning vented her anger. The Gu Mansion left themselves out of it, because they had no intention of offending Duke Changning. "Let's just wait and see. I believe that when Madame Duke Changning comes out, we can give them some money so that she can be released." However, Chaoyan might have to suffer a little in the prison.

Inside the Government Office.

Madame Duke Changning came to meet the Chief with Lu Jiming whose face had become totally bloated.

Chief smiled courteously as he saw Madame Duke Changning. "Madame, Prince, we have caught the girl. She is now inside the cell." Chief was displeased as he mentioned Chaoyan. He said with a strange tone, "That lady of the Gu Family is very arrogant. She behaved as if she were at her own home here,"

Madame Duke Changning smiled. "She is not a miss."

"..."

"If she were a miss, she would not have shoplifted. If she were a miss, she would not have jumped into the lake. And if she were a miss, she would not have been divorced." Madame Duke Changning snorted. "You have spoken too highly of her. She has offended you, and you can do whatever you want with this notorious lady!"

Hearing what Madame Duke Changning said, the chief regretted having done nothing with her except for cutting off her food source, just because he worried that she was the lady of the Gu Family. He was the chief, and he could do whatever he wanted with this kind of woman!

Seeing Chief's expression, Madame Duke Changning smiled. "Where is she?"

### **Chapter 113: Private Punishment**

"In the cell. I will take you and the Prince there." The Chief said with a sense of anger. He was going to interrogate this miss of the Gu Family together with Madame Duke Changning and Prince.

Madame Duke Changning smiled with satisfaction. Then she followed the chief into the cell.

On the way there, Duke Changning patted Lu Jiming's hands. "Don't worry, Jiming, she will pay back with a higher price!"

Lu Jiming felt his bloated face and made a hissing sound.

He looked furious and said angrily, "She is not going to pay back with a higher price, but also become my concubine and I can do whatever I want with her!"

"Okay, okay, when you vent your anger, I will talk with the Gu Family. If the old woman doesn't approve of this idea, we can cancel our marriage with the Gu Family." Madame Duke Changning said with a reasonable tone.

Lu Jiming did not counter.

As the gang came to the cell the Chief went to open the door, then they entered the cell.

The cell was much darker compared to outside. It was daytime, so with an oil lamp on, it could more or less be seen clearly. The cell was a wet place that held prisoners. It was messy and filthy, and the sound of mice hissing could be heard.

Madame Duke Changning frowned. She hated this kind of environment, but as she thought of the ugly girl trapped inside, she felt very delighted again.

The guard stopped in front of a cell, and the door was opened.

Hearing the sound of the door opening, Gu Chaoyan looked up. She saw the chubby chief standing next to Madame Duke Changning and Lu Jiming, who looked extremely ridiculous at this moment. If not for his position next to Madame Duke Changning, she would not have recognized him.

Gu Chaoyan smiled with satisfaction.

Madame Duke Changning shouted with a twisted expression on her face. "Ugly girl, how dare you laugh at this moment! Don't cry or beg us for mercy! Jiming is badly injured, and you are paying him back! No, you are going to pay back even more! We are keeping you in the cell today, and you are going to become Jiming's concubine tomorrow! We are going to do whatever we want to you when you are at Duke Changning's Mansion!"

"You think you can do that?" Gu Chaoyan asked ironically.

Lu Jiming snorted. "You are playing tough, are you? You don't believe that we can deal with you right here, do you?"

Gu Chaoyan looked cold. With her gaze upon Madame Duke Changning, Lu Jiming and this Chief, she said, "You are using private punishment! If you dare to touch me today, you are going to pay back with a price ten times higher when I get out of here." Gu Chaoyan sounded lethal.

The Chief cringed subconsciously.

Madame Duke Changning sneered. "Someone, hit her now!!"

Hearing this, the officer came in with a whip.

Annoyed, Madame Duke Changning grabbed the whip and hit Gu Chaoyan twice. The force was so strong that two lines of blood burst out. Gu Chaoyan let out a hiss.

The next second, Madame Duke Changning was kicked away.

However, it was not Gu Chaoyan who did it, but a man in black.

Before the Chief realized what happened a very ferocious voice arose not far away. "I would very much like to see who dared to hit her!"

#### **Chapter 114: Stay-Home Wife**

As the lethal voice arose, everyone in the cell shivered, especially the chubby chief whose whole body was shivering. He had never expected that this lethal man would have stepped into his small Government Office.

He flopped onto his knees and kept kowtowing. "Greetings, Lord Huai, long life to you!"

Madame Duke Changning understood what happened. She rolled over onto her knees and pulled Lu Jiming down too, despite her messy hair. They two bowed. "Greetings, Lord Huai, long life to you."

Instead of taking a look at those people who were on their knees, Zhou Huaijin walked straight towards Gu Chaoyan and looked at her with scorching eyes. He had not checked up on her these days because of his busy schedule, and she had lost a lot of weight. Then he noticed the blood on her clothes.

Zhou Huaijin's heart squeezed, and he frowned. "Damn it, who did it?"

He had arranged his hidden guard Rong Chuxuan to stay by her side. He thought that with Rong Chuxuan next to her, she would not be injured. However!!!

She not only got wronged and ended up in prison, but also got injured within such a short period of time.

He turned to the man in black, looking lethal.

Rong Chuxuan's heart skipped a beat. Since when did this woman become so important in Lord's heart?

However, it was not time to deal with him now.

Zhou Huaijin said with a gentle and consoling voice, "Yan, tell me, who hit you?"

Madame Duke Changning's legs were shivering.

So Lord Huai was going to seek justice for this ugly girl?!

Why? Why did Lord Huai show so much concern to this ugly girl? What was she going to do?

Now she was praying inwardly that this ugly girl would be smart enough to understand that Duke Changning's Mansion and the Gu Family were in relationship, and that without Lord Huai's help in the future, she would make her pay.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan not speaking, Duke Changning let out a sigh of relief. Yet just as she had let out the sigh of relief, Gu Chaoyan pointed at Madame Duke Changning. "She did it!"

Madame Duke Changning looked up and glared at Gu Chaoyan, hoping that she could understand what she meant.

Gu Chaoyan looked at her in composure. "Madame Duke Changning, don't you remember what I said a while ago? If you dared to touch me, I will make you pay. Now..."

Madame Duke Changning turned pale. She was praying that she would drop the issue, but the next second, Gu Chaoyan said without hesitation, "Now I got two whips from you, you will get 20."

The words had just been spoken when Gu Chaoyan turned to Zhou Huaijin.

Zhou Huaijin nodded and glared at the fat Chief. "You want me to do it?"

The fat chief got the point and said, "Someone, hit her now! Twenty lashes!"

Several guards came in to deal with the matter.

No one dared to counter Lord Huai's order.

The guards spared no efforts, and started to hit Madame Duke Changning directly. She screamed out of extreme pain, but Gu Chaoyan did not even blink.

Lu Jiming, who was on his knees, could not stand it any more. He crawled to Lord Huai's feet and shouted anxiously, "Lord Huai, we are from Duke Changning's Mansion, how can you punish my mother for the sake of a stay-home woman? Lord Huai, have you been seduced by this ugly woman!"

#### **Chapter 115: Mrs. Lin Talked Harsh**

Duke Changning after all, had a rank. And this ugly girl was just a daughter of a useless officer with fifth rank. She was divorce and looked ugly. So Lu Jiming could not think of any reason why Lord Huai would help her apart from him being seduced.

That was why Lu Jiming dared to say such a thing, but...

The next second, Lu Jiming was kicked away directly and fell upon the ground, motionlessly.

Zhou Huaijin did not blink an eye. He looked at Gu Chaoyan with a pair of consoling eyes. "Happy now, Yan?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

"Then let's go home, you are injured." Zhou Huaijin said.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Zhou Huaijin held Gu Chaoyan in his arms and started to walk out.

Seeing them leaving, the fat chief let out a sigh of relief.

Hearing the chief's relieved sighing, Gu Chaoyan suddenly thought of something, "Hang on."

She stopped as she passed by the fat chief. She squinted her eyes and said to Lord Huai, "Lord, this chief touched my face."

"What!" Zhou Huaijin frowned and looked furious. "Chop of his hands!" Having said this, he looked at Rong Chuxuan.

Rong Chuxuan's heart skipped a beat. He knew pretty well what his master was like.

He asked him to take care of Miss of the Gu family, but he got careless so the Lady of the Gu family suffered. He was worried that he would not be able to skip being punished either. In order to perform well and reduce the punishment to be put on him, Rong Chuxuan did not spare any efforts in dealing with the matter. He took out the sword and the next second, the fat chief screamed.

Zhou Huaijin was satisfied. Then he picked up the girl. "I will give you a lift home."

Gu Chaoyan got startled by his sudden move. She let out a scream. "What are you doing?"

Zhou Huaijin replied calmly. "You are injured."

"But my legs are fine!" Gu Chaoyan looked helpless, struggling to get down. She was not cheeky enough to be seen in this way. The Government Office was full of people, and she needed her reputation! What if the rumor spread. "Put me down!"

"No!" Zhou Huaijin insisted.

When he was not holding her a few days earlier, she was terribly wronged. So now he was not going to do that any more...

If she wouldn't marry him until she was done with her own affairs, then he would just help her so she could speed up.

If she wanted to chop people, he could offer her a knife.

Gu Chaoyan, who had been struggling to get rid of his arms, did not know that so many ideas had flashed across Zhou Huaijin's mind within such a short period of time. She was flushing! It was the first time for her to be held in this way in two lives. It was such a strange feeling for her!

Nevertheless, Zhou Huaijin did not care. He walked towards the gate of the Government Office with the girl in his arms.

As she was about to get onto the wagon, Gu Chaoyan spotted the members of the Lin Family standing outside the gate. That surprised her. "Hang on."

"What is it?" Zhou Huaijin asked patiently.

"Put me down now." Gu Chaoyan said. What were the Lin Family doing here? Were they trying to help her? That surprised her. She had to thank them even if they did not succeed.

In the meanwhile, the Lin Family also spotted Gu Chaoyan who was held by Zhou Huaijin.

Lin Jiaying got so startled!

Seeing the tall and strong man holding Gu Chaoyan, Mrs. Lin said with a sour tone, "Who is the man holding Chaoyan? It can't be the man she claims that she is going to marry? They are not even married and now they are behaving like this in the broad daylight. I don't think it is someone from a normal family!"

**Chapter 116: Lord Huai**

“Shut up!” Lin Jiaying got furious hearing Mrs. Lin’s sour words. The Lin Family would sooner or later get ruined by what this woman said. “Do you still want to live or not, that is Lord Huai!”

“What?” Mrs. Lin’s eyes widened in disbelief. Lord Huai? A lord? But he was holding the ugly girl... how could that be possible.

Before Mrs. Lin gave it one more thought, Gu Chaoyan already came to their side.

Zhou Huaijin had put down the girl, but he was following her around.

“Uncle, Aunt, Jiashu... you... well, thank you.” Gu Chaoyan was not that good at expressing herself. She had no idea how to spill out the words of gratitude.

“It is okay, we have done nothing.” The Old Master felt a little embarrassed. He had done nothing, so the words were way too heavy for him to bear.

However, Mrs. Lin was aware that the man next to Chaoyan was a lord. So she started to behave differently and said with a smile, “Chaoyan, Qing told us that something happened to you, so your uncle and Jiashu were worried and came here in a hurry.” Mrs. Lin said as she tugged Lin Jiashu. “Right, Jiashu?”

Lin Jiashu looked a bit embarrassed. He was not willing to answer a thing.

Yes, they did come here, but they had done nothing except for being anxious.

When he saw the man standing next to her, who had carried her out of the office. Lin Jiashu finally understood why Gu Chaoyan was so arrogant as to say those words – that was because he was nothing except for being the Young Master of the Lin Family.

Zhou Huaijin did not like those people from the Lin Family.

Seeing that they were pestering them, he did not want to waste time but said, “Yan is injured, I need to take her home for treatment.”

Only now did the Old Master notice the blood stain on Gu Chaoyan’s body.

He said quickly, “Sure, sure.”

The words had just been spoken when Gu Chaoyan was carried up again, but this time she did not struggle.

Mrs. Lin belittled her in every aspect, thinking that a divorced woman like her would never get married again. However, Zhou Huaijin was such an outstanding man that Chaoyan did not mind showing off a little right here.

A small smile hovered over her face.

Zhou Huaijin looked happy as well. “I will thank them for you, if the Lin Family had the intention of helping you!”

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Then Zhou Huaijin stuffed the girl into the wagon.



Inside the wagon, Zhou Huaijin kept frowning as he laid eyes upon her wound. It was not very deep, fortunately. Probably because Madame Duke Changning was a woman who did not use a whip often. However, even if that was the case, Zhou Huaijin was still full of guilt and concern. He dabbed medicine upon the wound discreetly. "Hurt?"

Chaoyan shook her head. "Not really."

This was such a small wound for her, who had experienced wounds many times more serious than this.

However, she felt heat rising up inside her, as she saw Zhou Huaijin's enthusiastic look upon her.

She lifted the drapery to get some air as she looked out. Then she noticed that the wagon was going in a strange direction. "We are not going back to the Gu Mansion?"

### **Chapter 117: Spoiling**

Zhou Huaijin did not reply to her directly.

His eyes were still upon Gu Chaoyan's wound, as his long fingers discreetly dabbed medicine upon it. He behaved so carefully as if he were worried that she would get hurt.

She had lived two lives, but it was the first time for her to be spoiled in this way.

Tears suddenly swelled up to her eyes.

Zhou Huaijin, who had just done the dabbing, looked up and saw Gu Chaoyan who had a pair of watery eyes. He got concerned and wiped her tears. Then a fold appeared upon his beautiful forehead. "Why are you in tears? Don't worry, I am not selling you away."

"..." Gu Chaoyan was speechless. That was not what she was worried about, alright?

"We are on the way to my mansion. You are injured and we have got excellent imperial doctors who can treat you. So no scars will remain." Zhou Huaijin explained patiently.

Gu Chaoyan turned to Zhou Huaijin.

He was the noble Lord Huai, inferior to just one man in the entire land. And he was so good-looking as well! And he was treating her so well.

What a perfect man he was, but why was he being so nice to her?

The first time they met, she called him a maniac, but he was not...

So why....?

She threw a look at Zhou Huaijin, trying to see through him.

A long while later, she asked, "Why, why are you treating me like this?"

Zhou Huaijin shrugged. "I am a hypocritical man and you are a rude woman, we are meant to be together." Having said these words, he stretched out his hands to caress her face. "Alright, no more thinking, close your eyes and take a break."

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She would not ask any further, if he refused to tell her anything more.

She had been kept in the cell for a long time, starved and injured. So much had happened, so Gu Chaoyan was indeed tired.

She fell asleep the moment she closed her eyes. The wagon from Lord's Mansion was very comfortable to ride in.

As they came to Lord Huai's Mansion, Gu Chaoyan was still asleep.

Instead of waking her up, Zhou Huaijin carried her back into Lord Huai's Mansion discreetly.

Zhou Huaijin did not think that anything was wrong with it, since Gu Chaoyan was still sleeping, but the scene exploded inside the entire Lord Huai's Mansion. What happened to their Lord Huai who had never had a girl before? Now he was carrying one home?

Honestly, apart from the necessary maids, everyone else in the Lord Huai's Mansion was a man!

And Lord Huai did not seem to have shown any interest to any girls either.

The experienced housekeeper, namely Uncle Ji, quickly arranged people to take care of the girl.

Gu Chaoyan, who was sleeping deeply, had no idea that her appearance had dropped a big bomb in Lord Huai's Mansion.

It was a very long slumber, but Zhou Huaijin had been guarding her side all this time.

The maid of the mansion had just cleaned Chaoyan's body for her, and got her a new set of clean clothes. She removed the hairpin, so her hair was loose. Her hair looked extremely beautiful, raven black and smooth. Gu Chaoyan had been using magical water to clean her hair, which worked well.

In slumber, she looked clean and clear, just like a baby.

Zhou Huaijin's gaze paused upon Gu Chaoyan's lips. The sleeping girl looked very lustful with her soft lips facing upwards, and the corner of her lips slightly arched.

Zhou Huaijin reached out for her, as the finger-tip swept over her lips. They were so supple, that Zhou Huaijin could not help but want to touch more.

From her lips, the fingertip trailed to her neck.

Gu Chaoyan made a small sound in her sleep.

### **Chapter 118: Chaoyan's Whereabout**

The sudden noise made Zhou Huaijin withdraw his hand. He was flushing, as his heart started to beat nervously.

He inhaled. Since when did he start to get so excited?

He got up and poured himself a cup of tea, finally calming himself down after a few sips.

Gu Chaoyan slept very calmly and peacefully.

However, it was not calm outside the mansion.

The Chief's hands were chopped off in his own office, whilst Madame Duke Changning and the Prince got so terribly injured that they were carried back home to Duke Changning's Mansion.

All of this work was done by Lord Huai.

No one apart from the King in the Saint Divine Land dared to counter Lord Huai.

Nevertheless, for people of the Saint Divine Land, it was quite normal that Lord Huai had done such a cruel thing. He had been known for being cruel, look at the daughter of the minister, who had her arms chopped off by his order. The chief and Madame Duke Changning were not even worth mentioning!

Ordinary people talked about these gossips between tea and drinks. They had no idea why Lord Huai did this. What they knew was that Lord Huai was a cruel man.

However, at the Gu Mansion.

When Madame Gu heard the news, she turned pale in fright. "Chen Fu, are you sure about that?"

Chen Fu nodded and could not even breathe. "I am sure! When Madame Duke Changning was carried out of the office, she was covered with blood! The Prince was in a coma! And... the Chief got his hands chopped off! Our miss is not in the cell any more, rumor goes that...."

Chen Fu looked up at Madame Gu. He just heard the rumor about his Miss, but did not see it with his own eyes. He had no idea whether he should say what he was going to say.

Madame Gu was still in the middle of processing the shocking news. She had not gotten the time to answer Chen Fu.

Gu Zhenkang had lost his patience. "What happened to the ugly girl? Did she get beaten to death by Lord Huai's men? I knew nothing good would come out of this girl, now both Madame Duke Changning and the Prince were dragged down!" Gu Zhenkang shouted as he mumbled.

When Gu Ruxue knew that something happened to the Prince, she almost passed out as she mumbled. "What happened to the Prince? Sister is mean, how could she drag down the Prince!"

Madame Gu glared at the father and daughter. "Just shut up!"

She got increasingly furious. Her son, who had been weak and feeble, had been a smart person. Ruxue, whom she had so much hope in, was pretty and intelligent, the most promising girl apart from Princess Gu, but now...

These two people still had no idea what the situation was like.

Chaoyan went into the cell, and the chief intended to privately punish her along with Madame Duke Changning and the Prince, so the whole thing happened. It had nothing to do with Chaoyan dragging them down!

"Where is Chaoyan, tell me, now! We can go and get her!" Madame Gu asked.

She might be with the Lin Family now. Qing went to beg for help, and the Lin Family came to rescue her. So Chaoyan should be with the Lin Family now. However, for whatever the reason was, she must not

stay at the Lin Family for too long, what if they developed ties with each other, what was the Gu Mansion going to do?

"It seems that she is at the Lin Family, Chen Fu, get the wagon ready, we are getting her back," Madame Gu said.

"Madame Gu, she is not with the Lin Family." Chen Fu wiped off the sweat over his forehead out of nervousness.

"Where is she?!"

### **Chapter 119: Lord Huai's Mansion**

Hearing Madam Gu's question, Chen Fu wiped the dripping sweat, nervous and scared.

Madame Gu had lost her patience. She clicked the cane, urging him.

Chen Fu said uneasily, "Madame Gu, the guards of the Government Office said that Lord Huai was carrying the wounded Miss out of the office and they were heading towards...."

The news that Lord Huai was holding the girl was already shocking enough...

Madame Gu gasped.

Mrs. Gu and Gu Zhenkang could not believe it either.

Same went for Gu Ruxue – why, why the ugly girl!

"Impossible!" Gu Ruxue said with certainty. She still remembered how noble Lord Huai looked in the purple dress, whom even she did not dare to approach or dream about. That was a clear-minded, extraordinary man, how could he even hold that ugly girl? Gu Ruxue just could not believe a thing about the story.

Madame Gu glanced at Gu Ruxue with displeasure.

Instead of showing fear, Gu Ruxue straightened her neck, looking determined and proud.

Chen Fu continued. "They were heading towards Lord Huai's Mansion!"

"..."

"If you don't believe me, Madame Gu, I think that we can dispatch someone to Lord Huai's Mansion to check it out. She is the miss of the Gu Family, after all. It is reasonable to get someone to check." Chen Fu suggested.

Madame Gu already became overly joyous. Hearing what Chen Fu suggested, she nodded and clicked the cane out of excitement. "Exactly, that is totally right! Chen Fu, go and send someone there."

Chen Fu let out a sigh of agreement and then set about doing it.

Madame Gu looked joyous and her face flushed. With hands folded, she mumbled. "Oh god, please bless us, so that our family could have great achievement."

Gu Ruxue looked stricken and mumbled, "That can't be possible! How could that be possible!"

Hearing the words, Madame Gu was indeed displeased.

Indeed, she had thought Ruxue was an understanding girl with a broad and nice personality, what made her so narrow-minded?

She shook her head. "Mrs. Gu, take Ruxue home and stay silent! Something so enormous has happened to Duke Changning's Mansion, it seems that the marital arrangement has to be delayed."

Mrs. Gu's eyes blinked as she nodded, and then she took the absent-minded Gu Ruxue away.

In the hall of the front yard.

Gu Zhenkang and Madam Gu were the only two people remaining.

Faced with her son, Madame Gu could do nothing, but give him a lesson instead of blaming him seriously.

"Kang, I know that you don't like Chaoyan because of your deceased wife, but she is no longer the stupid girl from before. She has not only established her relationship with the Wang Family with medical skills, but also with Lord Huai! You have to treat her nicely in the future, so she won't give up on you as her father," Madame Gu said with a heavy tone.

Gu Zhenkang nodded.

"You are the master of the Gu Family, and you have to understand how to keep the family running properly. As long as your daughters, be it Ruxue or Chaoyan, can bring us profits for our family, we should make use of them. So, they are the same to you, and you have to use the one that brings you the profits well."

"..."

"If Chaoyan could be appreciated by Lord Huai, the Gu Mansion would be completely honored! That's a point you have to understand!" Madame Gu said with a persuasive tone.

Gu Zhenkang looked confused. "I got it, mom, but Mrs. Lin..."

## **Chapter 120: A Few Days later**

Madame Gu clicked her cane and looked at Gu Zhenkang with displeasure. "What happened to Mrs. Lin was because of her naive actions. She was just a girl from a business family..." As she spoke of this, Madame Gu felt a bit worried inwardly. "Just forget it..."

"...!"

"Don't ever mention what happened before. Chaoyan knows nothing about it, and what could she do even if she ever finds out the truth?"

"..."

"She is a girl who needs the help of the Gu Family. Do you think that she would ever defend herself against the Gu Family just because of her business-family born mother?" Madame Gu smiled with confidence. It would not be possible.

Hearing what Madam Gu said Gu Zhenkang felt a bit calmer. Those words made sense.

If that was the case, Gu Zhenkang knew what he should do. "Mom, don't worry, I know what to do."

Madame Gu nodded with satisfaction.

Her son might be weak and dependent, but he was, after all, obedient.

Now she was in control of the Gu Mansion, but soon she would become too old to take care of anything. Now her eldest grandson Yunhe and grandson Yunxun could give a hand too, so she did not have to be too worried.

As she thought of the Gu Mansion's future, Madame Gu was indeed glad. Everything seemed to go forward in a very smooth way, and that made her really pleased.

The mother and the son had a long discussion in the front yard. Then Chen Fu came back in a hurry.

Seeing Chen Fu, Madame Gu looked surprised too. Didn't he go to the Lord Huai's Mansion? What was he doing here so fast?

"Stop kneeling, just get up and tell us what happened? Did you go to Lord Huai's Mansion? What did they say?" Madame Gu asked anxiously. It was a matter of honor for the Gu Mansion, so it was important.

Chen Fu was panting. He wanted to get up too, but he couldn't. His legs were shivering.

Oh god! He just went to Lord Huai's Mansion, and he got to speak with the housekeeper! And the housekeeper was treating him nicely too!

As the housekeeper of the Gu Family, Chen Fu had never expected that he could get such a great treatment ever in his life.

His legs were collapsing.

"Madame Gu... I did..."

"..."

"The housekeeper said that our miss is injured and the imperial doctor says that she needs to take a long break. So Miss is staying at Lord Huai's Mansion these next few days..."

"..."

"Miss will be home in a couple of days." Chen Fu said as his teeth clattered.

Madame Gu got so excited that the cane fell out of her hand.

Gu Zhenkang picked it up quickly. "What is it, mom?"

Madame Gu accepted the cane and said with an excited smile. "Nothing... just very glad."

"..."

“Zhenkang, have Chaoyan’s Qiong Pavilion cleaned these days and ask Mrs. Gu to do it.” As they were talking, Madame Gu suddenly thought that the Qiong Pavilion was way too broken to get cleaned properly. So she said, “Forget it, pick a better yard for her, sort it out and let her move to the front yard when she returns.”

“Okay.” Gu Zhenkang said with an understanding tone.

“Also, ask Mrs. Gu to get ready and tell the backyard that the whole family should go and greet Chaoyan on the day of her return.”

Madame Gu was slightly satisfied as she said this.

Oh man... She was coming home from Lord Huai’s Mansion!

Princess Gu had been the only woman of the family who had gotten such a treatment. However, Princess Gu had never bought any profits for the Gu Mansion.

That was what Madam Gu was regretful about.

Hopefully, Chaoyan could make a difference.