

Divine 1151

Chapter 1151: Arrogance 3

"Ms. Zheng, you can give it a try. I am too old to use it." Madame Min said with a smile. She was both very satisfied with First Ms. Min and Madame Min, and she would like to keep everyone in harmony. She could tell that Ms. Zheng loved this.

First Ms. Min was in the middle of trying it when Madame Min said to Mrs. Min. "Zhuxun, come and give it a try. There is not much here, but if it is useful we can ask Lady Chaoyan to give us some more."

Mrs. Min respected Madam Mim, so she followed her lead.

First Ms. Min felt a little annoyed that Mrs. Min was going to take away a box, but Madame Min did not notice her change of expression.

She said with a smile, "Just take one for each of you, and leave. It is very late. Zhuxun, just stay here for the night. It is my birthday and we should be together. I won't care about this some other day, so just stay for the night, and take it as my birthday present."

Mrs. Min wasn't very willing to stay, but she still nodded.

Madame Min was her deceased husband's mother and she had treated her well, so when she asked her to stay, she agreed.

Madame Min was very happy.

First Ms. Min asked Auntie to prepare everything before she returned to her own yard with the gift.

Back at the yard, First Ms Min felt even more annoyed. She exuded extreme arrogance.

"I have been married to the Min Mansion for dozens of years, and I have been so devoted to the Min Mansion, so the Min Mansion never runs into any problems. What about Zhuxun? She always wears a cold face and she has never done anything for the Min Mansion, why is Madame Min treating us so differently?"

"..."

"I am the down-to-earth lady, and Zhuxun is always on the top, but what has she done for the Min Mansion?"

"..."

"Madame Min keeps flattering her, so much that it looks as if she is the master of the Min Mansion."

"..."

"Just hear what Zhuxun said! She is looking down at us right? She doesn't think that a nameless lady like Gu Chaoyan would suck up to the Min Family?"

"..."

“Does Zhuxun mean that if she is not the master of the family, the Min Family would be nothing?”

“...”

“The Min Family is treating her nicely because her husband passed away ages ago, but who does she think she is?” First Ms. Min said angrily in her room.

The maid next to her said nothing.

Maids might echo their masters, but they did not dare to echo a thing when the topic was about Mrs. Min.

However, First Ms. Min never punished servants. When she was done with her venting, she calmed herself down, took a bath and got changed into robes, waiting for Old Master Min to come to bed together.

The whole night passed by quietly.

The following morning, Old Master looked at First Ms. Min and said with surprise. “You look very radiant, as if you were young again!”

First Ms. Min was both pleased and bashful.

The Old Master left after the compliment.

First Ms. Min went to the bronze mirror and looked at herself. She did look radiant – that was because she had used the cream Gu Chaoyan gave to her.

She felt pleased. “Go and send Elder Miss an invitation and ask her to join me at the Min Mansion!”

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“Yes, First Madame, I will go and pass on the invitation now!” The maid smiled and was about to write the invitation for Elder Miss Gu.

The maids were all here with First Ms. Min, when she first got married. So they had been serving First Ms. Min all this while. First Ms. Min did not have a good temper, but she treated her maids well. She vented her anger only with things, but not upon them. The maids always received many gifts, so the maids treated First Ms. Min whole-heartedly.

First Ms. Min was the master of the Min Mansion, and she was under a lot of pressure. Few things could please her, so today was a rare day, and the maids were very happy for her too. So they were very quick in dealing with errands.

The maid wrote the invitation instantly.

First Ms. Min observed her face carefully, and saw that she had indeed gotten better, especially the wrinkles around her eyes, which suddenly disappeared.

What pleased her the most was that she had never seen any effects coming out of the skin care products that she had been using during the past few years, but Old Master spoke highly of her now! Honestly, in the past, she never got spoken highly of by Old Master.

First Ms. Min looked at her own face carefully with a smile. She believed that she would get better, if the cream could be used on her constantly.

Yinxing, another maid in the room said with a smile, "First Madame, Elder Miss Gu is indeed capable. I find that the most expensive cream bought at Ming Yue Pavilion is worse than this one given by Elder Miss. This cream is not only useful, it works very well. Even Elderly Liao praised the pills used upon Madame Min. I believe that we can use what Elder Miss has given to us, and in a few days, you will definitely be prettier than ever."

Madame Min showed a smile as well. She nodded as she studied the cream bottle carefully.

Yinxing had started to be considerate, after working with her for so long.

She was right. She used Elder Miss' cream without any tests, and that was because even Elderly Liao spoke highly of the pills. So there was no need for her to be worried.

She was thinking that if she spent more time with Elder Miss Gu, she might be able to get some more cream. And she could pay her however much she wanted.

She was in a good situation at the Min Mansion, since her son Min Qing was the eldest son and the heir to the Min Mansion, and she was the master of the Min Mansion.

However, she was, after all, a woman.

Women loved to look young and pretty, and she even wanted the Old Master to spend more time with her.

The Min Family had very strict rules, but men in the Min Family could still have concubines. Old Master had married two more concubines during the past two years, and they were both young and innocent ladies, which she could not stop. After all, she could not consider herself as someone who was jealous.

The concubines had a son and a daughter too, but they were both younger than Min Qing, and they all started to understand what was going on around them.

Chapter 1153: Arrogance 5

Madame Min was still alive, and she did not have to be worried, because Madame Min was someone who stuck to the rules. Her son was definitely going to inherit the family affairs. So she was very assured while Madame Min was alive.

First Ms. Min was different from the madames from other mansions. She never hoped that Madame Min would pass away as soon as possible so that she could take over the mansion completely. What she knew was that when Madame Min passed away, she would not be able to suppress the issues. While Madame Min was around, everything would be well. She had no idea what her whole life would be like afterwards.

That was what she was worried about the most when Madame Min got sick the day before.

She could not do anything about the concubines, so all First Ms. Min could do right now was to stay young. As long as she was the best-looking, the Old Master would not visit the concubines and he would not have any love for them. As long as the Old Master loved her, and Min Qing inherited the mansion everything would go well.

First Ms. Min sighed.

She was living a very tiring life at the Min Family for the past few years, but she had to go on, and would get slightly better, when Min Qing inherited the business.

First Ms. Min stopped thinking, massaging her temples as she felt slightly better. She said to Yinxing. "Let's go to the hall. We should tell Madame Min about inviting Elder Miss."

Yinxing answered with a nod and started to comb First Ms. Min's hair.

After she was done dressing, they both headed towards the hall.

Madame Min was in a good mood. She got up early in the morning, and stayed in the hall. She said with a surprised smile as she saw First Ms. Min's face. "You look very radiant today!"

She had just received the skin cream from her the day before, and it seemed that Ms. Zheng loved it, so she got one more.

Madame Min had never expected that the cream would work so well, but today, she not only got better after eating what Elder Miss had given to her, but when she used the cream, Madame Min found herself getting even more motivated. And as she saw Ms. Zheng, she found that it did work much better.

Madame Min was pleased beyond words.

Seeing the scene, First Ms. Min said with a smile, "Madame Min, the cream really works excellently. I have sent an invitation to Xinlin Mansion and asked Elder Miss Gu to have a visit at our place."

Hearing her words, Madame Min nodded with a smile.

She knew clearly that Elder Miss Gu was someone who knew what position she was in, and what she could do. If they could spend more time together, she would possibly offer them more cream and pills. Well, they should spend more time together so Ms. Zheng was right in giving her the invitation.

After First Ms. Min sat down she asked cautiously, "I am thinking that we should still pay Elder Miss for the pills and cream, we can't owe her anything."

"..."

"We are a very large family with a long history and many people want to stay close to us."

"..."

"Since Elder Miss Gu knows what she should and shouldn't do, I don't think that she is someone with a simple mind. And if everything that has happened was not a coincidence, then she is also a very calculative person."

Chapter 1154: Arrogance 6

"She did leave after receiving the payment, but the cream she gave to you is just a temptation. She was trying to get you by offering you the cream!"

"..."

"The Min Family has to stay on track, so we need to be very careful!" First Ms. Min said. That was exactly what she was thinking. She was the master of the Min Mansion, so she needed to make a full consideration about everything. She needed to consider the many consequences.

Hearing what First Ms. Min said, Madame Min showed a smile.

She had been very pleased by how Ms. Zheng dealt with everything, after she moved to the family. She believed that she was able to be a good master of the mansion. And she was more capable than she had expected.

Even when she ran into the things she liked... she did not get distracted by the temptation. She stayed clear minded.

That was good.

The Min Mansion was definitely going to stay on the right track, with her around.

"Mrs. Zheng, our mansion will never go wrong with a cautious person in charge," Madame Min said with a smile.

Mrs. Min heard their conversation, as she walked in.

She wore a very complicated expression on her face.

The Min Family would always think that everyone wanted to trick them, but they were actually the real calculative ones, who had spent the whole time staying cautious. She did not think that the Min Family would flourish because they were not as broad-minded as a family which was hundreds of years old.

However, she already gave them a reminder.

She believed that Gu Chaoyan was someone the Min Family should establish friendship with, and the Min Family would definitely get beneficial outcomes from it, but they did not want to accept her ideas, so there was nothing she could do.

Mrs. Min walked in with a calm look on her face.

When Madame Min saw Mrs. Min walking in, she said with a smile, "Zhuxun, come and take a seat. Just stay a little longer after breakfast. Ms. Zheng has just sent an invitation to Elder Miss so that she can come to our mansion for a visit. You and Elder Miss are good friends, so you can have a chat with her before you leave. I won't force you to stay at the mansion for another night, don't worry."

Then she observed Mrs. Min's face, and found that there were no large changes on Zhuxun's face, after she used the cream.

As Madame Min and Mrs. Min were talking First Ms. Min's face sank. She was not happy.

She never liked how Madame Min treated Zhuxun. She was addressed as Ms. Zheng, whilst Mrs. Min was addressed as Zhuxun. And look at how gentle she was!

Ms. Zheng was very displeased about it.

When Madame Min said that the cream did not seem to work well on Zhuxun, she became even more morose. Zhuxun was born pretty, so there was no big change.

Zhuxun's face was one of the reasons why Ms. Zheng was unhappy.

At Xinlin Mansion.

Gu Chaoyan was in the middle of eating breakfast when she understood that Xiao Jin had already done his job and he was at Bingzhou, telling her to check on what was going on there when she had time.

Gu Chaoyan asked Sword One to prepare some breakfast. She was going to Bingzhou soon.

When she was having breakfast Xiu Jie came. "Elder Miss, a servant from the Min Mansion is asking for you!"

Chapter 1155: Suggestion 1

Xiu Jie would not disturb the Elder Miss' breakfast, if nothing serious happened, but the Min Mansion was not an ordinary family, so Xiu Jie came to pass on the message, fearing that something would be delayed.

Gu Chaoyan had just taken a beancurd jelly, when she heard the message. She was slightly surprised.

Back at the Min Family the day before, she knew clearly that despite her treatment of Madame Min, the Min Family were worried about getting too attached to her, and that they wanted to drive her away with money. So Gu Chaoyan decided not to spend too much time with the Min Family. So what was the Min Family's servant doing here today? Was Madame Min sick again? Or were the Min Family trying to give her some more presents.

Gu Chaoyan frowned and lost her remaining respect to the Min Family. She was not very patient or interested in the Min Family's messenger anyway.

She finished her snack, and then drank the porridge. When she was done with breakfast, she decided to have a meeting with the messenger.

Sword One shielded her and said with a small voice, "Elder Miss, what about letting me meet the messenger first?"

"..."

"It is just a maid from the Min Family, so we should meet her first and get to know what she needs, before making some other considerations."

“ ... ”

“What are the Min Family doing? They are supposed to be a noble family so why is she only sending a maid to ask for you?”

“ ... ”

“We have no Elderly people here at Xinlin Mansion, but we should not be held in contempt!” Sword One said, sounding quite displeased.

Elder Miss did not care about those rules and everything, and she intended to do everything personally, but Sword One still did not want Elder Miss to have to deal with everything herself.

Hearing what Sword One said, Gu Chaoyan said with a smile, “True, you can do that now.”

Having said this, Gu Chaoyan returned to her own room.

She had not been feeling well these two days. She got tired easily.

Sword One had already gone to meet the servant from the Min Family.

“What do you need Elder Miss for?” Sword One asked.

“Where is Elder Miss Gu?” Jinxing said as she looked behind her.

First Mrs. Min asked her to pass on the invitation to Elder Miss Gu so that she could visit the Min Mansion, and that was because she wanted to meet Elder Miss Gu desperately. So Jinxing did not want to waste any more time, and intended to meet Elder Miss Gu directly, so that she could tell her the message. She knew what she should say and what to do.

Therefore, Jinxing was very unhappy to see just a maid.

Sword One was displeased as well, hearing her words.

How arrogant the Min Family were – the maid intended to meet Elder Miss personally?

“Elder Miss is in the mansion, but you can tell me what you need, so that I can pass it on to her,” Sword One said without showing any inferiority.

Jinxing knew that it was just a waste of time, and that she would be blamed for not being able to complete the mission fast enough. So she said straightforwardly, “First Ms. Min asks your Elder Miss to visit the mansion!”

Sword One nodded and turned around to pass it on.

Jinxing reminded her. “Also, please tell your Elder Miss that First Ms. Min loves the cream she gave to her.”

Chapter 1156: Suggestion 2

Jinxing had worked for First Ms. Min for over a decade, and she was the Head Maid, who served by First Ms. Min's side. Jinxing was always with her except for some special banquets and meetings, so almost every noble person in the capital knew who Jinxing was.

It was always she who passed on the message when First Ms. Min needed to tell someone else something, and everyone at the mansion treated her nicely. No one dared to counter her.

So Jinxing was used to being treated like this, and she had her own methods of dealing with different issues.

For example, Jinxing believed that Elder Miss Gu was easy to deal with, so she decided to save some time and finish the task as fast as possible, so that she could tell her master what she had done.

The reason why First Ms. Min wanted to meet Elder Miss was because she liked the cream. And she asked her to go there because she wanted to get more cream from her, but that was not something she was going to say personally, so she needed to make the suggestions for her sake.

She believed that Xinlin Mansion and Elder Miss Gu knew what they should do after hearing the suggestion.

She also saved a lot of time too.

Having said this, Jinxing waited to bring Elder Miss Gu back to the Min Mansion.

Sword One was not very pleased.

The Min Family was so arrogant. It was an insult for Elder Miss. It looked as if the Min Mansion was doing Elder Miss an honor.

Sword One passed on the message with a sunken expression.

Gu Chaoyan was in the middle of reading something when she saw Sword One arriving with a bad expression on her face. She looked up and asked, "What does the Min Family want?"

"First Ms. Min is asking you to visit the Min Mansion, and she says that she loves the cream you gave her. I am thinking that she wants to get the cream from you!" Sword One snorted, feeling really displeased.

Gu Chaoyan was slightly surprised.

The cream was what she gave to Madame Min.

Gu Chaoyan gave the thing to Madame Min because she did not think that jewelry would move them, and cream would work better. Gu Chaoyan truly had no idea what else she could offer to them. Gu Chaoyan did not think that Madame Min would use it, and she did not expect that she would open the birthday present on the very day.

However, she was asked to give them some more cream.

She knew that the cream worked well. It helped to lift the color, and that was why First Ms. Min urgently needed it.

She had as many bottles of cream as she needed and she could give them away as presents, but...

If not for what happened the day before, she would have given it to the Min Family for the sake of Mrs. Min. However, what happened the day before already irritated Gu Chaoyan. The Min Family was so calculative even though she had done so much for them. That was why Gu Chaoyan did not want to hang out with the Min Family.

She was not going to visit the mansion, but she could offer the cream.

“Sword One, just return the message saying that I am not in a good condition to leave the mansion today, but if First Ms. Min loves my cream, she can buy it from me with money, 2,000 liang for one bottle.”

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Chapter 1157: Suggestion 3

Haha.

Sword One had been angry for her Elder Miss' sake a moment ago, but hearing what Elder Miss said, she could not help but laugh. Elder Miss was wealthy enough – her birth mother's dowries had filled up all the storages, and Yellow Crane earned a lot of money every single month. Also thanks to the business with the King of the other land, she felt that Elder Miss was going to be the richest woman within two years' time.

However, she was still out to make some extra money with one bottle of cream.

She found it extremely funny.

“You think 2,000 liang is too cheap?” Gu Chaoyan asked seriously, “Actually, we can make a plan about selling the cream. First Ms. Min has witnessed the effects, right?”

“...”

“If we can sell five each month, then we will earn 10,000 liang monthly. Within one year's time, your dowry would be enough.” Gu Chaoyan gave Sword One a very innocent-looking smile.

“Elder Miss!” Sword One looked helpless. Xie Yan was right, Elder Miss was very tricky!

“You can go and return the message.” Gu Chaoyan smiled brightly.

“Okay.” Sword One left with a smile on her face.

Jinxing was there waiting. She subconsciously looked behind Sword One, but did not see Elder Miss Gu. She frowned slightly – what was Elder Miss Gu doing?

It was such a waste of time!

She had been to many mansions, and those ladies there were all very obedient. No wonder Elder Miss Gu was driven out of the family, she did not know how to behave!

She was a very skilled doctor, but she really did not know how to behave properly.

Seeing Sword One, Jinxing asked straightforwardly, "Where is Elder Miss Gu? Make her hurry up, my Madame has many things to do every day, so she can't waste time waiting for your Elder Miss!"

Jinxing was very displeased, thus saying such words.

Sword One got even more annoyed. Who did she think she was? Did she think that her Elder Miss was someone she would just toss about?

Sword One's face sank as she stiffened her voice. "Elder Miss is not feeling well so she is afraid that she can't make it to your mansion. Please, tell your First Mrs. Min that Elder Miss is not going to be there. Elder Miss says that the cream requires even more expensive and better herbs than ordinary medicine, so if you want to buy the cream, you need to pay us 2,000 liang. Please, tell your master about this, and see if she can accept the price. If she can, you can come to Xinlin Mansion to buy some more."

Jinxing was shocked when she heard her words.

It was the first time for her to see a lady who turned down the Min Family's invitation because she was not feeling well. Any lady would want to have a visit at the Min Family no matter how sick she felt. And she charged 2,000 liang for the cream?

Elder Miss must be a dumb person!

That 2,000 liang was less valuable than the favor she could do for First Ms. Min! She was charging them money!

Jinxing just could not bring herself back to reality.

"What else do you need?" Sword One asked.

"Nothing more. I will tell her about it," Jinxing said, sounding weird.

Sword One nodded.

Then Jinxing went away in the Min Family's wagon.

She was alone when she came out of the mansion, and she was again alone when she returned.

When she reached the hall of the Min Family, First Ms. Min was very surprised. "Where is Elder Miss Gu?"

Chapter 1158: Rejection 1

Jinxing had a very strange look on her face. She cursed Elder Miss Gu inside her heart, but realized that she needed to have a good response for her master regarding why the guest was not here with her.

She looked up at First Ms. Min and forced out some words. "First Ms. Min, Elder Miss Gu says that she is not feeling well, so she has turned down our invitation. She doesn't want us to get affected by the cold. We are all noble people, and she can't afford to make us sick too."

Jinxing added some words to her speech, because she wanted to make the whole thing look better. There was no difference between the original meaning and what she said, but it was a way that she could make the whole failed mission look better.

First Ms. Min frowned slightly – Elder Miss Gu looked well the day before, and it was summer so it was hot and warm during the day and at night, how did she suddenly get sick? Was she really trying to stay away from her?

She did not want to come to the Min Family, because she knew that the Min Family was doing it to save their reputation?

That was very possible.

It seemed that she should not have sent the invitation so early. They just met the day before at Madame Min's banquet, so Elder Miss Gu, who was not born nobly, had to feel very uncomfortable being their guest.

Well, they could send another invitation on another occasion, but... where was the cream?

Jinxing had been working for her for more than a decade, so she should know that what she wanted was the cream.

First Ms. Min looked at Jinxing curiously...

Jinxing was wondering if she should mention the truth – but it seemed that her master was asking her to speak the truth. Jinxing forced herself to say the following words, "Elder Miss Gu has learnt about your interest in the cream."

First Ms. Min nodded in satisfaction.

That was her purpose! She needed to know about the cream.

"Elder Miss Gu said that the cream is more precious than the pills given to Madame Min, and it is much more difficult to make. So she needs to charge 2,000 liang for one box. If you like it, you should visit her with money." Jinxing said, feeling very reluctant.

First Ms. Min frowned directly after hearing what she had said.

Well...

She had never expected that Gu Chaoyan would expect money for her products, and the price was fixed.

She asked for payment for treating Madame Min, and 2,000 liang was not that much, but 2,000 liang for one box of cream was too much – she would have to spend 10,000 to 20,000 liang a month for the skin care.

She was the leader of the Min Family, but that was too much for her.

She had thought that Gu Chaoyan would give some to her since she should be a smart lady, but she was charging her!

She was so shrewd!

Well she could just ask her for some money, but not this much. First Ms. Min was always being flattered, no matter where she was. She always had free access to many things. That was why she believed that Gu Chaoyan charged too much.

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First Ms. Min was very self-disciplined.

She was the leader of the Min Family, and she was not going to waste so much money in front of everyone, especially when it came to products for skin care. That put her in a very awkward situation.

She was not going to spend so much money on the cream, but the cream worked so well. The two bottles that she had right now were running very quickly.

Gu Chaoyan was such a shrewd person!

She was worried that if she put it at a low price, it would make her presents to Madame Min look cheap.

It was her fault for being so ruthless. She had not given it full consideration. She was so happy today that she forgot what she ought to do. First Ms. Min's face sank.

Seeing the scene, Madame Min said with a smile, "Elder Miss is a lady with rules, and she separates friendship and business. It is just 2,000 liang for one box, not so much. Jinxing, you can get some money from the housekeeper and buy some boxes. I don't need them, but your First Ms. Min loves it. Also give some to the concubines at the mansion too, especially Ling. She is not young any more, and she cares about her image, so just give some to her as well."

First Ms. Min had wanted to stop her, but hearing that Madame Min mentioned the concubines, she prevented herself from saying anything more.

She was unhappy about it, but she fell silent.

Jinxing started to get down to business after receiving Madame Min's orders.

Silence dominated the hall.

Mrs. Min got up and looked at Madame Min, saying politely, "Madame Min, since Chaoyan is not here, I will go back too."

Madame Min looked at Zhu Xun, but did not stop her.

She knew Zhu Xun well. Zhu Xun did not want to stay one more day at the Min Mansion, and she did not need her to stay there all the time either.

First Ms. Min was already enough for the Min Mansion, and Zhu Xun was not a person who could remain there for a long time.

She smiled kindly, "You can come to us and spend a few more days here Zhu Xun."

Zhu Xun smiled, then she retired after giving her greetings.

She did not reply to Madame Min.

She left the hall and then walked out of the Min Mansion.

After she walked out of the mansion, there was a silhouette following her behind. That was her hidden guard. She did not know if it was a man left by Min Yu or her father, but she was used to having someone like that during the past few years.

The hidden guard said nothing and just followed her quietly.

Zhu Xun never turned around to check what that hidden guard looked like.

Madame Min said that she was never on the ground, so she knew nothing about worldly matters.

However, she was never at the top. She was actually on the ground, it was just that everyone believed that she had to be on the top.

Only one young man once understood her clearly, but he was gone.

At Xinlin Mansion.

Sword One got some tea, pastries and books ready, then she walked into the room, put it down and said, "Elder Miss, are you going to spend the day reading in the room?"

"Sword One, pack up we are leaving." Gu Chaoyan was dressed in a very casual outfit.

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Sword One was confused – didn't Elder Miss tell the Min Family that she was taking a break at home, so what was she doing dressed like she was going out. It would not be a good excuse to turn down the Min Mansion.

"Elder Miss, where are we going? Don't you want to stay in the room?" Sword One asked.

She even got the tea and pastries, as well as books ready, but Elder Miss was going out.

Gu Chaoyan had already gotten what she needed ready. She took a sip of the tea so as not to waste anything, then she said, "We should go to Bingzhou! We can't delay the trip for the sake of the Min Mansion! Xiao Jin has already gotten everything prepared there, but I don't know how much he has done, so I want to have a look."

Sword One nodded.

Elder Miss just could not stand a day of being at home.

Xiao Jin had just passed on the message the day before, and yet she was already heading there the following day. Bingzhou was not very far away, and Xiao Jin was trustworthy as well, so Elder Miss did not need to do anything like this, but that was what Elder Miss was like.

So Sword One went to get everything ready.

Qing had been busy with the affairs in the mansion, so when Sword One did not see Qing, she understood that she would be the only one that followed her out today. She would not be able to return before it turned dark, so she was going to stay there for a couple of days, and would need blouses.

However, they did not have much luggage, and Elder Miss was always very lightly loaded, both in her clothes and luggage.

Soon Sword One had gotten everything ready and they headed towards Bingzhou with a wagon.

Xiu Jie was not with them, because he needed to stay at Xinlin Mansion to deal with emergencies. Sword Two was following them, and the whole group was lightly packed.

What Gu Chaoyan asked Xiao Jin to do was to find some people who could help her with some matters in the Saint Divine Land. Those people could be at any age, but children were preferred. For one thing, they could be trained in martial arts, and for another, they could learn some medical skills from her. Children were always much easier to train.

When Xiao Jin found the children, she asked him to find a place for them to meet.

Xiao Jin was not able to visit the capital, so he found a place at Bingzhou which was closest to the capital. Gu Chaoyan was very happy about the place which Xiao Jin had chosen.

Apart from the capital, Bingzhou was one of the relatively wealthy areas where news could be passed on more easily.

Xiao Jin was going to be the leader of the group.

The wagon rushed along the passage, so after lunchtime, they reached Bingzhou.

When they entered Bingzhou, Gu Chaoyan asked the coachman to head towards the address given by Xiao Jin. As they were about to leave, Xiao Jin came with a horse. He came to the wagon, hopped off the horse and greeted Gu Chaoyan. "Elder Miss, please, I am here to receive you."

Gu Chaoyan was slightly surprised, but she asked Xiao Jin to get on the horse first.

As the wagon was going forward, she asked Xiao Jin who was alongside. "How did you know that I would be coming to Bingzhou today, so that you could meet me here?"

Xiao Jin laughed.

"I gave you the message the day before, so according to your temper, you will definitely be here. And when you were receiving the refugees, I noticed that Elder Miss has the habit of sleeping in, so I calculated that you should arrive here before lunchtime. But..."