

## Divine 151

### Chapter 151: Rejection

What?

Mrs. Lin's face changed.

A better suitor? She had never thought about the possibility of this matter before. After all, Chaoyan was once divorced, so as far as she knew, no one would want to make a proposal to her. If not for Jiashu who was willing to marry her, Mrs. Lin personally was not happy to accept her into the family.

When hearing that there was a better candidate, Mrs. Lin was still not convinced.

Who could beat Jiashu?

"Impossible." Mrs Lin denied directly. "Who can be better than my son?"

"The son of the officer of the Ministry of Revenue! Of course he is better than your son. Don't you ever forget that you are just a business family, and there is a huge gap between the son of the officer of the Ministry of Revenue. I suggest you not fantasize about the possibility any more," Madame Gu said with a smile. She was very pleased with the arranged marriage.

Mrs. Lin's face changed. She turned to this divorced girl with an unexpected look on the face. So the officer of the Ministry of Revenue was here making a marriage proposal with this woman?

If that was the case she had to give it up, but if the marriage did not work, she still needed her to help Jiashu. "Chaoyan, if that is the case, we can drop the marriage matter. But please help Jiashu with his job."

Madame Gu turned a sharp look at Gu Chaoyan.

Madame Gu was very unwilling to let the Lin Family get something profitable out of the Gu Mansion.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. "I can't, sorry."

Madame Gu let out a sigh of relief.

"Why?! Chaoyan, I am willing to marry you!" Lin Jiashu snapped anxiously, fearing that she turned him down because of some misunderstanding.

Gu Chaoyan rolled her eyes.

It seemed that Lin Jiashu had been sick physically and mentally for years. She was not helping them... Not because of what Madame Gu was thinking, but because she was not going to bother Zhou Huaijin with such a trivial matter. Zhou Huaijin was the Lord Huai, but he could not possibly be out there for everyone and everything.

"If you want to get a job, go for the imperial examinations. If you are able to pass the examination, there will be jobs for you." Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

The words had just been spoken when she shot a long look at the Old Master.

The Old Master lowered his head out of guilt. He also felt that asking Chaoyan for help was not proper, but Mrs. Lin had talked him into doing so with some potential benefits. Plus, Jiashu was their son and he expected the best out of him. That was why he eventually decided to join them.

Now that Chaoyan was not willing to help, Old Master was not cheeky enough to keep asking Gu Chaoyan about it. So he stepped forward and said, "Just forget about it, Jiashu, Chaoyan is right. If you want a job, take the imperial examinations."

Mrs. Lin was still unconvinced. "But, Chaoyan, it is not a hard thing for you!"

"Shut up!" The Old Master bellowed at Mrs. Lin.

Lin Jiashu stepped forward. "Mom, stop it, I will take the imperial examination. I am sure I can make it."

Lin Jiashu sneaked a look at Gu Chaoyan.

If he passed the examination, and Chaoyan's marriage with the officer of the Ministry of Revenue did not work out, he could come to her and make another proposal. By that time, she would approve of him.

The Lin Family left in a hurry.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh and was about to leave.

Seeing the scene, Madame Gu reminded her. "Chaoyan, are you heading for the stores again? You have never run any business before, so you have to take it slowly. Don't cause trouble."

"I am not going to the stores."

"Then where are you going?" Madame Gu looked confused. Madame Gu truly had no idea where else she could go.

## **Chapter 152: Missing Me?**

"Lord Huai's Mansion." Gu Chaoyan said calmly, as if she could visit such a place whenever she wanted.

Madam Gu's bellowing words got stuck in her throat. She swallowed the whole thing.

Soon she showed an expression of respect. "So Lord Huai is asking for you? Just go, don't be late. His errand has the highest priority."

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Seeing Madam Gu's cheerful face, she thought that if Madam Gu knew what she was going to do with Lord Huai, she would totally stop smiling.

Nevertheless, Gu Chaoyan did not delay a minute. She had no intention of wasting any more time with Madam Gu. She left directly.

Seeing her leaving figure, Madame Gu had her hands crossed, mumbling. "Thanks, God, the Gu Family and Lord Huai's Mansion are friends now!"

As she left the mansion Gu Chaoyan inhaled some air, feeling that it was totally fresh outside the mansion.

On the way to Lord Huai's Mansion, Qing kept looking at Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan could not help but ask, "Qing, what is the matter?"

Qing cringed. "Miss, are you still angry with Uncle Old Master? Uncle Old Master and Young Master went to the Government Office directly the other day, when they heard that something happened to you."

In Qing's heart they were nice people.

"I know." Gu Chaoyan nodded.

It could not be denied that her uncle and cousin were truly people with kindness. Otherwise she would not have told her uncle about her plan. However, she knew a little bit more about the Lin Family.

They were kind people, and her mother's family. So she was definitely going to help them when necessary, but the favor they asked from her today was against her principles.

Also she was going to treat the Lin Family as an ordinary family of relatives.

Uncle was kind, but slightly stupid. If he was smart enough, he would not have come begging her for help. If she had helped him and given him more responsibilities in the future, she would probably bring him trouble.

Gu Chaoyan was even wondering if her grandfather gave up the position as the business family, because he knew that his son was not suitable to manage the imperial business.

Nevertheless, she had no way to find out.

With her eyes upon Qing, she said, "Qing, don't worry. I won't be mad at them, as long as they don't hurt me for benefits."

Qing let out a sigh of relief and smiled.

Gu Chaoyan did not dwell upon that matter for too long. She wondered if it was because Qing, who was a few years older than her, had some past experience with the Lin Family, so she knew them better.

As she was talking they arrived at Lord Huai's Mansion.

Sword One got off the wagon first. By the time Chaoyan got off the wagon, the gate of the Lord Huai's Mansion was already wide open.

Uncle Zhou showed an affable smile. "Welcome, Miss. Gu. Lord is at the mansion, you are free to visit him now."

Gu Chaoyan smiled. She was not yet fully used to facing Uncle Zhou, but Uncle Zhou did not tag along, so she went forward alone.

She had a deep memory of Lord Huai's Mansion after spending a few days here. Sword One was a qualified guide too.

She was just thinking uneasily when Zhou Huaijin's voice arose from a short distance away. "Yan, are you missing me?"

### **Chapter 153: No Need of Consideration**

Gu Chaoyan rolled her eyes. This man was getting more and more cheeky even after just a few days!

Zhou Huaijin was still very happy to see her rolling eyes. He took hold of Gu Chaoyan's waist with a smile, approaching her. "Missing me?"

Gu Chaoyan stretched out her hands to push away his face, saying coldly, "Nope."

Zhou Huaijin looked at her with a wronged expression.

Gu Chaoyan was feeling very messy inwardly. This man was crazy, she was sure! Every time they met each other, he was showing a different expression. Now he was showing pitifulness!

"I am here to discuss something important with you." Gu Chaoyan said with a serious tone.

"Something important?" Zhou Huaijin looked confused, but still put on a serious tone. "Tell me."

Seeing him behaving in a proper way, Gu Chaoyan became glad. She looked about and did not think that it was a very suitable place to talk about business.

Zhou Huaijin seemed to see through her directly. "Let's talk over there. Sword One, go and make some tea."

Sword One wished very much to get away from this place as soon as possible. So she hurried off.

Qing was the only one standing next to Gu Chaoyan. Unlike Sword One who did not want to disturb the Lord, Qing was standing firmly next to her Miss, defending her without showing any hesitation. She had made up her mind – if the Lord was about to do something to her Miss, she was going to defend her Miss's innocence even if it meant sacrificing her life!

Seeing Qing's firm expression, Zhou Huaijin was wondering how to get this girl a family to marry her off.

Nevertheless, Zhou Huaijin did not spend much time on that girl, but asked quickly after he took the seat. "Yan, what business?"

"I would like to discuss a business deal with you."

"Hell, what business deal?" Zhou Huaijin felt a little bit startled.

"It is about my mother's dowries. I would like to sell half of the stores to you." Gu Chaoyan said with a serious tone.

"The Gu Family caused you trouble?" Zhou Huaijin suddenly turned cold, as if he would remove the whole Gu Family as soon as Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Well, as long as Gu Chaoyan liked it, Zhou Huaijin would definitely do so.

"Not really. I am not afraid of the Gu Family causing me trouble. I would like to sell half of the stores I am about to get, since I have made up my mind to do proper business." Gu Chaoyan said.

She had made a plan. She was going to open a restaurant.

If fruit trees could be planted in the space, vegetables would definitely be planted there as well. The extra ones could be a supply to the restaurant. The fruits growing on the trees could be used to make the finest brewery.

The restaurant would become one of the top ones, as long as Zhou Huaijin agreed.

“Good.” Zhou Huaijin answered without hesitation.

That startled Gu Chaoyan.

“You don’t want to think about it first?”

“I won’t need to think over your idea, Yan. How much do you want from me? Tell me the figure, and I will get Uncle Zhou to get you the money. I have got the staff you need ready as well, they were going to come to use these days.” Zhou Huaijin said without showing pressure.

That made Gu Chaoyan’s face twist. She had come up with a full business proposal that included income and other things, but none of these was needed.

When Gu Chaoyan was distracted, Uncle Zhou came in and whispered something into Zhou Huaijin’s ears.

Zhou Huaijin looked at Gu Chaoyan with surprise.

#### **Chapter 154: Surprise**

Zhou Huaijin looked very surprised.

Gu Chaoyan showed some confusion too. “What is it?”

Zhou Huaijin regained his normal expression, fearing that his look would startle her. He spoke in a very gentle tone. “Nothing, Uncle Zhou just said that the second son of the Ministry of Revenue dropped dead at home today.”

He had arranged someone to fix this matter himself, but someone did it before him.

He was a bit surprised about that, but he thought that Yan was capable enough to deal with this matter. No wonder she never got anxious about this arranged marriage.

However, none of the four guards were used. Since when did she get her own forces?

Zhou Huaijin could not figure this out.

Hearing Zhou Huaijin mentioning this matter, Gu Chaoyan was not surprised but explained calmly. “Princess Virtue did it. She gave me her word.”

“Princess Virtue?” Zhou Huaijin thought about how Gu Chaoyan and Princess Virtue met earlier.

That was how it worked.

He smiled briefly. He did not mind what happened.

Princess Virtue was a little cunning and she had her little plan. That was what those princesses did in the palace.

"She will deal with whatever she has done, so don't worry." Zhou Huaijin said with a smile and turned to Uncle Zhou. "Uncle Zhou, how much money do we have in the mansion?"

Asked this question, Uncle Zhou hesitated. He turned to Gu Chaoyan subconsciously.

Zhou Huaijin frowned. He did not like it when Uncle Zhou considered Yan as an outsider. If not for his long days at the Lord Huai's Mansion, he would have been replaced ages ago.

Uncle Zhou understood what Zhou Huaijin was like. So he replied, "Six million gold, as for other things in the storage, I need to check the accounts."

Before Uncle Zhou finished his words Zhou Huaijin turned to Gu Chaoyan and asked. "Enough?"

Gu Chaoyan gasped. She had been in this era for not too long, but she did understand how much gold was worth. Six million gold was worth everything she owned!

"Of course, half will do. I will write you a contract after the payment." Gu Chaoyan suddenly thought of something after saying these words. "Oh, don't give the gold to me directly, put the gold in the bank, okay?"

Zhou Huaijin nodded and smiled with a loving expression on his face. "Okay."

"Now the important business is done, can we talk about some other business?" Zhou Huaijin asked.

"What... business?" Gu Chaoyan was confused.

Zhou Huaijin sized up Gu Chaoyan and said, "Don't you think that your clothes do not fit any more? Let me take you on the street for some shopping."

Gu Chaoyan looked at herself. Her current clothes were a size larger, because she had lost more weight these days.

She had been too occupied with her own business to notice that. So she just put on whatever she had.

Now, seeing Zhou Huaijin's expectant expression Gu Chaoyan did not feel right to turn him down.

She nodded... "But we may not be able to do the shopping together right?!" She was thinking about getting something else too.

Zhou Huaijin smiled.

Then he went into the room and became someone else when he came out of it. "This will do, right?"

"How did you do that!" Gu Chaoyan showed a curious expression.

Uncle Zhou saw him and said in fright. "Lord, you can't go out in this way!"

## **Chapter 155: Huo Wei Again**

Gu Chaoyan got startled by Uncle Zhou's reaction. She had no idea why that was a big fuss.

Zhou Huaijin shrugged nonchalantly. "Don't worry, Uncle Zhou."

The words had just been spoken when he turned to Gu Chaoyan with a pair of scorching eyes, and explained. "You must have heard of me mentioning Shadow Door. That is what their chief looks like. That was why Uncle Zhou got excited. But it is alright, fewer people have seen the chief than Lord Huai. It is totally fine if we are out together."

Then he turned to Uncle Zhou with a warning look.

Uncle Zhou withdrew his look of excitement and then looked at Gu Chaoyan. He now realized that Miss. Gu was more than someone special for Lord Huai.

Instead of saying anything more, he replied. "I will make sure all goes well."

Zhou Huaijin nodded, then he went out with Gu Chaoyan.

It was Fu Bao who was behind him today. Fu Bao was young and had a smile on his face all the time, unlike Rong Chuxuan and Lin Sen. Next to Gu Chaoyan were Sword One and Qing.

No one was paying attention to this gang.

Gu Chaoyan was glad to be out on the street. She had not had the time to walk through the city after she ended up in this place.

"There is a silk store ahead of us." Zhou Huaijin reminded her.

"Okay, let's go and take a look at it." Gu Chaoyan replied. She had not paid much attention to her outfits, just because she was not quite satisfied with her current shape. However, she was willing to cooperate with Zhou Huaijin who was happy to help her.

The silk store was one of the top ones in the whole city.

There were all kinds of silk and garments placed on the shelves.

Seeing the gang entering the store, the salesboy greeted them. "Miss, are you here to make clothes or buy clothes?" He was rather polite.

"I am buying clothes." Gu Chaoyan thought for a while and replied. She was worried that she would lose some more weight before the clothes were done. It would be a waste.

The salesboy guided the girls to the shelves. Gu Chaoyan thought for a while and said, "Qing, Sword One, pick the ones you like too. I have money now."

The words had just been spoken and Sword One and Qing had not yet answered, when a sharp and ironic voice arose from close by. "Isn't this the eldest Miss of the Gu Family? What are you doing here at Jinxiu Pavilion? Are you able to afford the clothes here? Oh man, even the trash are here trying to get something out of this place."

Gu Chaoyan turned to the direction of the voice. Then she saw Huo Wei who was walking towards her openly.

She frowned slightly. Damn Huo Wei. It seemed that she needed some more lessons than the one she got back at her own home. She dared to offend her.

"Even a girl like you is here, why not me?" Gu Chaoyan answered coldly, having no intention to speak with her.

She turned around and looked at the clothes.

The clothes here were of high quality. Otherwise Zhou Huaijin would not insist that she should come here for clothes shopping.

"I want this one." Gu Chaoyan spotted a green color-dress and decided to give it to Qing, so she spoke.

The salesboy was about to fetch it when Huo Wei came to her and grabbed the dress, saying, "I want this one too, I am paying ten more yuan for this."

### **Chapter 156: An Argument**

Zhou Huaijin took a step forward and was about to assist the girl when Gu Chaoyan stopped him directly. She had already come up with an idea of how to teach Huo Wei a lesson. She had been fighting against her all this while.

So Huo Wei intended to exceed her in all aspects, so she decided to see if she was able to get through the pressure. "I add 50 more, go and wrap it up, salesboy."

Having said the words, she threw a disdainful look at Huo Wei. She was displaying her disdainful look upon Huo Wei who only added ten.

"I add 100!" Stimulated, Huo Wei shouted out directly!

Seeing the situation, the salesboy suggested to another employee that he should get the manager.

Those who shopped at Jinxiu Pavilion were indeed ladies like Miss. Huo, who was noble and wealthy.

What was this salesboy supposed to do when two ladies were in a fight against each other.

The manager called Lady Lian soon arrived. When Lady Lian arrived, Gu Chaoyan had just said calmly, "500"

Lady Lian threw a glance at Gu Chaoyan and said nothing. She was watching the whole show in silence.

If these ladies were so willing to offer so much money... Lady Lian was definitely bold enough to accept the payment.

Huo Wei added without hesitation. "1000 more!"

She did not think that she would be beaten by a disgraced ugly girl like Gu Chaoyan. If she added 500, she just doubled that!

The moment she bellowed out the figure of 1000, Huo Wei threw a proud look at Gu Chaoyan. She was sure that Gu Chaoyan was never going to add any more upon the price. She could not possibly have that much money to buy one single dress.



Even for a lady like her, 1000 was almost out of her saving.

“So, ugly girl, you don’t dare to add any more right? You are not able to get that much money anyway, are you?” Huo Wei said with a look of disdain.

Hearing what Huo Wei said, Lady Lian frowned involuntarily.

“2000.” Gu Chaoyan said calmly and smiled briefly with eyes upon Huo Wei.

Huo Wei’s face twisted. How dare this ugly girl add so much more!

“3000!” Huo Wei shouted. Her maid tugged at her sleeves, but Huo Wei was too excited to pay attention to the maid.

“4000!”

“5000” Huo Wei added without showing any weakness.

Gu Chaoyan blinked and said calmly with her gaze upon Huo Wei. “If you like this dress so much, please take it.”

Having said the words Gu Chaoyan pointed at a yellow dress and said to Qing, “Qing, do you like this one?”

Qing nodded.

Then she pointed at one dress for Sword One who liked it too. Then they got everything packed up.

During the whole process, she ignored the angry face of Huo Wei. She then got a few more for herself. And everything cost less than 300.

Gu Chaoyan paid the bill directly.

Lady Lian looked at Huo Wei and reminded her. “Miss Huo, that dress originally costs 80, but you offered 5000 extra, so it will be 5080 in total for you. Are you going to pay that directly or pick something else first.”

5000... She did not have that much money at all!

“What do you mean 5080! If that dress is 80, it will stay as 80!” Huo Wei said angrily. She had less desire to pick that dress when she saw what Gu Chaoyan got for her maids. She was a lady, she was not going to wear the same dress as maids did!

“So Miss. Huo, are you trying to get away from the payment?” Lady Lian interrogated with a flat look on her face.

### **Chapter 157: Huo Wei’s Trick**

“You are wrong, this dress costs 80 all the time, and now you dare to ask me for more than 5,000?” Huo Wei snapped with displeasure. “I don’t want it any more. Someone else can get it.”

Gu Chaoyan had had no intention of getting involved with Huo Wei’s affairs, but hearing her shameless rejection, she stopped walking and said to Huo Wei ironically, “So now every kind of people are here

shopping at Jinxiu Pavilion, even those who intend to play a trick? Miss. Huo, if you don't have any money, try not coming to this place. You simply can't afford the things here."

"You!" Huo Wei pointed at Gu Chaoyan and bellowed with extreme anger. "You set me up!"

Gu Chaoyan was amused by her stupid logic. "I set you up? Miss. Huo, you better get smart! I had my eyes upon this dress first. It was you who tried to steal it from me by adding 5000 more. You set yourself up with your own stupidity, not me. But... I can help you too..."

Huo Wei looked at her with hesitation.

When Gu Chaoyan was paying the bill, she saw her holding a 10,000 yuan note. She was definitely able to afford the dress.

Seeing that she was offering to help her, Huo Wei was certain that this ugly girl did not dare to offend her. Her father was an Elder Officer, after all, but of course, if she helped her to buy the dress, she could do some favors for this ugly girl.

Huo Wei, who had had an angry expression a minute ago, put on an arrogant look again. "Sure, Gu Chaoyan, if you are willing to buy this dress for me and help me out of this. I can leave you out of this issue, since I am a very broad-minded person. Also, I won't have to team up with County Princess Anxi to bully you at the examination of Saint College. And if you lose your bet, I can beg for mercy for your sake."

Huo Wei looked at Gu Chaoyan with a proud look.

That was right... She and County Princess Anxi had been good friends since childhood.

If she was able to help Gu Chaoyan, who offended, County Princess Anxi, she was definitely going to be grateful.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sneer. So she and County Princess Anxi were in the same team, and they had decided to give her a hard time? Unfortunately, Gu Chaoyan was not the one to be bullied, never.

She showed a bright smile on the face. "Sure, I can buy that for you."

Hearing the words Huo Wei let out a sigh of relief.

Lady Lian looked at Gu Chaoyan with a confused look on her face.

The next second, Gu Chaoyan looked at Sword One. "Sword One, get 80 yuan for this lady."

"What?" Huo Wei's eyes were widely opened. "What 80, it costs 5080!"

Gu Chaoyan frowned. "I am not stupid enough to pay 5080 for this dress." Then she tugged at Sword One. "Let's go, we don't want to be considered as the stupid people."

Sword One had been holding her laughter all this time, but Qing burst out in laughter.

Fu Bao laughed even more loudly. "Hahahaha what a stupid woman!"

Then the gang left directly.

Huo Wei got so angry that she flushed. How dare this ugly girl curse her for being a stupid person! How dare she do that to her when she offered her the bargaining chip!

“Gu Chaoyan, you ugly bitch!” She said and was about to run after her, but before she was able to take one step, Lady Lian stopped her and reminded her with a serious tone. “Miss. Huo, you haven’t paid for your dress yet.”

“...”

“If you don’t pay for the dress, we are going to ask for the money at the Huo Mansion.”

Huo Wei’s face sank.

### **Chapter 158: An Accident**

Hearing that Jinxiu Pavilion was going to ask for the money at the Huo Mansion, she did not dare to leave any more.

She regretted her actions completely. She was just too angry to behave rationally. She could have gotten away from other stores, but Jinxiu Pavilion was one of the top stores in the capital city, and those kinds of stores often had some high-ranking officers backing them up. When they claimed that they were going to ask for the money at the Huo Mansion, they would surely do that.

Nevertheless, she just could not let the Huo Mansion know that she spent 5,000 upon such a dress because of her irrational anger.

She might be the lady of the Huo Mansion, but there were other ladies at the Huo Mansion... what if she fell into disgrace because of this incident!

Huo Wei just could not imagine that consequence.

She said with a shivering voice, “Okay... okay... you, go to the mansion and ask my mom for some money.”

The maid left, shivering from head to feet.

Since Huo Wei was willing to pay for the dress, Jinxiu Pavilion spared a seat for her so she could wait.

Lady Lian asked the salesboy, “Who was the lady that just left?”

“Well... I never met her before, but I heard that she is from the Gu Family.” The salesboy said based on his memory.

“Okay.” Lady Lian answered, saying nothing more.

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Outside Jinxiu Pavilion.

Qing and Fu Bao were laughing so hard. The whole thing was so funny. Sword One was still holding her laughter.

Zhou Huaijin was showing a faint smile on his face the entire time. Yan was so much fun.

"Lady Chaoyan, how did you know that Miss. Huo would bid against you, what if she had not?" Fu Bao asked with confusion.

"She definitely would."

"Why?" Fu Bao did not understand why Lady Chaoyan was so certain about this.

"Because she thinks that she is better than me. So of course she will bid against me. But most importantly..."

"What?" Fu Bao asked with a curious expression on the face.

"She is not smart enough to understand her own abilities. Which smart people would do that?" Gu Chaoyan said with a serious expression on her face.

Fu Bao thumbed up at Gu Chaoyan.

After the incident at Jinxiu Pavilion they realized that evening was approaching.

Gu Chaoyan was thinking about the fruit trees in the space, so she said, "Let's just go home now, we can do the shopping again when we all have time. Oh by the way..."

"..."

"When the stores are ready, I would like to take a trip to the mountains."

She was telling Zhou Huaijin about that.

Zhou Huaijin nodded. "I will give you a lift home. The staff will be ready tomorrow for you to use. Tell them what they are supposed to do."

"Do you have other staff like Fu Bao?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

"I have many." Zhou Huaijin answered.

"Then get several ready, let Sword One guide them. And no more arguing, just toss the original staff out of the stores." Gu Chaoyan said seriously.

Fu Bao was dumbfounded... She was more resolute than the Lord! But... He liked that!

As they were talking, they already arrived at the gate of the Gu Mansion.

Zhou Huaijin did not enter the mansion, so Gu Chaoyan left the wagon and returned home with Qing and Sword One.

The moment they entered the room Chen Fu said with an anxious expression on his face, "Miss, go to the front yard, Madame Gu is asking for you."

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She already knew what the matter was, so she was not anxious at all.

As they came to the front yard, Madame Gu said with a face of disappointment at the sight of Gu Chaoyan. "Chaoyan, the son of the officer of the Ministry of Revenue is gone. Your marriage arrangement is gone too, I am so sorry..."

## Chapter 159: A Legendary Place

"The marriage arrangement is gone." Madame Gu said with a concerned tone.

What she was concerned about was not about the broken marriage arrangement, but about the potential alliance she had intended to establish. If she could marry Chaoyan to the son of the officer of the Ministry of Revenue, maybe her son's position could be promoted. Even other men of the mansion, like Yunhe and Yuxuan might be able to get some benefits.

Now... She was feeling so heart-broken to see the ruined marriage arrangement.

Chaoyan was unlike Ruxue, who was pretty and intelligent. Ruxue could marry almost anyone in the capital city, but Chaoyan was not pretty or smart, and she was divorced! Who else would want to marry her, when they missed the officer of the Ministry of Revenue!

Madame Gu almost burst into tears.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh. She had no emotion stirred up inside her as her gaze was upon Madame Gu, because she knew pretty well that Madame Gu was not feeling sorry for her.

However, in order to avoid a similar case happening again, Gu Chaoyan said, "Just let bygones be bygones. I am a friend of Lord Huai now, so I can beg Lord Huai for help in marital arrangement later."

"..."

"Aren't you assured when Lord Huai offers his help?"

What?

Madame Gu stopped crying and looked at Gu Chaoyan. Then a touch of joy hovered over her face as she realized what she meant. "Is that true?"

"Of course." Gu Chaoyan replied with a serious tone.

Maybe it was because Gu Chaoyan's tone of confirmation, maybe it was because Madame Gu had a very high expectation, but Madame Gu started to plan a picture of how the Gu Mansion would be able to flourish in her head again, after hearing the words.

She stopped the tears from dripping, then she nodded constantly. "Okay, okay, that sounds great."

"..."

"The deceased can't revive, so we have no choice but to drop the marriage arrangement. But they have visited us for the marriage proposal, so we have to express our appreciation at their mansion after all." Madame Gu said, "You can go home now. It is still early, and I can visit them now."

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She had no intention of lingering at the front yard.

She was in a hurry to check up the fruit trees in the space. So the moment Madam Gu left, she headed back to the Qiong Pavilion.

Qing was preparing the food whilst Sword One was getting the hot water ready. As she was alone, Gu Chaoyan sneaked into her space.

The moment she entered the space, she could sense the fresh air.

Then she took a closer look around and found that fruits already grew on all of the trees.

Gu Chaoyan was overjoyed.

She had never expected that this space was so legendary that the trees planted there could grow so fast. What was more, Gu Chaoyan found the space getting larger and larger, creating even more vacancy for more planting possibilities.

It seemed that she had to find even more herbs to plant.

Before she left, Gu Chaoyan poured some more magical water into the fruit trees and picked some fruits from the branches.

She would like people to have a taste of what those fruits were like.

She placed the fruits upon the plate in the room.

Qing came in and said, "Miss, the food is ready, come and eat something."

The words had just been spoken when Qing spotted the fruits on the table.

She looked confused. "Where did those fruits come from? I did not put them here..."

"Maybe Madam Gu got them delivered here. Anyway, Qing, have a taste, they look so delicious." Gu Chaoyan said.

"Those fruits do look very wonderful." Qing said and took a bite of the fruit.

"How is it?" Gu Chaoyan asked expectantly.

### **Chapter 160: Reclaiming the Stores**

"The apple tastes so sweet and crispy!" Qing said excitedly.

She took a few more bites from the apple and seemed to enjoy the fruit deeply.

Gu Chaoyan took one apple and ate it too.

She found that, just as Qing had said, the apple did taste sweeter and crispier than the ordinary apples.

Soon, a new plan popped up in Chaoyan's head. She was going to plant some grapes for brewing. When her restaurant was opened, she was going to make full use of the grape-brewed wine as the top brand.

With that idea in mind, Gu Chaoyan became quite happy. "Alright, let's go and eat."

Qing took one more apple and threw a curious look at her Miss. She had no idea what made her Miss happy. However, what Qing was thinking was that as long as her Miss was happy, all would be fine.

After the dinner Gu Chaoyan went to take a bath, after which she fell asleep directly.

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The following day Sword One joined Fu Bao with the contracts of the stores given by Gu Chaoyan early in the morning. Fu Bao had all the guards and managers arranged by Zhou Huaijin with him.

Seeing Sword One there, Fu Bao got extremely motivated. He was completely ready to get the job done.

"Lady Chaoyan is not coming, is she?" Fu Bao asked.

"Just leave this small matter to us. Let's go now. I have got the contracts with me." Sword One said straightforwardly.

Fu Bao nodded.

The two of them walked towards the stores with their men.

The stores were located next to each other. Apart from the garment store, there were stores that sold groceries and calligraphy and painting tools.

When the incident happened at the garment store, the rest of the managers were watching the whole show clearly.

They also knew about Gu Lin getting tied up to face the court.

When they had no idea what to do, Mrs. Gu's men came and told them to cooperate with Chaoyan. Mrs. Gu's men said that the managers should give Chaoyan whatever she needed to see. Those managers got quite assured. As long as they could work cooperatively, they were definitely going to avoid ending up like Gu Lin. They did not care who owned the stores, as long as they were still the managers.

Seeing Sword One coming to his store, the manager of the grocery store was about to flatter her.

When Sword One brought out the contracts. "This is our Miss's store."

"I do... the accounts are ready." The manager said as he turned around, trying to get them.

"Okay, get your stuff and leave now." Sword One said coldly.

What? The manager ceased his steps.

"What do you mean?"

"Our Miss owns the stores, and now she is getting them all back. Pack up and leave." Sword One repeated her words patiently.

"You... don't talk nonsense! I have been running the store for years!" The manager showed his true color as he pointed at Sword One impolitely. If not for Mrs. Gu who stressed that they should show some courtesy, he would not have behaved so politely at all! How dare they!

Instead of saying anything more, Sword One shouted. "Fu Bao!"

"Get them out!" Fu Bao did not have the patience.

The next second, the manager and the salesboy were all tossed out of the stores.

As for the rest of the stores, Sword One said nothing. She just asked Fu Bao to throw the staff out.

At last, a group of managers got so angry that they said with teeth clenched. "Let's go to Mrs. Gu! They are just bullying us! We need justice!"