

## **Divine 211**

### **Chapter 211: Family Law 1**

Zhou Huaijin frowned slightly. He looked at Gu Chaoyan, wondering if she was displeased with Manager Song's way of dealing with the matter, or with something else. The staff at Shadow Door had been well trained, and even the managers who were supposed to run business were always ferocious. So it was very reasonable for Manager Song to deal with the incident in this way, but he was worried that Yan did not like it when he made the decision himself.

If Yan was displeased with him, then he could be replaced directly, even though he was the best at Shadow Door.

At this time, Manager Song knocked at the door and entered.

He showed great coutersey in front of Gu Chaoyan. He bowed slightly and said politely, "Lady Chaoyan, the whole thing is done. I made the decision myself, so sorry for that."

He realized that Lady Chaoyan was going to be his mistress in the future. If Lady Chaoyan dismissed him, he would never get back to Shadow Door.

A minute ago he was showing his competence.

If Lady Chaoyan could accept him, then he was definitely going to become her most capable assistant and help her devotedly. If Lady Chaoyan did not accept that, he was going to dismiss himself and leave for home.

Within this short period of time he felt very nervous. He was worried about what kind of answer he was going to get.

Gu Chaoyan smiled and said with a determined tone, "Manager Song, you have done a great job. That is exactly the way for you to deal with someone like Mrs. Gu."

If she was tossed out directly, what she would have gotten was just humiliation, but now she had offended Mrs. Zheng.

The whole Gu Family was going to be in trouble, so Madame Gu was not going to give her a peaceful time.

Gu Chaoyan was very pleased.

If Manager Song were not a manager for Yellow Crane, she would very much try to keep him by her side. The four Sword guards were okay, but they were not full of conspiracies and plans. She needed a strategist!

However, it was not the time for her to make an emotional speech. "Manager Song, just go and finish your work. Since you are running Yellow Crane, what you need to do is to get everything in order. Unless it deals with the new branded dishes, I am not going to get involved with anything related to Yellow Crane."

Excitement hovered over Manager Song's face. So Lady Chaoyan trusted him now?

He bowed and said calmly, "Okay!" Then he exited the room.

Gu Chaoyan smiled. She had not understood why Zhou Huaijin had got her Manager Song, but after this incident, she knew it all.

Within this day's time, Yellow Crane was doing very well. By the evening Zhou Huaijin accompanied Gu Chaoyan home.

The moment she entered the mansion, Chen Fu said with a serious expression, "Miss, Madame Gu is asking for you."

Gu Chaoyan nodded. That was what she had expected...

When Mrs. Gu got humiliated at Yellow Crane today, she must have blamed her for it. They must have been waiting for her to come home for a long while.

Then she started to walk towards the front yard.

There were a few begonias in the front yard, because of Gu Ruxue. She was allergic towards begonias, so none of the flowers were kept.

As the servants of the front yard saw Gu Chaoyan, they showed a pleased look on their face. In their eyes, Gu Chaoyan was even worse than the servants.

She walked past them and came to the hall.

The moment she entered the hall, Gu Zhenkang shouted furiously as he pointed at Gu Chaoyan. "You are such a terrible daughter! Look at what you have done today! Are you trying to ruin our reputation?!"

## **Chapter 212: Family Law 2**

Madame Gu, as usual, was seated there in silence.

She had known about what happened to Mrs. Gu today. It was Chaoyan's fault. She owned the restaurant, and Mrs. Gu should have been given a seat, since she was part of the family! She should not have tossed her out.

Mrs. Gu was the madame of the Gu Mansion! She was the face of the Gu Mansion when she was not at home.

If Mrs. Gu was humiliated, then the whole Gu Mansion would be humiliated as well. What was wrong with Chaoyan, this lineal daughter? She should have gotten the point! How narrow-minded was she? She should be replaced!

"Chaoyan, it is your fault." Madame Gu said. "You should always care about the Gu Mansion." She looked at Gu Chaoyan with disappointment.

This girl had become smarter these days. And she should not be kept at home any more.

After the examination of Saint College, they should get her a family. So that she could be married off, which would probably do the Gu Mansion a favor.

Madame Gu was thinking inwardly as she turned to Gu Zhenkang. "Zhenkang, what do you think?"

Gu Zhenkang snorted. He had always thought that this eldest daughter of his could not have been anyone good. She was left by Mrs. Lin! Madame Gu had been defending her a while ago, but now something went wrong! He could not have been wrong in his judgement. She was never as excellent as Ruxue! She had nothing in her!

Instead of looking at Gu Chaoyan's expression, he said, "This girl made a huge mistake. She should be punished by family law!"

"..."

"Ten hits on the hip!"

"..."

"Girl, do you have anything against this decision?" Gu Zhenkang asked disdainfully. He asked her just because he expected this girl to beg him for mercy.

During the past few days, this girl had turned rebellious. She had not shown any respect towards him. Now he was going to make her understand that he was the master of the mansion, and that he could punish anyone he liked.

This girl was not going to do anything big even if Lord Huai was by her side right now. He was the owner of the Gu Mansion anyway!

Gu Chaoyan stood still in composure. She shrugged.

Punishing her with family law? She was alright with it. "Nope, do as you want."

Gu Zhenkang snorted.

Acting stubbornly? Alright then, let's see if she was going to act stubbornly when she was beaten!

"Someone, get the punishment ready!"

Madame Gu had not spoken a word ever since.

Mrs. Gu looked very satisfied. She had been humiliated, but this bitch girl was not getting away from it.

Seeing the staff carried up, Gu Chaoyan suddenly spoke as if she thought of something. "But one more thing... Madame Gu, and father, you probably have to have some idea of it."

"..."

"It is definitely my fault that I did not take good care of Mrs. Gu so the trouble was caused."

"..."

"But Madame Gu, father, you probably have to be careful about what is going to happen. After I get beaten, I probably will be too weak to say a thing. Let me put it forward first." Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

Trouble? That was indeed something Madam Gu and Gu Zhenkang had no idea of.

"What happened?" Madame Gu got anxious. "What trouble was caused?"

Gu Chaoyan sneered. That was what the Gu Family was like, wasn't it?

Mrs. Gu was anxious too. "Bitch, stop making rumors! Get the staff and beat her now! So that she will not talk!"

Mrs. Gu thought that Gu Chaoyan had no idea what happened, but she did!

Seeing Mrs. Gu's anxious look, Madame Gu was more certain that something happened. She glared at Mrs. Gu and then at Gu Chaoyan. "Spill it!"

### **Chapter 213: Gu Zhenkang's Detest**

Not daring to speak, Mrs. Gu glared at her, as if she were going to kill her if she ever spilled a single word.

Mrs. Gu might have been scary in the past because the old Gu Chaoyan used to be timid, not daring to do anything against anyone. However, Gu Chaoyan at the moment was not afraid of Mrs. Gu at all. She was just a minor person in her eyes.

Calmly, she turned to Madame Gu who was seated in the top seat and said, "Well, the business in Yellow Crane has been doing well so there were no empty seats available. But Auntie Gu insisted on taking the elegant room so she made a huge fuss at Yellow Crane. Manager Song had no choice but to show her to the elegant room, so that they could ask if the guests inside could spare the seats."

"..."

"But Mrs. Zheng was inside the elegant room. She is the wife of the chief of the Ministry of Personnel!"

"..."

"Mrs. Zheng got very angry when she was asked to move in the middle of her meal."

"..."

"So she got her maids to slap Auntie Gu yet she was still angry... So she asked her guards to toss her out of Yellow Crane."

"..."

"Mrs. Zheng was still very angry when Auntie Gu was tossed. Lord Huai can help Yellow Crane, but the Gu Mansion has no one to turn to... so..."

As she was speaking, Gu Chaoyan showed a worried expression and threw a sneaky look at Madame Gu.

Hearing the story, Madame Gu understood clearly that Mrs. Gu had caused a huge trouble! She had irritated Mrs. Zheng and her guards had thrown her out! And she was here begging her for help! She was saying that Chaoyan was bullying her! She said that it had been the waiters of Yellow Crane who had tossed her out!

"Mrs. Gu!" Madam Gu's face sank as she bellowed. They could not afford to offend anyone from the Zheng Mansion! How dare Mrs. Gu do such a thing! Ruxue had not yet gotten married to Lord Ling, and now she had caused such a big trouble!

Hearing this, she realized that something was wrong. This bitch was not in the restaurant at that time, how did she know about that? And she knew every single detail of it!

Also, Mrs. Zheng had tossed her out of the restaurant and her anger was vented. She could not have been so narrow-minded a lady, could she?

Mrs. Gu snapped. "Madame Gu, don't believe this bitch's story! That was not what happened! It was her waiter who tossed me out! There was no Mrs. Zheng. Yes, Mrs. Zheng was eating at the restaurant, but I did not offend her!"

Mrs. Gu found this excuse more and more reasonable.

Mrs. Zheng had vented her anger. She was the wife of the chief of the Ministry of Personnel, and she was not going to dig into this minor affair at all. She could dodge her whenever she ran into her in the future, and soon she would forget about this incident.

Also, when Ruxue married Lord Ling this Mrs. Zheng was not going to offend her because of her relationship with Lord Ling!

As she thought about this Mrs. Gu turned very firm in her tone. "This bitch is trying to get rid of the punishment, so she is making up lies!" Then she looked wronged as if tears were at the edge of rolling down. "I am not living an easy life here! I have been running errands for the Gu Mansion these years and taking care of this kid, but now she is trying to set me up just because I did not give birth to her!" she said as she tried to wipe the tears with the handkerchief.

Hearing this, Gu Zhenkang believed Mrs. Gu directly as he patted Mrs. Gu's shoulders and said, "Sorry, I am so sorry."

Then he turned a disdainful look at Gu Chaoyan.

This eldest daughter of his was so stinky with the air of a businesswoman. She made up lies too! How could she ever be qualified to become the lineal daughter of the mansion?!

## **Chapter 214: A Different Turnout**

"Kneel down now!" Gu Zhenkang bellowed at Gu Chaoyan with his finger pointing at her.

Gu Chaoyan shrugged and looked at Gu Zhenkang as if she were staring at an idiot.

No wonder this man was stuck with his position of a low rank for years. Gu Zhenkang simply had no brain! He had not even thought through the whole matter before supporting Mrs. Gu instead of listening to anyone else's words. How could someone like this become the master of a huge family?

It seemed that her mother married her father just because of his look. Everyone in the Gu Family were stupid, but they all had pretty faces. Gu Zhenkang had gotten older at the moment, but his face was still shining. Princess Gu, for example, she became a princess just because she was pretty, despite the fact that she was disgraced very soon afterwards. Even Gu Ruxue had gained a title of the prettiest girl in the whole capital city.

Madame Gu was still in deep thoughts. It seemed that she had no idea who was wrong and right at the moment.

Instead of wasting any more time with them, Gu Chaoyan snapped directly, "Before Mrs. Zheng left, she even asked her servants to find out who had offended her. She looked very furious."

What?! Mrs. Gu stumbled and almost collapsed. She could not keep herself steady without her maid helping her. Scared, she asked in disbelief, "Really?"

This sentence forced her to admit what she had done.

Madame Gu got so angry that she tossed the cup at Mrs. Gu. "Look at what you have done!"

Gu Zhenkang looked very unhappy. He was either ashamed because of the misunderstanding or because of fear.

Mrs. Gu knelt down directly and said with a crying tone, "Madame Gu, you can't blame me for that! I did not know that it was Mrs. Zheng who was seated in the elegant room. If I had any idea about that, I would not have done anything so reckless! The manager of Yellow Crane should have told me about it, it is his fault that I offended Mrs. Zheng!"

What Mrs. Gu said, made the manager of Yellow Crane the culprit.

Madame Gu was displeased. She turned to Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Chaoyan showed a relaxed face and said, "What I have is just Qing. And when Yellow Crane opened, the Gu Mansion did not have anyone to help. So everyone at the restaurant works for Lord Huai, so it is totally out of my control that Lord Huai's man did something like that. If you are against the decision, please go to Lord Huai's Mansion and tell them about that."

Mrs. Gu cringed. She did not dare to go to Lord Huai's Mansion at all.

Madame Gu felt uneasy and did not dare to mention that any more.

Everyone was focusing upon Ruxue and ignored this incident. They had not paid any attention to Chaoyan and that had been their fault, honestly.

"What are we supposed to do?" Mrs. Gu was scared. "If Mrs. Zheng really wants to get revenge, we must not drag Ruxue down! She is the only hope of our family!"

Madame Gu felt annoyed. What that woman had offended was the wife of the chief of the Ministry of Personnel! What were they supposed to do?

If the rumor went to Lord Ling's ears and he refused to marry Ruxue, all would be lost! They had to solve this issue, what were they going to do?

She looked up and then saw Gu Chaoyan. "Chaoyan, we have misunderstood you. We can skip the punishment, but could you please beg for mercy with Lord Huai. You have cured Madame Jiang, he has to help us!"

Gu Chaoyan sneered inwardly. So they were asking her to help Mrs. Gu?

## **Chapter 215: Blackmailing**

Just a moment ago, Mrs. Gu tried to play the blame game with her when she had no idea that she knew everything.

Now when she knew that Mrs. Zheng would look into the matter, she started to seek help from her. What kind of family was this! The Gu Family wanted to get every good thing for themselves, even if it meant huge humiliation!

Well... It was alright if she was helping them.

Gu Chaoyan showed a brief smile. "I can go and ask Lord Huai for help so he can persuade Mrs. Zheng not to blame you, but I can't go there empty-handed!"

When money was mentioned, Mrs. Gu's eyes widened. "But isn't Yellow Crane doing so well? You can use the money earned from Yellow Crane for this matter." It seemed that the Gu Mansion was not earning any more money like before, and they had spent a great deal of money on Ruxue too. That was why they all looked forward to getting money out of Yellow Crane rather than offering any themselves.

Mrs. Gu had her plan, but Gu Chaoyan was never going to approve of it. "If that is the case, please, you can go to Lord Huai's Mansion yourself. I am not able to help you with it."

Gu Chaoyan looked embarrassed. How ridiculous! She told them so many details just because she expected that the Gu Mansion was going to spend some money.

As for Mrs. Zheng... Zhou Huaijin already dealt with her and ended the matter. However, even if that was the case, they still needed to pay for what they had done.

Mrs. Gu fell into silence when Lord Huai's Mansion was mentioned. Lord Huai was a very scary person. She did not dare to irritate him. What if he got angry and killed her.

Madame Gu was furious too. She bellowed at Mrs. Gu and said, "Shut up now!"

"Chaoyan, do you think 10,000 will be enough." Madame Gu asked with a trying tone. She was trying to cut the amount. After all, the Gu Mansion had not been doing well in the economy these years.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head resolutely. She looked embarrassed. "Madame Gu, we are asking Lord Huai for help! If the money is not enough, and the amount makes Lord Huai angry... the whole thing will get worse."

Madame Gu got startled. True, she should have thought about this.

Chaoyan and Lord Huai were running the restaurant, so she naturally thought that Lord Huai was someone easygoing. But no, Lord Huai was a ruthless man, and they had to be careful.

As long as they ended this matter smoothly... As long as Ruxue was able to marry Lord Ling as they had planned, they could spend some money. Also, Yellow Crane was doing well too and they were soon going to get some more money to fill up the hole.

Madame Gu thought the whole thing over and felt that she should have offered something better.

As Madam Gu thought it through, she said generously, "1 million."

“What?” Gu Zhenkang was shocked. One million was a large amount of money for the Gu Mansion at the moment.

Madame Gu waved her hands. It was the only way out.

“No more words. Chen Fu, go and get the money!” Madame Gu said resolutely, “We have to end this matter properly first.”

Gu Zhenkang had to stay silent.

Madame Gu looked at Gu Chaoyan. “Chaoyan, we can skip the punishment today, but do not ever cause any trouble for the Gu Mansion or ruin our name.”

“...”

“Deal with this matter as soon as possible. There is going to be a banquet at the court soon, join us, please.” Madame Gu said.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Chen Fu got her the check, and his hands were shaking as he passed it to her.

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly. It seemed that it was a large amount of money for the Gu Mansion.

### **Chapter 216: Ill Intention**

As long as they paid a great deal for the trouble.

Gu Chaoyan did not show any coutersey but accepted the check. She said with a guaranteed tone, “I will definitely deal with the matter well.”

Madame Gu nodded with satisfaction.

As Gu Chaoyan walked out of the front yard, she thought inwardly that the Gu Family were so gullible. It took her just a few words to get 1 million yuan.

Apart from the money she gained from selling the store, she was able to buy a high-quality yard in the capital city. When the time came, she was going to move out of this place, so that she did not have to feel disgusted by the Gu Family any more.

“Miss, are you alright?” Sword One and Qing came running, asking worriedly.

Judging from how the servants behaved, they realized that something was going to happen. They were so worried yet they just could not get in.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. Together with Sword One and Qing, she walked out of the front yard.

Then they found an empty place and brought out the check of 1 million, chuckling. “I am not only doing well, but I also tricked them into giving me one million. Sword One, tell Sword Two to find a place for us to buy.”

Sword One and Qing got startled. That was such a huge amount of money!

They thumbed up simultaneously for their lady.



The three of them laughed and talked as they walked back to the Qiong Pavilion. Then they were stopped halfway.

Gu Caiqin looked at Gu Chaoyan with widely-opened eyes. She said with a sweet voice, "Sister, finally, here you are!"

Gu Chaoyan thought for a while in her head. Only now did she realize that she was the Fourth Lady of the Gu Mansion.

Since she was born by a concubine, she was not supposed to go to the front yard. So she was barely seen.

As far as the original host remembered, she was probably the nicest girl among all the four sisters. She often behaved very obediently. She was liked by the original host who often gave her presents.

However, Gu Chaoyan did not like her that much. She might have a smile on her face, yet the smile was so hypocritical, and she did not look innocent.

Probably only the original host was able to get tricked by this stupid acting skills.

"What is it?" Gu Chaoyan asked calmly.

Gu Caiqin was startled. She felt that this sister of hers had changed not only on the surface, but also in her personality. When she greeted her in this way before, this sister of hers was always cheerful, but today... Why did she look so cold?

Bah! She changed because she gained some popularity in the front yard.

If not for the banquet she had to attend, she would not have come to this place to flatter this ugly girl.

Nevertheless, she still showed a very sweet smile on her face. Soon disappointment hovered over her face. With her handkerchief in her hands, she said, "Sister, I heard that you are going into the court in a few days, but I have never been to the court before. Sister, you are the lineal daughter, could you please speak with Madame Gu about me following you guys there too? She will definitely approve of it!"

Then she showed an expression of shyness.

Gu Chaoyan would have offered to help and talked with Madame Gu when she heard the flattering words, but... If Gu Chaoyan did so, Madame Gu would definitely think of Gu Caiqin and replace her with Gu Chaoyan instead.

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly, "Sure, when I have time, I will speak with Madame Gu, don't worry."

As the words were spoken, they started to head towards the Qiong Pavilion.

Gu Caiqin's smiling face stiffened. She pointed in a different direction and said, "Sister, Pear Garden is not there!"

### **Chapter 217: Dumb-Headed Miss**

Gu Caiqin was still very confused. Didn't her sister get smarter? So why was she walking towards a different direction? She did not seem very smart after all.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan ceasing her steps Gu Caiqin showed a very brief smile, thinking that this dumb-headed person was going to be very gullible.

“Sister, you had better go to Pear Garden as early as possible, or Madame Gu is not going to be very pleased.” Gu Caiqin reminded kind-heartedly. That was only because she hoped to keep Madame Gu in a good mood so that she could be thought of.

Gu Chaoyan nodded, but she did not show any intention of heading towards Pear Garden either.

With her eyes upon Gu Caiqin, she said calmly, “But I am not going to Pear Garden.”

Gu Caiqin’s eyes widened. Tears welled up in her eyes, as she showed a very wronged expression. “Sister, aren’t you willing to help me at all?”

She looked so pitiful. The Gu Family did have great genes, this young Gu Caiqin looked very cute even if she was still a little girl. The way she looked made her very adorable.

The old Gu Chaoyan would have helped her when facing a sister like this, but... Gu Chaoyan at the moment was not like this.

She had witnessed many people in her previous life as a killer. She would be moved if someone sincere was facing her, but now, she was just pretending, and that made her very disgusted.

She nodded seriously, “Yeah, I am not helping you.”

Why should she help her? The original host had no one to turn to when she was living a bitter life.

Gu Caiqin looked confused. As far as she knew, her plan would always work. However, unexpectedly, this sister of hers was not helping her! Now she did look very sad. “Why, you just promised me...”

Gu Chaoyan shrugged. She did make a promise, but she was just lying. And she was not going to make it happen now.

“I will help you when I am free and in a good mood.” Gu Chaoyan said calmly. She was the lineal daughter, as everyone knew, and she should behave like one.

“You!” Gu Caiqin snapped as she pointed at Gu Chaoyan. “You are a liar!”

“I am the lineal daughter, and you are just a concubine’s daughter, so you better not irritate me.” Gu Chaoyan smiled coldly as she patted Gu Caiqin’s shoulders. Then she left.

Gu Caiqin was totally dumbfounded.

Only now did she realize what happened and pointed in the direction that Gu Chaoyan left. “Who do you think you are, a lineal daughter? Go to hell!”

How dare she trick her like this! She was going to make her pay!

The maid next to Gu Caiqin reminded her with a small whisper. “Fourth Lady, did you notice that something is different about Elder Miss? She seems to have become smarter...”

Before the maid finished her words, Gu Caiqin slapped her right in the face. “Shut up!”

“...”

“What difference can she make? She is looking down at us just because she has gained some popularity in the front yard! I am going to make her see how much longer she can laugh in this way.”

Gu Caiqin clenched the fist, stomped her feet and left.

On the way to the Qiong Pavilion, Qing let out a sigh of relief. “Miss, you just scared me! I thought that you were going to help her!”

“I am not that stupid, alright?” Gu Chaoyan said confidently.

Qing nodded.

### **Chapter 218: Burden**

Gu Chaoyan’s lip corner twitched.

Qing... This girl was getting bolder. She was calling her silly!

“Miss, you used to believe what the Fourth Lady said before, no matter what I said to you. But this time, you chose not to trust her.” Qing said happily, without noticing that Gu Chaoyan was showing a strange expression.

Sword One was chuckling.

Alright, Gu Chaoyan had to admit this point. She was in the original host’s body so she had to bear the past of this girl. It was okay, she was no longer stupid anyway.

Back at the Qiong Pavilion.

Sword One looked surprised. “Look, Miss!”

Gu Chaoyan looked into the direction Sword One pointed out. The fruit trees she planted earlier in the yard, which were not large, were already showing some fruits! And the fruits were completely ripe now.

Gu Chaoyan thought of how she poured the magical water into the trees. How wonderful the magical water was!

She felt a little helpless. She did not expect that the magical water could work so well.

However, she had to come up with something to explain the whole situation to Sword One.

Gu Chaoyan thought for a while and said, “Get some down and give them to Madame Jiang.”

“...”

“I just realized that the soil in this area is actually very excellent, so the plants growing here are exceptionally wonderful. So I believe that the fruits should be wonderful too! So take some to Madame Jiang! If you want to eat them, pick them down directly!” Gu Chaoyan said calmly and peacefully.

She made up the whole story, but her story sounded so convincing that Sword One did not suspect her at all.

Miss was always right.

So they both went up to pick down the fruits for a taste.

Gu Chaoyan was not interested in any of this, so she went back to the room directly. She had lots of such things in her space.

The following day, Gu Chaoyan asked Sword One and Qing to get some fruits for the Jiang Mansion. She also mixed some fruits she got from the space. After all, the air there was even thicker and better.

She was making wine with these fruits.

When Mrs. Gu saw Sword One and the other maids going out with lots of stuff, she thought that those stuff were for the Lord Huai's Mansion. So she felt slightly assured.

In the following few days, Mrs. Zheng did not come to the door.

The Gu Family, who had been nervous, understood that the whole thing was in the past. They let out a sigh of relief.

Only Gu Chaoyan understood that Mrs. Zheng was never going to visit them in the first place.

The day for them to visit the court finally arrived.

It was a rainy day. Early in the morning, Lianxiang from Gu Ruxue's yard came to the Qiong Pavilion. She did not bow like Cai Ming as she saw Gu Chaoyan, but said with her chin up. "Are you getting ready Miss? We are going to visit the court today, and we must be on full alert. If we miss the hour because of a burden like you, you are not going to be able to bear the responsibility."

The Second Lady was going to marry Lord Ling, and as her maid, she was going to be very powerful in the Gu Mansion as well.

Elder Miss was definitely going to be totally useless, so she did not have to show any courtesy.

As Sword One heard that, she wanted so much to slap her right on the face, but Gu Chaoyan stopped her.

It was a total waste to hit someone like this.

Since she said so, Gu Chaoyan sat down instead of taking her leave. She took up the teacup and said calmly, "If that is the case, just tell your Second Lady that I am not going. Let the Fourth Lady go instead. It doesn't matter if I am there. I am a burden, after all, aren't I?"

## **Chapter 219: A Strike Back 1**

She took a sip of tea.

Gu Chaoyan felt that something was missing. She glanced at Qing. "Qing, take out the cake, so we can have a wonderful afternoon tea."

Qing was chuckling inwardly.

She nodded, then went to take out the cakes.

Standing next to them, Lianxiang got so furious. How dare this ugly girl refuse to go into the court? It was a great opportunity for them to show off, but this ugly girl did not cherish this chance! If not for the sake of the Second Lady, she would never be able to visit the court in her life.

She wished to snap, but she could not do so, because her Madame and her lady had other arrangements for her this time. If she failed to get her to follow her, she would be done for!

She did not want to bow for this ugly girl so she said with a very weird tone, "Elder Miss, it seems that you won't be able to visit the court ever in your life if not for the Second Lady. You are ruining Second Lady's kindness!"

However, what Lianxiang did not understand was that this ugly she was snapping at was going to take the seat of the Queen and watch over the whole world in front of her. That was a story to be talked about later.

Gu Chaoyan sipped the tea calmly, took a bite of the cake and said, "I understand her kindness. That's why I would cause her trouble by visiting the court!"

She did not have any intention of rising. She had no intention of visiting the court. She might as well take a day off at her own Qiong Pavilion.

Also, Gu Ruxue had made her maid ask for her, so she knew that Gu Ruxue and Mrs. Gu had to bring her there, seeing Lianxiang's panicking look on her face. Maybe... Maybe they were trying to set her up.

They were setting her up, but they were still pretending as if they were offering her a favor.

Gu Chaoyan started to take a bite of the cake at a slow pace.

Sword One almost burst into laughter. No wonder her miss stopped her from doing anything.

She was pissing this maid off by just talking! She had to learn some skills from her!

Lianxiang stomped her feet. Time ticked by. She would get blamed if she failed to finish her mission in time.

Lianxiang got so annoyed seeing Gu Chaoyan's calm face. Anxiously, she kept wringing her handkerchief. "Elder Miss, it is my mistake! Madam Gu says that you have to go there."

She sounded as if she were apologizing, but she showed no look of apology.

Gu Chaoyan asked with disbelief on her face. "Didn't you say that it is your Second Lady's kindness? Why is Madame Gu involved? You are lying to me right?"

Lianxiang did not expect that this ugly girl was still so harsh when she bowed to her in such a low manner. Fury covered her whole face, but she had no other choice but to follow her Second Lady's order. The Second Lady stressed that the time was very stressful, and what she intended to do was to show off her pride. However, this ugly girl was so annoying!

With teeth clenched, she said, "I am sorry."

"Sorry?" Gu Chaoyan sneered. "You aren't sorry. You know what punishment you will get when you are lying to your mistress. If you don't know about it, I will ask Sword One to do something, or maybe I can tell Madame Gu and ask her to administer the punishment."

As Madame Gu was mentioned, Lianxiang did not dare to do anything more. She had to slap herself several times.

Gu Chaoyan got satisfied when she saw the reddened face of hers. She then got up and went to the front yard.

As they reached the front yard, Gu Ruxue spotted Lianxiang's wound. "What happened?"

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Fury arose inwardly. Lianxiang was her maid, and everyone in the Gu Mansion respected her because of her social status. However, a visit to the Qiong Pavilion left her with a wound on her face. And it was this ugly girl's job! Of course that pissed her off.

Lianxiang had been distressed, but when she heard that the Second Lady was trying to help her, she turned arrogant and pointed at Qing. "She did it!"

Qing had been panicking since she was worried that her Miss had to suffer from this problem. However, then she was pointed at by Lianxiang who was lying to everyone.

Gu Ruxue got even more furious. "Someone, slap her now!"

Dressed in a white, plain blouse, Gu Chaoyan was standing here steadily. Seeing that Gu Ruxue was going to hit Qing, she said, "Hang on!"

Faced with Gu Ruxue's fury, she said calmly, "She lied to me, so I made her slap herself."

Seeing Gu Chaoyan's expression, Gu Ruxue became even more furious. How dare this ugly girl slap her maid!

Instead of thinking about visiting the court now, Gu Ruxue's expression became so twisted. "So you hit my maid for no reason? How powerful you are to have slapped the maid! Lianxiang is my maid, I am definitely going to seek justice for her!"

Gu Chaoyan looked at her twisted face in composure. She started to feel sympathy towards this girl.

Her maid was lying in front of her, so she apparently was not a devoted maid at all.

Gu Chaoyan continued calmly, "I got her slapped, because she lied to her master!"

"I didn't!" Lianxiang answered hurriedly and flopped to the ground. "Second Lady, please help me!"

Seeing the chaos going on for a long while, Madame Gu became displeased. She clicked her cane and asked, "Chaoyan, if you slapped Ruxue's maid for no reason, apologize to her!"

"I did not." Gu Chaoyan explained calmly.

“You didn’t? Then prove to me! Otherwise you should never have slapped my maid!” Gu Ruxue said and looked rather unconvinced. She knew that this ugly girl could not present any proof. “Sister, you have to be careful about making up a lie. You dislike me, so you slapped my maid.”

Gu Ruxue’s words convinced everyone.

That was true... Gu Chaoyan was the lineal daughter, the Elder Miss of the whole mansion. However, she was not as excellent as Second Lady, and her public reputation wasn’t that excellent either. The Second Lady was going to marry Lord Ling and if they were lucky, Lord Ling was going to take the throne and her children would be imperial offspring. If any of her children took the throne, she was going to spend the rest of her life in glory. That was why she was so hated. It was easy to understand...

For one moment, everyone in the front yard turned a strange look at Gu Chaoyan.

Sword One got so furious that her hair stood up. How stupid were these people from the Gu Mansion! Their masters were so stupid and so were their servants. She truly had no idea how her miss stayed smart under such circumstances.

Gu Chaoyan was still standing there calmly, ignoring the peculiar look from the others. With eyes upon Lianxiang, she said composedly. “I can definitely prove that she is lying to her master. She is not only lying to me, but also to you Madame Gu and all of you guys.”