

## Divine 291

### Chapter 291: The Contest 1

What was Brother Lord Huai doing here? And why was he with Gu Chaoyan, the b\*\*\*h?

County Princess Anxi shook her head in disbelief. Then she realized something, took a few steps ahead, smiled and asked Zhou Huaijin. "Brother Lord Huai, are you here visiting me?"

Zhou Huaijin frowned, took a few steps backwards and stood close to Gu Chaoyan. He looked at County Princess Anxi with a pair of cold eyes. "I heard that you have a bet with Yellow Crane? I am here competing against you together with Yan! Who is the man trying to compete with us? Come out now, stop wasting time. I am very busy." He sounded very impatient.

In the past, he did not speak with County Princess Anxi, nor did he give her any trouble, because of the Elder Princess, but she, unexpectedly, caused Chaoyan a lot of trouble! Now he truly did not want to spare any of her reputation.

County Princess Anxi looked displeased. She almost forgot that Brother Lord Huai owned Yellow Crane. No wonder Brother Lord Huai was treating her like this, but it was okay, as long as she won the bet this time, Brother Lord Huai was going to see how excellent she was. Brother Lord Huai was going to, she thought, think highly of her as long as Restaurant Jixian defeated Yellow Crane! She could offer half of Restaurant Jixian to Brother Lord Huai, if he ever paid attention to her too!

At that time, Brother Lord Huai was definitely going to take Restaurant Jixian's side. As for Yellow Crane... he could do whatever he wanted with it!

As she thought through the whole thing, County Princess Anxi became calmer. She threw a look at Zhou Huaijin in an admiring way, nodded and said, "Okay!"

Then she whispered something to the manager.

The manager passed by Chaoyan with a proud look on his face.

Due to the contest held between Restaurant Jixian and Yellow Crane, commoners were not accepted in Restaurant Jixian any more. Therefore, there were lots of jars outside Restaurant Jixian, and the place was totally empty. The audience was watching the show somewhere not too far away.

Chaos arose among the audience. Everyone was watching the contest held between these two big restaurants in the capital, of which the owners were Lord Huai and Elder Princess respectively.

The manager soon asked the treasure of Restaurant Jixian to come out to the public, he was named Qin Mingjie.

Qin Mingjie and his ancestors had been making liquor for generations. He grew up drinking wine, and he had been beaten by no one in the aspect of wine drinking, and no one was able to get him drunk.

When he appeared and greeted Gu Chaoyan's eyes, she finally understood why Manager Song and Zhou Huaijin were worried about letting her do the contest herself. Qin Mingjie was almost 190cm tall, and he was extremely strong, even Zhou Huaijin looked small in front of him. He had a huge belly, at least four times bigger than that of Gu Chaoyan's.

Gu Chaoyan's face twitched. Qin Mingjie was indeed a strong contestant. Thank goodness she had the space, otherwise no one would beat him.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan's expression, County Princess Anxi was sure that she must have been startled. With her hands on her waist, she said to Gu Chaoyan with chin raised. "How does it look, Gu Chaoyan? You can quit now if you want, and if you quit now, your Yellow Crane can still sell some wine, under my order!"

## **Chapter 292: The Contest 2**

County Princess Anxi would not have been confident enough that she would win the contest if they were competing for something else. After all, it wasn't a difficult thing for Gu Chaoyan to find some excellent contestants, but in the aspect of wine drinking... She was sure that no one would be able to exceed Qin Mingjie in the Saint Divine Land.

She only put forward the proposal because she was confident enough. She was expecting to see how much longer Brother Lord Huai would defend this useless woman. He was going to leave her when he got bored. As she thought about this, County Princess Anxi gave a small smile and looked at Gu Chaoyan with a mocking look.

Gu Chaoyan still held a flat look on her face. She was still wearing a thin white blouse, looking even more desolate. She replied briefly to County Princess Anxi, "Let's just start."

County Princess Anxi snorted. What a stupid girl! She did not know what shame was. Okay, since she did not want to quit right now, she was definitely going to see how sadly she was going to cry when she lost.

So Anxi suggested to the manager to get the tools ready.

Then the manager turned to the audience who were watching the show. "Restaurant Jixian is going to have a contest with Yellow Crane today, and the loser will never run any business related to liquor in the future."

The audience had not expected that the bet would be so fierce. So when they heard the news, they were shocked and stayed silent for a few seconds before bursting into extremely noisy discussions.

Many of the audience had eaten at Restaurant Jixian and Yellow Crane. In their eyes, they thought that the liquor of these two restaurants were both quite delicious. They had never expected that they would be so competitive against each other, but it made the audience very excited.

Qin Mingjie was now seated and ready by the table.

County Princess Anxi took a look at Gu Chaoyan and found that apart from Brother Lord Huai, no one was with her. Brother Lord Huai was a noble man and he was never going to do the contest for her. Fu Bao was Brother Lord Huai's guard so he was not going to be the contestant either. So it seemed that Gu Chaoyan did not have anyone with her to be the contestant.

She laughed, threw a look at Sword One and said to Gu Chaoyan. "Well, you don't have anyone with you for the contest? Is your maid drinking for you?"

Hearing what County Princess Anxi said, the staff at Restaurant Jixian laughed along cooperatively.

Well, they had been devoted to this bet, and prepared several jars of wine, but if the maid was going to compete with them, the wine would be too much.

The manager of Restaurant Jixian said with a mocking tone, "It seems that I have got too much wine for you, girl. We can carry some back to the storage."

Gu Chaoyan looked at the jars of wine at the gate of Restaurant Jixian. "If you want to, I am not stopping you." Then, she sat down in front of Qin Mingjie.

County Princess Anxi looked surprised and pointed at Gu Chaoyan. "You aren't competing personally, are you?"

"So what?" Gu Chaoyan asked with a look of confusion.

Hahahahaha.

County Princess Anxi burst out laughing and looked at Gu Chaoyan as if she were facing an idiot. "Gu Chaoyan, you think too highly of yourself!"

Gu Chaoyan ignored her words as she sat there in composure.

Zhou Huaijin threw a warning look at County Princess Anxi and then took a seat next to Gu Chaoyan. He said to County Princess Anxi coldly, "We have two contestants here, you better get one more too."

"What?" County Princess Anxi looked shocked. "Brother Lord Huai, are you competing too? No you can't, you are a nobleman, and you must not do something like this!"

### **Chapter 293: The Contest 3**

Zhou Huaijin frowned deeply and threw a displeased look at County Princess Anxi. If not for the Elder Princess, he would have shut her up, so she would not act so arrogantly here.

"Mind your own business." Zhou Huaijin bellowed. "Also, County Princess Anxi, do remember who you are. You are just a County Princess, you are not qualified enough to call me Brother Lord Huai. One more unruly behavior, I will tell my men to teach you a lesson."

County Princess Anxi gasped. She was shivering from head to toes, fists tightly clenched. It must have been the b\*\*\*h Gu Chaoyan who bad-mouthed behind her back in front of Brother Lord Huai. Otherwise Brother Lord Huai would not have treated her like this! During the past few years, she had always been calling Brother Lord Huai in this way, and Brother Lord Huai never scolded her, but now he suddenly said such words. Obviously, it was Gu Chaoyan's fault!

"Gu Chaoyan!"

She was definitely going to make her lose big today!

Gu Chaoyan frowned and looked at County Princess Anxi with the same expression as Zhou Huaijin.

"You dare to add one more bet?!" County Princess Anxi said with teeth clenched.

"Do speak." Gu Chaoyan asked indifferently.

“The loser should not only lose the right to sell liquor, but must also shout loudly on the street outside the restaurant ‘I am a b\*\*\*h!’” County Princess Anxi said. She looked completely mad. How dare this bitch bad mouth her in front of Brother Lord Huai! Then Brother Lord Huai was going to see what happened to this b\*\*\*h and he would never want to like her again. “You don’t dare add one more bet to this, do you?”

Zhou Huaijin was displeased. He tugged at Gu Chaoyan’s hand and shook his head slightly.

It was a small matter if Yellow Crane lost the liquor business, and he could compete with her if Yan insisted, but Zhou Huaijin did not expect her to make a bet based upon reputation.

“Anxi, how dare you!” Zhou Huaijin said with a warning tone.

“Okay, deal.” Gu Chaoyan answered briefly and quickly.

County Princess Anxi had been worried that she would say no, so she nodded with satisfaction. “Alright, it is a deal and those civilians are the witnesses! You are never going to get away with it!”

“Same to you!” Gu Chaoyan answered quietly.

County Princess Anxi turned to the manager.

The manager then started to arrange the contest. The wine was ready, but it was not served in bowls but in small jars, since it was a contest between two restaurants.

A lot of jars were placed in front of Qin Mingjie and Gu Chaoyan.

Zhou Huaijin was competing with the other contestant from Restaurant Jixian. Qin Mingjie got a servant to do the contest.

Gu Chaoyan was worried that Zhou Huaijin would force himself to drink too much for her sake, so she whispered with a worried tone, “I am fine here, so don’t force yourself, just stop drinking if you can’t take it.”

“You are worried about me?” Zhou Huaijin asked with a gentle look on his face.

Gu Chaoyan’s face sank. Why was this man teasing her on this important occasion? That was not the key point!

She rolled her eyes at him, then she took up the jar and started to drink.

Gu Chaoyan was not good at drinking, but she threw the wine into her own space, so she was completely fine as she was drinking.

One jar later, she still looked completely fine.

#### **Chapter 294: The Contest 4**

Some small changes hovered over County Princess Anxi’s face. She had not expected that Gu Chaoyan was not that bad. However, it was just a small jar, and she was not going to be a match against Qin Mingjie.

Qin Mingjie had started to drink the second jar, and Zhou Huaijin had just finished the first jar. His face turned slightly red, but the other contestant from Restaurant Jixian almost collapsed.

The wine of Restaurant Jixian might taste light yet it gave a very strong kick.

Zhou Huaijin threw a look at himself and then at Gu Chaoyan. He understood what she meant by being confident.

One contestant was out. The remaining three contestants continued.

They drank one jar after another. When it came to the fifth jar, Zhou Huaijin was not feeling right anymore. He had been trying to release the alcohol with his internal energy. When Gu Chaoyan noticed that he was not doing well, she asked him to stop drinking.

Zhou Huaijin looked at Gu Chaoyan who did not even have any reaction, he realized that he was not as good as Gu Chaoyan at drinking. If he kept on drinking, she might be distracted. So he nodded, then he quit the contest.

Only Gu Chaoyan and Qin Mingjie remained in the contest.

Qin Mingjie was obviously not drunk, and he even got a bit excited. These two people were probably the most excellent wine drinkers he had met during the past few years.

What he had not expected was that this girl was so good at drinking.

He wanted to see how much more this girl could take. So he opened one more jar and said, "Come, girl!"

Gu Chaoyan bowed and nodded, then she opened one more jar.

Compared to Qin Mingjie who was behaving roughly, Gu Chaoyan had been drinking one jar after another in a very elegant way.

Many people were staring at Gu Chaoyan among the crowd.

She looked pretty. Dressed in white clothes, she had a red birthmark on her face, so that was a little stain for her beautiful face, but that did not matter – after all, she was so pretty when she was drinking the wine. No other women were equally pretty. She must be the first girl like this in the capital city.

Soon they came to the tenth jar, Qin Mingjie's eyes started to turn red. He had thought that this girl could only last to the seventh or eighth jar, but it seemed that she still looked very relaxed.

He was not drunk, but his belly was not that big. He started to feel a little bloated. He expected that he was only going to last five more jars. However, now he truly had no idea how much longer this woman could go. This girl looked so small and thin, how did she manage to hold in so much wine?

At this time County Princess Anxi noticed that something was wrong. It was already the tenth jar!

She did not have time to laugh at Gu Chaoyan, but hurried into the elegant room on the second floor. "Mom, what are we going to do? We must not lose! However, Gu Chaoyan the b\*\*\*h is still doing well!"

The Elder Princess looked displeased. She felt very regretful! She regretted not having turned Anxi down when she made the proposal. She should not have let her do this stupid contest, but it was her own fault

for not being careful enough – after all, Qin Mingjie had not run into anyone who was equally good at wine drinking as he was. So she thought that it was just a small contest...

Unexpectedly... Well, Restaurant Jixian had to continue to sell wine! Wine was the real reason why Restaurant Jixian existed.

If not for Lord Huai's presence, everything would be easy, but now with him around, she could not just cancel the bet. She had to make sure they won!

After a long moment of silence, the Elder Princess thought for a while and brought out one pill – it was something that could only be used at the most critical moment!

## **Chapter 295: Failure 1**

When she spent a great deal of money upon purchasing the pill, she expected that it could help her on some important occasion. She had not intended to ever use it, but now, she was going to use it, not long after the husband passed away.

The whole thing should be her fault. She should not have allowed Anxi to make a bet upon their liquor industry. It should not have been something to bet on. Due to their arrogance, they thought that they were definitely going to win. Now, she ended up having to kill her own men.

The Elder Princess looked pale. She calmed herself down with tightly clenched hands. Then she passed the pill to County Princess Anxi. "Give this to Qin Mingjie and make sure he eats it. Just tell him that it helps him to drive away the drunkenness." Then she sighed. "Anxi, you should not behave so arrogantly from this day on, Stay at the mansion and don't make another bet on Restaurant Jixian."

County Princess Anxi pursed her lips, looking indifferent. She had not expected that this b\*\*\*h Gu Chaoyan could be so good at drinking that she was almost a match against Qin Mingjie! That was definitely her luck! She was definitely going to take revenge someday!

She assumed that her mother was angry because they lost the bet, but after a long while, her mother would get appeased and all would be well.

As County Princess Anxi was thinking inwardly, she started to talk like an obedient girl. "Yes, mother, it is my fault! When all is settled, I will stay at the mansion and visit Empress Dowager at the palace. I will never make such a mistake again."

The Elder Princess nodded and was slightly assured. Anxi was a very arrogant and spoiled kid. After all, she was noble and she could be wild. It would be great if she knew how to make compensation.

She was going to arrange a marriage for Anxi when the incident was settled. Anxi was not young any more, and she should get married at a proper age. The Elder Princess was not as powerful as before, and Anxi should not continue to make the same mistakes again and again.

She waved her hands and said, "Just go."

Anxi nodded and left with a cheerful look on her face. She did not notice that the Elder Princess had a very weird expression.

As she came to the first floor of Restaurant Jixian, Gu Chaoyan and Qin Mingjie had reached the 13th jar. Qin Mingjie had become totally red and looked anxious.

He had once finished more than 20 jars in his prime. Now due to the continuous contests that lasted for two days, he was lagging behind. Now he could reach as much as 17 jars at most, but this girl in front of him did not seem to be drunk at all. She looked very calm. He knew that even if he finished the 17th jar, he would not beat this girl at all.

However, if he lost, Restaurant Jixian would no longer be able to sell any liquor! That should never happen!!

As he thought about this, he insisted on drinking several more jars, even if it was dangerous.

County Princess Anxi came to Qin Mingjie and suggested that he should take a pause. She passed the pills to Qin Mingjie. "Mom says that it helps you to reduce the drunkness. Take it, you will feel better," County Princess Anxi said to Qin Mingjie politely. After all, what she needed to get from him was that he had to drink on and on.

That was the pill given by his master, so Qin Mingjie had no doubt about it. He took it and was about to eat it...

"Hang on." Gu Chaoyan stopped him directly at the sight of the pill, as she was holding the jar.

## **Chapter 296: Failure 2**

Qin Mingjie paused. He respected his contestant. Although there was no rule saying that he could not eat some pill to help him, yet there was no rule saying that he could.

County Princess Anxi got displeased directly. "Oh yeah? There is no rule saying that pills are not allowed. You can eat some if you want to, but you don't have any, so you don't allow us to have any either."

She looked nonchalant.

The audience also started to make discussions. "Yes, there is no rule saying that."

Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly. She was not against him taking the pill, because no matter how many pills he took, she was still going to win, but... The pill County Princess Anxi gave to Qin Mingjie was not something ordinary.

Especially when she sat so close to Qin Mingjie and sensed the smell that came out of the pill, she found that something wrong was going on. She had not expected that Restaurant Jixian even intended to win the match at the cost of Qin Mingjie's life.

"Are you sure that this is a pill that helps you?" Gu Chaoyan asked as she gazed at County Princess Anxi, then turned to Qin Mingjie. "You are not worried that it will kill you?"

County Princess Anxi looked at Gu Chaoyan as if she were an idiot. "What else can it be? Gu Chaoyan, have you become stupid because of the too much wine."

Qin Mingjie laughed brightly. This girl must be concerned about him so she said something like that. He said happily, "Don't worry, girl, my master will not harm me. We have been brewing wine for generations for our master, and they have been treating us well."

Having said the words, he was about to eat it when Gu Chaoyan stopped him and grabbed the pill.

At the sight of the move, County Princess Anxi became completely furious. "What are you doing? You are stealing our pill because you are losing! Gu Chaoyan, you are not eating it directly right? If you do, you are a loser!" County Princess Anxi looked at Gu Chaoyan proudly. She assumed that Gu Chaoyan must have become so nervous because she was going to lose – she did not know how to drink at all.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. With her eyes upon the pill, she said, "I am not eating this harmful thing." Then she opened the pill, from which came a white worm.

Qin Mingjie's eyes widened as he saw the worm. And those around him also gasped – how frightening! This pill was holding a worm!

"What is that?!" Sword One asked with a look of fright.

County Princess Anxi's face changed as well.

Gu Chaoyan tossed the worm into the jar, and the wine was reduced at a high speed. Soon, one whole jar of wine was gone.

Everyone gasped with their eyes upon the worm in the jar.

"That is called the Wine Worm, kept by people from the Western Region. It is normally made into the shape of a pill, but if the worm stays in someone's body, that person would become very good at drinking. If you keep on drinking, the worm will be fed and you can be fine. Once you stop, the worm will start to eat your inner organs, until you lose your life. Well, even if you keep on drinking the wine, you won't end up being well either. You will still die in four or five days, and your inner organs will be eaten by the worms." Gu Chaoyan stressed the harm the wine worm would possibly cause.

Then she turned to Qin Mingjie. "Are you sure you are eating this?"

### **Chapter 297: Failure 3**

Qin Mingjie shook his head in disbelief and then turned to County Princess Anxi.

He and his family had been brewing wine for Restaurant Jixian for generations. After the young master passed away, the Qin Family had been brewing wine for the Elder Princess. Unexpectedly, the Elder Princess intended to get him killed just to win the bet.

He was the only son in the Qin Family.

Restaurant Jixian had not been doing well these years, so he had been too busy making the wine to even get married. If he got killed, what was his mother supposed to do?

Qin Mingjie kept shaking his head as he retreated. "No, no, I was not sold to Restaurant Jixian as a slave. I wanted to eat it because they told me it helped! But they are trying to get me killed!" Then he pointed at County Princess Anxi. "You are such a fierce woman!"



County Princess Anxi was not pleased when she was blamed. She had not expected that the pill her mother gave to her had a wine worm. She thought it was just an ordinary pill that would help him to get better, but so what?

“Yes there is a wine worm inside, so what? You are a servant, and you should do whatever your master tells you to! When you are dead, the Elder Princess will definitely treat your family well. How can you be such a coward as a servant? You don’t even dare to make a sacrifice!” County Princess Anxi snapped in displeasure. They had spent so much money supporting Restaurant Jixian, and now those servants did not do anything for them! How useless!

Hearing County Princess Anxi’s words, the audience was very annoyed.

Yes they might be servants, but why did they have to be killed? Also, this man was not even her slave! Just look at how evil she was!

Hearing these words, Anxi got very displeased. She pointed at Qin Mingjie and then at Gu Chaoyan. “You b\*\*\*h, it is all your fault!”

“Anxi!” The Elder Princess snapped, as she looked at County Princess Anxi. She was too late to stop Anxi from making such a rude speech.

Anxi stopped saying anything as the Elder Princess was here.

The Elder Princess looked at Qin Mingjie and said, “I bought this pill from a businessman at a high cost, but I did not know that the pill had such a secret! I had never opened the pill, so I did not expect that it would be like this. If I had known that the pill would get you killed, I would never have given it to you!” Then she glared at County Princess Anxi. “Anxi, apologize to Brother Qin!”

Anxi pursed her lips and mumbled.

The Elder Princess was extremely angry. She said with an apologetic tone, “Anxi has been very spoiled by Empress Dowager, please don’t mind her behavior.”

Now that the function of the pill was discovered they were definitely going to lose the bet. Since they were losing the bet, she was trying to keep Qin Mingjie so either he or his name could help to sell the wine for Restaurant Jixian.

Qin Mingjie calmed slightly – so the Elder Princess had no idea what this pill was.

“So, Elder Princess, you said that you bought this pill from a businessman at a high cost... actually, you can get a pill to reduce the drunkenness from a very ordinary pharmacy, so if you spent so much money on one pill, why didn’t you ask the businessman what this pill could do?” Gu Chaoyan asked with a dubious tone.

The Elder Princess might be intimidating for others, but Gu Chaoyan was not intimidated. She had already offended the Elder Princess, and she was not afraid of worsening the whole matter. Normally, she would extinguish people like County Princess Anxi, who kept causing harm to others.

## **Chapter 298: Failure 4**

Interrogated by a nameless young girl, the Elder Princess's expression sank. She threw a displeased look at Gu Chaoyan. "Oh yeah? Do I have to tell you everything?"

Gu Chaoyan rolled her eyes inwardly. No wonder County Princess Anxi was so arrogant – she had inherited this "merit" from her mother!

"Elder Princess, your Restaurant Jixian and my Yellow Crane are in a contest. Am I not even allowed to ask you one more question when you are found cheating? So if we the commoners are not allowed to get any fairness, why come to us for the contest at the very beginning?" Gu Chaoyan countered without showing any fear.

The Elder Princess had an even worse expression on her face.

Zhou Huaijin, who might be slightly drunk, came to Gu Chaoyan and turned to the Elder Princess with a cold look on his face. "Elder Princess, you better give us a proper explanation."

With Zhou Huaijin present, the Elder Princess was not as arrogant as before. She almost forgot that he was here.

She thought for a while...

"It is an accident, but it is Restaurant Jixian's fault. So we lost the bet, and we are not going to sell any liquor in the future. In the meanwhile, we are compensating 50,000 yuan to Yellow Crane." The Elder Princess stated her arrangement.

That sounded nice. It was enough for Yellow Crane. As for Qin Mingjie, he was going to deal with the Elder Princess himself.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

The Elder Princess let out a sigh of relief. Qin Mingjie was her man after all, and she could deal with him later. At the moment, what she needed to do was to solve the urgent issue.

If the girl nodded, then it meant that the issue was solved.

The Elder Princess was about to ask her staff to return to Restaurant Jixian, when Gu Chaoyan added. "But... at Restaurant Jixian, it seems that County Princess Anxi has to kneel down on the street in front of Restaurant Jixian and shout that she is a b\*\*\*h."

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, the audience cheered up. That was a County Princess she was talking about. That was the most exciting part of the bet!

The Elder Princess could not utter a sound for one moment. She now understood why Anxi disliked Gu Chaoyan – she was indeed an annoying person.

Who did she think she was... for Anxi to kneel down for her?

"That is impossible, Anxi is part of the imperial family and she doesn't kneel down for anyone. You won't get your justice even if you turn to the King." The Elder Princess snapped arrogantly. She was definitely not going to agree to this request, otherwise she would lose face for the entire imperial family!

Gu Chaoyan sneered. "So you are trying to cheat again?"

“ ... ”

“If you, a family member of imperial court, can not kneel down for anyone, why did you start a bet like this? Did you try to cheat so you could win and I would kneel down?” Gu Chaoyan interrogated.

“So what?” County Princess Anxi snapped with a natural tone.

“The king once said that if someone makes a mistake, despite their identity and social status, they should bear the same responsibilities as the civilians. The King is respecting us commoners, but the Elder Princess and County Princess Anxi are not! You are mocking us!” Gu Chaoyan said with a loud voice.

The audience heard that too. They were all commoners and they felt empathy with Gu Chaoyan.

“Same responsibilities! Same responsibilities!” They shouted loudly.

### **Chapter 299: The Result?**

The Elder Princess got extremely furious. She was born the Elder Princess, a woman with a very noble social status, respected by the ministers in the court, but now, those low-level civilians were trying to turn against her, how dare they!

“Someone!” With a sunk face, the Elder Princess decided to ask her guards to imprison all of these people. She did have many guards with her.

Hearing the order, the guards came surrounding her. “Please, Elder Princess.”

The Elder Princess was about to say something, when the tipsy Zhou Huaijin, who had been silently watching the show, spoke. “What does this mean, Elder Princess? Are you trying to go against the civilians’ wishes? You are demeaning King Father! If you beat those civilians today, my King Father would be the topic of complaints among them!”

That was a very heavy accusation.

The Elder Princess was suddenly speechless.

She turned to Zhou Huaijin, looking both annoyed and confused – she was his aunt, a part of the imperial family and his family! What was he doing helping someone else? Did he fall for this bitch?

That would be so ridiculous! This bitch was so notorious, no one with a social status in the city would marry her, but he fell for her and defended her!

Well, well, well! The Elder Princess was wearing an unfriendly smile on her face.

She looked at Gu Chaoyan. “It is impossible to make Anxi kneel down, think about something else, as a compensation.” Despite Zhou Huaijin’s presence, the Elder Princess still sounded very intimidating. She knew pretty well that she was the Elder Princess, the younger sister of the King.

County Princess Anxi was her daughter and if she did not approve of the proposal, Gu Chaoyan would not have any way to make Anxi kneel down. Also, if that happened, the Gu Family and Gu Chaoyan would be hated by the King, once he heard the story.

Gu Chaoyan frowned. She hated this time when power meant everything. She did not even get any justice on such a small thing as betting, just because Anxi had a noble social status.

Alright, if that is what she wanted, Gu Chaoyan would remember this grudge and take revenge later.

She released her fist and said indifferently, "If that is the case, give me 100,000 instead, so 150,000 in total. If the Elder Princess thinks that County Princess Anxi's knees are very valuable, 200,000 will do too."

"You..." The Elder Princess got so angry that she became speechless.

She took a deep breath, then she nodded. "I will get the money for your mansion."

"Give it to Lord Huai's Mansion, Lord Huai can save it for me." Gu Chaoyan smiled and then raised her eyebrows at County Princess Anxi. "It seems that County Princess Anxi once said that if you lost the bet, you would stay away from Lord Huai. Saint College rejected you, so I hope that you can keep your vow from today on."

"You!" County Princess Anxi was about to curse Gu Chaoyan as she pointed at her, when Zhou Huaijin stood up and took Gu Chaoyan into his arms. "Since the deal is done, Elder Princess, do remember to deliver the money to my mansion. Me and Chaoyan have other business, so we are off now."

Then he left with Gu Chaoyan.

Fu Bao and Sword One stood behind them, stopping County Princess Anxi from approaching them.

They had just returned to Yellow Crane when Manager Song greeted them with a look of anxiety. "How did it go?"

### **Chapter 300: Qin Mingjie**

Qin Mingjie was the representative of Restaurant Jixian. He had been brewing wine for generations, and no one was a match against him.

The hot-pot was a new thing for the public at Yellow Crane, and it had gained some popularity, but most of the Saint Divine Land folk liked wine better. The fruit wine they were selling right now could keep the guests, so if selling wine was forbidden, Yellow Crane might lose its business very soon too.

Hot-pot could be copied and imported by other restaurants after all.

That was why he was worried and anxious. Especially when he saw some fellows who came into the restaurant and looked very drunk.

Manager Song looked disappointed and said with a tone of consolation, "It is okay if we don't sell wine, we can always come up with other methods."

Hahaha... Gu Chaoyan could not help but burst into laughter. "Manager Song, we did not lose, so why are you so sad? Get ready for the business, when Restaurant Jixian stops selling wine, we are going to become very, very busy."

"What?!" Manager Song's face was covered with disbelief. "Did we beat Qin Mingjie?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Manager Song could not accept the news for a moment, but patted his head after calming himself down. "That... is great! We are going to become very busy."

Gu Chaoyan smiled.

Zhou Huaijin was a little tipsy, and he should have been driven back to Lord Huai's Mansion, but he did not look as if he wanted to leave. He insisted on resting a little at Yellow Crane.

Gu Chaoyan had to obey what he requested. She took him to the guest room at the Yellow Crane.

The restaurant was big enough since it was a combination of several stores. So apart from the dining area, there were still several guest rooms prepared for some passing travelers.

There was one room available today, and that could be used for Zhou Huaijin.

Gu Chaoyan helped him to the bed, and felt slightly tired. She felt that his face was quite hot. The wine at Restaurant Jixian did have a strong effect. Gu Chaoyan did not think that he was that drunk when they were at Restaurant Jixian, but now he seemed very, very drunk.

Sword One got some water ready for Gu Chaoyan and left the room.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh at the sight of the water. She wiped Zhou Huaijin's face for him. She had never taken care of anyone, and did not know if she did it right.

Zhou Huaijin was smiling, not caring about what she was doing.

After she wiped his face, Zhou Huaijin felt slightly better, and did not look that red in the face anymore.

Gu Chaoyan said, "I believe that after Qin Mingjie returns to the restaurant, the Elder Princess might blame him for what he had done, and he might not have a good time."

Zhou Huaijin sighed inwardly.

Oh god, his Yan was never in a loving mood with him. What was she thinking about Qin Mingjie for?

"Don't worry about him, he is a skilled wine brewer and his family have always been good at making wine. The Elder Princess will not do anything to him since he is still alive. He will still be needed to make wine! But I think that he is not going to have a great time now." Zhou Huaijin said, "I have already gotten a hidden guard to follow him and make sure that he is safe. I am drunk now! What are you worrying about him for? Is he better looking than me?"

Gu Chaoyan thought of the belly Qin Mingjie had, and shook her head.

"I am worried, because I think he can be used for something else."

"Oh, what is that?" Zhou Huaijin asked with a look of confusion.