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## Chapter 311: Gu Yunxuan and Gu Yunhe 1

The letter delivered to the army was quite simple, so Madame Gu and Gu Chaoyan were not mentioned. The reason why Gu Yunhe asked about Madame Gu was because he was treated very nicely back at home by Madame Gu. It was quite reasonable that he asked about her whereabouts.

As for Gu Chaoyan... he just could not believe that the ugly and chubby trash would be able to have achieved so much. So when he heard the rumor on the way, he needed to interrogate that girl personally.

When the two women were mentioned at the dinner, Gu Zhenkang let out a small cough, looking slightly displeased.

Mrs. Gu added, "He, why are you asking about these two people at the dinner table? We can talk about this later."

Hearing this, both Gu Yunhe and Gu Yunxuan became quite curious.

Gu Chaoyan could be ignored, but Madame Gu enjoyed the highest position in the mansion, so why should she be ignored? Actually, they hoped that some of the rumors were true, so that Gu Chaoyan could be capable enough not to ruin the Gu Mansion like before.

Gu Yunhe was still trying to ask something when he sensed something strange. So he nodded and smiled. "Let's eat!"

Then the dinner continued, but Gu Yunhe's words ruined the atmosphere, so the dinner went on very quietly all the way to the end.

Gu Zhenkang let out a sigh and said, "Come with me, you two."

The two boys were guided into the study. He had to tell the two sons what happened to the family, sooner or later. So instead of concealing anything, Gu Zhenkang asked the maid to serve tea and then started to tell the story. "Madame Gu has been very unwell since Princess Gu's incident. The doctor says that she had a stroke. So I am in charge of the family nowadays, and she should not be disturbed. We were thinking about moving her to Qingfeng Yard these two days, so that she could have a quieter environment, but we were preparing for your return, so the whole matter was postponed."

"Madame Gu insisted that you should stay in the military, so we did not mention your return to her, fearing that she would disapprove of this. However, we will tell her soon." Gu Zhenkang said helplessly.

Gu Yunhe's face sank as the military was mentioned.

They could have stayed at the capital as the rich young masters. They had businesses and their father worked for the government, but Madame Gu insisted that they should go to the military, saying that they would be given great jobs once they achieved something in the military. They could not argue with Madame Gu, so they accepted the order. However, their time at the military camp was so bitter and miserable, and they had achieved nothing.

He could understand why the Gu Mansion made the decision back then, but now things are different. Lord Ling was going to help them, and they needed to fear nothing.

The only hope and love they had towards Madame Gu was now gone, when they heard what Gu Zhenkang said.

Gu Yunhe decided to ignore her directly. She better not send him back to the army.

"Don't worry, just wait until you get her the new yard," Gu Yunhe said casually and then asked curiously, "We heard that the trash Gu Chaoyan made it into Saint College, and she was able to tolerate a lot of wine too! And she opened a restaurant called Yellow Crane with Lord Huai? Are all of these real?"

#### Chapter 312: Gu Yunhe and Gu Yunxuan 2

Gu Zhenkang showed displeasure when Gu Chaoyan was mentioned.

He sneered. "What wine would she make? She got the receipt somewhere else, and got lucky. Her mother left her a lot and now she makes use of all of it. However, it will be used up someday, soon."

He did not believe that she defeated Qing Mingjie who had been brewing wine for generations at Restaurant Jixian. They just gave up because of Lord Huai's noble position. That was why he said those words.

Hearing what his father said, Gu Yunhe more or less understood what happened.

Mrs. Lin's family might be an imperial business, and they got a lot of excellent stuff and many contacts. She was divorced, so she received other people's help.

Gu Yunhe did not care about her matters any more.

He was a bit tired from the long trip so he decided to take a rest now.

Gu Zhenkang took this interval and said to the other son. "Yunxuan!"

"Now you are home and we have Lord Ling as a supporter, so the Gu Mansion is going to become as luxurious as before. You should remember clearly to help your brother, got it? As long as you work together, we will become better and better." Gu Zhenkang stressed.

Gu Yunxuan looked a bit embarrassed, and nodded.

Gu Yunhe, on the other hand, was quite pleased. His father had never said such a thing to him before, and now he said so, he was probably going to be the master of the Gu Mansion in the future. He had not been very pleased with his father, but now Gu Yunhe started to like him. His father was taking his favor!

He must have been afraid of Madame Gu in the past so Gu Yunxuan and he shared the same status.

He should not have cared so much about Madame Gu! Gu Yunhe sneered and then patted Gu Yunxuan as he showed a normal expression. "Yunxuan, work for me and I will treat you well." Then he left.

Gu Yunxuan looked pale, but he said nothing. Then he walked put of the room.

As he came out of the yard, Gu Yunhe suddenly thought of something – Gu Chaoyan had been trash for so many years, and now she suddenly achieved so much. Could she have gotten help from the Lin Family?

If that was the case, he really wanted to see what kind of person she was.

He was going to achieve something great, and he needed some people who were capable. And he did not think Gu Yunxuan was enough.

He should start to gather forces, but he should not gather Gu Chaoyan. She was not a promising person. She was going to stick to him so she could have a luxurious life in the future.

When he thought about this, he took the roundabout and started to walk towards the Qiong Pavilion.

The Qiong Pavilion seemed different from how he remembered. There were even some fruit trees planted in the yard. Gu Yunhe smiled. She was such a trash that she did not know how to plant stuff, but the fruits looked very tasty.

He was about to reach for a fruit when Sword One stopped him directly. "Who are you, what are you doing here?"

Qing was with Gu Chaoyan so Sword One was taking care of the Qiong Pavilion now, but now a stranger had come.

Seeing Sword One, the nervous Gu Yunhe relaxed. Gu Chaoyan the trash did have a pretty servant!

## **Chapter 313: Great Destiny**

Pointed at with a sword by a pretty girl, Gu Yunhe was in a good mood.

He laughed, stretched out his hand and brushed Sword One's sword away. Yet Sword One did not buy his smile, and put the sword back upon his shoulder, close to his neck, looking rather lethal.

Elder Miss owned this place, and this sneaky man was probably up to no good. Sword One would have killed this man in the past, instead of wasting time here, but this was the Gu Mansion, and Sword One hesitated because she needed to take Elder Miss into consideration.

"Who on earth are you?!" Sword One asked, furiously.

Seeing Sword One's angry face, Gu Yunhe was not at all threatened. This pretty girl did seem quite different when she was pissed. Oh man, the capital was indeed much better than the army at the boundary!

He just did not want to reveal his identity, otherwise this pretty girl would get frightened by who he really was. It was a crime to put a sword upon the master's throat in the mansion after all!

He waved his hand. "Don't be mad!"

"I am the Young Master of this mansion. Don't worry, I won't blame you for what you have done." Gu Yunhe showed a very friendly smile. "Now, can you put down your sword?"

Sword One frowned slightly. She had done a very thorough investigation upon the Gu Mansion before she became Elder Miss's maid.

There were indeed two young masters at the Gu Mansion, but they were mostly not at home, but in the army at the boundary. Madame Gu was indeed a woman with a long vision.

Unexpectedly, these two boys were at home now.

They might think that they could get a job, because their sister was marrying Lord Ling?

Sword One wasn't very pleased. He was here to bully Elder Miss, she believed.

"Frightened? Don't worry, I am the young master, but you have never met me before. I forgive you for what you did this time. Don't be scared." Gu Yunhe consoled her.

Sword One rolled her eyes, and looked at Gu Yunhe as if staring at an idiot.

Frightened by him? She was one of the top killers at the Shadow Door, as well as Lord Huai's staff. Why would she ever be scared of this kind of Young Master?

However, Sword One still withdrew the sword. She asked him coldly, "What are you doing here?"

Gu Yunhe was wearing a smile all this time, despite Sword One's cold treatment. The Lin Family did offer the girl very capable and bold maids. Well, that was great, they would all come in handy.

He was here seeking for the trash Gu Chaoyan, but now he decided that there was no need to speak with her. What could she possibly do?

"Nothing really, just looking around." Gu Yunhe said casually. Then he turned to Sword One and had a very strange look in the eyes. "Beauty, it is your great destiny that made you meet me. You are not going to be a maid any more. You will become a lady!"

"See you around." Gu Yunhe kept a loving smile. Then he left slowly.

Sword One had a complicated look on her face, as she watched Gu Yunhe retreating. It seemed that no one apart from Elder Miss was right in their mind in this mansion.

Sword One checked around and saw the fruit was still hanging in the tree. The fruits planted by Elder Miss should not be given to someone like this.

Sword One was about to leave as she put the sword back to sheath, when the sound of footsteps approached again and she brought out the sword again.

### **Chapter 314: Marriage**

"What again?" She had just spoken when the sword was already upon that man's throat.

Gu Yunxuan looked shocked and surprised, and then stared at Sword One with a look of admiration. After spending such a long time in the army, he had met many skillful people, but none of them were as excellent as this girl in front of him.

This girl had her back to him a minute ago, and she was showing total indifference, but she was able to use the right spot and strength, so the sword fell upon his throat accurately. If this girl had the intention of killing him, he would have dropped dead directly, instead of having a chance to fight back.

Sword One got a little embarrassed at the sight of this strange face. She thought that the maniac returned. This man was a stranger too, but he wasn't as annoying as the one before.

She softened her tone. "Who are you, what are you doing?"

Gu Yunxuan now was reminded of what he was here for. He showed an apologetic smile, "Don't worry, lady, I mean no harm. I just brought some snacks on the way home, and the snacks could last for a long time. I have prepared these for Chaoyan, please tell her to put them away carefully. If she is not fed well, eat them! I was in a hurry home today, so I didn't have time to buy the salted chicken she likes, but I can sneak in some these days, when I have a chance."

Then he passed the package to Sword One. "You are Chaoyan's friend, aren't you? If she is not okay to see me, just pass this on to her please."

Then he threw another look in the direction of the room, looking very concerned.

Sword One took a look at the package and then at Gu Yunxuan. For some reason, she felt tears swelling up into her eyes. She blinked her eyes, restraining the tears from rolling out. She had been a very rockhearted person, but after spending time with Elder Miss, she became easily moved.

This must be the other young master of the mansion. He was a concubine's son and she passed away when he was little. Madame Gu paid attention to him, only because he was a boy. He had a better time than Elder Miss, but that wasn't much better either. Unexpectedly, he was still thinking about Miss on the way home.

Sword One felt tears welling up in her eyes, as she nodded seriously at Gu Yunxuan. "When Miss is home, I will pass it on to her."

"Where is she?" Gu Yunxuan was surprised. Wasn't she forbidden to leave the mansion before? Soon, Gu Yunxuan thought of the rumor he heard on the way home. It seemed that she was having a better time now, and she was allowed to leave the mansion.

"The Jiang Mansion." Sword One answered sincerely.

Gu Yunxuan nodded and thought nothing more. He thought that it might be a mansion that was in a great relationship with the Gu Mansion. Then he pointed at the door. "I need to go now."

Sword One greeted him.

Gu Yunxuan smiled and left.

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At Gu Zhenkang's study.

Gu Zhenkang was surprised to see Gu Yunhe coming back to him. He was about to leave when he took the seat again. "What is it?"

Gu Yunhe found a place and sat down. Hearing what his father asked, he thought of the cold yet pretty girl a while ago.

He showed a very proud smile. "Yes. I do have one thing. Dad, I am not young any more, and I am the eldest son in the mansion. Back in the army, I could not possibly think about this, but now that I am back, do you think that I should get married soon?"

#### Chapter 315: Marriage 2

Gu Zhenkang hesitated when asked about this question. He threw a serious look at Gu Yunhe, worrying that his son was getting too anxious about this. After all, he spent too much time in the army, and he did not know what the situation was.

So he said, "Yunhe, don't worry about this matter, I will have my own arrangement. We might not get a good family's daughter right now, but if you wait until the Second Sister marries Lord Ling, you would definitely be able to marry a noble girl. I don't want you to marry some businessman's daughter, as I did before."

Hearing this, Gu Yunhe felt quite moved. His father really cared about him. Great that it was his father who was in charge. Madame Gu would have favored Yunxuan, or given him a hard time as she did to his father.

"Father, I get it." Gu Yunhe said, "I am not saying that I want to marry a wife, who should definitely be arranged by father. I am saying that I can marry a concubine first, concubines are not important anyway, are they?"

Marrying a concubine? Gu Zhenkang let out a sigh of relief. He should have thought about this point before! If his son intended to marry concubines, he could just do whatever he wanted to, as long as the legal wife's position was still available.

Gu Zhenkang felt relieved. "Who do you want? If she is the maid in the mansion, just get one you want. She doesn't even need to be a concubine."

Gu Yunhe was aware of this fact. He was the young master, and he did not even need to give any maid a position if he wanted one of them, but that pretty girl was somehow capable. He could offer her a position so that she could feel assured.

"Gu Chaoyan's maid, at the Qiong Pavilion. Please arrange the matter, so that we can have the wedding soon." Gu Yunhe said indifferently. In his opinion, it was just one word's matter if he wanted to get a maid.

The one at the Qiong Pavilion? Gu Zhenkang hesitated. Well, one of the maids was not in his charge and the other was given by Lord Huai. The arrangement might not work smoothly.

He could do something if the contract was signed with him, but if that was Lord Huai's maid... he probably needed to do something about it.

Gu Zhenkang asked. "Chen Fu."

Chen Fu entered quickly, "Yes? Old Master?"

"Who is the maid remaining at the Qiong Pavilion?" Gu Zhenkang asked.

"Sword One." Chen Fu answered honestly.

It was not Qing.... then it wasn't that easy."

Gu Zhenkang waved his hand and asked Chen Fu to leave first. Then he turned to Gu Yunhe. "Yunhe, we have got many pretty maids at the mansion, what about getting another one? That Sword One is a maid given by Lord Huai. If you want to marry her as the concubine, we probably have to speak with Lord Huai."

Hearing this, Gu Yunhe believed that he had spotted the right girl. He was not at all displeased. No wonder that maid looked pretty – she was given by Lord Huai!

"So what? She is just a maid! It is her honor that she can be my concubine. I am sure she is totally willing to do so. As for Gu Chaoyan... she should be thankful that I like her maid! I could probably give her a better time here at the mansion. She has to approve of this, dad. Tell Chaoyan when you have time, and let's get it done now." Gu Yunhe said and considered the whole thing easy.

Gu Zhenkang nodded. "Sure, but Gu Chaoyan is at the Jiang Mansion, let's wait until she returns."

"At the Jiang Mansion? She is not here?"

#### **Chapter 316: The Saint Divine Anecdotes**

That surprised Gu Yunhe greatly. Wasn't she forbidden to go out of the Gu Mansion today? What was she doing at the Jiang Mansion?

"Madame Jiang wasn't doing well, and the girl used her mother's old prescription and cured her, so Madame Jiang asked her to stay at her place. She doesn't have any grandchildren, you know, and it will soon be mid-autumn day soon." Gu Zhenkang added.

Now Gu Yunhe realized what happened. He thought that only in this way would the Jiang Family ask her to stay there.

However, Gu Yunhe was still not very pleased. "Gu Chaoyan is rather selfish. Her mother's old prescriptions should belong to the Gu Family, and they should be presented too. Father should be in charge of what to deal with. But she makes use of the prescriptions and gains profits from them." He shook his head, looking quite displeased with what she had done.

Thanks to Gu Yunhe's reminder Gu Zhenkang started to think that the words made sense. The Gu Mansion was different from before now, and all the resources should be given to Ruxue and Yunhe. Only when these two people achieved something great would the whole family have a promising future.

"I will speak with her when she is back!" Gu Zhenkang snapped angrily.

Gu Yunhe nodded.

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At the Jiang Mansion.

Gu Chaoyan had no idea what happened at the Gu Mansion. She had been quite engaged with different affairs and did not have time until right now to sit down with Madame Jiang.

It was already autumn, but the sunshine gave out slight warmth and the wind was not blowing.

After some consideration, Gu Chaoyan helped Madame Jiang to get some sunshine out in the yard.

Gu Chaoyan had just made the medicine personally in the kitchen, and Auntie Jiang, who had been serving Madame Jiang, served it to her.

Gu Chaoyan felt Madame Jiang's pulse before she drank the medicine.

The pulse was quite stable, so she let out a sigh of relief.

"Madame Jiang, the medicinal drink is sweet and tastes nice. Have a try!" Gu Chaoyan said with a smile.

Madame Jiang was showing a very affable and loving smile to Gu Chaoyan. This girl was not only capable of making medicine, but also had a wonderful personality.

She was not arrogant, conceited. Nor was she flattering her intentionally. She even made the medicine herself!

Normally, ladies would ask the maids to do the work, when they claimed that they did it themselves.

She looked at Gu Chaoyan with even more love. Then she wiped off the stain that remained on her face. "You don't have to do the work yourself next time, just ask Auntie Jiang to deal with it."

"I am not here often. So I should be devoted to you whilst I am living here. Those are not difficult jobs, and even if Auntie Jiang makes the medicine, I still have to adjust the fire," Gu Chaoyan said as she took out a medical bottle and passed it to Auntie Jiang. "This bottle contains the pills I made. Please add the pills into the medicine when you are making it, when I am not here."

Those pills were made by the magical spring.

Although Madame Jiang was doing pretty well she still had to use those pills made by magical water ready, since they worked best.

With eyes upon Gu Chaoyan, Madame Jiang could not help but sigh. "You are just like Yan'er!"

Gu Chaoyan got startled, and did not come back to herself until she realized that Madame Jiang was talking about the Queen. For one second, she had no idea what to say.

Her husband, the general, passed away a long while ago, and Madame Jiang had only one daughter, namely the Queen, but she was residing in the court. So she was surrounded by loneliness.

Then she brought out the book The Saint Divine Anecdotes.

"Madame Jiang, let me read you a story."

#### Chapter 317: Mr. Beggar

There were many small stories noted down in The Saint Divine Anecdotes. Gu Chaoyan picked one common story that told the experience of a Mr.Beggar.

Before Mr. Beggar became a beggar, he used to be the extraordinary Mr. Number One Scholar.

The story about Mr. Beggar was quite long, but Gu Chaoyan read each line calmly as Madame Jiang, who was seated on the chair, smiled every now and then, and drank some tea. Gu Chaoyan was very devoted to reading the story there under the ginkgo tree.

Even the maids next to them were attracted to the story.

Those maids could not read, and they never got the chance to read such books. Normally, their masters and ladies were all reading the academic classicals and none of them would tell small stories like this. For one moment, they got rather curious.

No one even noticed that Zhou Huaijin had arrived.

It was not until he took a seat and got noticed by the maids who intended to greet him, that he waved his hands, telling them not to do so. Instead, he listened to the story together with them.

As the story came to the end, Madame Jiang still could not get enough of it.

However, the maid next to Madame Jiang, who seemed to have understood a little of the story, could not help but ask. "Elder Miss, did Mr. Beggar find that girl called Lang'er?"

The maid had a crispy, dubious voice.

That made Madame Jiang burst into laughter. She turned to the maid next to him. "Oh you..."

That made the maid flush. She got even more confused – she had no idea what Madame Jiang meant by saying that.

"When did you arrive here?" Gu Chaoyan got slightly surprised, when she put down the book and spotted Zhou Huaijin who was already next to her.

Zhou Huaijin smiled. "I have been here a while, but I did not interrupt you, since you seemed quite devoted."

Then he turned to the maid who asked the question and showed an unusually happy face, as he explained with a gentle tone. "It did not matter if Mr. Beggar found that girl in the end."

That made the maid even more confused.

And then Zhou Huaijin picked up the book Gu Chaoyan had just placed down, flipped through it and then said with an interested look on his face. "We always read the academic books, and never knew that those side stories are interesting too."

"You can say that it is Chaoyan who is interesting." Madame Jiang looked at Zhou Huaijin with a "I-getit" look.

Zhou Huaijin did not deny the words, but Gu Chaoyan flushed a little, not sure what to say. So she took a sip of the tea with an absent mind and almost choked on it.

Madame Jiang was worried that the girl would flush, so she changed the subject and said, "Chaoyan, if you have time, please get some more books like this for me, so I can read them when I am bored."

"Sure." Gu Chaoyan agreed.

Madame Jiang was not that young any more, so they talked for a while and she went to bed.

Only Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan were left in the yard.

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Time passed as she stayed at the Jiang Mansion.

On the Mid-Autumn Day, Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan decided to celebrate the festival with Madame Jiang. However, Madame Jiang liked to have a peaceful time, so even on the festivals, she did not get the mansion fully-decorated with lanterns or ribbons. Instead, she requested a relatively rich dinner for everyone to enjoy.

After dinner, Madame Jiang insisted that Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan should visit the night market together.

#### **Chapter 318: The Assassins**

The Saint Divine Land was an open place, and the street was bustling on every festival.

The Mid-Autumn Festival, in particular, was a day when all kinds of lanterns were hung. It was indeed new and interesting.

Gu Chaoyan was totally attracted by the beautiful scene, as she walked out of the mansion.

Zhou Huaijin took her hand, fearing that she would get lost among the crowd. Then he said to her with a smile, "The night market would be even more shining, if we were out on Lantern's Day!"

Gu Chaoyan was already shocked by the scene in front of her. Then she pointed at a place where they could do some lantern riddles. "Let's go and check out there."

Then she took hold of Zhou Huaijin's hand and started to walk in that direction.

Zhou Huaijin was startled at the beginning, but then soon saw the slender fingers on him. He smiled brightly.

"You want a lantern riddle too?" The owner of the stand asked with a smile. The girl was dressed plainly, but a businessman like him could tell by one glance that the young master behind the girl was someone with an extraordinary status. He knew that the young master would pay however much the girl wanted, since he needed to flatter the girl.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. She was not good at doing riddles, and the lanterns were not that pretty either. She pointed at the large lantern above her head and asked, "How can we get that one?"

The owner threw a look at the lantern, then he said cheerfully, "That is our top prize! The entry fee is 50 yuan. As long as we have ten participants ready, we are starting the contest and the first person that gets it, wins!"

Ten participants... So that basically meant 500 yuan.

Zhou Huaijin, however, did not have the intention of letting Gu Chaoyan wait.

Instead, he asked Fu Bao to pay 500 yuan to the owner, hopped up and took down the lantern directly.

Gu Chaoyan was so glad to see that. He looked extremely handsome among the patch of lanterns.

Zhou Huaijin was about to go down when several men dressed in black rushed out and besieged Zhou Huaijin. That startled Fu Bao too. He instantly stood before Gu Chaoyan and Qing, whilst Zhou Huaijin's hidden guards also rushed out, starting a fight with them.

The civilians got all startled. They ran away directly.

Gu Chaoyan was very anxious. She intended to rush out to give him a hand when Fu Bao stopped her. Fu Bao said seriously, "Elder Miss, don't move, I will keep you safe. Lord is fine, we have many hidden guards. We are always ready for this kind of situation which happens often," Fu Bao said calmly as if it was not a big deal.

Gu Chaoyan, on the other hand, was not assured.

Does this happen often? How much pressure did he have to bear every single day?

She had thought about this before – the King might adore him most on the surface, but in the meanwhile, the King was also pushing him to the frontline, so he was the target for every other ambitious son. Those who had ambitions would remove him first. That was what was going on now.

Gu Chaoyan got very anxious, but she was really bad at hopping, so she could do nothing but stand by.

Fu Bao was standing in front of them all the time. That was the mission Zhou Huaijin gave to him. He had to keep Gu Chaoyan safe and sound.

After the assassins were finished, Zhou Huaijin walked towards Gu Chaoyan with a smile, still holding the lantern.

Gu Chaoyan could sense the smell of blood. Then she saw the wound on his arm, and burst into tears.

#### **Chapter 319: Stupid**

"Are you stupid!" Gu Chaoyan interrogated with fury, "Is that lantern so important? You just got yourself injured!" she said as she dragged over his hand.

The wound wasn't serious, but he did bleed a lot. The hidden guards from Shadow Door might not have noticed this, otherwise he would have been stopped from fighting.

She gently rolled up his sleeves, and brought out the ointment she had with her.

She made one extra bottle of the ointment when she was bored a while ago, thinking that it might come in handy someday for Sword One, but now it was Lord Huai who used it before anyone else did. She was feeling very displeased when she thought of how Zhou Huaijin, this dumb-headed man, got himself injured because of a lantern he was holding. The lantern was not as important as his life at all!

Then she dabbed the ointment upon the wound.

When the blood was stopped, Gu Chaoyan was slightly assured. Then she looked up and saw Zhou Huaijin still smiling.

"What are you smiling for? What if the blade had poison!" Gu Chaoyan snapped.

"But you like this lantern, don't you?" Zhou Huaijin insisted.

Gu Chaoyan rolled her eyes at him, feeling both angry and comforted. She accepted the lantern after all with a cold expression on her face. "Don't do this next time."

"Okay!" Zhou Huaijin answered obediently.

Gu Chaoyan lost interest in staying in the night market, after the incident with the assassins occurred. She was worried that such a thing might happen again. So no matter what Zhou Huaijin said, she insisted on returning to the Jiang Mansion.

Zhou Huaijin had to follow her request.

Madame Jiang was already in bed. Even if she was out of bed, Zhou Huaijin would not have mentioned what happened today.

After he took Gu Chaoyan home, Zhou Huaijin returned to Lord Huai's Mansion with Fu Bao.

The moment he walked into Lord Huai's Mansion, Zhou Huaijin lost the smiling expression directly. "Find out who did this to us tonight!"

He was trying not to mention such dangerous things in front of Chaoyan. However, unexpectedly, someone dared to make a move at this moment already! His King Father was still healthy on the throne! And they just could no longer wait any more?

What would happen in a couple of years then?

Zhou Huaijin let out a heavy sigh. "Also, go and find that Master of Destiny and ask him what on earth is going on?"

He had not considered what this fortune-teller was saying as something important, but now he had to pay some attention. This man was trying to cause trouble!

Zhou Huaijin breathed in heavily.

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After the Mid-Autumn Festival, Gu Chaoyan left the Jiang Mansion for the Gu Mansion. On the day of her departure, Madame Jiang was seeing her off at the door.

"Child, just come and stay here when you have time. The room is yours, always. Just stay there when you are back, okay?" Madame Jiang said as she considered Gu Chaoyan as her own grandchild.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. "I got it, Madame Jiang."

They waved goodbye to each other and then Zhou Huaijin accompanied Gu Chaoyan into the wagon.

Instead of riding a horse, he shared the same wagon with Gu Chaoyan.

At this moment, Gu Chaoyan brought out a deck of money. "Forgot to tell you one thing. If you have time, please buy a house for me in the capital, alright?"

Zhou Huaijin hesitated, but he still accepted the money.

Although the Jiang Mansion and the Lord Huai's Mansion were both open for her, she still had her own plan... Alright, it was as simple as seeking a house, he would be fully devoted to that.

The Gu Mansion was not a good place for her to stay all the time.

As they came back to the Gu Mansion, Zhou Huaijin got off the wagon alongside her.

# **Chapter 320: The Concubine**

Zhou Huaijin rarely got off the wagon with her before.

For one thing, Yan did not have the intention of revealing her relationship before she entered Saint College, and for another, she did not want the Gu Mansion to use him as a supporter so that they could commit terrible things. However, now Yan managed to enter Saint College smoothly and Lord Ling insisted on marrying her half sister, so Zhou Huaijin was worried that Gu Zhenkang would treat Yan terribly, since he was not aware of what happened.

Although Sword One could keep Yan safe he still did not want Yan to be sad over some matters. At least with him around, the Gu Family would think twice before they did something.

The guards of the Gu Mansion all got frightened at the sight of Zhou Huaijin. They kneeled down and greeted him instantly.

Seeing the scene, Gu Chaoyan smiled at him. "Here I am, just go home and do your own business."

Zhou Huaijin nodded. "I will see you."

Gu Chaoyan walked in with Qing. However, Zhou Huaijin did not get into the wagon and leave until he saw her disappearing.

The guards did not dare to get up until Zhou Huaijin climbed into the wagon. Then they exchanged a look with each other as if something huge had happened.

What fortune did the Gu Mansion run into these days? Lords kept coming to this place!

In the meanwhile, the guards all understood that they should treat the ladies at the mansion nicely – they might have a promising future!

Before Gu Chaoyan could reach the Qiong Pavilion, she was stopped by Chen Fu. "Elder Miss, Old Master is asking for you. Both of the young masters are home."

They were at home? She missed the news.

She thought that maybe Sword One did not pass on the message so as not to disturb her. Well, that was not something important either.

She nodded and started to walk towards the front yard.

This time, Chen Fu was leading her to Gu Zhenkang's study. It was the first time for her to visit the study, and the moment she walked in, she spotted Gu Yunhe seated there arrogantly.

He threw a glance at Gu Chaoyan, looking indifferent.

"I am asking for you to tell you one thing." Instead of telling her to sit down or saying anything nice, Gu Zhenkang cut directly to the topic. If the maid had not been Lord Huai's man, Gu Zhenkang would not have wasted the time in speaking with her now.

Gu Chaoyan nodded and stood there calmly. She had no idea what Gu Zhenkang was up to, but it could not be something good.

"Your brother has had a hard time at the boundary these years, and he should get married now, since he is no longer young, but we are not an ordinary mansion nowadays, and your brother needs to be careful about the legal wife. However, we had a discussion that he can get a concubine first." Gu Zhenkang narrated the whole story for the sake of Lord Huai.

Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly. Why was she involved with Gu Yunhe's marriage?

Gu Chaoyan did not answer a thing.

Gu Zhenkang did not wait for her to answer him. In his heart, what Gu Chaoyan was thinking did not matter at all. He was just informing her.

"Your brother likes your maid Sword One. You were absent, so the whole thing was postponed. Now you are back, we are telling you that we can ask Chen Fu to get the whole thing done. That girl is just a maid, but she is Lord Huai's present, so even if she is a concubine, the Gu Mansion would still treat her well."