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Chapter 321: Her Own Choice

The way Gu Zhenkang talked sounded as if he had been granting someone a great favor.

Gu Chaoyan's face sank deeply. That was the first time for her to get really mad since she appeared at the Gu Mansion. Sword One might be a maid, but in Gu Chaoyan's heart, she was not! Sword One defended her all the time, taking her as first priority. In her heart, Sword One was her own sister, just like Qing.

Nowadays, Gu Yunhe and Gu Zhenkang thought about taking Sword One as a concubine! She would have killed them both if it were the 21st century. However, now, she had to consider the so-called filial piety. How ridiculous.

"I say no." Gu Chaoyan turned them down directly without any hesitation.

Sword One was going to marry someone in the future, and that man did not have to be a noble person, yet he had to be a great match with Sword One, and Sword One was not going to be just a concubine. Gu Yunhe was not at all a great match. So she would definitely disapprove of this proposal.

Gu Zhenkang had thought that he was going to get what he wanted directly, so he changed his expression when he heard her words.

He looked at Gu Chaoyan as if he had misheard something. Then he brought himself back and his expression sank, realizing that she did say a no.

He looked at Gu Chaoyan with displeasure. "Why not? Your brother is a handsome, noble person. It is her honor that she can be a concubine!"

Gu Zhenkang was not so arrogant before, but now, he thought that the Gu Mansion would have a promising future soon, and he assumed that he would probably become the future King's father!

He thought that he was going to be related to the imperial court! Then his son should get the best things and people in the whole world. That Sword One was just a maid!

Gu Yunhe was displeased too. He struck the teacup on the table. "If she was not your maid, I would have just slept with her!"

Gu Chaoyan tightened her fist. She got so furious that she burst into laughter. With eyes upon Gu Yunhe and Gu Zhenkang, she said, "If that is the case, you can turn to Lord Huai instead. He gave Sword One to me and he owns the contract. I can't make a decision. If you are able to convince Lord Huai, then I can leave myself out of this matter."

The two men shrank when Lord Huai was mentioned. They stayed silent for a long while.

In the end, Gu Zhenkang let out a small cough in embarrassment. "Lord Huai and you are friends, you can probably talk with him."

"I told you, I said no." Gu Chaoyan said resolutely.

Gu Zhenkang's face sank, and then he raised his hand, intending to slap Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Yunhe said confidently, "If you don't have the contract, you don't have to get involved. Just ask her what she wants. If she agrees, we can go to Lord Huai and talk with him together."

Well... he was a young master of the Gu Mansion. He was confident that Sword One would agree to marry him. After all, her own social status would be changed, and he believed that she would definitely say yes.

As for Lord Huai... if Sword One agreed, Lord Huai would definitely go with her request. That was her own happiness! Also, Lord Ling was his brother anyway. Therefore, he did not want to waste any time talking with Gu Chaoyan here.

When Sword One said yes, her disapproval would not work. She was just a divorced woman who did not want to see other women getting happiness.

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Since Gu Yunhe mentioned that himself, Gu Chaoyan nodded instantly. "Sure, then go and ask her. If she is willing to accept your proposal, I won't say a thing. But if she is not willing to marry you, don't ever mention it again."

Gu Chaoyan had a soul from the 21st century. She respected equality and freedom. So she respected Sword One's own choice.

"Got it." Gu Yunhe answered casually, looking displeased. Of course she would be willing to accept the proposal. He was such a great match. There was no way that she would turn him down.

When the deal was done, Gu Yunhe and Gu Zhenkang wasted no time, and started to head towards the Qiong Pavilion. Gu Chaoyan did not stop them but followed along with Qing.

The Qiong Pavilion might look slightly shabby, but it still had a touch of neatness and vitality. The fruit trees in the yard had wonderful fruits.

Gu Yunhe and Gu Zhenkang ignored all of those phenomena, but headed directly towards the Qiong Pavilion.

Sword One heard the sound of footsteps and knew that her Miss was home. She came running with a smile and saw directly Gu Zhenkang and Gu Yunhe. She instantly stopped smiling and showed a cold face again, but soon she spotted Gu Chaoyan behind them.

Then she showed a brief smile, walked past Gu Yunhe and Gu Zhenkang but came to Gu Chaoyan. "Here you are, Elder Miss!"

Gu Chaoyan nodded with a smile and took hold of Sword One.

Normally, Gu Chaoyan would not have told her directly what happened in front of Sword One, because she thought it was such a huge humiliation for Sword One, but she had to do it now so that Gu Yunhe could give her up.

With trust filling her eyes, she nodded at Sword One. Then she turned to Gu Yunhe and Gu Zhenkang. "Since Sword One is here, just tell her if you have anything to say."

Gu Zhenkang turned to Gu Yunhe, suggesting that he should do the talking himself.

He did not like Sword One the maid, since she never greeted him after she came to the mansion. She had never regarded him as the master of the mansion. Well, she was Lord Huai's maid, so she was spoiled, but when Yunhe married her, he was definitely going to tell Yunhe to teach her a lesson, in case she had no idea what was important.

Gu Yunhe was quite confident and had no moment of hesitation. He took a step closer to Sword One, as he said with a look of gentleness. "Sword One, you remember me? I am the eldest young master of the whole mansion."

"..."

"I have already talked with my father. I like you, and I am willing to be kind to you. But you are not in a great social status, so I can only marry you as a concubine. But don't worry, I will treat you well."

"..."

"Are you willing to take my proposal?"

Having said the words, Gu Yunhe showed a very proud expression expecting to hear an agreement.

Sword One got very furious inward, but she still threw a look at Gu Chaoyan who slightly shook her head.

Sword One fathomed what she meant.

"No!" Sword One answered directly.

"You..." Gu Yunhe widened his eyes, looking totally unconvinced. She turned him down?

Then he looked at Gu Chaoyan, assuming that Gu Chaoyan must have threatened her! However, Gu Chaoyan was still wearing a flat look on her face.

"Why?! You are just a maid, and you should be honored and thankful to receive such an offer! You are not getting the position as the legal wife!" Gu Yunhe said with displeasure.

Chapter 323: Something for You

He did like this girl, and thought that she was capable, but the legal wife had to be from some equally noble family as his, otherwise he would not be able to have a great reputation in the capital, if people knew that his legal wife used to be a maid!

Gu Yunhe was very pissed – what a stupid girl!

Hearing what he said, Sword One became quite furious as well. She was not a mild-tempered person! She was one of the top hitmen at the Shadow Door who was assigned to keep Elder Miss safe, because her master cared about Elder Miss! However, this shameless man was humiliating her here and asking her to become a concubine?

Sword One could not stand that any more. She stepped up and slapped Gu Yunhe's face, causing his face to turn completely red. Gu Yunhe was totally shocked so he fell speechless, but Gu Zhenkang realized what was going on. "How dare you hit the Elder Young Master!"

Hearing these words, Sword One gave Gu Yunhe some more kicks.

As he fell onto the ground, Sword One brought out her sword. "Who do you think you are, how dare you humiliate me!"

"..."

"If I ever hear such a word again in the future, I will kill you directly." Sword One said in an intimidating tone.

Gu Chaoyan had been wearing a brief smile on her face. She did agree with what Sword One did.

"How... how dare you kill your master!" Gu Zhenkang's fingers, which were pointing at Sword One, kept shivering.

Sword One threw a glance at Gu Zhenkang. Then she said indifferently, "You are not my masters. I belong to Lord Huai! You don't like my behavior? Go and tell Lord Huai then!"

"You... you!" Gu Zhenkang just could not finish his words.

He turned to Gu Chaoyan. "Look at what your maid has done!"

"Father, Sword One is Lord Huai's maid, and her contract is not in my charge. I can't do anything about that. Back at the study, I turned down your proposal already, but you insisted on coming to ask her. What can I do when you irritate her?" Gu Chaoyan said with an expression of helplessness, as if she truly could do nothing about it.

Gu Zhenkang stomped his feet. "Please, Ms. Sword One, put down your sword. He would not dare to say a thing like that ever again."

Sword One squinted at Gu Yunhe, then she withdrew the sword in a lazy manner.

Bellowed at by Gu Zhenkang, Gu Yunhe truly wanted to take off directly.

Gu Yunhe was still shocked. How did this girl get to slap him and kick him? He was not a bad martial artist, so how did this girl get to do that to him!? And how dare she hit him!?

Gu Yunhe was completely confused, but now quiet finally dominated the Qiong Pavilion.

Gu Chaoyan sighed and looked at Sword One, looking very guilty. Sword One was her girl, but she could not defend her.

"Sword One, I am sorry for what happened to you today." Gu Chaoyan said.

"Miss, don't be sorry, I got it." Sword One said. She was one of the top hitmen at the Shadow Door, but she was, after all, a servant. Few masters would respect a servant's willingness, and when Miss did that, she realized that she was worth dying for. And miss was not in a proper status either, that was why she did it.

Gu Chaoyan smiled at her.

Sword One suddenly thought of something. "Oh yes, Miss, here is something for you."

Sword One led Gu Chaoyan to the hall. Then took out the pack of snacks and passed it to Gu Chaoyan. "Second Young Master Gu gave it to you. He said that he brought them home on the way here, some long-lasting snacks for you to eat when you starve."

Chapter 324: Gu Yunxuan

"I don't think this Second Young Master is a bad person."

Both of them were the young masters of the Gu Mansion, yet one of them was so annoying, the other kind. The Gu Mansion was generally a horrible place, yet some children were okay.

Before she could finish the words, Qing jabbed at Sword One, warning her not to say anything more.

Now Sword One realized that she had made a mistake.

The Gu Family might be a wonderful family, but her Miss was also part of the Gu Family. She would be unhappy to hear what she said.

"Miss, I don't mean that." Sword One said apologetically.

"It is fine, you are right." Gu Chaoyan said carelessly. And she even thought that Sword One was even being polite saying things like that. Then she started to think about Gu Yunxuan.

She searched her own memories about this man. Honestly, it seemed that Gu Yunxuan was the only one who would slightly care about Gu Chaoyan and shared some food with her. However, Gu Yunxuan was not having an easy time here at the Gu Mansion either.

His mother was a concubine who passed away when he was little. Mrs. Gu was not treating him nicely, and the reason why he survived to this age was because Madame Gu cared a little more about him.

If he offered that kindness, Gu Chaoyan felt that she should repay him.

She thought for a while and said, "Let's visit him in his yard."

Sword One nodded.

Gu Chaoyan went to his place with the two girls.

Gu Yunxuan's yard was not very far away from Gu Chaoyan's. Both of them belonged to an isolated place. Mrs. Gu did not like him, so he was not given a good yard, but Madame Gu took his side, so he had a slightly better life than she did.

He only had one maid who was responsible for taking care of his daily life, so the yard was quite shabby. Due to his absence, the yard was barely cleaned and many trees in the yard died.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head slightly. She had to ask Qing to pass on the message when no maid was available to inform him of her arrival.

Knowing that Gu Chaoyan was here, Gu Yunxuan came running outside with a book in hand. He was a bit surprised. "Chaoyan?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded. "Second Brother!"

Gu Yunxuan checked out Gu Chaoyan from head to foot. Then he smiled brightly.

When he left home, Chaoyan was still chubby and tanned, not that beautiful. He had been worried that Chaoyan would not be able to marry anyone in the future, but now... unexpectedly, she was skinny and had snowy-white skin. Her eyes were sparkling too.

"You have become beautiful." Gu Yunxuan said sincerely.

"Oh really?" Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly. That was the difference between Gu Yunxuan and Gu Yunhe. The former sized her up carefully whilst the latter did not want to take one more look at her. The former truly made her feel the warmth of family.

Then she took over Gu Yunxuan's book. She threw a look at the cover.

"You are reading military strategies?" Gu Chaoyan asked casually.

"Yes! Actually, I enjoyed life in the army, but Madame Gu wrote to us that we had to come home. Otherwise, the army was great." Gu Yunxuan said with a smile. At least, he was like the other soldiers – practising and completing the missions. He was not some concubine's son who was doomed not to achieve anything himself other than to help his brother.

He could help his brother, but his brother never regarded him as a brother. He always considered himself better than him, so he was not so happy to accept that opinion.

He sighed. Maybe that was what life would be like in the future – he had to follow his brother's orders.

"What is it, Second Brother?" Gu Chaoyan asked with concern.

Chapter 325: Reminder

Probably because he barely had time to tell the stories, Gu Yunxuan did have a great deal to share with Gu Chaoyan when he was asked.

His birth mother passed away when he was still a baby, and he only had one maid left in the yard, who was responsible for taking care of chores. However, he did not dare to share too much with the girl, since he had no idea who this maid worked for really.

As for his other sisters... they weren't born by the same mother, so they might be up to something else as well.

He visited Madame Gu the day before, and wanted to tell her how he was doing and what he planned to do, but Madame Gu ignored his ideas totally and just asked him to assist his brother in the capital city. In the end, he came home in disappointment.

He knew that as a concubine's son, he would not get that much. He did not expect much either, since everything belonged to his brother. What he needed was to return to the army where he could live his own days. However, he could not even get this wish realized.

He sighed heavily. Then he looked at Gu Chaoyan and said, "I am just sad that as a concubine's son, am I not even able to achieve anything?"

Gu Chaoyan already understood what was going on, through this one single sentence.

Judging from Gu Yunhe's proud look, she suspected that Gu Yunhe was already assigned as the heir to the Gu Mansion.

There were few young masters at the Gu Mansion. Actually, there were only two of them. So if he became the master of the mansion, he would ask Gu Yunxuan to obey his arrangements, but Gu Yunxuan seemed to prefer life in the army.

"Of course not." Gu Chaoyan answered resolutely. "Just look at me. I am a lineal daughter, but I had no rights or freedom at all. I used to be bullied. Nowadays, I have been using my own methods to try different things, and to make others convinced by my real personality. As long as you are capable, no one would be able to manipulate you."

"..."

"Second Brother, instead of staying here and becoming gloomy, why not start thinking about how you are able to achieve your goal." Gu Chaoyan reminded him.

Hearing these words, Gu Yunxuan got quite enlightened.

He seemed to have been trapped by his own thoughts. He always thought that he should obey what the senior members of the family said all the time. However, the senior members never cared about what he was thinking.

They might think that he was just a bare existence, hardly as important as his brother.

"I got it!" Gu Yunxuan said, and showed a relaxed expression on his face.

Gu Chaoyan smiled.

It was getting late, so she got up, ready to head back to the Qiong Pavilion.

Gu Yunxuan saw her off personally.

In the yard, Gu Chaoyan ran into the maid who was working for Gu Yunxuan at the yard. She threw an extra look at her, noticing that the girl was trying to avoid her gaze as she took off.

Gu Chaoyan frowned. That must be Mrs. Gu's mole that was set here.

If she was Madame Gu's maid, then she would not have ignored Gu Yunxuan, but this maid even refused to greet them, so she might not have regarded Gu Yunxuan as her master, otherwise she would not have been so impolite.

As they came out of the yard, Gu Chaoyan ceased her steps. "It is fine, Second Brother, I am fine here. By the way, you are no longer young and you can gather your own forces, so you can have easier access to deal with whatever you need to do."

Gu Yunxuan was startled.

Chapter 326: Back to the College

Then he understood it all. Chaoyan was reminding him what to pay attention to and what to do. He only had one maid working for him at the yard, and no one else was with him, but the maid barely obeyed his order.

His brother was different, on the other hand. The moment his brother came home, his father already got him guards. His brother always had some men with him, and his father was still helping him to recruit more staff.

His father was never going to prepare these things for him. So he had to fight for whatever he needed himself.

Gu Yunxuan expressed his gratitude. "I got it now, really!"

Gu Chaoyan, Sword One and Qing started to head towards the Qiong Pavilion.

When they were a distance away from Gu Yunxuan's yard, Sword One asked. "Miss, aren't you going to help the Second Young Master? We can tell the Lord if he needs some job. The Lord can definitely offer him a proper job! In that way, he doesn't have to work for that bastard Elder Young Master!"

Sword One was indeed annoyed. She felt that there was something wrong with Gu Zhenkang's head and judgement.

He did not like Elder Miss, who was nice and friendly. He did not like the Second Young Master, who was nice and friendly too. Instead he preferred that bastard Elder Young Master! Honestly, what was he thinking?

"I am definitely going to help him." Gu Chaoyan said, "But not that directly. I would like to see what Second Brother is going to do himself, and only when I know what he is going to do himself, will I be able to know how I can help him along the way."

Sword One was not a straightforward person, but she understood clearly what Gu Chaoyan meant.

Elder Miss was going to offer help later. So she did not talk about that any more.

As they went back to the Qiong Pavilion, Gu Chaoyan asked Qing to get down to other work. Then she turned to Sword One. "Did you find anything strange about Chen Fu?"

As she was talking about this, Sword One shook her head regretfully. She had been focusing on that man these days.

"Not really. The only strange thing is that there was one time, when he came to the Qiong Pavilion late at night. However, he did not walk close to the Qiong Pavilion, but watched the house from a distance away." Sword One answered.

"From a distance away?" Gu Chaoyan looked confused.

Sword One nodded resolutely. She could not have been mistaken – that was indeed the silhouette of Chen Fu.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She did not tell her to continue with the watch.

She still did not give up on Chen Fu, but she thought that if Sword One failed to find anything strange about him, then it might not be that easy to find out something after all.

So she had to wait.

After the Mid-Autumn Festival...

It was time for the students of Saint College to return to the school.

Gu Chaoyan did not see Gu Ruxue from the moment she started to pack, until the moment she finished packing. It was Chen Fu who told her on the way to Saint College that the Second Lady had been at the Lord Ling's Mansion, and Lord Ling would keep her company to Saint College personally.

Only now did Gu Chaoyuan realize that Gu Ruxue was not at all at the mansion.

What was more, Lord Ling not only invited Gu Ruxue to the Lord Ling, but also Mrs. Gu who also spent some time at the mansion too.

Hearing the news, Gu Chaoyan did not pay attention to that at all. She did not believe that the fortune-teller's story about getting the world was real. It sounded so childish.

"Here you are, Elder Miss!"

Chapter 327: Gu Ruxue and Lord Ling 1

Gu Chaoyan got out of the wagon, and looked up at the board of Saint College. That was the second time for her to see the scribbling characters of Saint College.

She truly found that the characters were well written. She could even tell that the ancestral Queen who established the school, had a high expectation for it.

Unfortunately, the Saint College was drifting further and further away from its original goal.

Gu Chaoyan asked Chen Fu to take Qing to Lord Huai's Mansion, before heading into the college with Sword One.

Gu Chaoyan had thought about keeping Qing at the Gu Mansion, but Gu Yunhe seemed like a dangerous existence who made her unassured. Since Qing could not follow her to Saint College, she had to ask Qing to stay at Lord Huai's Mansion instead. When her mansion was purchased, she could just ask Qing to take charge of the chores at the mansion. By that hour, Qing would not have to stay at the complicated Gu Mansion any more.

Gu Chaoyan could not trust Gu Yunhe. She had to watch out for his behavior.

The moment she walked into Saint College, Li Yuanxiang's voice arose from behind. "Chaoyan..."

Hearing the familiar voice, Gu Chaoyan ceased her steps and looked around, only to see the smiling Li Yuanxiang in front of her. She was carrying all of her luggage herself.

Li Yuanxiang was slightly chubby with a round-shaped face, but when she smiled, she looked very pretty.

She came to Gu Chaoyan and took her hand. "What a coincidence. Let's go inside together."

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Although she was not used to staying so close to someone, she did not push Li Yuanxiang away, but took her hand and walked into the Medical Department together.

Their accommodations were going to be arranged.

Gu Chaoyan intended to inform Qing Niang about her arrival, meaning to tell her to get a proper place for her. She did not want to stay at an improper place for her remaining days at Saint College.

"Let's go that way." Gu Chaoyan tugged at Li Yuanxiang.

Li Yuanxiang was confused, but followed Gu Chaoyan unconditionally and followed her up. However, before they just took a few more steps...

Someone stopped her.

It was Liu Hanxiang who stopped them. Liu Hanxiang looked at them disdainfully, "Are you taking the roundabout because you are feeling so little of yourself in front of Ruxue? Well, you don't have to."

"..."

"You are Ruxue's sister... you don't have to avoid her, even if Lord Ling kept Ruxue company here," Liu Hanxiang said arrogantly.

She stood out tremendously today, when she spent so much time with Ruxue. She was feeling so arrogant right now.

She had thought that she would have a terrible time at Saint College because she offended County Princess Anxi, but just after one Mid-Autumn Festival week, County Princess Anxi herself had gotten into trouble and she had found a new supporter.

She knew that Li Yuanxiang was going to be worse than her.

Gu Chaoyan had not noticed that Lord Ling and Gu Ruxue were here, if Liu Hanxiang had not mentioned that. Sure enough, she looked in the direction and saw Gu Ruxue standing next to a man in blue. She was dressed in a peach-color dress and was heading towards their direction.

The reason why she failed to notice their existence was because they were truly far away from each other... And if Liu Hanxiang had not stopped them, she would not have noticed their existence either.

Were they here blocking their way intentionally?

"Sister!" Gu Ruxue called her with a soft tone.

Chapter 328: Gu Ruxue and Lord Ling 2

She had her head slightly raised, and looked at Gu Chaoyan with pride. In the meanwhile, she made a slight move towards Lord Ling.

Lord Ling, on the other hand, seemed quite patient.

When Gu Ruxue and Liu Hanxiang were showing off in front of her, he did not even show any impatience or disdain. Instead, he was wearing a small smile, which made him look like a very friendly man.

"Who is this?" Lord Ling asked politely.

"Lord, this is my sister. She is divorced and made efforts to make it into Saint College. If you have any nice man, you can arrange a suitor for my sister. She is not living an easy life, you know." Gu Ruxue said with a regretful tone. She seemed rather concerned about Gu Chaoyan.

Lord Ling turned to Gu Chaoyan. The brief smile on his face stiffened. He had looked into the Elder Miss of the Gu Family before. The report said that she was tanned, chubby and ugly, and that she even had a terrible morality so she got divorced by Duke Changning's Mansion. Therefore, he did not think that a woman like that would be the Phoenix Girl.

The only girl who was capable of being the Phoenix Girl, should be Gu Ruxue, the daughter of the present Mrs. Gu. Therefore, he was going to offer the last position of Princess Concubine to Gu Ruxue and give her what the other concubines could not possibly get, but now... As the real lineal lady of the Gu Family stood right in front of his face... He got a bit messy in his head.

It seemed that she was not the same as the report said. Dressed in a long blouse, she looked thin and calm. Apart from the conspicuous red mark on her face, everything else was perfect about her. And she even showed great composure as she heard his identity.

For one moment, Lord Ling was not in his right state. He even started to suspect the real identity of the so-called Phoenix Girl.

Destiny Monk said that Phoenix Girl's reincarnation was born at the Gu Mansion, but he did not mention which one of the ladies of the Gu Mansion it was.

Gu Chaoyan and Li Yuanxiang stayed in the greeting posture for a long while, yet still failed to hear Lord Ling's response. Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly, thinking that Lord Ling was helping Gu Ruxue to embarrass her too. So she cooled down her tone and repeated. "Greetings, Lord Ling."

Hearing the highly-raised voice, Lord Ling was brought back to reality. And his eyes became clearer than before.

He moved his hand. "Just get up, please."

Then he looked at the way Gu Chaoyan was heading, and asked in confusion. "Elder Miss, which department are you in? Why are you heading in this way?"

He was quite familiar with Saint College. And Gu Chaoyan was not heading towards any department.

Gu Chaoyan's face twisted. What did this Lord Ling mean by asking them that? She was not heading towards any department, she was just visiting Qing Niang so that she could arrange a nice place for them to live, but she could not possibly tell him that.

She thought for a while and said, "Medical Department. However, we are not familiar with Saint College, so we are just strolling around."

Not familiar with the school?

Lord Ling thought that it was time to save his own face, so he said, "I know where it is, let me lead you there."

Gu Chaoyan had a very complicated look on her face.

What was wrong with Lord Ling? Was there something wrong with his mind? Gu Chaoyan thought of Zhou Huaiyu's face and knew one thing – no wonder they were born by the same mother!

Chapter 329: Qing Niang

Gu Chaoyan did not like it, but she just could not show it on her face. Instead, she just said calmly, "Thanks, Lord Ling, but you don't have to do that. We can go there ourselves. Bye."

Having said these words, she took hold of Li Yuanxiang's hand and hurried off.

Seeing her leaving figure, Lord Ling could not help but smile. What kind of woman was that, trying to avoid him and showing no fear in front of him at all?

Gu Ruxue, on the other hand, was not pleased. How dare this bitch throw a temper in front of the Lord! She just went away after talking with him for a short while! Gu Ruxue said seriously, "Lord, my sister is so rude! She always does that in the mansion, but how dare she show that temper in front of you! Please don't mind it, Lord!"

Although Gu Ruxue sounded as if she was begging mercy for Gu Ruxue, Gu Ruxue was just indicating that Gu Chaoyan was a rude woman.

Lord Ling stopped smiling at the moment. He threw a searching glance at Gu Ruxue and said coldly in the end, "I don't mind."

"Now you are at Saint College, go and study. I have got other business to do and I need to be off now. If you need anything, just ask someone to tell me," Lord Ling said. Yet he did not scold Gu Ruxue after all. He grew up in the imperial court and he knew what tricks she was playing.

Gu Ruxue was so bad at hiding what she was up to. She was just a lady from a small family, so she was trying to establish her own status by using his identity. However, since she might be a reincarnation of Phoenix Girl, he would not care about those small stuff. A man who intended to achieve something great, should not care about these trivialities.

Gu Ruxue was a little bit displeased by how Gu Chaoyan behaved. After all, she failed to teach this girl a lesson according to her own plan, but what Lord Ling said to her pleased her instantly. Lord Ling was truly treating her well. She might just be a concubine, yet he still offered her a great deal of care. In the future, he was going to care about every bit of her life affairs. With Lord Ling as a supporter, she would not be looked down upon, and she would not be bullied at all.

When she became an adult and officially moved into the mansion, she believed that she could even replace Princess Consort as long as she had enough time. After all, Lord Ling adored her so deeply!

When that time came... everything would be different.

As she thought about these, Gu Ruxue showed a bright smile on her face, bowing to Lord Ling gracefully. Then she saw Lord Ling off.

On the other side, Gu Chaoyan already found Qing Niang.

It was very easy to find Qing Niang. After all, she was in charge of the accommodation of everyone at the Saint College.

The moment she saw Qing Niang, Gu Chaoyan took out a deck of money. "Qing Niang, please arrange a great room for both of us."

Qing Niang threw a look at Gu Chaoyan and accepted the money without hesitation and nodded.

Then she turned to several strong women who helped Gu Chaoyan to drive away Liu Hanxiang. "Bring them to the yard on the western side."

The women nodded. Then they helped to carry Li Yuanxiang and Sword One's luggage, and said, "Come with us."

The girls followed them.

Li Yuanxiang looked anxious. "Chaoyan, do you think it is okay to bribe people?"

"It is okay," Gu Chaoyan answered resolutely, "Anyway..."

Chapter 330: Jealousy

"If we don't pay her, someone else will. Early birds catch the worm." Gu Chaoyan said frankly.

Actually, she liked Qing Niang. Thanks to her affection towards money, everything went smoothly. The most convenient thing was to solve the problems with money. She had a great deal of money anyway.

Li Yuanxiang let out a small sound of agreement and followed along.

Gu Chaoyan was not sure if she had understood what she meant, but it did not matter.

The western yard the school arranged for her differed from the room where everyone shared a little space. It was a small yard situated among a large yard, with four wing yards in four directions. They took up 1/4 of the yard, namely the western yard.

The yard was neat and clean, so was the room. The room was totally ready for them to use, as soon as they put down the luggage.

Money could buy them a great residence, Gu Chaoyan thought.

However, they could not have a break now... they had to pay a visit to the Medical Department.

Sword One remained at the western yard, whilst Gu Chaoyan and Li Yuanxiang went to the western yard for registration.

They had just walked out of the western yard when they were stopped. It was Gu Ruxue and Liu Hanxiang again. Without Lord Ling next to her, Gu Ruxue was wearing a very dark expression on her face. She looked at Gu Chaoyan lethally. "Gu Chaoyan, so shameful of you! Lord Ling is my fiance, why are you seducing him? Are you afraid that you will not be able to marry anyone?"

Gu Chaoyan was confused, but soon she realized what Gu Ruxue meant.

It seemed that when Lord Ling offered to keep her company with the Department, Gu Ruxue thought that it was because of her seduction.

Gu Chaoyan wondered wht Gu Ruxue was thinking inwardly. "Gu Ruxue, it seemed that we were walking towards the Medical Department a while ago whilst you, the student of the Art Department, appeared on our way with Lord Ling.

"You even asked Liu Hanxiang to stop us, so that you and Lord Ling could make it to me. Why is it related to me?

"Also, Gu Ruxue, don't ever forget that, you are just a concubine.

"Do you think that you, a concubine, would ever have the right to make Lord Ling decide who he should and should not like, and who he would like to invite to the mansion? Even the Princess Consort never interferes with him, and you think you can be part of the plan? You are not even his concubine yet, and you are now committing such a crime!

"Also, Lord Ling is not your fiance, he is already married." Gu Chaoyan snapped constantly, right at Gu Ruxue's face.

Gu Ruxue was so furious as she pointed at Gu Chaoyan. "You were seducing Lord Ling anyway!"

Haha... Gu Chaoyan could not help but laugh. She looked at Gu Ruxue as if she were an idiot.

"I don't care about your treasure," Gu Chaoyan said indifferently as she pushed away Gu Ruxue. "You just blocked my way!"

Then she left with Li Yuanxiang.

Gu Ruxue was totally dumbfounded – since when did Gu Chaoyan become so difficult to deal with?

Liu Hanxiang was unconvinced. "Ruxue, what should we do? They are gone now!"

Gu Ruxue stomped her feet. "What can we do?!"

What Gu Chaoyan said was right. The reason why she only dared to teach Gu Chaoyan a lesson when no one was watching, was because she was committing a crime as the concubine-to-be, namely being jealous!

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