

Divine 371

Chapter 371: Getting Married

He would have asked Lord to spend the night with Ruxue directly, if not for Mrs. Gu's prevention. They were getting married anyway, and it would be best if they could make sure that the couple was firmly set.

Gu Zhenkang had the intention, but he still listened to Mrs. Gu's words and stopped that thought.

Mrs. Gu was a lady born from an officer's family and she knew a lot of rules. Normally, a concubine did not have to obey those rules, so Gu Zhenkang shook his head.

Zhou Huailing felt that Gu Zhenkang seemed much more affable than before.

"Father-in-law, I am here discussing about getting Ruxue to my mansion. I have been thinking that even if Ruxue has not yet become an adult, it is always better if she can move into my place as soon as possible. My wife and concubines haven't given birth to any children, so if Ruxue can move into my mansion and get pregnant, maybe she can become the Princess Consort instead."

"..."

"As for the adulthood ceremony, we can have it at my mansion and it can be big." Zhou Huailing promised and then looked at Gu Zhenkang. "What do you think, father?"

He was sure that Gu Zhenkang was going to say yes to that proposal.

He was just following the routine, and if Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl, he would do whatever he could to please Gu Zhenkang anyway.

Gu Zhenkang was totally dumbfounded as he heard the words. He had been worried that the longer the wedding was postponed, the more potential accidents would pop up, but he just did not expect that a few meetings between them had made Lord Ling urgently want to take her home.

Gu Zhenkang felt so joyful inwardly.

He was about to nod, when Lord Ling continued. "It is a little bit urgent, but I believe that I am able to have a grand, fancy feast for Ruxue to marry me."

He was not trying to save face for the Gu Family, but for himself. Because in this way, when Ruxue's real identity was revealed to the public, she would not be embarrassed.

Gu Zhenkang was shocked. He knew that normally a concubine did not get any wedding feast, and just got carried into the mansion with a litter. However, Lord was marrying Ruxue as if she were the Princess Consort.

Then the Gu Mansion was definitely going to be...

Well, Gu Zhenkang just could not imagine what might happen. And the Lord was calling him father just now!

Well... Gu Zhenkang nodded constantly. "Sure, we are getting ready too, so we are seeing Ruxue off with a large feast too!"

Zhou Huailing nodded with satisfaction. Since the deal was done, he was no longer wasting any more time.

"Then I am off now for rest." Having said this, he got up and left.

Gu Zhenkang got so excited that he even forgot to see him off. When he got back to himself and realized what happened, Lord Ling was already gone. He thought for a moment and then headed to the Begonia Yard. Ruxue was going to be very happy to hear the news, and she was getting ready too! He should tell Mrs. Gu about getting ready as well. Half a month was not a long time, and Ruxue should be treated well.

He rushed to Ruxue's place, where she was eating grapes.

Seeing her father hurrying in, she got confused. "Dad, what is it?"

"Ruxue, you are my good daughter! Lord Ling just told me that he is marrying you as soon as possible, in the manner of the Princess Consort. You are a great honor for us!" Gu Zhenkang said excitedly.

"What?" Gu Ruxue stopped eating the grapes. "Really? I am going to talk with the Lord now!"

Then she hurried off.

Chapter 372: Secret 1

She felt that Lord started to spoil her a great deal, when she got accidentally injured, but what she had not expected was that the Lord had arranged the wedding and was going to marry her in the same manner as he was marrying the Princess Consort!

She was just a concubine, so it was going to be a great honor when she was married in the manner of the Princess Consort!

She might be the only person in the Saint Divine Land that had that happen. Therefore, she was going to thank the Lord personally.

She did not bring any maids with her, since she was in such a hurry. She was feeling so cheerful.

Since there was no other special arrangement, Lord Ling was staying in a yard close to the Pear Garden. Gu Ruxue arrived very soon. She was a bit confused as she came to the yard. Lord Ling did not have many men with him, but he should have some guards around. So where were those people now? Were they busy with something else? No one was passing on the message.

Gu Ruxue thought for a while and decided to give the Lord a surprise. He was definitely going to be happy!

As she was thinking, she took small steps and came to the door and was about to push it open when a voice arose from the quiet environment. "I am sure that Gu Ruxue is the Phoenix Girl we are looking for."

Gu Ruxue's hands froze. This was a familiar voice she knew – it belonged to the Lord. He said that she was the Phoenix Girl, so what was going on, what was the Phoenix Girl?

Gu Ruxue felt that her heart was stirring inwardly. She had no idea what was going on! Was she the Phoenix Girl? What was a Phoenix Girl anyway?

"Lord, you saw the strange phenomenon happening outside the yard today?" A stable voice asked discreetly.

"Yes, Destiny Monk once said that Phoenix Girl's blood is going to open the enchantment. Then Ruxue's finger was hurt and such a strange phenomenon happened, I believe that there is a connection. You should go and talk with Destiny Monk these days and we should also get the wedding done as soon as possible. We will have to make Ruxue my Princess Consort, since we need her to get the world." Zhou Huailing stressed seriously. His current Princess Consort was the general's daughter and should not be offended directly. There had to be some way out.

However, he had not thought of the proper method, but he still had time to think about this. He had spent a lot of money upon getting himself strategists, and they should come up with some ideas.

Another steady voice responded briefly, but Gu Ruxue could not hear a thing. She felt that her head was in a mess – she was so glad, but she had no idea what to say or to do.

It was lucky of her to be here today. Otherwise she would not have any idea what was going on! She had never expected that she was the Phoenix Girl!

The Lord said that the Phoenix Girl could help them get the world! Then she was definitely going to be the Queen, and now, she was probably going to marry the Lord as the Princess Consort!

Gu Ruxue was both excited and messy inwardly. She looked about and decided not to visit the Lord any more. She should not let the Lord know that she heard all of these. She looked about and decided to hurry off.

However, she was in such a hurry that she crushed some twigs, causing a small noise.

Zhou Huailing was startled as well. "Who is there?"

Chapter 373: Secret 2

The words had just been spoken, when he rushed out directly and looked about in the yard. However, no one was seen.

People in the Gu Mansion would not dare to disturb him when he was living here, that was why he asked his guards to run some errands outside. He got frightened as he heard the noise from the yard a moment ago.

No one should know anything about the Phoenix Girl. Otherwise his plan would be ruined!

"Lord, it may be from a cat in the yard!" Xie Yan replied calmly. He was consoling Lord Ling for one thing, but he did not see anyone around either. So he was sure that it was from some cat.

He had talked with some people from the Gu Mansion. Gu Zhenkang was a coward and he would not dare to eavesdrop. The other servants would not dare to do that either, so he was very assured that nothing would go wrong, even if someone from the Gu Mansion heard anything.

Xie Yan was totally calm and that brought Zhou Huailing composure as well. He looked about discreetly and nodded. "Yes, it must be from a cat."

Then he returned to the room and continued with the conversation with Xie Yan about what to do in the upcoming days.

Gu Ruxue had already left. She got frightened too. She did not expect that she would have stomped on something. Luckily, she ran fast enough not to be seen.

She ran all the way to the Pear Garden with her hands over her chest.

The Pear Garden was where Mrs. Gu was living.

The servants greeted Gu Ruxue politely at the sight of her.

Gu Ruxue did not care about any of these, but rushed into Mrs. Gu's room. She glanced at the maids and said, "You can leave now, close the door, I need to speak with mom."

The maids left.

Seeing the door closed, Gu Ruxue felt assured, sat down and let out a sigh of relief.

Mrs. Gu looked at Gu Ruxue and asked, "Ruxue, what happened? Your hair is messy." She helped Gu Ruxue comb her hair.

Gu Ruxue was breathing fast and her mind was excited. It took her a while before she calmed down, because of what happened back in the yard.

She drank a few cups of tea, before she felt a bit more assured. "Mom, I just heard something amazing."

"What is it?" Mrs. Gu realized that something serious was going on. She looked at the closed door and made sure that it was locked.

"Lord said that I am the Phoenix Girl that could help them get the world! So I will be the Queen!" Gu Ruxue said. She had to speak with someone about this, so she chose her mother to share the information, because her mom always favored her whilst her father did not. Father had treated her terribly when Lord Huai showed his favor to Gu Chaoyan, but her mother never did that. So her mother was the most trustworthy person when it came to the important matters.

Mrs. Gu got dumbfounded as she heard that. Her heart was roaring inside.

"Is that real?" Mrs. Gu asked again.

"Yes, or Lord would not have decided to marry me in the manner of the Princess Consort." Gu Ruxue replied.

Mrs. Gu got up directly.

"Where are you going, mom?" Gu Ruxue asked, "Don't tell father about it now."

"I am getting the dowries for you!" Mrs. Gu said with determination. She had to get the dowries! Her Ruxue was marrying with glory!

Chapter 374: The Dowery 1

Gu Ruxue let out a sigh of relief. For one moment, she thought that her mother was telling this to her father. If that happened, she would have been sorry to have revealed the secret.

She asked Mrs. Gu to sit down. "Mom, be sure never to tell father about this matter. It is too important! We have to keep the secret and talk about this when I am officially married."

Mrs. Gu nodded. She understood the importance hidden under the matter. She was an experienced woman, after all.

"Don't worry, I will listen to your words. Only you and I know about this matter." Mrs. Gu replied. "I will speak with your father about the dowries, and we will keep this as a secret, and..."

"..."

"If you are the Phoenix Girl, Lord Ling has to marry you. Can you take this opportunity and help your brother get a job first? Lord Ling will definitely do that favor for you." Mrs. Gu said.

Gu Ruxue nodded, hearing the request. Her brother would come in handy, even when she got married. So mother was right, they had to get him a job first. And when he gathered enough forces in the future, she would probably need his help as well.

Instead of thinking anything more, she nodded directly. "Okay, I will talk with the Lord about this when I see him."

Mrs. Gu was assured. She took hold of Gu Ruxue's hands and said, "Ruxue, go back and have some rest, and I will talk with your father about the dowries. We have to give you great dowries."

"Mom, you are so kind." Gu Ruxue said.

Mrs. Gu patted her hand and took off.

Gu Zhenkang was just talking with Chen Fu about what to do when Mrs. Gu arrived.

Gu Zhenkang showed a bright smile at Mrs. Gu – he was right to have married Mrs. Gu who gave birth to a daughter that gave them honor!

"Take a seat." Gu Zhenkang pointed at a position and said, "The Lord says that he is marrying Ruxue, and we are talking about what to do. Ruxue is marrying the Lord, and we have to be well dressed so as not to lose face! We have to treat the ministers in the court, oh man, we are gaining reputation!"

Gu Zhenkang was cheerful from head to toes, and Mrs. Gu was showing great passion as well.

Mrs. Gu smiled alongside as well – that was a happy thing for the Gu Mansion.

She had just taken a seat and looked at Chen Fu. "You can leave now, me and Old Master need to talk about something."

Chen Fu answered briefly and left.

Gu Zhenkang was very concerned too. Seeing Mrs. Gu's serious face, he knew that she was discussing something important with him. He passed a cup of tea to her and asked, "What is it, dear?"

Mrs. Gu took a sip of tea. She was very satisfied with Gu Zhenkang. After Lord Ling fell for Ruxue, this man of hers barely visited his concubines and treated her well.

"Ruxue just told me that Lord is marrying her. If that is the case, we have to make a big deal on Ruxue's dowries. Any idea in mind?" Mrs. Gu asked.

Gu Zhenkang patted his head. He almost forgot about this matter.

He had been thinking about how to host the feast so that he could look good, but he forgot about the most important part...

Lord mentioned that if Ruxue got pregnant first, she could become the Princess Consort! So the dowries had to look good.

"That is easy. Ms. Lin left lots of dowries, anyway, right?"

Chapter 375: Dowry 2

"Gu Chaoyan won't marry anyone great in her life, it would be such a waste to give the dowries to her. Just tell her tomorrow." Gu Zhenkang said relaxedly.

Someone would always help her when they wanted the dowries, but things were different now.

Ruxue was marrying Lord Ling, and even if Lord Huai might like her prescriptions, he would not do anything to fight against Lord Ling, would he?

Gu Zhenkang knew that everything would go on smoothly. So in his opinion, that was such an easy thing to deal with.

He took hold of Mrs. Gu's hands, "Just go home and rest, me and Chen Fu will make sure everything goes well, then I will head for Pear Garden." Then he raised his eyebrows at Mrs. Gu.

Mrs. Gu patted him and looked very happy. Then she got up and left.

Chen Fu walked in and continued with the conversation.

The following morning, Gu Chaoyan was asked to come to the front yard very early in the morning, though she had planned to sleep in.

She looked very displeased as she went with Sword One to the front yard.

Everyone was there, including Gu Zhenkang, Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue. They were all looking at Gu Chaoyan.

"Here you are." Gu Zhenkang said briefly instead of letting her take a seat. He took his teacup, sipped the tea and said quietly, "Lord Ling is marrying your Second Sister, in the manner of the Princess Consort."

“...”

“We should not demean ourselves either.”

“...”

“So your Second Sister has to be prepared with lots of dowries, so I plan to use the dowries your mother has left for you for your Second Sister.”

“...”

“We are a family, and we should go through ups and downs together. Second Sister is our only hope, and you have to take care of Second Sister first, only when she is doing well will you have a bright future too.”

“...”

“Just as we talked about before, if you wish, we can help you find a family to marry into, and have one portion of dowries ready, we won’t treat you badly.” Gu Zhenkang kept saying as if he were full of confidence.

He was asking her for approval, but even if she did not approve, they were still using it. He did not want to bring any trouble to Lord Ling, as long as she agreed.

Gu Chaoyan looked at them coldly.

Seeing her staying silent, Mrs. Gu said unhappily, “You won’t be able to use your mother’s dowries, you are divorced and you won’t be able to marry anybody, those dowries will not be useful for you. You are the lineal daughter, so you should be tolerant, give them to your Second Sister, she is marrying Lord Ling!”

She looked at Gu Chaoyan sarcastically. She just could not stand it that Mrs. Lin had the wedding first and became the first Mrs. Gu! She was just a daughter of a business family, and she even gave birth to a lineal daughter!

Sure enough, time would tell.

Her daughter was the Phoenix Girl, someone who was marrying the Lord! What about Ms. Lin’s daughter?

She was divorced and no one would marry her again. She was going to take control of her marriage in the future too.

Oh man, Ms. Lin... Mrs. Gu said inwardly, “You are not a match for me.” She smiled deeply.

“Gu Chaoyan, you have to give the dowries to your Second Sister, whether you want to or not!” Gu Zhenkang bellowed.

“I would like to see who dares to steal my Princess Consort’s dowries!” Zhou Huaijin said coldly.

Chapter 376: The Mean Stepmother

As the words were spoken, he walked into the hall, looking very angry like a lethal killer. His cold eyes were glancing at everyone in the hall. He spoke with such an intimidating tone that everyone present felt pressed.

Only Gu Chaoyan was showing a familiar and light smile at the sight of him. He was always so assuring.

Gu Zhenkang was shivering out of fear. He had met Lord Huai several times, but he had never met Lord Huai in such a manner. The rumor was right, he was a lethal man!

He got back to his feet and pointed at the supreme seat. "Lord, take the seat, please."

Zhou Huaijin glanced at the place where Gu Zhenkang had sat. Instead of moving, he stood straight by Gu Chaoyan's side and did not show willingness to take the seat there at all. He glared at Gu Zhenkang.

Gu Zhenkang shivered in fright. He never predicted that Lord Huai would have popped out when they were talking about dowries. And he said that the dowries were for his future Princess Consort?

Hang on... Future Princess Consort? What was he talking about? He was marrying Gu Chaoyan? That could not be possible, he must have heard it wrong.

Gu Zhenkang asked boldly, "Lord, what did you just say?"

"Gu Chaoyan is going to be my future Princess Consort." Having said the words, he threw a look at Gu Zhenkang and then at Mrs. Gu as well as Gu Ruxue before saying, "I would like to see who dares to bully her!"

Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue were both wearing a very miserable expression on their faces. Especially Mrs. Gu... Her face had turned pale.

She thought that she had won when Lord Ling proposed to marry Ruxue as the concubine in the Princess Consort's manner. She thought that she had brought down Ms. Lin and that her own daughter was the most precious one, but now... She had not expected that the b**ch Gu Chaoyan was getting married, and the future husband was Lord Huai!

What made her capable? Why did Lord Huai fall for her?!

"Princess Consort? Are you marrying Gu Chaoyan to be your Princess Consort?" Mrs. Gu was unconvinced, so she still spilled out the question.

"Of course." Zhou Huaijin answered calmly. "And Yan is going to be the Princess Consort, and my only wife in my whole life."

The words had just been spoken, when Mrs. Gu shook her head excitedly, "No way!"

"..."

"She is the daughter of a business family, so she should not be the Princess Consort!" Mrs. Gu denied.

Zhou Huaijin snorted. "They all say that stepmothers are evil, and I had not believed that until I saw you now, Mrs. Gu. You have proved the rumor."

Zhou Huaijin was irritated, truly irritated. If Mrs. Gu had not been a woman, he would have killed her directly.

Gu Zhenkang also realized that Mrs. Gu was saying something improper. He rushed to Mrs. Gu and glared at her fiercely, "Shut up, you know nothing!"

Damn, a lady from an officer's family knew nothing about manners! She was dragging him down!

Gu Chaoyan was, after the Elder Miss of the Gu Mansion. She could be ignored when she was not needed, but now, Lord Huai was marrying her to be the Princess Consort, and he had to approve of this matter. It was an enormous honor for the Gu Mansion. How evil this woman was, just like what the Lord said.

After bellowing at Mrs. Gu, Gu Zhenkang showed a flattering smile. "Lord, don't take this b**ch's words seriously."

Chapter 377: The Grand Wedding Present

"If you want to marry her, she can even be your concubine!" Gu Zhenkang said with a flattering tone. He was trying to suck up to Lord Huai so that he would not mind what just happened. Also, he was kind of pissed as well!

This b**ch Gu Chaoyan did not tell him about Lord Huai's idea earlier. She should have known about it! If she had told him earlier, he would not have mentioned dowries and nothing like this would have happened. How stupid she was! Gu Zhenkang was cursing Gu Chaoyan inwardly.

Zhou Huaijin frowned and showed a terrible expression on his face. He had thought that it was not his choice to be born in the royal family, but after spending some time with Yan's father, he felt concerned for Yan to have got a father like this. This father would make his daughter become a concubine just to suck up to someone, and Yan was nothing in his eyes.

He got so furious inwardly, that his fists were tightly clenched.

Gu Chaoyan noticed that, so she patted his back to console him, realizing that he was angry because of what Gu Zhenkang said. Actually, he did not have to be mad. Gu Zhenkang was not her real father, and she would not get saddened because of what happened. What mattered to her most of all was Zhou Huaijin, and she did not want him to get sad for her sake.

Zhou Huaijin was slightly consoled thanks to her small gesture.

"I like Yan and I will give her the best things I have, so be careful about what you say." Zhou Huaijin said expressionlessly.

Gu Zhenkang felt embarrassed, nodded and said nothing more. He knew that it was very difficult to get on well with Lord Huai, who was not as gentle as Lord Ling. That was why he was very frightened.

Mrs. Gu, who was standing next to them, bit her lips so hard that it almost bled. She was so unconvinced!

However, Zhou Huaijin did not care.

At this time, Fu Bao came with the Lin Family.

Zhou Huaijin showed a small smile – at least, the Lin Family were better than Gu Zhenkang. When Yan got taken into the prison, only the Lin Family tried to help her out.

“Greetings, Uncle.” Zhou Huaijin said softly, “Chaoyan once mentioned that her certificate is in your hands, so I would like you to come and be the witness as I am proposing.” He sounded quite polite.

Lin Jiaying was scared too, but he was calmer than Gu Zhenkang. He greeted Zhou Huaijin with his wife first before replying, “Yes, that is true. It is Chaoyan’s honor to have you as her husband.”

Then he passed the certificate to the matchmaker and the engagement started. The certificates were exchanged and the engagement was completed.

Normally, it would be the husband’s parents who made the decision, yet since Zhou Huaijin was not an ordinary man, he did everything himself. What was more, he was going to make a public announcement to the world about this later, and that would be in Zhou Huaijin’s charge.

The process was very simple. Then Lord Huai started to carry in the wedding presents.

As the wedding presents started to pour into the mansion, Gu Zhenkang’s eyes widened. There were so many boxes that came in as if it would never stop.

He had already witnessed the enormous amount of wedding presents when Lord Ling made the proposal, but this time... This time the presents were even more abundant.

Gu Chaoyan did not think that the yard was large enough to hold so many wedding presents.

“Why did you prepare so many presents?” Gu Chaoyan turned to Zhou Huaijin next to her.

Chapter 378: Flattering

She knew that Zhou Huaijin would get her many wedding presents because he cared about her, but when she saw these, she found that the amount was too huge for her to imagine. Did he bring everything he owned here?

She did not care about that stuff. It was enough that she knew that Zhou Huaijin treated her nicely.

“It is the only wedding in your life, and you should not have any regrets. These are not important things for me, what I need the public to know is that my heart belongs to you.” Zhou Huaijin said gently. He found Gu Chaoyan quite lovely when she was so concerned about money. She did not seem to be affected by many things, except for money and properties! He said with a consoling tone, “Don’t worry, that is just part of my properties. I have many more and I will treat you well.”

Gu Chaoyan patted the back of his hand and slightly snorted – she was not worrying that he could not afford to support her!

Zhou Huaijin chuckled and watched the presents coming in one box after another.

A long while later the presents were finished delivering. Those boxes had taken up the entire front yard.

Gu Zhenkang got so excited that he would have almost collapsed, if not for Chen Fu’s support.

He had not expected that he would witness such a day. He did not expect that his daughters could marry well.

When the engagement was completed, he was going to tell Gu Chaoyan to ask Lord Yu to marry Wanru. In this way, he would be free from trouble in his upcoming life!

Gu Zhenkang was making a plan for his prospering mansion.

When Zhou Huaijin was done with the engagement, he snapped coldly. "Since the engagement is done, I will inform you of the wedding date."

Then he looked at Gu Chaoyan gently and decided to leave.

Gu Zhenkang did not dare to make him stay. So he got up and saw him off to the gate of the Gu Mansion, where a lot of people were gathered and discussing something. Many passers-by had been drawn to watch the grand presents Zhou Huaijin had offered to the mansion.

Zhou Huaijin said openly as he walked out of the mansion. "I am engaged with the Elder Miss of the Gu Mansion now. You are all welcome to have a drink at my mansion on our wedding day, when you have time." Zhou Huaijin looked so gentle when he spoke of his wedding.

Those civilians, who used to fear him badly, got so excited that they exploded in cheers. "Thank you, Lord Huai!"

Zhou Huaijin got into the wagon, waved at Gu Chaoyan and left.

Seeing the luxurious wagon disappearing in front of his eyes, Lin Jiaxing got very excited. He looked at Gu Chaoyan. "Chaoyan, it seems that the Lord is true to you, congratulations!"

Lin Jiaxing was being truthful when he said these words. His sister had thought that she met someone who truly liked her, and he had tried to talk her out of it, but his sister refused to listen to him, and ended up being in such a miserable state. He was very sorry for that.

However, things were different now... He could tell that the Lord was true to Chaoyan and she was going to have a very wonderful life.

"Thanks, Uncle." Gu Chaoyan smiled. She knew that Uncle was true to her, despite what happened between the Lin Family and her before.

Mrs. Lin smiled flatteringly, "Chaoyan, didn't expect that you are so lucky, Jiashu is your cousin, can you..."

Chapter 379: The Dowries

Before Mrs. Lin stopped talking, Lin Jiaxing interrupted her directly and threw her a glare. Then he turned to Gu Chaoyan. "Chaoyan, live well with Lord Huai, and you don't have to worry about anything. We are leaving now, and we will be here when you are getting married."

Lin Jiaxing sounded both distant yet kind. The Lin Family once hurt Chaoyan because of Jiashu, and it had been their fault. Yet what was done was done, and they could not just ignore what happened. They still needed to support Chaoyan, but they should not ask her for favors. Lin Jiaxing knew this point well.

Only Mrs. Lin had no idea about that.

Having said the words, Lin Jiaxing left with Mrs. Lin.

Gu Chaoyan opened her lips and was about to say something, when they hurried off in the wagon. Gu Chaoyan did not manage to utter a word. Uncle must have done that for a reason.

Gu Chaoyan watched them leaving quietly.

In the wagon, Mrs. Gu was very displeased. "What were you doing? Chaoyan is marrying Lord Huai as the Princess Consort, that is an honor! It is not a difficult thing to let her speak for Jiashu, Jiashu is her cousin, and you are her uncle."

"Shut up! It was your fault that Chaoyan was hurt, otherwise nothing like this would happen!" Lin Jiaxing bellowed.

"You are blaming me for this?" Mrs. Lin screamed. "I was doing that for Jiashu and you are blaming me for it? You did not stop me from doing that either, because you admitted that was the right thing! Now you are pushing all the blame onto my head?!"

Lin Jiaxing looked embarrassed. He did. Gu Chaoyan was not worth mentioning back then, and he did not want his only son to get wronged. That was why he did not protest, but soon after that he regretted what he had done. Why did he not look through the situation clearly?

If not for Chaoyan, Jiashu would not have survived. Chaoyan had saved Jiashu's life. If not for her, Jiashu would have died! And he assumed that Jiashu was marrying her for no good. What was more, Chaoyan had never thought about this because she was next to Lord Huai.

Lin Jiaxing shook his head. He consoled Mrs. Lin, and then the wagon continued to head onwards.

After seeing the Lin Family, Gu Chaoyan went back to her Qiong Pavilion directly.

At the front yard.

Gu Ruxue was very displeased. Why did Lord Huai choose to marry Gu Chaoyan as the Princess Consort? She was the Phoenix Girl, and she should be dominating! And she had to be the Princess Consort too!

"Dad, what about my dowries? You promised that those in the storage would all be mine!" Gu Ruxue said with an unconvinced expression on her face. She had already started to imagine how glorious she would be when she got married with those dowries, but now she had nothing, and Gu Chaoyan had everything! No way!

Gu Zhenkang was embarrassed too. When the news that Ruxue was marrying Lord Ling arrived, he thought that Mrs. Lin's dowries should all be hers, but now... Lord Huai was asking about the dowries directly and he did not dare to do a thing.

"Don't worry, Ruxue, let me ask Madame Gu."

Chapter 380: Some Ideas

Gu Zhenkang said and hurried off directly.

Gu Ruxue was left alone on the spot. She was angry yet she had no idea what to do except to stomp on feet.

Why!? Why did the bitch manage to marry Lord Huai as the Princess Consort? Lord Huai must have been hoaxed by that bitch!

“Mom, look at him!” Gu Ruxue snapped angrily. He claimed to like her most and that Gu Chaoyan was just a daughter of a businessman who could not be married out and who could not get any husband, but now she even managed to marry Lord Huai and her father started to treat her in this way! Gu Ruxue was so annoyed!

Mrs. Gu had been pale in the face all this while. She had had dozens of smooth years being Gu Zhenkang’s wife and he had never snapped at her, but now the b**ch dared to bad mouth her in front of Lord Huai and said that she was an evil stepmother! If not for the b**ch’s words, Lord Huai would not have snapped at her!

She was going to be Lord Ling’s mother-in-law and she must not hold such a bad reputation.

So when Gu Ruxue kept making complaints, Mrs. Gu turned even more displeased. However, now she was incredibly calm even as she got extremely annoyed.

She stared at Gu Ruxue with a flat look on her face, as she patted on the back of her hand. “Ruxue, don’t worry, I will think of something for you. My daughter has to get the best stuff in the world!” And Mrs. Lin’s daughter was getting nothing!

Only now did Gu Ruxue feel slightly assured.

In the most remote corner of the yard...

Gu Zhenkang almost lost his way. When Mrs. Gu said that Madame Gu should be living in the most remote yard, he agreed without thinking. So as a matter of fact, he did not remember what that yard was like, since he barely visited here.

Luckily, Chen Fu was leading the way. So Gu Zhenkang found the way directly.

The most remote yard was the place that was never renovated when the Gu Mansion went through the renovation a while back. So most of the yards were deserted with no one doing the cleaning, thus being rather messy.

However, Gu Zhenkang never noticed a thing on the way there. Instead, he was heading directly to the yard where Madame Gu was staying.

Madame Gu was seated in the yard at the moment. Sword One had just got Madame Gu a wheelchair the day before, so that Madame Gu could breathe some fresh air out in the yard instead of lying in the room throughout the entire day. And she looked relatively radiant with the help of Gu Chaoyan’s pills. It was a very peaceful yet quiet life.

Hearing the hurried sound of footsteps, Madame Gu had thought that it was Sword One or Gu Chaoyan, so she looked slightly cheerful.

She was a deserted old woman, whom only Gu Chaoyan would visit. She turned around with a smile only to see Gu Zhenkang and Chen Fu, so her smiling face sank. Instead of showing much on her face she said, "What are you doing here?"

She sounded cold. Yet Madame Gu was still looking forward to hearing something from him. He must have been too busy to see her earlier, and now he came because he had time.

He was the son Madame Gu had been devoted to for dozens of years, so she did look forward to hearing something nice from him rather than watching him leaving her alone.

Madame Gu's hands were shivering because of nervousness.

Gu Zhenkang did not notice those details. What he had been thinking was how to get dowries for Ruxue. Madame Gu always had some solutions for what happened at home, so he subconsciously came to her help.

"Mom, please think of a solution for us. Lord Ling is marrying Ruxue, but we don't even have any dowries for her!"