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Chapter 381: She Wouldn't Get That!

"Have you got anything for us now?" Gu Zhenkang asked in a reasonable tone.

His mother had been in charge of the family for dozens of years, and when his father was still alive, his mother was also in charge. Therefore, he believed that his mother must have something for them to solve the problem.

Also, his mother only had two children, and when Princess Gu got selected to be a concubine in the court, no dowries were needed. Therefore, his mother must have kept her dowries still. And if those could be used for Ruxue, then all problems would be solved.

Gu Zhenkang was thinking inwardly, realizing that the whole plan sounded so great. So he relaxed and was even ready to get the stuff he desired.

Madame Gu was shivering... she had been nervous, but now she was really pissed! So this was the son she had adored for dozens of years!

Instead of asking her if she was doing well in the yard, he was asking directly for her properties. What did she have in hand anyway!?

She was so angry. How did this son of hers come into being?!

"Nothing." Madame Gu replied quickly. "I have got nothing left! Your wife drove me to this yard, and she is in charge of Pear Garden, what could I have?"

Gu Zhenkang's smiling face sank instantly.

Nothing? That was impossible!

"What about your dowries?" Gu Zhenkang asked, unconvinced.

Madame Gu sneered. "My dowries? I sold them all and got the money for your sister! Your sister was not having an easy time back then. She needed money!"

As she finished saying the words... Madame Gu shook her head. "You can leave now."

Then she looked at Cai Ming, suggesting that she should be pushed into the room.

She had just taken a few more steps, when Gu Zhenkang stopped Cai Ming in panic. "Mom, you have to help me! Ruxue is my favorite girl whom I am most proud of. She is definitely going to help us! I can't treat her badly! I have to marry her off in glory!"

Madame Gu ignored him.

"You are in charge of the Gu Mansion. I am too old to come in handy." Madame Gu told Cai Ming to move her away.

Gu Zhenkang was anxious and helpless. "Mom, I really have no way out!"

Madame Gu ignored him and asked Cai Ming to keep on moving her.

Some leaves fell from the ginkgo trees, and a breeze passed by. The yard was quiet again.

"Cai Ming, go and check if the Old Master is still there." Madame Gu asked tiredly.

Cai Ming walked out and returned shortly, shaking her head.

Madame Gu sighed and said nothing more.

Gu Zhenkang returned to the Begonia Garden.

He looked embarrassed. "Ruxue, Madame Gu has no solution either. What about you just having a brief wedding? You are marrying the Lord anyway, and your life will get better when you become his concubine!"

"No way!" Gu Ruxue screamed. Why must she have a brief wedding?

"Ruxue, you are just a concubine, and Chaoyan is the Princess Consort, I just can't..." Gu Zhenkang sighed as he spoke of this. "There is no solution for us now. I did not expect that a daughter of a business family would have such luxurious luck. But..."

Gu Zhenkang kept nagging...

Gu Ruxue had her fists clenched... She had luxurious luck? She was going to get that luck off that bitch!

Chapter 382: Who Is There?

Gu Ruxue was filled with loathing within herself. She had gotten tired of hearing Gu Zhenkang nagging about that stuff, so she started to head outwards.

Gu Zhenkang was nagging when he saw Gu Ruxue leaving. He asked anxiously, "Ruxue, where are you going?"

"I am going to mom's, leave me alone!" Gu Ruxue was a bit pissed and she showed that when she was speaking with Gu Zhenkang. So she left without looking back.

Gu Zhenkang sighed. He felt a bit helpless... He did expect to give what Mrs. Lin had left to Ruxue, but Lord Huai had stopped him! He did not dare to offend Lord Huai, who removed those who stood his way, despite their social status.

So he did not rush to catch up with her in the end.

Gu Ruxue came to Pear Garden where Mrs. Gu stayed.

When Pear Garden was renovated, it was perfectly done, so when Mrs. Gu moved in, they did not need to do any renovation, they just changed their servants and nothing more.

Gu Ruxue walked into Pear Garden and directly rushed into Mrs. Gu's room.

"Mom!" Gu Ruxue said, sounding wronged.

"What is going on?" Mrs. Gu felt concerned for her daughter, took out the kinderchief and helped her wipe the tears. "Who made you upset?"

"It was father!" Gu Ruxue accused. "Father doesn't think that I am worth the attention as a concubine. He doesn't help with dowries, and he even asked me to get by! Mom, I can't just get by!"

Mrs. Gu was annoyed inwardly too! Just think about what Gu Zhenkang said earlier! He said that Mrs. Lin's daughter was just someone from a business family and that she would not have a promising future at all! He even said that Ruxue should have been the real lineal daughter! However, now he was treating Ruxue in such an unfriendly way!

Well, well, well!

She was going to be the Princess Consort, wasn't she? Then she was going to make sure that she was never going to become one! By that time, she had to be the one that got by!

"Don't worry, Ruxue, I have got a way out! I have just come up with an idea – I must make sure that the bitch is never going to marry anyone." Mrs. Gu snapped.

Then she took hold of Gu Ruxue's hands. Ruxue was her daughter and the child she was most proud of. And she was marrying Lord Ling and she was the destined Phoenix Girl!

She did not want Ruxue to get worried. "Don't worry, I am already asking Lianxiang to deal with the matter. Don't worry, I will get everything done for you."

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"You are the Phoenix Girl and what you need to do right now is to go to the Lord and tell him that you want to be the Princess Consort, and remember to make sure your brother gets a job too! As for the b**ch...! will deal with her."

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"She has never been able to get rid of me, and she never will." Mrs. Gu looked fierce. She was just like an evil scorpion that would poison others to death with one single bite.

Gu Ruxue was not worried about what her mother had promised. She was very curious. "Mom, what do you plan to do?"

Mrs. Gu smiled briefly.

Ruxue was going to marry someone in the Lord's mansion, which was more dangerous than the Gu Family. So she needed to teach Ruxue what to do, otherwise she would end up in a terrible situation there. So she whispered to Gu Ruxue.

Gu Ruxue's eyes widened and then she showed a smile. "Mom, you are so smart! In this way, I would like to see if Lord Huai still wants to marry her!" Gu Ruxue looked excited.

"That is true. I am smart enough to become the real Mrs. Gu! Mrs Lin died very early and Gu Chaoyan is just as stupid as her mother!" Mrs. Gu said proudly.

Tat... Some noise arose from outside.

"Who is there?!" Mrs. Gu got extremely nervous.

Chapter 383: Your Business?

She had been hiding all of these secrets for dozens of years, and she suddenly mentioned those things because she got quite angry today. However, none of it should be revealed to the public!

Mrs. Gu paused. She got so nervous that she got up just to see who was eavesdropping. She needed to make sure that whoever was listening behind the door would not say a thing.

She took some steps forward, when a sound knocking arose from outside. "Madame, it is me, Lianxiang!"

Mrs. Gu let out a sigh of relief, collapsed on her seat and said, "Come in, please."

Lianxiang stepped in.

Gu Ruxue was very annoyed seeing that Lianxiang frightened Mrs. Gu. She glared at Lianxiang and said, "You are mom's maid, so you have to be steady rather than frighten her!"

Lianxiang was confused. She hurried back after running the errand, knocked at the door and did nothing strange! However, that was what the Second Lady was like – she always cursed at people when she was in a bad mood. Lianxiang realized that she was not in a good mood, so she vented the anger at her. So she let Gu Ruxue finish her curses.

Lianxiang took out the stuff. "Madame, that is what you need. I bought a lot of it this time."

Mrs. Gu took it in satisfaction. She nodded. "You can leave now."

Lianxiang left and shut the door.

Gu Ruxue looked at the bag of powder. "Will that work, mom?"

"Of course. By that time, the bitch will lose her innonance with no one daring to marry her!" Mrs. Gu snapped.

Then she looked at Gu Ruxue. She patted her. "Alright, look at your swelling eyes, go and have some rest now, I will deal with the rest. Lord Ling will come to see you tomorrow, so you have to get dressed and tell him about being the Princess Consort!"

Okay! Gu Ruxue answered and left. She was in a cheerful mood. She could already predict what Gu Chaoyan was going to be like, so she was not at all sad.

The following day...

Gu Chaoyan received a letter from the Dean who told her to stay at home for a few more days. He told her something about Li Yuanxiang and that she would only need to go to Saint College when she was needed.

In the meanwhile, Sword One brought some wonderful news too.

Fu Bao had found a mansion for her, so she could take a look at the mansion.

"Miss you have so much breakfast." Sword One sighed.

"Yes." Gu Chaoyan answered briefly, without thinking much. She did not care much about food, and she was in the Gu Mansion where she was not at all adored, so she did not expect that the kitchen people would treat her any better.

She had become slightly more cold-hearted than ordinary people.

After breakfast, Gu Chaoyan decided to leave the mansion with Sword One.

The Qiong Pavilion was very far away and they needed to cover a small path before reaching the gate.

They had just come to the front yard when Gu Ruxue arrived. Gu Chaoyan ignored her and continued to walk outwards.

Gu Ruxue saw that, and got annoyed, hastened up and hurried towards Gu Chaoyan. She snapped proudly after a glance at her. "Where are you going?!"

"Why is it your business?" Gu Chaoyan answered coldly.

Chapter 384: Report

At this time, Lord Ling walked in with his guards, only to see Gu Ruxue and Gu Chaoyan facing each other. He asked what was going on.

Gu Chaoyan greeted Lord Ling and then left.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan's cold behavior, Gu Ruxue showed a face of helplessness, stomped on her feet and said, "Look at her, Lord!"

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"I am just asking her what she was doing outside the mansion, and she even bellowed at me and told me to piss off! We are sisters, how can she treat me like this?!" Gu Ruxue looked wronged as if she cared a lot about her sister. She stared at Lord Ling pitifully.

After confirming that she was the Phoenix Girl, Lord Ling started to show extra patience towards her. Seeing how she behaved, he caressed her face and said, "Don't worry, let's just ignore her. My father would not like a terrible-behaving person like her, you are the well-educated one." Lord Ling snapped at Gu Chaoyan.

Lord Ling used to think that Gu Chaoyan was someone special, but things were different. Since she was not the Phoenix Girl, she was nothing in her eyes. That was why he never said anything good about her.

Hearing what Lord Ling said, Gu Ruxue smiled and had a dancing expression on her face. She felt that she was totally loved. She knew that the Lord liked her and only had eyes for her.

She asked Lord Ling to take a seat with her in the yard, poured him the tea yet still wore a very unhappy expression on her face.

She even looked absent-minded when Lord Ling was speaking with her.

Lord Ling found that something was wrong, so he asked gently, "What is it? In a bad mood? Then let's take a walk outside the mansion."

Gu Ruxue shook her head. She opened her lips just to say something, but did not dare to utter a word.

Lord Ling now realized that something wrong was going on, so he asked urgently, "Anything bothering you? Still displeased by what happened just now? If you are still unhappy, I will talk with Lord Huai and ask Gu Chaoyan to apologize to you, how could she behave like this... she is your sister!"

Gu Ruxue was glad that Lord Ling was defending her, but what mattered was something else. Gu Chaoyan was annyong, but she had her own method to deal with this b**ch, and she did not have to bother the Lord for the trouble at all.

She shook her head, bit her lips and said timidly, "Lord, I was just worried about her, not giving her the blame, but I am unhappy because..."

"..."

"Because of the dowries! Sister is marrying Lord Huai and thanks to her mother who was born in a business family, she has a lot of dowries, but I am just the daughter of a minor officer, so the dowries would look a bit... thin."

"..."

"I am just worried... that it would look bad for you, Lord, then that would upset me."

Lord Ling patted his head – he even failed to notice this point. He took hold of Gu Ruxue's hands. "Don't worry, I will deal with the dowries and make you glorious. I am already feeling sorry to have arranged the wedding in such a hurry, so I will never make you feel inferior."

"Thank you so much, Lord!" Gu Ruxue said with a sweet smile.

Lord Ling was glad to see this. He smiled brightly and looked satisfied.

Gu Ruxue looked up and asked boldly what she had hesitated to say. "Lord, if you are marrying me in such a manner, am I only marrying you as a concubine?"

Chapter 385: Marrying Me

Lord Ling paused and stayed silent. He sized up Gu Ruxue from head to foot.

He would have got very annoyed if it was a greedy proposal raised by some other women, but she was the Phoenix Girl, who could help him to dominate the world in the future, so he was showing extra patience and good temper in front of her. He even thought that her proposal was totally reasonable.

He patted Gu Ruxue's hands. "I left yesterday to deal with this matter."

"…"

"Ruxue, you are my favorite girl, so I won't make you feel helpless. I thought about it for a long while and discussed it with the ambassador at the mansion. So I have made up my mind to marry you as the Equal Princess Consort," Lord Ling said with a smile.

He had thought about making a better plan about this, but since Ruxue was asking him now, he found that this decision must be wonderful.

Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl, and he could not allow her to suffer, but his Princess Consort had a father who was the general that was in charge of military rights, so he could not give her up either or degrade her to a concubine. So since neither of the women should be offended, then they could share the same social statuses.

Equal Princess Consort meant that both of the women would be the Princess Consort. In this way, neither of them would complain.

"Equal Princess Consort?" Gu Ruxue asked confusedly.

Lord Ling nodded. "Equal Princess Consort, means that you are sharing the same social status as Princess Consort. She is the daughter of the general so she won't mind a thing with you. Don't worry, just stay open and try to get on well with her."

Lord Ling was trying to remind Gu Ruxue. After all, she had no idea that she was the Phoenix Girl, so he mentioned his Princess Consort, telling her that he had offered her many wonderful things.

Gu Ruxue had not been quite satisfied with the arrangement, but she still smiled. "You are so kind, Lord!"

Lord Ling smiled. He was very satisfied with what he was doing.

Since Ruxue agreed with the arrangement, what he needed to do was to tell his Princess Consort who was a woman with a nice personality. She would approve of this arrangement as well.

As he thought it through, Lord Ling looked rather radidant.

Lord Huai? So he was the King's favorite son, so what? He was not at all as smart as he was. He was going to prove to his father that he was the most suitable candidate.

Gu Ruxue was smiling alongside too.

Outside the mansion.

Zhou Huaijin had already pulled over his wagon and waited for Gu Chaoyan outside. Gu Chaoyan lifted the drapery and walked in. Zhou Huaijin was reading a book when he saw the girl coming, so he put down the book. He reached out for her and swept her into his arms, smiling brightly.

Gu Chaoyan did not resist him either. She leaned against his chest and asked curiously, "Why are you so happy today?"

His ice-berg like face was full of smiles, which was quite rare.

"Because you are marrying me, and you can only marry me." Zhou Huaijin said with a mild smile.

Gu Chaoyan smiled too. She had not expected a lot of what happened.

When she came to this era, she had been planning to establish a world for herself before quitting and leaving peacefully, but unexpectedly, she met Zhou Huaijin.

"Oh right." Zhou Huaijin suddenly thought of something.

Chapter 386: Out of the Court

"Oh yeah?" Gu Chaoyan looked up in confusion and stared at Zhou Huaijin's eyes, thinking that he had forgotten to tell her something important.

Zhou Huaijin lowered his head and saw a pair of watery eyes gazing at him in confusion, he suddenly got reminded of Seven. Yan did resemble Seven a great deal.

Zhou Huaijin chuckled as he thought of this.

"What are you laughing at?" Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly, assuming that she had gotten a stain on her face. She felt her face and found nothing.

Zhou Huaijin was still smiling. "You look like Seven when you smile. She is cute, and I can introduce you to her in court someday."

Gu Chaoyan had no idea who Seven was. She thought that it must be some princess in the court. So she nodded.

"What did you just want to say to me?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

"Oh, I was about to tell you about the mansion. There is no empty mansion available here in the capital, nor did I find anyone who is selling houses. So I spared some effort and found one in the city, surrounded by quietness, just as you desired. However, the mansion is kind of small, I am not sure if you will mind about that. It is fine, if you don't like it, we can find another one that suits us both." Zhou Huaijin explained.

That was such a minor thing, in Gu Chaoyan's opinion. She leaned against his chest and said casually, "It is fine, we just need a place to stay."

Zhou Huaijin knew her well. She was not someone with much greed and she was okay with most things, but he still expected to find something better so that she did not have to suffer from anything, big or small.

As they were talking they came to the destination.

Hearing Fu Bao's voice, Gu Chaoyan got up and was about to get off the wagon, when Zhou Huaijin followed.

She had just gotten off the wagon when Sword One spotted Gu Chaoyan and went up to her. "Miss, your hair is unkempt." Then she started to sort it for her.

Gu Chaoyan was showing no expression on her face as she stood there.

Sword One felt a bit surprised – Miss was not blushing as before!

While Sword One helped to get her hair well combed, Zhou Huaijin kept Gu Chaoyan company in the mansion.

They were walking with Fu Bao and Sword One following behind. They were mumbling between themselves.

The door was opened and Qing walked out. She looked at Gu Chaoyan with excitement. "Miss!"

"Qing!" Gu Chaoyan smiled and felt Qing's face. "You are so well taken care of, you have put on some weight."

Qing stomped her feet. Her Miss was calling her chubby!

Zhou Huaijin chuckled along.

The mansion was almost done. Two or three more servants were hired apart from Qing. It was a very quiet place.

There was a Guelder-rose tree in the yard.

Zhou Huaijin asked Qing to get the things placed under the Guelder-rose tree, so they could sit and have a chat.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at the Guelder-rose tree. She suddenly thought of why her Qiong Pavilion had the same character as Guelder-rose? Could it have been that Mrs. Lin liked Guelder-roses as well?

She felt a bit emotional.

"Young Duke is out of the court now." Zhou Huaijin took a sip of the tea and said casually.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. It seemed that he was doing well so he could move about without difficulty now. That was earlier than she had anticipated.

"Mrs. Duke North might present the thank-you gifts at your door."

Chapter 387: Mrs. Gu's Request

That was what Zhou Huaijin was worried about.

Mrs. Duke North had been suffering a great deal from life, and she had been quite discreet. That was how her weird personality was formed. Now that she received the news that he was marrying Chaoyan, Mrs. Duke North must be worried that what she had said to Chaoyan before would have affected her emotions. So she decided to pay an apologetic visit.

Chaoyan did not care about that, but even if Chaoyan said so, Mrs. Duke North would not believe what she heard. That would make the whole thing fall into a dead cycle.

And Chaoyan was an honest girl who would not establish friendship with Mrs. Duke North who once hurt her. And Mrs. Duke North would not be able to establish any friendship with anyone either.

That was why Zhou Huaijin was worried that Chaoyan would be upset about the matter, thus telling her ahead of time.

Gu Chaoyan waved her hands. "Just let Mrs. Duke North deliver the payment to Yellow Crane, so Manager Song can take care of it. As for Mrs. Duke North, I am not meeting her again."

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

That sounded good. Now that Young Duke was getting better, it was expected that he could persuade Mrs. Duke North to live on with strength.

They stopped talking about those unhappy things.

Zhou Huaijin thought for a while. "Now we are engaged, but our wedding has to wait until next spring, after your adult ceremony. Are you willing to do so?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded. Although she did not want to stay at the Gu Mansion that was a manner she had to follow.

A girl could get engaged ahead of time, but the wedding could only take place after the adult ceremony.

Probably only someone like Lord Ling would urge the wedding with Gu Ruxue to take place despite the manners.

When she thought about this, Gu Chaoyan could not help but sigh emotionally, "You are so kind, Jin."

"Then what do I get in return?" Zhou Huaijin leaned forward.

Gu Chaoyan glared at him and continued with her own tea, ignoring what he said.

Zhou Huaijin glanced at the servants standing next to them, thinking for the first that those people were just barriers.

He sighed helplessly and took another sip of tea as well.

They chatted for a little while longer. And Zhou Huaijin walked around the mansion with Gu Chaoyan until the evening, when Zhou Huaijin gave Gu Chaoyan a lift home.

The Young Duke was already out of the court. And she was getting ready to return to Saint College.

The Dean was nice, so she should not disappoint him.

After she returned to the Qiong Pavilion, Gu Chaoyan paid a special visit to the pills and the featherless phoenix. Seeing that they were all doing well, she came out of the space, feeling assured.

The following day Gu Chaoyan asked Sword One to pick as many ripe fruits as possible, getting ready for the trip back to Saint College. She was going to take them all to the Dean and Yuanxiang for a taste. Those fruits were wonderful things, irrigated by the magical water. They should not be wasted anywhere else.

They were just busy with their work in the yard, when Lianxiang came and said to her politely, behaving totally differently from the past. "Miss, Mrs. Gu asks for you."

Gu Chaoyan frowned. Mrs. Gu was asking for her? Why?

Fearing that Gu Chaoyan would turn her down, Lianxiang added. "Old Master is there too. They need you for something."

Gu Chaoyan found that something weird was going on.

Gu Zhenkang would normally ask Chen Fu to get her instead of Lianxiang. Something strange was definitely going on.

"Lead the way." Gu Chaoyan answered calmly.

Chapter 388: Conspiracy 1

She knew something was going on, but she was not at all worried.

Conspiracies always came along the way, no matter when it was. If that was the case, Gu Chaoyan was very willing to see what they were up to!

Lianxiang was feeling lucky. She almost burst into laughter!

She was leading the way.

Due to what happened earlier, Lianxiang was worried that Elder Miss was not easy to deal with, but she turned out to be a dumb-headed person after all.

She led the way and turned around occasionally to see if they were following. She was feeling quite assured after seeing her following.

This kind of behavior made Sword One notice that something strange was going on. She whispered at Gu Chaoyan. "Elder Miss..."

Gu Chaoyan looked up at Sword One and shook her head slightly, asking her not to say a thing – she knew.

Sword One let out a sigh of relief. So her Miss was aware of the strangeness after all.

"Go to find Sword Two." Gu Chaoyan told Sword One by moving just a bit of her lips.

Sword One nodded, assuring Elder Miss.

The four Swords were the most skilled hidden guards at Shadow Door, and they could make themselves almost invisible in the dark corner. For example, when Elder Miss wasn't sure if any of them was around, they were, as a matter of fact, always around. The four hidden guards had different orientations. Apart from her and Sword Two, the other two were on watch every now and then. So she did not have to worry about anything.

Knowing that Sword One had gotten everything ready, Gu Chaoyan said nothing more. She followed Lianxiang to the front yard through which they came to study.

There was no one in the study.

Lianxiang said, "Elder Miss, please take a seat, Old Master and Mrs. Gu should be here very soon." Lianxiang took the kettle and poured Gu Chaoyan a cup of tea.

The tea was hot, and it seemed as if the tea was just made.

Lianxiang kept staring at Gu Chaoyan.

Lianxiang did not move her gaze until Gu Chaoyan took the cup. She looked about and said, "There is no pastry here. Sword One, can you come with me to get some pastry."

Lianxiang was speaking when Gu Chaoyan took up the tea, ready to take a sip.

She had just taken up the tea when she sensed a strange smell. Some other smell was blended with the scent of tea.

Oh, that was their plan.

Gu Chaoyan threw a sidelong glance at Lianxiang, who was staring at her transfixed despite her intention of getting the pastry.

If that was the case, Gu Chaoyan took a sip directly. Then she said to Lianxiang and Sword One calmly, "Sword One, just go and help her."

Sword One was worried, unwilling to leave.

Gu Chaoyan nodded and gave her an assuring look.

Sword One answered. "Then let's do it."

Lianxiang was wearing a very excited look on her face as she took off with Sword One.

They had just left when Gu Chaoyan fed herself some magical water and detoxification pills.

Mrs. Gu had got such low-rated pills for her. She was just thinking, when the sound of knocking arose.

"Who is there?"

"It is me, pretty girl." A very indecent-sounding voice arose from outside.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head – honestly, Mrs. Gu just could not think of any other method to set her up, could she? She had used this method before in the court and now she was using it again.

The door was pushed open, and a handsome-looking man with an indecent smile walked in.

Chapter 389: Conspiracy 2

Instead of saying anything more, Gu Chaoyan stood up and knocked that man out.

Then she went back to her original seat and Sword Three came out, threw a glance at the man on the floor, kicked him and greeted Gu Chaoyan. "Elder Miss, what is your plan?"

"Go and bring Gu Ruxue here. You know what to do." Gu Chaoyan said calmly, frowning.

Sword Three did not hesitate a second. He was one of the best hidden guards in Shadow Door. He had done even more fierce punishment to those who had framed his master. So he flew out directly.

Gu Chaoyan opened the door and walked out.

When Sword One and Lianxiang appeared with the pastry, Gu Zhenkang was leading Mrs. Gu and Lord Ling to the study. Lianxiang nodded at Mrs. Gu slightly, suggesting that she had completed her mission.

Mrs. Gu was wearing an even brighter smile on her face, as if she had already seen how Gu Chaoyan's innocence was ruined, and reputation was destroyed. She could even see how Lord Huai broke off the engagement with her and she got cursed and scolded by everyone on the street. She better became the most notorious person in the whole land!

They served all of these!

"Who shut the door of the study?!" Mrs. Gu spoke loudly, meaning to get the message through to everyone.

Gu Zhenkang found something weird was going on too. He took a few steps forward and showed a very strange expression. "True, my study is always open, rarely locked. What is going on? Some thief is in?" Then he turned to Chen Fu behind his back. "Chen Fu, go and open the door!"

Chen Fu responded... Then he went to open the door, which was closed yet not locked. So he pushed the door open with some force.

However, the moment he opened the door, his eyes widened. What was going on? He got so startled that he shut the door and turned to Gu Zhenkang with a pale face. "Old Master, it is a little bit messy inside, some thief must have been there. Let's find somewhere to talk about the business, okay? I will get someone to clean the room first."

Chen Fu's head was messy, and his limbs were shivering. He had been the butler for dozens of years, and he was at least capable of facing such situations.

Gu Zhenkang was pissed that the Gu Mansion was robbed, but instead of giving it too much thought, he still thought that it was better to change a place for the conversation. "What about the front yard?"

Hearing the words, Mrs. Gu glared at Chen Fu. How dared this servant defend Gu Chaoyan!

"Open the door! I would like to see who dares to steal stuff at Old Master's study!" Then she turned to Chen Fu. "Are you trying to get the thief out of trouble! You are becoming very disloyal!"

Then she was about to rush forward and push open the door...

However, Chen Fu gripped the door with strength, shaking head to Mrs. Gu.

Mrs. Gu got even more annoyed when she saw him shaking his head!

She gave Chen Fu a kick. "You old servant, how dare you defend the thief!"

Chen Fu did not get to dodge the kick. So he lost his balance and almost fell over.

Mrs. Gu pushed the door open at this moment.

The moment the door was pushed open, Chen Fu closed his eyes in despair.

Mrs. Gu let out a scream. And Gu Zhenkang and Lord Ling both looked inside.

Chapter 390: Conspiracy 3

Two naked bodies were tangled together.

Mrs. Gu realized what happened and went to shut the door. She was so anxious – what happened? How did Ruxue end up being there?

"Open the door now!" Lord Ling's face sank. His eyes were becoming very red.

He had been busy thinking about how to marry Gu Ruxue so she could look glorious, and he even promised her the position of Equal Princess Consort. He was so busy with all of this stuff!

However, now she was sleeping with someone else!

Mrs. Gu's hands were shivering. Lord Ling might be a gentleman, but he was, after all, a Lord! If he really got pissed, Ruxue would be dead!

Mrs. Gu kept trying to come up with a solution.

A while later, Mrs. Gu said anxiously, "Lord, what Gu Chaoyan has done made your eyes filthy, please take a rest somewhere else."

Mrs. Gu had noticed that it was Ruxue who was inside, but she was still a bit far away.

So Mrs. Gu planned to brainwash everyone present, so that everything could be solved as long as they all believed that it was Gu Chaoyan inside.

Hearing what Mrs. Gu said, Zhou Huailing was a bit hesitant as well. Could he have made a mistake? He was just in the middle of confusion, when Gu Chaoyan walked forward and asked, "Mrs. Gu, what did I do?"

Mrs. Gu got so annoyed. What was she doing here at this moment?!

Zhou Huailing's confusion was gone in smoke. It was not Gu Chaoyan inside the study, it was Gu Ruxue! Damn, Mrs. Gu, she was lying to him! He took a few steps forward, gave Mrs. Gu a kick and then pushed open the door.

At this moment, Gu Ruxue let out a small groan and Zhou Huailing could see clearly that it was Gu Ruxue who was inside.

Mrs. Gu was lying on the floor... As she was watching the whole scene, everything seemed so familiar. Everything seemed to have happened before.

That was what happened to Princess Gu!

As she thought of this matter, Mrs. Gu's eyes widened as she pointed at Gu Chaoyan who was standing calmly next to them. "You bitch, it was you!"

"You set up Princess Gu as you set up Ruxue!" Mrs. Gu became mental as she kept shouting and started to throw herself at Gu Chaoyan.

Before she was able to approach Gu Chaoyan, Sword One stopped her as she gazed at Mrs. Gu. "No more nonsense, Mrs. Gu, you have to show some evidence if you claim that my Miss set her up. Otherwise Lord Huai is going to accuse you of ruining his wife's reputation!"

Mrs. Gu shivered.

She was in a total mess, externally and internally. Then she looked at Lianxiang – Lianxiang did the work, she should not have made a mistake. So what was Ruxue doing here? What was going on? What was Ruxue supposed to do? She was supposed to marry Lord Ling as the Equal Princess Consort! Nothing like this should have happened to her!

Gu Zhenkang was confused for a long while before he realized what happened. He slapped Mrs. Gu in the face. "What is going on?!"

He was not that stupid as not to understand what happened.

They should have carried out the business in the front yard, but Mrs. Gu insisted on coming to the study where such a thing happened. Mrs. Gu must have made a plan but got herself trapped.

Mrs. Gu was about to explain something, when Lord Ling walked out, face darkened.