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Chapter 391: Conspiracy 4

His fists were tightly clenched.

He would have killed the man and woman directly, if it were for someone else, but he could not do that to Gu Ruxue. She was the Phoenix Girl, and only by marrying her would he be able to get the whole world.

So he had to tolerate the anger, even if he was very angry. He had to tolerate the deed for the sake of his upcoming world.

He clenched his teeth and tried to calm himself down before he spoke. "Get her clothes on, and that man." He turned to Gu Zhenkang, "Kill him, he should not see another day in this world."

"Also." Zhou Huailing looked at the people present at the study.

Gu Zhenkang, Mrs. Gu and Gu Chaoyan as well as several servants were there.

The Gu Family had to be kept, but those servants... Zhou Huailing took out the dagger, tossed it at Lianxiang and Sword One as they said, "You two, kill yourself."

Lianxiang got so frightened that she started to shiver from head to toes. She threw herself down at Mrs. Gu's feet. "Please, help me, please!"

Mrs. Gu did not spare a look at Lianxiang. Since the Lord did not blame them but tried to get the servants killed. He basically meant that he was not going to give up Ruxue. As long as Ruxue was fine, Lianxiang would mean nothing to her.

As long as Lord Ling was satisfied.

Seeing Lianxiang kowtowing, Mrs. Gu grabbed the dagger and stabbed directly into Lianxiang's belly. "Don't blame me for a thing, blame yourself for seeing too much."

Mrs. Gu did not even hesitate a thing.

Now it came to Sword One. Zhou Huailing glared at Sword One fiercely, but Sword One did not go and grab the dagger, nor did she beg for mercy. She did not even show a touch of fear on her face.

Gu Chaoyan, who had been silent during the whole process, said openly, "She is mine."

Zhou Huailing frowned. He gazed at Gu Chaoyan as if a rainstorm was coming around the corner. "So you are saying that you are defending her?"

Gu Chaoyan shrugged. "She is mine, and her life is not at your mercy."

"..."

"Mrs. Gu, it was your maid who asked me to come to the study. I don't care what happened, but I am not sacrificing my girl for anything you have done," Gu Chaoyan said without showing a sign of compromising. "As for the rest, you can do whatever you like."

Zhou Huailing closed his eyes. He let out a heavy sigh. He did not think Zhou Huaijin was a threat, but he did not want to establish a bad relationship with Zhou Huaijin at this moment either. It was not a good strategy to become his foe on the surface.

He waved his hand. "You can leave now, but you must not leak what happened today!"

Gu Chaoyan showed a smile and left with Sword One without saying a thing.

Gu Zhenkang and Mrs. Gu were shivering in fright as they looked at Lord Ling.

"Lord, Ruxue must have been set up! She is innocent.... your wedding..." Mrs. Gu asked boldly. She was assured enough because Lord Ling was helping them out whilst Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl!

Zhou Huailing stayed silent for a long while.

That was the first time in his life that he was so helpless. He could not vent this anger even if he was cheated!

He glared at Mrs. Gu. "The wedding is still on, don't mention anything about what happened today, otherwise even I won't be able to help you!"

The words had just been spoken, when a scream arose from the study!

Chapter 392: Explanation

Gu Ruxue had just come back to herself. The moment she opened her eyes, she just could not believe what happened. She kept screaming. She just could not accept what was going on.

Zhou Huailing looked into the direction where the scream arose. He saw the terribly-dressed Gu Ruxue who had most of her body exposed. Her hair was unkempt and when she screamed, she looked like a maniac. For one second, he got a bit absent-minded. How could such a woman be the Phoenix Girl? Why was the Phoenix Girl like this? However, that was just a momentary thought. Soon, Zhou Huailing removed that idea.

She must be the Phoenix Girl. Destiny Monk's words as well as what he saw the other day could not have been false.

Zhou Huailing closed his eyes, trying not to hear the scream.

He shook his head, flung his sleeves and threw an expressionless look at Mrs. Gu. "Get it done."

The moment Zhou Huailing talked...

Gu Ruxue, who was inside the room, realized what happened. Instead of screaming, she looked at Zhou Huailing. "Lord, please listen to me! It is not what you think!"

"It is Gu Chaoyan the bitch who has set me up!" Gu Ruxue shouted crazily.

Zhou Huailing turned around and left directly.

The man who had just passed out was woken up by the scream too. Assuming that he had done what he desired, he said with a laugh. "Beauty, don't worry, I can marry you!"

Before he finished his words...

Gu Ruxue went insane, grabbed her hairpin and stabbed directly into the man's chest. Soon the blood dripped out before the man realized what happened. Then he died.

Gu Ruxue did not stop.

Gu Zhenkang got frightened and gave Mrs. Gu a push. "Go and stop her! Lord won't marry her if he knows about it!"

Mrs. Gu, who had been startled in fright, came back to herself at this point as well.

"Ruxue!" Mrs. Gu rushed into the room, grabbed the hairpin and took hold of her daughter in concern. "Don't worry, Ruxue, he is already dead! Dead! The Lord did not mention breaking off the engagement! Everything was just an accident, just an accident! The Lord will understand." Mrs. Gu tried to persuade her.

Gu Ruxue, who had gone totally insane, was now back to herself. With a confused look, she said, "Really?"

Mrs. Gu nodded. She asked the Lord about that – he was not going to break off the engagement.

"The Lord probably just could not accept it directly, that was why he left. Don't worry, just talk with the Lord. He won't mind." Mrs. Gu consoled her. "Remember who you are?"

Gu Ruxue now calmed herself down completely.

True... She should not have forgotten that she was the Phoenix Girl! The Lord would definitely forgive her for this tiny mistake she had done, also, she was framed!

Gu Chaoyan! It must be Gu Chaoyan's plan!

Lianxiang took Gu Chaoyan to this study and she drugged her. How did Gu Ruxue end up being here? It must be her!

"Gu Chaoyan! Where is that bitch?! She framed me! It should have been her, not me who is here!" Gu Ruxue got furious, screaming loudly.

Gu Zhenkang walked in as well. Hearing what Gu Ruxue said, he found that something was wrong. "What is going on? What are you up to?"

Chapter 393: Remember

He just could not believe that something like this happened at his mansion, right in his study! That man was a total stranger so what was he doing here?

Something must have gone wrong.

He knew directly what happened! Mrs. Gu was way too stupid! How could she come up with this idea? No matter how annoying Gu Chaoyan was and who her mother was, she was still marrying Lord Huai and she was supposed to bring a lot of benefits for the Gu Mansion after all! Were they trying to ruin the Gu Mansion's future?

Gu Zhenkang was extremely annoyed.

"It should have been Gu Chaoyan who was in the study, but Ruxue ended up being here. It must be that bitch's plan! Why are you still asking me this instead of caring about Ruxue?" Mrs. Gu was very angry, gave Gu Zhenkang a push and helped Gu Ruxue up.

All the servants and maids in the yard had been killed. So Mrs. Gu had to do everything herself. She helped Gu Ruxue leave the room to get changed.

As Mrs. Gu came to the door, she turned to Gu Zhenkang. "What are you staring at? Go and get Chen Fu to deal with this matter well, otherwise the Gu Mansion would be ruined!"

Gu Zhenkang let out a heavy sigh. He did want to investigate it, but it was not yet the time. So he had to ask Chen Fu to see to the rest.

These maids and servants were all sold to the Gu Mansion, so the government did not care about whether they were alive or dead, but if too many people died, it would still be quite difficult to hide the truth. At least, the Gu Mansion would gain a terrible reputation. So it was very annoying to deal with the bodies.

Lord Ling was furious, and he did not want to handle these problems, so he had to do it himself.

Gu Zhenkang asked Chen Fu to come along.

Chen Fu was looking pale and his legs were shivering. Gu Zhenkang threw a look at him. "You saw what happened. The Lord had not intended to spare you, but I did, because you have been working very hard for our mansion these years. If you ever leak any of what happened today, then no one is able to save you. You have to work hard here at the Gu Mansion from now on."

"Go and deal with those bodies." Gu Zhenkang said.

Then he left directly.

Chen Fu nodded. He wiped the sweat on his forehead and was about to get to work.

In the Begonia Yard.

Mrs. Gu helped Gu Ruxue to put on a set of clean clothes and combed her hair, so she looked slightly neater.

Gu Ruxue was still wearing a terrible expression. After experiencing such a matter, she was still worried that Lord Ling would do something to her.

"Mom, I must take revenge, you have to help me!" Gu Ruxue screamed.

"I definitely will!" Mrs. Gu said with consolation. She had thought that the plan would go well, but Ruxue ended up being framed.

Gu Chaoyan loved tea, so she should lie still after drinking the tea. How did she manage to leave? Could it have been Lianxiang? However, she stressed to Lianxiang that she should not leave until she saw her drinking the tea.

Could it have been a coincidence, or Gu Chaoyan's own plan, or Lianxiang who had done a terrible job?

Mrs. Gu just could not fathom anything.

She looked at Gu Ruxue. "Ruxue, do you still remember how you ended up being in the study?"

Chapter 394: Taking out the Anger

As it was mentioned, Gu Ruxue was completely dumbfounded. Her head was empty, and she did not even know what she was doing before she ended up in the study.

She frowned and then shook her head. "No, I don't remember a thing."

Mrs. Gu let out a sigh of relief. She did not continue saying anything more.

She was worried that Ruxue drank the tea by accident when Gu Chaoyan was absent, thus ending up in such a situation, but that filthy maid was already dead. She just could not ask her anything.

However, she had to push the blame upon Gu Chaoyan. She was going to make Gu Chaoyan suffer thousands of times more than Ruxue experienced today.

Mrs. Gu had a very fierce look on her face, then she closed her eyes. When she opened her eyes again, she looked calmer than before.

"Ruxue, stop thinking about anything else. Just get a proper sleep and I will get everything else sorted out for you. I will talk with Lord Ling so he will come and see you." Mrs. Gu gave Gu Ruxue a very assuring look.

Gu Ruxue calmed down slightly as well. She nodded, then she got up and went to take a rest. She had been feeling very dizzy and the excitement had exhausted her.

After she settled Gu Ruxue down, Mrs. Gu walked out of the Yard.

Gu Zhenkang was waiting for her. Seeing Mrs. Gu, he said with a sunken expression "What is going on with you? Chaoyan is marrying Lord Huai. Even if you don't like her, she is someone who can bring benefits for the mansion! Stop being stupid, you are going to lose big!"

Mrs. Gu was fretting, so she got very pissed at the sight of Gu Zhenkang as well. "Why are you blaming it on me? It is Ruxue who was framed. So you are blaming me instead of thinking of some way to find out who framed her!"

"That is not what I mean!" Gu Zhenkang felt a bit unsure at the sight of Mrs. Gu's fierce look. Everything he thought of was just speculation. He did not want to make a wrong guess either.

Mrs. Gu rolled her eyes at him, then she left directly.

Annoyed, Gu Zhenkang still walked after her and asked. "Where are you going?"

"I am going to the Lord! Or are you?" Mrs. Gu asked, feeling displeased. She had thought that Gu Zhenkang favored her and Ruxue, but now she realized that he would rather have interests.

Gu Zhenkang pursed his lips, saying nothing more.

The Lord might be a gentleman, yet he could be intimidating too. What if the Lord blamed everything on him? How irritating!

Normally, Madame Gu would deal with everything properly, and he did not have to worry about a thing, but now, the mansion had become totally messy, with such a huge mistake coming in the way. Gu Zhenkang was feeling very troubled.

Involuntarily, he started to walk towards the distant yard where Madame Gu stayed.

Before he realized where he was, he was already in the yard.

He sighed. He still needed Madame Gu to manage the whole mansion, otherwise everything simply became messy.

"Cai Ming, please push Madame Gu out of the room. I need to speak with her." Gu Zhenkang pointed at Cai Ming who was about to pour water.

Cai Ming had to walk in. When she walked out again, she was still alone. "Old Master, Madame Gu doesn't want to come out of the room."

Gu Zhenkang's face sank.

Chapter 395: Request

Cai Ming was worried that the Old Master would take out his anger upon Madame Gu, so she was about to explain something, however, Gu Zhenkang already raised his feet, ready to walk into the room.

Cai Ming was surprised and got very excited – was the Old Master visiting Madame Gu because he was worried about her?

Cai Ming could tell that even if Madame Gu showed a look of indifference, Madame Gu loved her children more than anything else in the world. Now Princess Gu was gone, and what Madame Gu cared about above all was whether the Old Master was thinking about his mother. However, apart from asking for things, the Old Master never appeared again.

That made Madame Gu extremely disappointed. Now the Old Master was here once again.

Instead of thinking about anything more, Cai Ming got up, getting ready to prepare for some tea.

In the room.

Gu Zhenkang had intended to walk in with a frown, yet seeing that the room turned out to be neat and clean, he unknitted his eyebrows. Seeing Madame Gu lying in bed, Gu Zhenkang showed a very guilty look, almost bursting into tears.

"What is going on?" Madame Gu asked.

"Something happened. I never expected that Mrs. Gu was so narrow-minded! She tried to set up Chaoyan because she disliked Mrs. Lin. It was okay if she did that before, but now, Chaoyan is marrying Lord Huai! How could she do anything like this? We should think about the interest of our mansion!" Gu Zhenkang complained.

Madame Gu got a bit worried as well after hearing what he had said. Gu Chaoyan was not to be framed.

"Mom, come and be the manager of the mansion. We need you!" Gu Zhenkang suggested.

Madame Gu looked moved. She had thought about leaving everything behind, because the daughters of the Gu Mansion were marrying good people, and the Gu Mansion should stand still although not many benefits would be brought.

Now... She had not expected that Mrs. Gu was being so stupid. She was becoming an enemy with Lord Huai!

Chaoyan had Lord Huai as a supporter whilst Ruxue had Lord Ling as a supporter, if these two men were involved, the Gu Mansion would have to suffer seriously.

She had to stand out and press down Mrs. Gu! Only in this way could the Gu Mansion experience peace.

Seeing that Madame Gu did not deny directly, Gu Zhenkang realized that his request was possible. So he continued. "Mom, the whole mansion will get messy without you!"

Madame Gu sighed, then she nodded.

"I can come and stay in charge, but I am not healthy enough to see to everything. You have to take over when necessary." Madame Gu said.

That was her effort. She was not going to live for much longer, and her son had to be able to support the whole mansion and learn something from her.

Gu Zhenkang nodded constantly. "I will! And I will get you a new yard, it is too inconvenient here."

Madame Gu did not reject the proposal.

At the Qiong Pavilion.

Gu Chaoyan had already got her stuff ready for the Saint College, when she wondered what happened because Sword One was absent.

Sword One hurried back and placed the package on the table. "Miss, we don't have to give out our stuff. Madame Gu doesn't need our help any more."

"What is it?"

Chapter 396: Young Duke's Visit

"Madame Gu has moved to the front yard and she has got many maids and pageboys serving her. Our stuff would not come handy." Sword One said, sounding quite annoyed for her Miss. Her Miss had done everything in vain.

Hearing what Sword One said, Gu Chaoyan more or less realized what happened.

She suspected that Gu Zhenkang understood that he needed Madame Gu to deal with this enormous affair, so he turned to Madame Gu for help. He was expecting Madame Gu to help the Gu Mansion regain its old reputation.

She did not expect that after being abandoned by her own son, Madame Gu still did not mind what her son had done to her earlier.

She shook her head slightly. If that was the case, she would not have any help in the future.

"Just pack away the stuff. We can bring it all to Saint College if Madame Gu doesn't need it. And you don't have to visit her again." Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

She sounded as if she did not care about this slight change at all.

Sword One, who still had some words of complaint, stuck out her tongue at seeing her Miss staying so calm before getting down to her own business.

She packed up their stuff.

The following day, Gu Chaoyan asked Sword One to tell Gu Zhenkang that they were heading to Saint College.

She had thought that the conversation would last long, but Gu Zhenkang gave a very quick response.

So when Sword One returned, she left with Gu Chaoyan.

Chen Fu got the wagon ready, and saw them off.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Chen Fu, who had aged overnight with a hunchback, as he stood next to them.

Gu Chaoyan went into the wagon directly.

The wagon left whilst another wagon pulled over at the door of the Gu Mansion.

It was a young man dressed in a blue robe. His face looked pale, and he asked the pageboy to tell the guard about his arrival. When the guard heard about his identity, he was shocked and said politely, "Please wait here, Young Duke, I am going to pass on the message now."

The pageboy threw a look at the Young Duke.

The Young Duke nodded and said to the pageboy, "Thanks."

The guard rushed in to pass on the message.

Gu Zhenkang was still busy helping out Madame Gu so he got confused about which Young Duke that was.

Madame Gu explained directly, "The Young Duke from the Duke North Mansion! He is the only person who can be called the Young Duke directly. He is the heir of Duke North, ask him to come in now!"

Madame Gu got anxious, "And if someone like Young Duke is here, don't make him wait, ask him to come to the front yard! He should not be left alone, we can't afford to offend him!"

The guard responded and rushed out.

Gu Zhenkang felt that Madame Gu was looking down on his own mansion, but said nothing.

He turned to Cai Ming. "Go and tell the Third Lady that Young Duke is here, and she should be here."

Madame Gu was confused as she looked at Gu Zhenkang.

"What are you asking Wanru to be here for?"

"Ruxue and Chaoyan are now both engaged, only Wanru is not yet settled with marriage. Caiqin is too young to get married, so Wanru should be ready for the meeting. What if the Young Duke is here because he likes someone here?"

Chapter 397: Young Duke's Visit 2

He looked very proud. He had two son-in-laws who were lords and two daughters yet to be engaged. Although the Young Duke was just a duke, Duke North was still an indispensable existence in the whole capital city. Duke North had done a great deal for the country and he had gained absolute popularity among civilians.

If he could become his father-in-law, then he would definitely have a glorious life. How could he give this kind of opportunity up?

What was more, he and Duke North's Mansion had no communication before, and when Chaoyan saved him, it was totally reasonable for him to marry someone from the Gu Family. It was time for him to pay back what he had gotten from the Gu Family.

Madame Gu had turned so dumb after staying for so long in the remote yard. Why didn't she think of this point at all? Gu Zhenkang shook his head, looking disappointed.

Hearing his explanation, Madame Gu shook her head. "No, you can't do that, it is against etiquette!"

Wanru was the concubine's daughter, someone yet to become an adult, she could not just show herself whenever she wanted. That was totally unruly!

"You must not go and get her, let's see what the Young Duke wants first!" Madame Gu insisted.

Gu Zhenkang frowned. He was displeased. He asked Madame Gu to take over the mansion, not because he needed her to play dumb and drag him down. How could he give up such a great opportunity!

"Chen Fu, go and get Third Lady, Madame Gu is too old to stay clear-minded. We have to bring her here now!" Gu Zhenkang insisted, and then turned to Madame Gu with displeasure.

"No, you mustn't!" Madame Gu insisted, but she could not move as she sat there on the chair. Cai Ming did not dare to make any move right now.

Gu Zhenkang ignored her. He flung his sleeves and was about to leave. "Cai Ming, bring Madame Gu."

Then he left ignoring Madame Gu.

Madame Gu was totally disappointed and desperately seated on the chair, "How could he do that?!"

He ignored her and started to do something terrible!

She had thought that when he asked her for help, it was because he had thought through many things.

Cai Ming did not know what to do. She was a servant and she could not scold the Old Master. Even if she did make some complaints, Madame Gu might not be pleased either. After all, Madame Gu cared about her son so much.

She sighed inwardly and consoled. "Don't worry, Madame Gu, Old Master hopes that the Gu Mansion could flourish, you are just using different methods to make it happen."

Madame Gu kept shaking her head, constantly.

It was not about methods, it was about etiquettes. He was not possibly able to make the mansion flourish in this way!

However, she did not expect that someone like Cai Ming would fathom the point. She sighed. "You don't understand!"

Cai Ming said nothing more, nor did Madame Gu.

When they came to the front yard, Gu Zhenkang and the Young Duke were drinking tea.

Young Duke was surprised. "What are you doing here Madame Gu, you are not in good health and you should rest."

"I am here to see you, Young Duke. I am fine." Madame Gu said with a smile.

Young Duke flushed. He waved his hand and said, "I am not here for anything special, just wondering... if Lady Chaoyan is in?"

Chapter 398: Right Family

When he was asking this question, the frank-looking Young Duke somehow got nervous. He had no idea where to put his hands. He felt a feeling arising inside him.

He had stayed at home for a few days to rest after leaving the court. He had thought about leaving all of these behind, but his mother kept nagging by his ears, worrying that Lady Chaoyan would hate Duke North's Mansion, so she asked him to clarify the misunderstanding. He had turned down that matter at the beginning, but as he heard more and more of what his mother said, he started to look forward to the visit. And today, he approved of her request and came to the Gu Mansion. He even had that book titled The Saint Divine Anecdotes with him.

If... if only they could have a moment together... he would very much like to talk with Lady Chaoyan about this book and find an opportunity to return it to her. If all went well, he would like to borrow another one.

He had been thinking about all of these when he took up the tea and had a sip of it. He gave a dry laugh and then looked at Gu Zhenkang.

Gu Zhenkang had faded in age, but he still looked quite handsome. However Zheng Chenyi was quite curious why Chaoyan did not resemble her father.

“She just left the mansion for Saint College.” Gu Zhenkang answered honestly.

Zheng Chenyi felt himself getting dumbfounded. She was gone? She had left home? She left home today? He was already here early, but he still missed the chance to meet her? He should not have hesitated... he should have paid the visit yesterday! Or maybe they were not meant to meet each other. What was the problem?

Zheng Chenyi felt the book inside his arms.

His head was messy, face looking disappointed and saddened, but Gu Zhenkang never noticed a thing. He did not care what he had asked or said. Wanru was available if Chaoyan was gone. Wanru might be a concubine’s daughter, but she was prettier, and she was sure to attract the Young Duke!

He was thinking as he said happily, “Young Duke, Chaoyan is not here, but Wanru is available. What about asking Wanru to show you around the mansion?”

Zheng Chenyi did not catch what he said, but kept shaking his head. Then disappointment dominated his face. “If Chaoyan is gone... then I will be off now.”

Then he got up and started to leave.

Gu Zhenkang got anxious – what did he mean that he was leaving?

He intended to get up and stop him, but Zheng Chenyi’s pageboy blocked the way.

Gu Zhenkang was both anxious and helpless.

Chen Fu arrived with Gu Wanru in a hurry, but the man was already gone.

Gu Wanru was still wearing a cheerful look on her face – although none of her marriage arrangements turned out to be successful, father did have the intention of getting a good family for her. That cheered her up completely, and she expected to seize the opportunity so that she could get out of the remote yard.

“Dad, where is he?” Gu Wanru asked as she glanced about.

“You are too late. You don’t know how to grip the opportunity! Young Duke is long gone, no more asking!” Gu Zhenkang was feeling quite annoyed as he snapped at Gu Wanru directly. Then he flung his sleeves and went away.

Gu Wanru looked wronged. Tears kept rolling in her eyes.

Seeing the scene, Madame Gu could not help but console her. “Wanru, don’t be disappointed, you are the daughter of the concubine, and you are never going to be accepted by Duke North’s Mansion! You better stay calm and when it is time, we will find you a nice suitor.”

Gu Wanru was sorry to have arrived late, but now she got extremely furious hearing what Madame Gu said.

Chapter 399: Blaming

“What are you talking about, old b**ch? I am a concubine’s daughter so what? Why can’t I marry someone good? Even Gu Chaoyan managed to! I can too! Dad promised to get me married off to someone good, you old b**ch better not drag me down!” Gu Wanru shouted loudly and directly at her.

Yes she was indeed the concubine’s daughter, but that was not up to her! She was born by a concubine, and she had been suffering too much! She needed to marry someone so she could get a better life for herself! Why was this old b**ch talking like this? She was a woman herself! Also, Gu Chaoyan was the daughter of a business family! Even she could marry a lord, so why couldn’t she marry the Young Duke? She was definitely going to marry someone good to prove herself!

Having said the words, she let out a snort and hurried back to the yard.

Chen Fu had no idea what to say. Seeing the Third Lady leaving, he sighed. “Madame Gu, don’t take it seriously, the Third Lady is just in a bad mood when she says things like this.”

“Cai Ming, take Madame Gu back to the yard.” Chen Fu said and sighed. He just had no idea what made this home like this.

Madame Gu clenched her fists and stayed silent.

“Madame Gu, let’s go back to the room.” Cai Ming said and started to push her way.

It was not until they walked out of the front yard that Madam Gu asked in confusion, “What is going on? What on earth is going on? I am doing all of this for their sake! Official families and royal families care a great deal about their spouts’ background! I told them all of this for their own good, otherwise they would have to suffer!”

Cai Ming stayed speechless.

That was what the Gu Family were always like.

When Old Master asked Madame Gu to take over the management, she had thought that Madame Gu would turn him down. After all, Old Master moved Madame Gu to the remote yard so she had been living a miserable life alone. If that happened once, it would happen twice. If they had turned down Old Master, they could still be defended and sheltered by the Elder Miss. Elder Miss looked cold, but she was indeed a caring person. She did not give them much food and money, but with all of these, they were able to live a peaceful life. However, when Madame Gu agreed to help the Old Master, he not only refused to listen to her, but Madame Gu also lost the chance of getting help from Elder Miss.

She would like to mention all of these, but she was a servant who could not say a thing. So she had to push Madame Gu all the way back to the yard whilst listening to Madam Gu’s complaints.

Madame Gu kept nagging, not caring whether Cai Ming had talked. She did not need suggestions. She just needed somewhere to vent her anger.

At Duke North’s Mansion.

Zheng Chenyi returned home when he failed to complete the mission.

The moment he entered the mansion, Mrs. Duke North was already waiting for him there. She walked up to him. "Chenyi, did you get to meet Lady Chaoyan? What did she say? Was she annoyed? Did she blame us?"

"I thought that she was just going to become a concubine, and felt that all would be easy, because we only needed to suck up to the Princess Consort. However, I heard from the court that Lord Huai is marrying her as the Princess Consort! The future Princess Consort of Lord Huai! We must not offend her! We must keep her happy, what if she hates us?!" Mrs. Duke North looked anxious.

"Mom!" Zheng Chenyi shouted furiously.

Chapter 400: Not Like This

Mrs. Duke North had been nagging to herself anxiously so she shivered hearing the angry shout. She looked at Zheng Chenyi in confusion, obviously unaware of what made him so pissed.

Seeing his mother's look, Zheng Chenyi could not utter a word. That was what his mother was like – she was dubious because she had to take care of him all these years alone. He should not blame his mother for what she had done.

He let out a sigh of relief, as anger disappeared, gentleness again dominated. He explained carefully, "Mom, Lady Chaoyan is not someone who remembers the grudge. Why bother to think about all of these?"

"If she does care about the grudge, she would have done something immediately. When I left the court the other day, Lord Huai even sent some of his men to see me off. Can't you stop taking Lady Chaoyan as someone evil? She is a very broad-minded woman!" Zheng Chenyi said.

He had not spent much time with Lady Chaoyan, but judging from the way she talked and behaved, as well as the book he was reading, he could tell that Lady Chaoyan was different from ordinary girls. That was why he was certain about this idea.

Lady Chaoyan would not hate the whole Duke North Mansion for what his mother had done to her.

He had no idea why mother had been so certain about her grudge which had been troubling her for so long.

As he was speaking, Mrs. Duke North still kept shaking her head. "Chenyi, you are way too young to understand all of these."

"..."

"You will never know what is happening and what other people think! You should not take everything so easy. Duke North Mansion has been in a very embarrassing position in the court, you will get framed if you stay so innocent." Mrs. Duke North got very anxious as she spoke.

Zheng Chenyi got slightly annoyed, but he simply could not vent the anger. He shook his head, then he left.

He was very annoyed – and he was very afraid that he would piss off his mother because of the fury. So all he could do was to leave now.

Mrs. Duke North sighed slightly, looking troubled. Chenyi grew up at Duke North Mansion and he had to stay discreet every day in case he got framed. How could he still stay so innocent under such an environment?

She had to make plans for him now, otherwise Chenyi would not make it.

As she thought of this, Mrs. Duke North asked the housekeeper to walk in.

The housekeeper answered. “What can I do for you, Madame?”

“Go to the storage and sort out my dowries to see how much we have left. Give me the list and we should see if they are enough for Lady Chaoyan.” Mrs. Duke North said, looking rather worried.

Duke North Mansion was still the grand, old Mansion, one of the most prestigious royal families, but now, it was empty from inside out. There was nothing left for them to give out, except for this magnificent-looking mansion.

As she thought about this, Mrs. Duke North returned to her own yard with a bitter look on her face.

The housekeeper turned around to carry out the mission, as he gazed upon Mrs. Duke North’s back figure.

When Gu Chaoyan returned to Saint College, it was lunchtime. The students were off the course, walking about in their departments.

Gu Chaoyan would like to turn to Li Yuanxiang directly, so she started to head towards the room for herb making.

Before she reached the room, she was stopped by Liu Hanxiang. “Oh look at who it is. Ms. Elder Miss, what are you doing here rather than staying at home waiting to get married?”