

Divine 421

Chapter 421: All Changed

If the man was poisoned for him to become this way, then someone must have done that on purpose. Chaoyan's prescriptions should not have any problems. And it was Xue Feihan who had been taking care of the patient.

Xia Yinghan looked at Xue Feihan in confusion – could it be him? No, that was not possible.

Seeing Xue Feihan, who walked in, Gu Chaoyan also said coldly, "Mr. Feihan, you are a doctor, please remember what a doctor should do."

Xue Feihan still looked calm. Despite Gu Chaoyan's scolding, he still looked calm and in full composure.

It looked as if he was not the person Gu Chaoyan suspected.

He nodded. "I do."

"Chaoyan, there must have been some misunderstanding. Feihan is not like that." Xia Yinghan explained. She did not believe that her Senior Brother would have done something like that. They grew up together, and she trusted her Senior Brother's morality.

It was Huang Xuan who made the bet with Chaoyan.

She knew pretty well how much Huang Xuan cared about Saint College. If this patient woke up, she was going to have to leave the Saint College, and Xia Yinghan believed that Huang Xuan was definitely going to do something about it.

Senior Brother Feihan adored Huang Xuan, so even if Huang Xuan drove him away, he would obey her. So it should be Huang Xuan who drugged the man.

However, she had not expected that Chaoyan would be so skillful to be able to find out that the man was poisoned and even detoxify him.

Xia Yinghan shook her head. "I need to talk with Huang Xuan."

"Yinghan!" Xue Feihan finally got anxious and followed her out.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at their retreating figures then she continued to prepare her medicine.

Now the poison was gone, but he was still recovering and needed some complimentary medicine. This time, Gu Chaoyan decided to do everything personally.

Xue Feihan failed to catch up with Xia Yinghan who was running very fast.

Xia Yinghan came to Huang Xuan's room.

She saw Huang Xuan packing her luggage, and Huang Xuan saw her too. She looked happy, "Senior Sister, are you here..."

"Huang Xuan, what are you pretending for? You are still packing? You think no one will suspect you?!" Xia Yinghan looked serious. She was very unhappy as she threw the blame at Huang Xuan.

Huang Xuan's smile disappeared. With eyes upon Xia Yinghan, she seemed as if looking at someone who she had no knowledge of.

They were classmates who came to Saint College together. They were all common folks who managed to find a position here with their own abilities. They had no backgrounds, but their own abilities that supported them. That was why they had such a great relationship and had so much to talk about. Among all three of them, Huang Xuan respected Xia Yinghan the most. What pleased her above all was getting accepted by Xia Yinghan, but....

What was the Senior Sister talking about all of a sudden?

"What am I pretending? What am I suspected for?" Huang Xuan looked confused and helpless at Xia Yinghan.

Everything had changed. Since when did the Senior Sister change to interrogate her without any ground? She was no longer the person she respected.

Huang Xuan shook her head and could not accept that.

"You poisoned that man, why are you still concealing the truth?" Xia Yinghan bellowed.

There came a loud slap.

Xue Feihan had just slapped Xia Yinghan.

With her hands covering her face, Xia Yinghan looked at Xue Feihan in utter surprise.

Chapter 422: Last Sentence

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"Did you just slap me?" Xia Yinghan felt like crying.

She stared at Xue Feihan with her watery eyes, as tears started to drip down, but she did not move her eyes away.

She wanted nothing but an apology. As long as Xue Feihan told her that he was acting too recklessly and that it was his fault, she could forgive him for what he had done, and she could be relieved.

She adored Xue Feihan, and she was aware of this feeling since she was little.

She knew that Xue Feihan did not like her back, but at least, she was his Junior Sister! It was not her fault for what happened today. She was just concerned that he was going to take the blame for Huang Xuan. Xue Feihan was also a doctor, and he should not have some bad rumor coming to him.

Xue Feihan looked at Xia Yinghan with a frown.

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He had gained back rationality, but he still had no expression of regret on his face. He was looking at Xia Yinghan with a look of blame.

"You should not have done that." Xue Feihan said with determination. "You have ruined Huang Xuan's respect for you."

He shook his head.

He looked at Xia Yinghan as if he were talking with a very total stranger.

Huang Xuan was the youngest among the three. She could be reckless, but she was not ruthless. Yinghan should know about this.

Huang Xuan needed respect and approval from Yinghan. So why was she not aware of this point at all? Why was she hurting Huang Xuan in this way?

Xue Feihan kept shaking his head. He was totally disappointed in Xia Yinghan.

"It was her!"

"No, it wasn't!" Xue Feihan said with determination.

Then came the sound of door knocking.

It was The Dean.

The Dean sighed at the sight of them three, saying nothing.

Instead, he walked directly to Huang Xuan.

"Invasion is happening at the border, and there is a battle going on. We have many wounded soldiers. and most of the doctors in the army are just ordinary doctors. We need some imperial doctors and other doctors there right now, Huang Xuan, are you willing to be at Jiayu Pass, the border?" the Dean asked.

Before she answered the question...

The Dean was still concerned about his students, so he added. "If you are not willing to be in the military, The Empress Dowager is asking you to be the female doctor in the court, serving her at Cining Palace, you can make a choice."

The Dean had a very complicated feeling in his heart.

Huang Xuan was reckless, but she was a skillful doctor. If she was able to save a lot of soldiers, he would very much like her to be there, but he was feeling unwilling to let her go.

Life in the military was different from that in the capital. The life there was difficult and all were men. Huang Xuan was a female doctor after all.

"Xuan, just go to the court!" Xue Feihan said anxiously, "Isn't that always your wish? Now is your chance! The Empress Dowager hasn't been feeling well, but she will definitely get better with your help."

Huang Xuan shook her head.

She did have the wish of being in the court, but now she had lost the wish.

Jiayu Pass was a great choice.

She looked up at the Dean. "I will join the army."

The Dean was surprised too. Huang Xuan might be a reckless girl with many drawbacks, but she was, after all, his student!

"You are already packed, so come with me. The army is leaving soon." The Dean said with a gratified tone.

Huang Xuan nodded, then she grabbed her luggage.

As she passed Xia Yinghan, she paused. "Senior Sister...."

Chapter 423: Thank You

"It is the last time for me to call you Senior Sister." Huang Xuan said with a shivering voice.

Having said these words, she stood still on the spot for a while.

Xia Yinghan turned around directly, saying nothing to her or looking at her.

Huang Xuan sneered at herself and left with the Dean with her luggage.

Xia Yinghan did not look at Huang Xuan one more time after they walked out of the room. She was standing like a numb statue.

Xue Feihan frowned and said, "You are so cold-hearted."

Having said this, he rushed out.

Xia Yinghan turned around and saw Xue Feihan's retreating figure. She was confused – she wasn't wrong, Huang Xuan did make a mistake, and she should have admitted that! The poison could have killed someone just for her bet! How dare she drug that man for her own sake?

Feihan liked her, so he took the blame for her, but that did not mean that she could pretend as if such things had never happened.

If she refused to admit the mistake, she would not accept her as a Junior Sister, no matter whether she was accepting her as her Senior Sister!

Why was she wrong in Feihan's eyes?

Xia Yinghan felt tears lingering at the edge of her eyes.

In the wing-yard of the Medical Department.

Gu Chaoyan was making the medicine in the small room.

It was a very quiet place, but everything needed was available.

Due to what had happened, Gu Chaoyan did not allow anyone to interfere with her treatment of the patient. So she did everything herself.

When Zhou Huaijin walked in, he saw her back.

He stepped forward, took hold of her and placed his face against her hair.

Gu Chaoyan sensed the familiar scent. Instead of moving, she stayed in his arms. "What is it?"

"Thank you, Chaoyan." Zhou Huaijin sounded a bit feeble. That was a tone he never showed to anyone else. "If not for you, Mother would not have noticed anything, and it would have been too late when we knew about it."

Gu Chaoyan placed the lid upon the jar.

She turned around and looked at Zhou Huaijin – The Queen was his mother, someone very important to him. That was why he was in such a mood.

"Why are we saying thank-you between us?" Gu Chaoyan looked determined. "That's what I should do."

Then she took out a medical bottle from her arms.

Then she passed it to Zhou Huaijin. "That's the medical pills I have made, I did not bring this with me on my visit to the court since I was in a hurry. Pass this to The Queen. She should do well with it."

Zhou Huaijin accepted the bottle.

Then he caressed her face, intending to burst out one more thank-you when he realized that he might have shown too much coutersey. So he gave her a soft kiss on the eyes.

Then he took a seat in the room with her.

It was a room full of the smell of herbs, but Zhou Huaijin seemed quite used to that.

"It was the Empress Dowager?" Gu Chaoyan asked.

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

She moved her lips and was about to say something when she stopped herself.

"I need to go, I may have no time to see you these days, take good care of yourself." Zhou Huaijin gave her a hug and was about to leave.

As they were talking...

The medicine was done.

Gu Chaoyan put down the jar, and was about to pour the medicine into the bowl when the Dean showed up.

"Chaoyan, I bumped into your father today outside the court today, he has a word for you."

Chapter 424: Your Ability

Hearing what The Dean said...

Gu Chaoyan stopped what she was doing, put aside the jar and asked the Dean, "What does he want?"

“He asked you to pay a visit home, since your Second Sister is getting married.” The Dean shook his head as he spoke. “Lord Ling is marrying her in the same manner as the Princess Consort, which is totally against the rule.”

He had thought that Lord Ling was a polite, gentle man, and a very promising lord too, but it seemed that everything was different.

However, he was one of the imperial children, and

he could not say anything about that, so he made a complaint and said no more.

Then he followed the scent and checked the medicine in the jar.

He smiled. “Chaoyan, the medicine you make seems much more fragrant than that made by others.”

Gu Chaoyan’s face twitched.

She was not sure if the Dean was speaking highly of her. If that was the way he praised, he was indeed doing it in a very special way.

“Dean, I need to pay a visit home tomorrow, but this patient...” Gu Chaoyan was worried. She was afraid that the incident would occur again, but she could not possibly bring the patient along with her. He was too seriously injured to be moved about. That was indeed a very awkward situation, so even Gu Chaoyan could not come up with any better solutions.

“Just leave him to me,” the Dean said directly, “Huang Xuan has joined the army and gone to Jiayu Pass, so I have no special errands to deal with in the near future. I will take care of him until he is able to get out of bed.”

That made Chaoyan feel assured.

Seeing that there was nothing more she could do, Gu Chaoyan took the jar and poured it into one bowl, placed it on the tray and was about to carry it to the patient.

The Dean did not show any intention of tagging along.

He kept sniffing the medicine in the jar, thought for a while and had a small taste of it.

Gu Chaoyan turned around and saw that scene, shaking her head and thinking that he was indeed a very naughty elderly man.

“Elder Miss, here you are, the man has woken up. I was about to get you.” Sword One arrived, took the tray and they started to head towards the room.

In the room.

The man had woken up.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief – it seemed that the poison was gone.

“Drink this bowl of medicine, you should be ready to get off the bed within one week’s time.” Gu Chaoyan did not look at him, but spoke as she was writing the prescription.

That man drank it in one attempt, not fearing the bitterness.

After he finished the medicine, he turned to Gu Chaoyan.

He did not really know where he was, but whenever he woke up, he could see this girl feeding him medicine, acupuncture and trying her best to save him!

“Miss, when I am cured, can I be your servant?!” The man said with determination.

Gu Chaoyan was writing the prescription and did not look up at him until she finished the last word.

Gu Chaoyan had not made a careful observation of him before, but as she took a closer look at him, she found that he was a hunter, tall and strong. He must have some knowledge of martial arts and abilities, otherwise he would not have run away from the apes. However, he might need some training, so he would not get so badly injured next time.

She already got Sword Four with her, but all of them were Zhou Huaijin’s personnel. She did need to start cultivating staff of her own.

This man looked proper. However, it was not that easy to be her servant.

“Then we have to see what you are capable of,” Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

Chapter 425: Changes

Hearing that he had the chance, the man got so excited that he wanted to get off the bed directly, but the move pulled at his wound, making him cover his chest with a hand. Misery covered his face.

Gu Chaoyan had a look at him and knew that he was still fine. So she said as she continued to write the prescription. “You don’t have to prove yourself so anxiously. Wait until you are cured. I don’t need reckless people as my servants.”

The man gave a dumb smile and laid back to the bed.

Gu Chaoyan was done with the prescription, and passed the paper to Sword One. “Give it to the Dean.”

After Sword One was gone...

Gu Chaoyan took out a white medicine bottle and gave it to that man. “One pill a day, take care.”

Then she left.

As she returned to the west yard, Gu Chaoyan was almost totally exhausted.

She was about to fall asleep, when Sword One got the warm water ready. “Miss, please take a bath.”

Gu Chaoyan nodded and got up.

The bathroom in the west yard was quite shabby. The bathtub used to be a small-sized bucket, but now Sword One got a huge one. So Gu Chaoyan was having a cozy time.

Gu Chaoyan used to bathe alone, but she was too tired to do it herself today. So Gu Chaoyan nodded at Sword One when she offered help. She crouched at the edge of the bath bucket, with her long hair all over her white shoulders.

Sword One was very careful as she was rubbing her back.

"Elder Miss, you have lost a lot of weight." Sword One said with a concerned tone. When she remembered Elder Miss for the first time, Elder Miss was slightly chubby and nice, but now, only a short time later, she had lost so much weight.

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly, "Isn't it nice? I used to be called the Ugly Lady because I was too chubby. But now, I hear the name no longer."

Sword One agreed.

Those noble ladies in the capital were all very skinny.

Elder Miss was more or less the same as them, but she had seen what Elder Miss was like when she was chubby, so she could not stand losing so much weight at the moment.

"Elder Miss, you are not ugly at all, you are the most beautiful one. If you can remove the red birthmark on the face, you would be even prettier." Sword One said openly.

Gu Chaoyan felt her cheeks. That birthmark had been there for a long time and it was never gone no matter how much magical water she drank.

"Miss, I did not mean that... you are pretty the way you are now." Sword One said, thinking that she might have said something wrong.

"It is fine." Gu Chaoyan withdrew her hands.

She then got up from the water.

Sword One dried her body, and helped her put on her clothes. Gu Chaoyan then fell asleep directly in bed.

The next morning when she got up, Sword One had already packed their things.

Gu Chaoyan ate breakfast and was getting ready to head back to the Gu Mansion.

She said goodbye to Yuanxiang before she left. Yuanxiang was focusing upon medicine throughout the whole day, looking totally concentrated.

She had intended to leave directly, when Gu Chaoyan thought of Xia Yinghan.

Xia Yinghan took good care of her, so she decided to say goodbye to her before she left.

However, Xia Yinghan's room was closed, and no one answered the door after Sword One knocked at it. It seemed that she was not in. So they left directly.

It was Chen Fu who picked them up.

Chen Fu had his head lowered. Gu Chaoyan found that his face was covered with wounds.

Chen Fu said nothing and just guided her into the Gu Mansion.

"Chaoyan, here you are." Gu Zhenkang was smiling at Gu Chaoyan with a flattering face. Next to him was Mrs. Gu who was showing total disdain.

Chapter 426: So, Sorry

She looked at Gu Chaoyan and Gu Zhenkang coldly.

At the beginning, Mrs. Gu did have some hope in her heart.

In her mind, Gu Zhenkang had a space for her, so both Ruxue and Yunhe were his favorite children whilst Ms. Lin's daughter could only be demeaned. However, Gu Zhenkang changed his attitudes towards Gu Chaoyan, just because she was the Princess Consort whilst Ruxue was only the Equal Princess Consort.

So she asked Gu Zhenkang to suck up to the bitch.

When Ruxue's real identity as the Phoenix Girl was announced, Gu Chaoyan was definitely not going to steal her father away from Ruxue.

He was Ruxue's father and he should love Ruxue only.

It was always miserable to get something and then lose it directly.

Mrs. Gu had a very proud smile as she looked at Gu Chaoyan.

Seeing Mrs. Gu's indifferent look, Gu Zhenkang was not pleased. He tugged at her and suggested that she should behave properly too. Mrs. Gu turned around, saying nothing. Gu Zhenkang could not force her to do anything either.

Instead, he said, "Your Second Sister is marrying Lord Ling, so you should be home for the wedding. You are the lineal daughter and the Elder Miss of the Gu Mansion, so you need to back up your Second Sister. You don't have much to do at Saint College, so you should stay at home for a couple of days. We have cleaned up your Qiong Pavilion, or you can move to the front yard if you want."

Gu Chaoyan shook her head.

Gu Zhenkang might look flattering, but she did not believe that Gu Zhenkang was doing this because he treated her as the real daughter. He was doing this only because of Zhou Huaijin.

"I am staying at the Qiong Pavilion." Gu Chaoyan answered, looking cold.

Gu Zhenkang was displeased inwardly... How dare this girl show arrogance in front of him, when he was doing everything for her sake? However, he did not dare to utter a word at all.

"I will ask Chen Fu to keep you company there." He said coldly.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. Then they started to head towards the Qiong Pavilion.

Gu Zhenkang and Mrs. Gu remained, with Gu Zhenkang looking displeased.

"See, you are sucking up for nothing!" Mrs. Gu snapped ironically.

"What are you talking about? I am doing all of this for you guys, for the whole Gu Mansion!" Gu Zhenkang snapped.

Mrs. Gu snorted and left.

Gu Zhenkang pursed his lips and left too.

Gu Chaoyan did not hear their conversation. As she came back to the Qiong Pavilion, she saw the Pavilion had been cleaned up by someone before. With Qing gone, it must have been servants from the Gu Mansion that had done the cleaning.

Chen Fu said with a lowered head as he accompanied her to the Qiong Pavilion. "Elder Miss, you can walk in now, I will be off."

"Hang on." Gu Chaoyan took out a medicine bottle. "This is medical cream and it works well, you can use it if you want to." Then she placed the bottle into Chen Fu's hands.

Chen Fu was surprised. Obviously, he had not expected that Gu Chaoyan would offer him the medical cream.

His hands were shivering as he was holding the medical bottle. He looked at the medical bottle and then at Gu Chaoyan.

Tears gushed out of his eyes, and he looked very saddened. He mumbled. "I am sorry, Elder Miss, I am so, sorry."

"Sorry?" Gu Chaoyan looked at Chen Fu with a searching look.

Chen Fu was the housekeeper, but he had never done anything evil. What was he sorry for?

Chapter 427: Bitch Maid

Chen Fu's eyes sparkled. He came back to himself, with the medical bottle tightly clenched in his hands. He shook his head and said, "Nothing, nothing really."

Then he hurried off.

"Housekeeper Chen!" Gu Chaoyan shouted.

Chen Fu hastened his steps as if he did not hear a thing, as if trying to avoid something.

Sword One knew that something weird was going on, so she asked, "Elder Miss, should I go and get him?"

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief. After she took a few seconds to consider, she shook her head and said, "No need."

"He won't say a thing even if he is here, if he has no intention of saying anything at all." Gu Chaoyan said, and walked into the room with a serious expression on her face.

Sword One thought for a while and gave it up. That man did not commit any crime. He could not be interrogated with punishing tools. So she walked in with Elder Miss.

Back in the room, Sword One started to make some tea and prepared some pastry.

Elder Miss had no other hobbies than drinking light tea and tasting some pastries. Sword One had no idea if Elder Miss liked pastry or not. Every time she had some pastry ready, Elder Miss would have some of them.

Gu Chaoyan had a lot of thoughts in her mind. She did not even drink the tea Sword One made for her. She just had her hands against the chin.

She kept thinking of Chen Fu's words – "Elder Miss, I am sorry."

What was he saying sorry for? What did he really do?

When she was bullied in the mansion, Chen Fu did not take care of her, nor did he do anything bad to her. Compared to the other servants, he was not that evil.

Then could he have done something to embarrass her in the court years ago? Or had he done anything bad now, for him to burst out such words?

Gu Chaoyan was confused – what was going on with Chen Fu?

Gu Chaoyan was so obsessed with her thoughts that she did not see any breakthroughs.

Suddenly she heard – "Elder Miss."

She looked up and saw Sword One calling her.

"What is it?" Gu Chaoyan was still quite confused.

"Gu Yunhe is here, waiting in the out chamber. I told him that you are taking a rest, but he is not leaving. He says that he needs to talk with you right now," Sword One said helplessly. Gu Yunhe was so annoying. He was never up to any good whenever he came to Elder Miss. And Sword One wanted to stab him to death seeing how he stared at her.

She did miss the time when she did not have to care about any consequences back at the Shadow Door. Now she could not do much because of the position she was in.

Gu Chaoyan frowned.

Gu Yunhe... What was he doing here?

She patted Sword One's hand and consoled her. "Go and prepare some warm water. I will check him out."

Sword One looked at Elder Miss with gratitude.

Elder Miss took care of them and felt for them, even if they were just maids. So she went out to get prepared.

Gu Chaoyan came to the out chamber.

Gu Yunhe took a look at Sword One who just left the spot.

He got annoyed – he was the Elder Master of the Gu Mansion and he had been waiting for so long, but got no water served at all. He struck the empty cup on the table, saying, "What is wrong with you? You don't even have a maid serving the tea? You are treating me terribly."

He was definitely going to get that b**ch maid sooner or later, even if he could not get her now.

Chapter 428: Help or Not

Seeing Gu Yunhe's behavior, Gu Chaoyan was glad that she had asked Sword One to leave, otherwise she would have gotten so annoyed.

"Tea is in the kettle, you can serve yourself." Gu Chaoyan said coldly. "My Qiong Pavilion isn't as flourishing as your yard. I have only one maid serving me so I have to do everything myself. If you are not used to my place, please leave."

"You..." Gu Yunhe was almost suffocated with anger.

Seeing the kettle and the empty teacup, he gave up. And then he started to serve himself the tea.

Gu Yunhe had never done such a demeaning thing in his entire life. If not for what he was about to say, he would never have dropped by.

The Qiong Pavilion was so shabby that he felt very uncomfortable sitting here. He felt that everything was filthy. Nevertheless, the filthy place was incredibly proper for Ms. Lin's daughter.

"I won't drink a thing, you don't have any good-quality tea I believe. Nor have you ever drunk any good tea in your life either." Gu Yunhe said disdainfully.

Gu Chaoyan said nothing. She poured herself some tea and took a sip. She ignored what Gu Yunhe said. She did not have to make any effort to talk with Gu Yunhe at all.

Seeing her saying nothing in return, Gu Yunhe cursed inwardly – Ms. Lin's daughter was so dumb-headed.

Then he added, "I am working for Lord Ling and now I am fully loaded. Soon, I will be granted an official place. I am doing well in the capital, and the Gu Mansion is going upwards with me around."

Gu Chaoyan showed a cold expression, showing no interest in what he said as she continued drinking the tea.

Gu Yunhe snorted. Ms. Lin was so dumb.

He did not think that this kind of girl would know how to seize the opportunity. So he said straightforwardly, "Now I am entrusting you with an errand, which you will have to agree to take."

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Gu Yunhe.

So he was here to ask her for a favor. However, his attitude made her feel that it was she who needed a favor.

"It is about the dowries. Ruxue is getting married and her future husband is Lord Ling. She is going to have a wedding in the same manner as the Equal Princess Consort, which is an honor given by Lord Ling to our mansion. The Gu Mansion is a wholity, so when Ruxue and I are doing well, everyone in our mansion will do well. If neither of us are doing well, no one is going to have a happy life either."

"..."

"Therefore, I hope you can understand the position you are in right now."

"..."

“Ruxue doesn’t have enough dowries, so I am giving you a good offer – share half of what you have so the two sisters can have the same amount, so the two lords can be satisfied.” Gu Yunhe said, looking confident. He believed that even a dumb-headed person would understand what he meant and what to give up and share.

“...”

“I am going to the master of the Gu Mansion, and a married woman has to have support from her mother’s family. None of the women without a mother’s family would end up well, especially in the royal family where people are set up all the time.”

Gu Chaoyan showed no expression as she looked at Gu Yunhe. And she said nothing in response.

Gu Yunhe thought that she had not fathomed what he meant. “We are not born by the same parents, but this time, if you are willing to offer Ruxue a hand, I will bear it in mind, and I will back you up too.”

A while later, Gu Chaoyan was still silent.

Gu Yunhe stressed. “Gu Chaoyan, are you willing to do that or not?”

Chapter 429: Concerned

“Nope.” Gu Chaoyan said without hesitation.

Gu Yunhe’s smiling face froze – he thought that he had misheard her. He thought that his babbling had made sense to her and she would agree with what he said.

That was Xie Yan’s idea. If not for that strategist, he would not have talked to this girl so politely.

Well, even a strategist’s idea did not make this dumb-headed girl understand the circumstance.

Gu Yunhe looked very furious. “You are not willing to do that?”

“Nope.” Gu Chaoyan answered coldly.

“Well, well, well, Gu Chaoyan, you better never regret what you have done today!” Gu Yunhe flung his sleeves and left.

What the heck? He would not have spent any time with this girl, if Lord Ling’s offer was not enough. As far as he knew, he should not have taken anything from Gu Chaoyan. She could just guard her own stuff, and when she lost her mother’s family, she was not going to live on at Lord Huai’s Mansion at all.

Men always liked the new ones. When Lord Huai got tired of her, a girl like Gu Chaoyan would be deserted. By that time, she would have no use of her dowries!

She was turning him down now, so she was going to get nothing from him in the future!

He could gather up plenty of dowries for Ruxue even if the Lin Family offered nothing to them.

After Gu Yunhe left...

Sword One walked into the room. She said angrily, "Elder Miss, you don't have to speak with Gu Yunhe. They are treating you terribly and only a little better, when they were asking you for a favor. Our Lord is a nice man, even if you have no mother's family to back you up, the Lord will still treat you well!"

"Madame Jiang and the Queen will also treat you well," Sword One said with determination.

Gu Chaoyan smiled. She was aware of all of these.

The Gu Family would not have given Gu Chaoyan such a terrible life and made her die, if they cared just a little about Gu Chaoyan.

She was not going to believe whatever the Gu Family was saying.

However, what Gu Yunhe said did make some sense, though he was such a dumbass.

Women without a mother's family would have a difficult time, especially when it came to the royal family.

She did not worry that Zhou Huaijin would treat her terribly. She was just worried that if she had nothing, she would not have a steady root in the royal family since there were so many Princess Consorts in the court.

She needed a mother's family, for her own sake and for Zhou Huaijin's sake too.

However, that mother's family would never be the Gu Mansion. She could try to gather one for herself.

Inspired, Gu Chaoyan showed a smile on her face. She should start to consider what to do in the following days.

"What are you smiling for? You look so happy," Zhou Huaijin asked as he dropped by, as he saw her happy smile and the confused Sword One next to her.

Seeing Zhou Huaijin here...

Gu Chaoyan knew that he had managed to deal with whatever happened with the Queen. She let out a sigh of relief inwardly.

"I was reminded of something." Gu Chaoyan said. "Gu Yunhe was here and threatened me. He said that if I don't obey his order, I would not have any mother's family as back-up after I get married, so..."

Zhou Huaijin swept her into his arms and said concernedly, "Chaoyan..."

Sword One lowered her head and left the room instantly.

Chapter 430: A Strange Routine

"Chaoyan, don't worry, I know what the Gu Family are like. I know that your father is not true to you, let alone the stepmother. I promise not to demean you and have you as my only wife in my entire life," Zhou Huaijin said as he caressed her long, raven hair.

Zhou Huaijin always kept his promise. He would definitely do that.

Gu Chaoyan had intended to tell him about her own plan, but when she heard those unexpected words from this man, she rubbed herself against his chest and felt warmth dominating her heart. She was no longer angry about what Gu Yunhe said to her just now.

As for her mother's family... Maybe the other women needed their mother's family to live a steady life, but Gu Chaoyan did not need to, because she had Zhou Huaijin by her side.

She patted his chest, looked up at him and showed a very docile smile. "Alright, just release me, I have something to talk about with you, you just misunderstood me."

Zhou Huaijin's well-built face showed a startled expression, then he turned to Gu Chaoyan. "What is it?"

Gu Chaoyan separated from him, and guided him to take a seat.

Sword One left in such a hurry that she did not even pour her tea. So Gu Chaoyan served both her and Zhou Huaijin the tea and then said, "Actually, I am very aware that Madame Gu cares a great deal about interest, and thinks that benefits matter more than anything else in the world, but my father never thought that my mother was worth anything, since she was born in a business family, despite the fact that my grandfather used to be an imperial businessman. Since he looked down on my mother, he never liked me. Mrs. Gu, the stepmother, has been setting me up and ruining my reputation, let alone Gu Yunhe who was never my real brother. I am pretty aware that I have no family love remaining in this mansion and I have never thought about turning to them. But Jin, I am marrying you, and you are the lord, and the King's child, I can't drag you down. I hope that we can fight the difficulties head to head together! Therefore..."

Gu Chaoyan showed a confident smile, as a sinister look sparkled in her eyes.

Zhou Huaijin leaned forward and looked at her, knowing that she had her own opinions. So he did not interrupt her, but he was curious what Chaoyan was up to.

Gu Chaoyan smiled.

"Therefore, I decided to build a mother's home personally!"

Haha.

Zhou Huaijin almost spit out his tea.

Chaoyan always had some strange ideas. You never knew what she was thinking inwardly.

Other women would always turn to their husband for help when they thought that they had no mother's family as back-up, and they always ended up complaining a lot. Chaoyan was different. She was going to build one herself! That was so funny and a little irritating too.

He was gratified that Chaoyan could hold a positive attitude towards everything, rather than show complaints. She always tried to change her situation with her own efforts. He was so angry about the Gu Family – because of what they did, Chaoyan had to think about everything herself. He really hoped that Chaoyan could live as happy as a young girl of her age.

"So what is your plan?" Zhou Huaijin asked Gu Chaoyan with a serious look on his face.