

Divine 441

Chapter 441: No Strange Phenomenon

Seeing Zhou Huailing approaching her, Gu Ruxue got a bit cheerful inwardly – it seemed that the Lord believed what she said.

As long as the Lord did not mind what happened, she was confident enough to become the most important person in Lord Ling's heart and replaced the present Princess Consort. Although she was the Equal Princess Consort at the moment, she knew that she was not in the same status as the real Princess Consort at all.

Gu Ruxue had been so busy thinking about all of these, that she failed to notice what Lord Ling was doing.

When she sensed the pain, the blood already dropped out of her hand. Gu Ruxue shouted in pain, "Lord!"

"Hush!" Zhou Huailing suggested that Gu Ruxue should stay quiet. "It is just a small wound, it is fine."

Gu Ruxue might be a lady from a minor Gu Mansion, but she had never got injured throughout her entire life. Now she was wounded and she could not stand it any more. So she had to shout loudly, "Ming!"

Hearing the noise, Ming pushed the door open and walked in.

Zhou Huailing got even more furious seeing someone entering without his permission, he tossed the thing in his hand at her and shouted, "Get out of here."

Ming got so startled that she left directly.

Gu Ruxue realized that the Lord was very angry.

Gu Ruxue was the only woman in the whole mansion that did not have any manners. Of course he was so angry.

"Sorry Lord, it is my fault." Gu Ruxue now realized that she was in the mansion, not in the Gu Mansion where she could do whatever she wanted.

"You can get up now." Zhou Huailing said emotionlessly.

He did not take care of Gu Ruxue's wound. Instead, he came to the window.

Gu Ruxue did not dare to complain about the wound, but followed him instead. Now she realized what happened. She knew what Lord was up to.

According to what she heard about the Phoenix Girl, she was the girl that got wounded by the fruit blade when the strangeness happened and when all the monsters were spinning over the sky.

That was how the Lord confirmed her identity as the Phoenix Girl – she was bleeding then. So the Lord would like to confirm once again.

Gu Ruxue was very confident about herself.

She believed that she was the Phoenix Girl – she was the prettiest and she should be the Phoenix Girl
So Gu Ruxue was standing by the window with the Lord with a smile.

They were both waiting for the strange phenomenon to happen.

If that happened, she would definitely become the real Princess Consort. She was the Phoenix Girl, and she deserved the best.

A quarter hour passed, yet nothing was happening in the sky.

Zhou Huailing frowned slightly. Gu Ruxue found it strange too – something should have happened. On the day when the birds and monsters arrived, it happened quite fast.

Could it be because she had not bled enough?

Tolerating the pain, Gu Ruxue pinched her hands, squeezing out the blood as much as she could. Her face went extremely pale, but nothing was happening at all.

She was panicking inwardly.

She craned out of the window and saw nothing happening at all.

Zhou Huailing got annoyed too – why was nothing happening? He had been sure that the girl should be Gu Ruxue, and what he did now was just to make himself feel happier. So what was going on?

Zhou Huailing looked at Gu Ruxue's face... Could she not be the Phoenix Girl after all?!

Chapter 442: A Lie

Gu Ruxue was no longer calm. Her face turned even paler. She pinched her wounded hand and the blood was still leaking, yet the phenomenon was no longer there.

Now the Lord was suspecting her!

How could that be possible?

Gu Ruxue was panicking inwardly and her head was spinning. It was beyond her expectation! However, whatever the case was, it was her wedding day and nothing should go wrong. She was not going to survive at all!

The only reason why the Lord was treating her like this, was because she was the Phoenix Girl. As long as she could prove that she was the Phoenix Girl, then everything would go smoothly!

Gu Ruxue kept thinking and trying to get more blood out of herself, but nothing was happening in the sky at all.

After thinking for a long while, Gu Ruxue said timidly, "Lord, I am on my period, I have been feeling really unwell after the long day, can I lie down on the bed?"

Zhou Huailing, who had shown his suspicion on his face, had a change of expression after hearing what she said.

Then he looked outside the window and saw nothing happening... Could it be... Could it be that the Phoenix Girl's blood would not work when she was on her period, so the birds could not tell what the blood was.

If that was real, then it all made sense.

He could be sure that Gu Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl, because he saw the strange phenomenon the other day and he could not have been wrong.

That made Zhou Huailing feel less annoyed.

True... He should not have given Gu Ruxue's past with any other men too much consideration. He married her only because she was the Phoenix Girl. He had way too many girls with him, and Gu Ruxue had her use as one of his women.

As he thought through the whole thing, Zhou Huailing suddenly became more gentle.

He took hold of Gu Ruxue's hand and asked concernedly, "Look at your wounded hand, does it hurt?"

Gu Ruxue let out a sigh of relief, expression still stiff.

She came back to herself after a long while, and shook her head. "No, no, it doesn't hurt that much."

"Someone!" Zhou Huailing shouted.

A while later, some servants walked in one after another. "Yes? Lord and Equal Princess Consort?"

"Come and help her wrap up, she got injured accidentally." Zhou Huailing said as he sat down and drank the tea next to them.

Normally, doctors should be asked to deal with the wounded masters and mistresses, but it was a wedding day and Zhou Huailing did not want to cause any trouble. So he just asked the servants to do the work and finish it as soon as possible.

Gu Ruxue did not dare to say anything more. She was already very satisfied since someone was helping her deal with the wound.

It was some blood-stopping cream and it was the servants of the Lord Ling's Mansion who were doing the work. So she had to tolerate all the pain when the cream was dabbed.

After the hand was wrapped, Gu Ruxue already became quite pale.

Zhou Huailing did not notice that. After the servants were gone, he said gently, "Ruxue, you are wounded and on your period too, you must be very tired, go and have some rest now."

Gu Ruxue nodded bashfully.

Although she could not do anything when she was on her period, she was still very anxious when she had to lie next to the Lord.

After removing the ornaments and outer blouse, Gu Ruxue laid down.

Seeing her lying in bed, Zhou Huailing started to walk out of the room.

Gu Ruxue was startled. "Where are you going, Lord?!"

Chapter 443: Itching for Princess Consort of Lord Ling

Zhou Huailing ceased his steps.

He frowned as he looked at Gu Ruxue – didn't the Gu Mansion hire anyone to teach her manners?

She was just a woman in the backyard who was unable to sleep with him because of her current health, so of course he was going to visit other people. Did she think that a Lord like him should stay in the room and keep her company? Even the Princess Consort of Lord Ling did not dare to make this request.

Zhou Huailing would have snapped at her, if not for her identity, but considering that Gu Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl, he swallowed down his displeasure.

He said quietly, "You can have a good sleep now, and ask the servants to help you when you need anything."

As he finished saying these words, he opened the door and left directly.

Gu Ruxue had a very complicated expression on her face. The Lord was not keeping her company when she was feeling unwell! Where was he going?

To the Princess Consort of Lord Ling? Or the Princess Concubine?

Gu Ruxue had her fists clenched – okay, Princess Consort of Lord Ling and Princess Concubine! She was going to make them disappear.

Zhou Huailing had no idea what Gu Ruxue was thinking. After he left the wedding room, he suddenly felt very relieved. Zhou Huailing had so many women around him, he did not have to care if Gu Ruxue was innocent or not.

He started to think, and then he thought of the Princess Consort.

The Princess Consort was General Liu's daughter, serious and well-behaved. He used to have no feelings towards her. He married her only for her father's military power, but after he left Gu Ruxue's room, he somehow thought of the Princess Consort and felt that he somehow had some feelings for her.

That woman might be a serious one, yet she was well-behaved and married him as an innocent woman, nobly-born as well.

That was the kind of woman Zhou Huailing deserved to have. So he started to head towards the Princess Consort's yard in a happy mood.

No changes had happened to the yard, with few servants. No one was around at the moment, so he walked into the room of his own accord. The maid waiting at the door looked totally surprised at the sight of Zhou Huailing. "Lord!"

Zhou Huailing nodded.

Since he started to have some feelings towards the Princess Consort, he found this maid not that annoying any more. He nodded, pushed the door open and walked in.

The Princess Consort was in the middle of reading a book.

Hearing someone walking in, she thought that it was her maid Shao. Instead of looking up, she said, "Shao, is the warm water ready?"

Zhou Huailing did not answer her, but walked straight to her side.

The Princess Consort noticed that something weird was going on, so she looked up only to see Zhou Huailing's face right in front of her. She became startled and the next second, Zhou Huailing already came to her side directly.

The Princess Consort took a step backwards, keeping a distance between them.

Zhou Huailing was used to her behavior, so he took hold of the book and asked in confusion, "Isn't this the Princess Concubine's book?"

The Princess Consort had an uncomfortable look on her face. She had no intention of answering his question, but asked with a serious posture. "Lord, aren't you supposed to be at the new Princess Consort's room? What are you doing here?"

"Just don't mention it." Zhou Huailing got annoyed.

"Whatever the reason is, you are supposed to be at her place on the wedding day." The Princess Consort reminded him with a serious tone.

That made Zhou Huailing even more distressed.

Zhou Huailing felt quite itching for the Princess Consort who looked serious and who had a snowy-white neck. He had not liked the way she behaved, so he failed to notice how pretty she was!

He swept her into his arms, making a move to try to kiss her.

The Princess Consort pushed him away subconsciously, frowning deeply.

Zhou Huailing got very furious when pushed – did she hate him?

Whatever... he went forward and pushed her down on the table, while the Princess Consort struggled hard.

Chapter 444: Struggling

She struggled, and her hair got unkempt, as the red hairpin dropped from her hair. She looked quite messy.

Zhou Huailing felt the blood rising up to his head, as he saw how the Princess Consort was. He did not normally like spending time with her so he failed to notice her beautiful look, but when he saw what she looked like now, he just could not stand it any more.

He started to rip off her blouse.

The Princess Consort felt cold air on her neck as the collar was ripped open. She defended herself with her hands over her chest since she failed to move him away, as she shouted furiously, "What are you doing, Zhou Huailing!"

Her face was reddened. It was either from anger or from shyness.

Under such an air, Zhou Huailing had no thoughts against the Princess Consort's calling by his real name. Instead, he found her very lovely.

That made her even more annoyed.

He looked about and realized that they were in the study.

Yes, the Princess Consort was a well-behaved woman who could not accept doing anything in such a place.

If that was the case, they could change places, for example the inner chamber. When they got closer, they could try doing that in the study instead. At that time, she might not resist him in this way any more.

As he thought about this, Zhou Huailing decided to follow his idea.

"You are my Princess Consort, and it is your duty to serve me. Since you are not willing to do that now, we can change to another place," Zhou Huailing said gently.

He lifted her, then they started to walk into the inner chamber.

The Princess Consort was panicking. She just did not understand – it was his wedding day with Gu Ruxue. He had made so many efforts just to get her into the mansion, and he was not spending the wedding night with Gu Ruxue, but with her! He had never behaved like this before. He had always been polite.

She had thought about spending some quiet days so she could get an opportunity to go into the court.

As she was distracted, Princess Consort had already been thrown to the bed.

She got startled and tried to struggle out of his arms.

Zhou Huailing found this extremely interesting, as he saw how the well-behaved Princess Consort was acting right now. He pushed her down as she got up.

With hands over Princess Consort, he gazed at her face. "Princess Consort, you are behaving very well today."

The Princess Consort frowned, and gave him a heavy push. "Lord, Lady Ruxue is waiting for you!"

She turned around, not intending to look at him.

Zhou Huailing was furious – it was her honor to receive him here. She was the Princess Consort and Ruxue was the Equal Princess Consort, so she should have taken the opportunity of sucking up to him! So why was she drying him away? Did she hate him so much?

Zhou Huailing believed that it was possible.

His expression sank. "You are living in my mansion and I can go wherever I want. Today, you are going to serve me!"

Having said this, he started to remove the Princess Consort's clothes.

Instead of struggling, Princess Consort stayed still. No matter what Zhou Huailing was doing, she was totally frozen.

Zhou Huailing was right. Since she was the Princess Consort, then she had no right to resist.

The Princess Consort turned around in disappointment.

Zhou Huailing, who had been in a wild mood, got increasingly furious seeing the Princess Consort just lying still. He got up from her body and said, "Well, well, well, next time I will never come to your chamber, no matter how much you plead with me!"

Chapter 445: Struggling 2

Zhou Huailing left in fury. He was not fast as he went. He was expecting that the Princess Consort would regret and started to plead, but he heard no sounds from inside even when he came to the doorstep. So he hurried off in a fury.

Shao was her maid, so she knew something wrong was going on when she heard the noise, but she did not dare to break in when the Lord was inside. Now that the Lord was gone, she hurried inside.

"Princess Consort, are you alright?" Shao asked discreetly.

Seeing the scene in the room, she was startled. "Princess Consort!"

"I am fine, is the warm water ready?" Princess Consort asked quietly.

"Yes, it is ready." Shao answered tearfully, picked up the clothes on the floor and got her a new dress.

The Princess Consort was still holding a very peaceful look on her face, as if nothing had happened. She followed Shao to the bathroom for a bath.

Shao felt her heart aching at the sight of the Princess Consort.

It was already a humiliation for her when Lord married an Equal Princess Consort, but now he was humiliating her in this way again!

Zhou Huailing on the other hand felt that he needed to vent the anger as he came out of the Princess Consort's room. So he headed to the Princess Concubine's room instead.

Princess Concubine was surprised too at the sight of Zhou Huailing. It was his wedding day, wasn't it? She had planned to get dressed up to go to the Princess Consort's room, but now the Lord was here.

The Princess Concubine showed a bright smile, "Lord, what made you come here today?"

Zhou Huailing frowned slightly. He remembered the first time he met Gu Ruxue – she used to be the best candidate for his wife in his heart. She was bashful yet not conventional. She was not as stiff as the Princess Consort, nor was she as open as the Princess Concubine who made him feel that he had just walked into a whorehouse.

Although he did not like the Princess Concubine's way of talking, he felt that it was still the most suitable place for him to stay for a while.

“Yes.” He answered with a low voice. “The Equal Princess Consort is not feeling well, and I just went to the Princess Consort who did not even want to serve me. She is my woman!”

“I was forced to marry the Equal Princess Consort. I am doing this for the sake of the mansion! Only when I am doing well can everyone else do well! Why can’t she get it?” Zhou Huailing snapped furiously.

The Princess Concubine smiled, but when Zhou Huailing looked up at her, the Princess Concubine withdrew the smile and said seriously, “Lord, the Princess Consort might have not thought it through, and she will be fine in a couple of days. Since you are here, just take a break in my chamber instead.”

Zhou Huailing suddenly felt much better, after being depressed for the whole day.

He had not liked the Princess Concubine for her exaggerating behavior, but now he found her quite interesting. She was the Princess Concubine, what she needed to do was to make him happy.

He was going to see who was going to come to compromise when he kept turning down the Princess Consort!

As he made it through, Zhou Huailing took hold of the Princess Concubine’s hands and walked into the inner chambers.

The Princess Concubine was wearing a smile, looking very happy.

That made Zhou Huailing even more pleased.

He asked the maids to leave the chamber, then he placed the Princess Concubine down upon the bed.

Then a very sinister smile hovered over the Princess Concubine’s face.

Chapter 446: Not Many Days

The next second, Zhou Huailing passed out.

She placed him upon the well-made bed, smiled and started to walk outside.

The Princess Concubine only had a few maids serving her, one was Huan, the other two were responsible for cleaning. Seeing the Princess Concubine walking out of the chamber, they said nothing and just continued with their own work.

Huan followed and asked, “Princess Concubine, are you heading to the Princess Consort’s room?”

The Princess Concubine nodded and gave her an of-course expression, then she took off.

The Princess Concubine was very familiar with the Princess Consort’s yard. Seeing that no one was in the inner chamber, she headed directly to the bathroom. The Princess Consort was a very boring woman who only moved between her room where she kept reading or to the bathroom, so she knew where to find her.

As she came to the bathroom, Shao stopped the Princess Concubine. “Princess Concubine, the Princess Consort is in the bath, please hang on.”

In the bath?

Princess Concubine looked very cheerful – that was something she could not wait for.

She gave Huan a look.

Huan grabbed Shao, then the Princess Concubine started to walk into the bathroom.

Hearing the sound of footsteps, the Princess Consort thought that it was Shao who had just walked in.

So she got up and out of the bath bucket, then she opened her arms.

The Princess Concubine thought for a while, and grabbed the towel for her to wipe, but the Princess Consort did not notice who was with her all this time.

It was not until the Princess Concubine got her the dress and started to button her up that the Princess Consort noticed that it was the Princess Concubine. Her head turned messy and her face flushed, as she said with a serious tone, “What are you doing here?”

“I am visiting you, but I didn’t know that you wanted to be served, so I had to do that. You are the Princess Consort, and I am the Princess Concubine, so it is reasonable that I am serving you.” The Princess Concubine smiled brightly.

The Princess Consort moved her hands, then she buttoned herself up in panic.

She was frowning – she had no idea how this woman managed to walk in. She put on the dress and started to hurry out of the room.

The Princess Concubine followed with a bright smile on her face.

It was not until the Princess Consort walked out that she saw that Huan was holding Shao. She frowned slightly, and Huan released Shao as she bowed to the Princess Consort politely.

The Princess Consort continued to walk forward, and the Princess Concubine followed.

It was not until they reached the inner chamber that the Princess Consort asked in surprise, “Isn’t Lord Ling at your place?”

“He is, in bed. So I am wandering about to see if you have been hurt.” She observed the Princess Consort’s face carefully as she spoke. Only now did she see a few wounds on her neck. The smile disappeared from her face.

The Princess Consort did not notice that. She would have snapped at the Princess Concubine for being annoying, but today, she just could not say a word.

“I am fine, you can go back to your room,” the Princess Consort said coldly.

“You are driving me away? Lord Ling is going to have fun with the Equal Princess Consort from today on, you better keep me so that I can have fun with you when you are bored.” The Princess Concubine said cheerfully.

The Princess Consort knew that was what the Princess Concubine was like, so she did not think that the Princess Concubine was speaking ironically.

The two women had become good friends.

The Princess Consort added. "There won't be many days like this left."

"What do you mean?"

Chapter 447: Back to Mother's Home

The Princess Concubine was surprised. She was aware that the Princess Consort was planning something. She knew this woman well.

She had always thought that the Princess Consort was a very traditional woman, so she never expected that she would do something beyond convention. The Princess Concubine, though surprised, smiled.

"Nothing." The Princess Consort regained her steadiness, showing no expression on her face.

"Okay then." The Princess Concubine answered, then started to serve herself tea.

They sat and exchanged no words. On this occasion, the Princess Consort did not drive her away.

In the following days, it was very quiet at Lord Ling's Mansion.

Since Gu Ruxue was the Equal Princess Consort, she did not have to greet the Princess Consort. So Zhou Huailing asked her to stay in her own yard, otherwise he would become totally messy having to deal with what happened in his backyard.

Gu Ruxue had not met Zhou Huailing after the wedding. Three days later when she was supposed to go back to her mother's home for a banquet, Zhou Huailing finally appeared. He looked very gentle. Gu Ruxue had been anxious for three days so her heart was finally assured at the sight of Zhou Huailing.

"Lord, you haven't seen me for three days. I thought you had forgotten about the trip back to my mother's home." Gu Ruxue said with a displeased expression.

She did look quite pitiful with that pretty face of hers.

Zhou Huailing said gently, "I have been very busy these days, I will definitely keep you company when I have time, so don't overthink."

Gu Ruxue nodded. She looked about and saw that Zhou Huailing was alone.

She asked quietly, "Why haven't I met the Princess Consort till now?"

Zhou Huailing frowned.

What was wrong with this girl? Didn't she know that she was married for the sake of the whole Lord Ling's Mansion?

Despite the hidden anger, Zhou Huailing said nothing.

He was worried about the Princess Consort and needed her family to help him.

"She can't get through the reality at this moment, but don't worry about her. You can meet in the future. She is conventional, but she is not that hard to hang out with." Zhou Huailing answered briefly.

Then they left the mansion together.

It was not a very magnificent march home. Only a few guards and pageboys followed along.

As the wagon came to the Gu Mansion, Gu Zhenkang let out a sigh of relief as he was waiting at the doorstep.

He had been worried that Lord Ling would be dissatisfied with Ruxue and skip the whole trip back to her mother's home. If that had happened, the Gu Mansion would be totally humiliated.

"Greetings, Lord, and Equal Princess Consort." Gu Zhenkang and Gu Yunhe greeted him politely.

"Okay." Zhou Huailing nodded and stopped looking at them, as he led the way.

Gu Yunhe had a very weird look on his face. He was okay with Lord Ling not recognizing his father and him as the family, but now he was already married... Why wasn't Lord Ling calling him Elder Brother?

Lord Huai called Gu Yunxuan Second Brother! In this way, he would be totally humiliated in public.

Gu Yunhe found that everything was very strange. He threw a look at Gu Ruxue, trying to speak with her.

Gu Ruxue, however, was very proud. She walked with her chin raised in the air, looking very much like a Princess Consort to some degree.

As they came to the front yard, the whole mansion was waiting and greeting them.

Zhou Huailing instantly started to search for Gu Chaoyan. She was still dressed in a white blouse, standing among the crowd of concubine's children.

Chapter 448: Back to Mother's Home 2

She was keeping her head lowered rather than looking up.

Gu Ruxue, who had been smiling brightly, got annoyed as she saw how Lord Ling was staring at Gu Chaoyan. Her face turned twisted and fists totally clenched.

This b**ch...

Gu Ruxue kept calling her by that name inside her head. It must have been her who seduced Lord Ling on the sly!

"Lord, let's go in." Gu Ruxue was angry, but she had to look very sweet in front of Lord Ling.

Zhou Huailing got back to himself and looked at Gu Ruxue with a sober mind. Then he nodded and they started to walk into the lobby.

Normally, it was Gu Zhenkang and Mrs. Gu who were seated in the upper seats in the lobby of the front yard, but with Lord Ling present, they had to take the lower seats, sparing the upper seats for Lord Ling and Gu Ruxue.

Gu Ruxue was very glad to be seated in that place. She was in a good mood watching over the whole mansion. That was how being a Princess Consort felt like.

She was supreme over everyone else. If only she was the only Princess Consort... Gu Ruxue said inwardly.

Zhou Huailing was already used to being on the upper seat, so he had no such feelings at all. Instead, he started to search for Gu Chaoyan among the crowd again.

For some reason, this lineal daughter of the mansion really liked being in the crowd of concubine's children.

She was sitting there quietly, with eyes looking straight forward. She looked very calm. Zhou Huailing felt that she was better-behaved and had better manners than the Princess Consort. And she had a better appearance than the Princess Concubine. And she had an even more amazing air than the Phoenix Girl...

How could there be someone so perfect? Zhou Huailing got distracted. He had made a mistake.

Even if Gu Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl, he should have married her too. He should not have given Zhou Huaijin the chance. Zhou Huailing was feeling very regretful inside his heart.

Gu Chaoyan had sensed that look. She was frowning, feeling rather disgusted. She should not have been here today, but Chen Fu looked too pitiful. Chen Fu was injured, and he could not take any days off. He had to work for the Gu Mansion and if she was not present, Chen Fu might get blamed again.

She was not a very kind-hearted person, but she just could not be totally cold-blooded. That was why she showed up.

She felt like leaving at any moment. Gu Chaoyan tried to come up with a way of getting rid of this place.

Then Mrs. Gu's voice arose. "Lord Ling, can I speak with Ruxue in the room? I can barely see her in the future."

Zhou Huailing nodded with approval.

Mrs. Gu was very happy, then she headed to the Yard with Gu Ruxue.

She said proudly as she walked past the concubine's children. "You can join us as well, you better speak with her since you are in a good relationship with Ruxue."

Gu Chaoyan got up directly. She really hoped to leave, but Gu Xiuying was unwilling to do that.

She had been well-dressed, because her aunt told her that Lord Ling still had a position for Princess Concubine. If she could take the opportunity and become the Princess Concubine, then she was going to have a wonderful life. So she was not willing to do that at all.

However, Mrs. Gu grabbed her and said, "Xiuying, you have always been Ruxue's best friend, you must be dying to speak with her, aren't you?"

Chapter 449: Mrs. Gu's Suggestion

Gu Xiuying looked annoyed, but she had to leave at the moment. She was a concubine's child who had no status at home nor rights to speak.

She threw a lingering look at Lord Ling who was seated on the upper seat. Dressed in the blue robe, Lord Ling gave out an air of nobility. Lord Ling was not paying attention to her at all. Instead, he was looking at the girl in white.

Gu Xiuying followed his look... only to see Gu Chaoyan right there.

Gu Xiuying was annoyed – why Gu Chaoyan? Wasn't she prettier than Gu Chaoyan?!

Before she was able to think it through, she was dragged out by Mrs. Gu.

As they came out of the room, Mrs. Gu looked at Gu Xiuying disdainfully. "Are you expecting that Lord Ling will spare a look at you? Honestly, just look at yourself in the mirror first."

Gu Ruxue snorted. She would have snapped at Gu Xiuying in the past, but on this very occasion, she wanted to not spend any effort upon Gu Xiuying.

She was pretty aware that Lord Ling would not look at this girl at all. She could just worry about Gu Chaoyan instead. What was more, she needed to speak with her mother. So she had no intention of wasting any more time.

After glaring at Gu Xiuying, she left with Mrs. Gu.

As for the other concubine's children, they knew that Mrs. Gu had no intention of gathering them for a chat with Ruxue, she just wanted them to stay away from Lord Ling. Therefore, when they were out of the room, they were asked to leave the spot as well.

As they came to the Yard, Gu Ruxue finally put down her arrogant look and sat there with head lowered. She looked rather distressed.

Mrs. Gu knew that something wrong was going on.

She threw a serious look at Lianxiang. "Wait outside, I need to speak with her alone."

Lianxiang nodded in an equally serious way. She closed the door as she walked out.

Seeing the door tightly closed Mrs. Gu finally asked, "Ruxue, what happened?"

She had been worried the whole time. Lord Ling saw what happened at the study the other day and no man would be able to accept that scene at all, let alone Lord Ling.

She let out a sigh of relief seeing her returning home. She assumed that Lord was treating Ruxue well, but seeing Ruxue's expression... She again got worried.

Gu Ruxue nodded. She showed her hand which was still wrapped. Due to the deep wound, it would take ages before the wound healed with the help of ordinary cream.

Mrs. Gu asked as she looked at Gu Ruxue. "How did you get hurt?"

"It was the Lord who did it to me on the wedding day!" Gu Ruxue said, "Mom, what happened! When I bled the other day, something strange happened! That was how the Lord confirmed my identity, but I bled on the wedding day too, and nothing happened any more."

"..."

"If I had not been smart enough to tell the Lord that I was on my period, the Lord might have gotten the wrong idea!"

"..."

"Mom, what am I supposed to do? Why is my blood not working?" Gu Ruxue frowned as she was thinking. She had been trying to figure that out for ages at the mansion, but just could not understand a thing.

She did not dare to share this important thing with anyone else. So she had been holding the secret for all this time until she met her mom.

Mom always had ideas, and she was definitely able to help her.

Chapter 450: Phoenix Girl

Mrs. Gu panicked too.

If what Ruxue had done at the study had not been seen by Lord Ling, then Mrs. Gu would not have gotten so anxious – even if Ruxue turned out not to be the Phoenix Girl, Lord Ling would at least not dislike her. At least, Ruxue could stay safe and sound at the Lord Ling's Mansion as the Equal Princess Consort. However, Lord Ling saw what happened at the study the other day. And the only reason why Lord Ling tolerated the whole thing was because Ruxue was supposed to be the Phoenix Girl.

If she turned out to be someone else, then Mrs. Gu could definitely predict what would happen to them.

She just could not lose. She just could not let her daughter lose her identity as the Phoenix Girl!

Mrs. Gu pulled over Gu Ruxue's hand and asked, "Nothing happened on that day?"

Gu Ruxue shook her head, looking confused. She just could not fathom out the reason.

Mrs. Gu looked serious and went through the possibility.

"Who else was there the other day?" Mrs. Gu asked.

"Gu Chaoyan the bitch and Gu Xiuying. But nothing happened to them! The strangeness occurred only when I got injured, otherwise Lord would not have been so certain that I was the Phoenix Girl! I am very certain that I am the Phoenix Girl, not Gu Chaoyan, not Gu Xiuying!" Gu Ruxue said with determination.

Yes, it must be her. It could not be someone else.

"Mom, what matters most of all is how to make my blood work!" Gu Ruxue reminded her. She just could not fathom any idea, so she was asking her mom for help.

Mrs. Gu shook her head slightly.

Gu Ruxue might be determined and confident, but she was not that positive at all.

She had to make a full plan without any loopholes. Only when all the possibilities were taken into consideration would they be able to deal with all potential changes.

Ruxue said that Gu Chaoyan and Gu Xiuying were on the site the other day too.

Although neither of them was experiencing anything strange, it could be possible that either of them was the Phoenix Girl.

But it was very easy to prove the whole thing.

They could simply be asked to test their blood.

If nothing happened then there was no need for them to be worried.

If something happened with either of them, then it was alright too. She could just get their blood and make use of it. Anything could become Ruxue's, so she could stay as the Phoenix Girl.

As Mrs. Gu thought about this, she was no longer feeling as anxious as before. Instead, she was showing a slight smile of confidence.

Seeing Mrs. Gu's smile, Gu Ruxue thought that her mother had just come up with an idea.

She asked cheerfully, "Mom, have you come up with anything?"

Mrs. Gu looked at Gu Ruxue and saw that she had lost a lot of weight because of what she was worried about. She felt very concerned about her daughter who had grown up and married someone. She must not let her stay by her side. Lord Ling was a very nice suitor, so she had to make sure her daughter stayed by Lord Ling all the time for the luxurious life she deserved.

So she did not have to think about anything else. What she needed was to help Ruxue.

She caressed Gu Ruxue's face. "Ruxue, don't worry about any of this. Since Lord Ling has married you and taken you as the Phoenix Girl, it must have been an accident that no strangeness happened the other day."

"..."

"Don't worry, I will think of something so no accident would occur again."

"..."

"You have to be the Phoenix Girl!"

Having said the words, Mrs. Gu heard the sound of footsteps and moved outside the room. Startled, she shouted, "Who is it?!"