

## Divine 481

### Chapter 481: Unsensible

Seeing the unchanged expression on her face, Zhou Huailing felt even more confident.

He knew it! He knew that the Princess Consort was a modest and elegant lady, which meant that she was a lady who cared about and prioritized the whole situation. Only when the whole situation was settled, would everyone be doing well too.

So without any hesitation, Zhou Huailing said, "What I mean is that Ruxue is going to be the Princess Consort whilst you will be a Princess Concubine instead. There is still one vacancy there."

The Princess Consort felt that her eyes were getting blurry. Her only hope that she had held a few seconds ago was now broken little by little.

He was... He was making the decision and saying that Gu Ruxue was a blessed woman... When there was no slightest base upon the strange phenomenon.

So without even more thoughts, he asked that woman to take the position of Princess Consort. Whilst she herself... As the real the Princess Consort, she had been in this position with full devotion during the past four years and did not humiliate him at all. She even kept Lord Ling's Mansion running well.

However, he showed her no affection. She had overestimated Zhou Huailing. She had made a terrible mistake in marrying him! Yes, her father was completely right! She had married the wrong man!

"Qingqing, don't worry, it is just a title. You are my first Princess Consort and I can guarantee you that when I take the throne, your son will be the heir, what do you think?"

He was worried that the Princess Consort would not be able to accept it, so he made this promise first.

When he took the throne, it would be his decision who to become the heir. So the promise would not be that important at all.

"No!" the Princess Consort replied coldly. "If you want her to be the only Princess Consort, fine, we can get divorced and she can take the position!"

Zhou Huailing was annoyed. What was she thinking about? She kept mentioning getting divorced! Why wouldn't she care about him at all? He might be Lord Ling with a noble background, yet the King was getting old and he would pass away sooner or later. At that time, if he failed to get the throne, all his efforts would be in vain and no one from the Lord Ling's Mansion would lead a good life. She was the Princess Consort, how could she be so unsensible!

Zhou Huailing had no interest in pampering her any more.

"Alright then, if you want to get divorced, just do it. You can go to the King in the court!" Zhou Huailing's gentleness was now all gone. "But I am reminding you here to make a decision after careful consideration! If you are sensible enough, I will still offer you some opportunities and the heir will be your son in the future. If you keep on being unsensible, I won't promise you a thing!"

Then he flung his sleeves and took off with a furious look on his face.

The Princess Consort's tears dripped as she was standing on the spot.

It was her fault. She should have listened to her father and should not have considered him a gentle and nice man.

It was her fault. She should have gotten divorced when he wanted to marry an Equal Princess Consort. She should not have backed off, because then she would have to back off on various occasions! She should have kept to her own principles. Why did she break her own principles!?

The Princess Consort wiped her tears and started to walk out of the room.

Shao asked worriedly, "Where are you going?"

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"Into the court." the Princess Consort said with determination.

Shao realized that something was wrong, though there was no sound of argument arising from the room.

However, she would always be with Princess Consort whenever she went. Shao followed her...

When the Princess Consort married into the Lord Ling's Mansion, Shao was the only one around. And now, Shao was the only maid she took with her out of the mansion.

Zhou Huailing did not ask anyone to stop her, so the Princess Consort had a very smooth journey on the way to the court.

When Xie Yan informed Zhou Huailing about this matter, the Princess Consort was already out of the mansion for a long while.

Zhou Huailing asked with disbelief. "Are you sure?"

"Yes. She has been out of the mansion for a long while." Xie Yan answered. He was, after all, worried. The Princess Consort was a stubborn lady, different from the other ordinary girls. What was more, the Princess Consort was General Liu's daughter and General Liu was holding large military forces, which were very beneficial for Lord Ling. If they broke up because of these matters, Lord Ling would be faced with a disadvantageous situation. So he said, "Lord, maybe you should catch up with her to see what is happening."

Zhou Huailing struck the teacup onto the table and said, "No!" He had thought that the Princess Consort was a sensible lady, but she turned out to be so stupid instead.

"Just let her do it. She is stuck with some ideas. She will regret it when she comes to the court. She won't divorce me!" Zhou Huailing said with disbelief on his face. "She is General Liu's daughter, but she is already married to me. Who else would dare to marry her after she divorces me!"

"..."

"She will understand the whole thing when she gives it some more thoughts. She may keep a position as Princess Concubine if we stay married, and I even promised her son a position of heir. She will have nothing when she divorces me."

“...”

“She is not a dumb woman and she can understand some things.”

“...”

“Xie Yan, don’t get so startled. She will probably have a conversation with Father who might not approve of her proposal!” Zhou Huailing said and shook his head at Xie Yan. Xie Yan was way too young. He had been making a fuss over such a minor thing.

Xie Yan was not suitable to accompany him for major achievements. Luckily, he had hired some other strategists at the mansion.

He waved his hands at Xie Yan. “Anyway, stop being startled. Leave this alone now.”

Xie Yan wanted to say something more, but he eventually gave up.

He found that Lord Ling was getting more and more distant from him, and he did not want to make himself look too annoying. So he nodded and left.

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In the court.

At the imperial study. The Princess Consort had no intention of giving up. This time, she was determined to get divorced.

The King did feel a little bit regretful to have not persuaded Ling not to do such a thing. He was not aware of his own Princess Consort, and he had overestimated himself. Now he was in a very awkward position.

“Princess Consort, are you sure about this?” The King added. “You should have talked with Ling first before getting so irrational.”

Before the Princess Consort answered, he added. “I will give you one month for consideration. If you still want to get divorced after one month, then I will approve of that directly.”

### **Chapter 483: Back to the Liu Mansion**

Regarding what the King said, the Princess Consort was slightly satisfied. She had not expected that the King would approve of it directly, because Zhou Huailing was his son and he would defend him after all. The Princess Consort was totally aware of that. Also, the King believed that her family was one of the best choices.

It was just one month, so the Princess Consort kowtowed to the King and said, “Thank you.”

The King had a very complicated expression on his face. Hopefully she become rational in the following month.

He waved his hand. “Just go home now.”

“Yes.” the Princess Consort answered and left politely, then she walked out of the Imperial Study.

The Princess Consort walked steadily and elegantly like before.

Shao felt concerned about Princess Consort, yet she had no idea what to say. So she asked. "Princess Consort, are we heading back to the mansion first?"

The Princess Consort nodded.

As she was walking with a straight back, she suddenly thought of something and asked Shao. "Shao, you haven't been back to the Liu Mansion for a long while right?"

Shao nodded.

The Princess Consort was always a very obedient woman.

When women got married, they could not visit their mother's home freely. Now that the Princess Consort had married the Lord, she had to obey the rules strictly. So she barely visited home. When the Princess Consort barely visited home, the maid followed suit as well.

So...

"Princess Consort, are we heading back to the Liu Mansion now?" Shao asked.

"Yeah." the Princess Consort answered.

Shao realized what happened so she said nothing more.

At the Liu Mansion.

The Princess Consort's sudden return made General Liu panic. He hurried here and asked at the first sight. "Princess Consort, what is going on?"

General Liu understood his daughter completely. It was not a special day so normally, she would not be here. So something wrong must be going on since she showed up here directly.

The Princess Consort felt like crying when she first spotted General Liu. It was her father who knew her best in the whole world. One glance, and he knew what was wrong with her.

The Princess Consort could not help but feel like crying.

General Liu knew that something had gone wrong. So he took her in, then he asked everyone else to leave.

General Liu asked. "What is going on?"

The Princess Consort recounted the whole thing from beginning to the end.

"Father, I can be tolerant, but I am your daughter, who does he think we are!" the Princess Consort said seriously.

General Liu had no idea that so many things had happened. How ridiculous Lord Ling was!

He had not liked Lord Ling, because he felt that he was not straightforward at all, but now he found that this man was very stupid!

General Liu patted the Princess Consort's shoulders.

"Qingqing, you are right. Just get divorced! Staying here is much better than spending time with him. I can support you!" General Liu said straightforwardly.

The Princess Consort felt slightly assured.

"Go and take some rest, I will speak with your mother about it." General Liu said.

"Okay."

The Princess Consort was about to return to her own room, when the housekeeper came running.

"General, Princess Consort, Lord Ling is here."

#### **Chapter 484: Leaving Her Alone!**

General Liu frowned – what was he doing here at the mansion?

He waved his hands. "Get him out of here!"

The housekeeper hesitated. That was Lord Ling! He looked up at his master who looked determined. Now the housekeeper understood that something had gone wrong.

As the servants, the only thing they could do was to follow their master's order.

They left and then asked the guards to drive out Lord Ling and Xie Yan who had been waiting in the lobby.

The two of them were so embarrassed standing outside the mansion.

Xie Yan had not expected that the Liu Mansion would be so resolute as to drive them out directly. He adjusted Lord Ling's blouse, asking him with uncertainty. "Lord Ling, what are we going to do?"

Lord Ling was extremely annoyed. The Princess Consort went home directly against the rules. So he came to pick her up for her own sake, but now they were driving him out?

He was Lord Ling, and now he had the Phoenix Girl with him so he was going to take the throne! The Liu Family was so stupid to not notice that!

"What are we going to do? We're going home!" Lord Ling bellowed. "I am leaving her alone now. I am going to see how much longer she is going to stay in the mansion! She is a divorced woman and she won't find anyone else to marry her again! No one would dare to do that! By that time, they are coming to beg me on their knees!"

"But Lord, General Liu is a very stubborn man, will he..." Xie Yan asked hesitantly.

Lord Ling glared at him.

Xie Yan had to shut up. Lord Ling was in the middle of anger, so there was no need for him to speak with him about anything now. He had to wait until Lord Ling's anger was reduced before he said anything. He had once studied General Liu before – he was stubborn but not dumb. If the Princess Consort insisted on remaining at the Liu Mansion, he might truly let her do so.

When the Princess Consort was marrying Lord Ling, General Liu never thought highly of Lord Ling. He must be thinking the same thing now.

The outsiders could see that directly, but Lord was totally blindfolded towards that.

He sighed, then he mounted the horse.

They headed towards Lord Ling's Mansion directly.

What was going on? Xie Yan thought inwardly.

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After Gu Chaoyan returned home from Gu Ruxue's Adulthood Ceremony, she had been staying at the Qiong Pavilion all the time.

The moment she returned to her residence, she went to space and asked the phoenix about the birds.

So it was the phoenix who was trying out his power who caused such a sensation. Gu Chaoyan was feeling helpless – what was the phoenix thinking? However, that was a good thing anyway.

Since Lord Ling knew about the Phoenix Girl and thought that Gu Ruxue was the one whilst the King was busy seeking for the Destiny Monk who had foreseen it coming, it basically meant that the Phoenix Girl was indeed useful for the Saint Divine Land.

If Gu Ruxue was willing to take the position, then she could let her do so.

It did not have to be something wonderful. Gu Chaoyan knew that the more honor one received, the more one had to pay. Gu Ruxue on the other hand, was not aware of this point at all.

Sword One poured her the tea which Gu Chaoyan held in her hands. It was warm and that made her feel slightly better.

The door was opened, and the cold wind that sneaked inside made Gu Chaoyan cringed.

Zhou Huaijin ceased his steps, took off his cloak and gave it to Sword One. "We need a fireplace for this room."

"It is only deep autumn. What more can we do in winter?" Gu Chaoyan asked helplessly. "What are you doing here?"

#### **Chapter 485: The Banquet at the Min Family**

Zhou Huaijin was feeling helpless.

"Can't I just come to you for no reason? What are you being so official for? People might think that I am here on business," Zhou Huaijin said with a tone of slight complaint.

Sword One put on the cloak for her Miss and then left the room silently.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at him, knowing that he was not making an honest complaint. So she poured him tea and said, "The wind is blowing, drink and get some chill out of you."

"You barely visit me in the morning, so I believe that you are up to something." Gu Chaoyan continued.

That made Zhou Huaijin feel slightly better. He did not have to tell Gu Chaoyan about what happened to the Princess Consort, but as he realized that she mentioned the Princess Consort before, so he decided to be honest with her. "My Fourth Brother is a scumbag. He became sure about Gu Ruxue's blessed destiny when the birds were flying over the mansion at the Adulthood Ceremony. So he went to the King and asked him to approve that Gu Ruxue should be the only Princess Consort of Lord Ling whilst Ms. Liu should take the Princess Concubine position instead. It was already against tradition to have set up an Equal Princess Consort, but now he is being even more ridiculous. The worst part is that the King approved of it!"

Zhou Huaijin shook his head, finding the whole thing ridiculous.

There had never been anyone who had done such a ridiculous thing throughout the dynasties, unless the Princess Consort did something horrible. However, the Princess Consort was the daughter of General Liu, and she was modest, elegant and never made any mistakes.

Gu Chaoyan was confused too. She thought of the girl at the Adulthood Ceremony. She looked modest and interesting. That must be a huge humiliation to her.

"What about the Princess Consort? What is her plan?" Gu Chaoyan asked. After all, women of this era had to tolerate the humiliation, since they were already married.

As it was mentioned, Zhou Huaijin said with a look of appreciation. "She proposed a divorce and now she is back at the Liu Mansion."

Then Zhou Huaijin looked at Gu Chaoyan. "If the divorce goes through, you can try hanging out with the Princess Consort. You two are very much alike, and you should hit it off."

Gu Chaoyan smiled. That sounded like a good idea, but why did Zhou Huaijin think so differently from other people, all the time?"

"There is going to be a banquet held in two days at the Min Family. You don't like such banquets, I know, but you may invite Madame Min to become the host of your Adulthood Ceremony. I could have done that myself, but I think that if you can meet her and invite her personally, you might seem more honest. The Gu Family can't be a reliable source, after all, the Adulthood Ceremony has to be slightly grander." Zhou Huaijin explained.

Madame Min?

Gu Chaoyan did have a memory of her. When they visited the court for the first time, Gu Ruxue had once set her up and asked her to do some performance. And Madame Min was one of the people who had spoken highly of her. Gu Chaoyan felt slightly happy when she thought of the kind eyes of Madame Min.

She did need to ask her personally.

"Okay, I will do that personally. Don't worry, I prefer quiet, but I can deal with banquets too." Gu Chaoyan explained.

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

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At the banquet held by the Min Family.

It was lunch the following day.

Since Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin had not gotten married, they should not show up together. So Gu Chaoyan arrived with the Gu Family instead.

Mrs. Gu had a terrible expression on her face.

Gu Chaoyan took a look and saw that Gu Zhenkang had brought Gu Xiuying with them too. That annoyed Mrs. Gu a great deal.

“Let’s just go inside. The Min Family are not ordinary people, so be careful about what you say and do,”

#### **Chapter 486: Elder Miss, a Thief**

Mrs. Gu was speaking to Gu Chaoyan and Gu Xiuying.

Gu Chaoyan did not even frown, but Gu Xiuying next to her showed a flattering smile as she nodded constantly. “Don’t worry, Madame Gu, I will keep everything in order.”

Mrs. Gu glared at Gu Chaoyan. She stopped being displeased, showed a long face and said, “Let’s go.”

Then they went onto their own wagon.

Gu Chaoyan and Gu Xiuying were receiving the same treatment at the Gu Mansion. They both were arranged to take the most shabby wagon that held them tightly together. No one had ever complained that it was against any tradition. After all in their heart, Gu Ruxue was the real lineal daughter who had the right to have her own wagon.

Gu Chaoyan did not care at all. She went into the wagon, and then she had her eyes closed for rest in the wagon.

Gu Xiuying was the same – she constantly threw a look at Gu Chaoyan.

Well, she expected to become the assistant of Gu Chaoyan’s Adulthood Ceremony, but she was too proud to ask. She expected Gu Chaoyan to beg her instead. So she felt rather restless on the way.

Gu Chaoyan, however, behaved as if she had forgotten about her Adulthood Ceremony, and went off the wagon directly as they arrived. She had no intention of sucking up to Gu Xiuying.

Gu Xiuying stomped her feet, looking very unconvinced. She had made up her mind. Since Gu Chaoyan refused to ask her personally, she would humiliate herself once and ask her instead. She was going to do that when they went home.

Gu Chaoyan was definitely not going to turn her down, once she asked.

She did that just because she found Gu Chaoyan extremely stupid – how could she have no idea of inviting the guests? It must be because her mother passed away too early, so no one was reminding her of anything. How pathetic.

When Gu Xiuying managed to console herself, a smile hovered over her face again. She walked into the Min Mansion following Mrs. Gu.



The Min Mansion was indeed a noble family in the Saint Divine Land.

The family was extremely huge and pleasant. Their banquets did not normally receive many guests. For example, the Gu Mansion had no qualification of doing so in the past, but now they did.

However, Mrs. Gu did not care about them. She went to meet Gu Ruxue instead.

So Gu Chaoyan and Gu Xiuying had nowhere else to go, but to linger about in the garden of the Min Mansion. It was not until the servants of the Min Mansion came to them that they got their own seats.

Gu Chaoyan had just taken the seats when some eyes were staring at her.

Elder Miss was said to be chubby, easy to be recognized – the fattest girl must be her! However, as the Elder Miss became thinner, she became prettier and more easily recognized too – she had a red birthmark on the corner of her left eye.

That must be the rumored Elder Miss. Therefore, the moment Gu Chaoyan took her seat, many people started to stare at her.

Someone said directly, “The Min Family are now getting less particular about who to invite. It is said that the Elder Miss of the Gu Family has the habit of stealing servants’ stuff, so the Min Family have to watch out for what they have now, in case they lose something. The Min Family have more treasure than any of those servants she used to steal from, what are we supposed to do when something goes missing.”

It was Madame Deng, the wife of the Officer of the Board of Rites and Ceremonies. She was a straightforward lady who just complained since she did not like sharing a table with Gu Chaoyan.

#### **Chapter 487: Bitterness in the Past**

Hearing what Madame Deng said, the other ladies started to look at Gu Chaoyan ironically.

Some of them did not want to share the table with Gu Chaoyan, and some just did not think she was a good suitor for Lord Huai. Although Lord Huai had a bad temper, he was a man with a noble position and those young ladies in the capital would very much want to become a Princess Consort as well. So they felt extremely displeased when the position was taken by someone else.

So when Madame Deng raised the topic, the other ladies had nothing to fear any more.

“Oh yes, we are not that noble, yet we are still wives of those important ministers. We have no intention of eating with a thief. That would just make us look lower in status.” Another lady stressed.

Gu Chaoyan had intended to take the seat, but she was pushed out after a few words.

Gu Xiuying did not care about her situation. Instead, she just sat down to watch the show.

Gu Chaoyan did not expect that Gu Xiuying would help her either, so Gu Chaoyan asked politely, “Are you talking about me, Madame Deng?”

“You are the Elder Miss of the Gu Family, I am not wrong, am I?” Madame Deng said straightforwardly.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She admitted. “I am.”

Back in the court, she also heard the gossip. So she was aware that those strangers might have been those who dared not offend her earlier, so they hid the gossip behind her back.

The original host did not steal stuff when she was little either, but Mrs. Gu blackened her reputation, so the rumor became that Elder Miss was a thief.

Since someone mentioned that right now, Gu Chaoyan had nothing to fear.

So if Mrs. Gu insisted that she stole stuff, then she could say that she did.

Gu Chaoyan looked far into the distance as if trying to remember something. "I am the Elder Miss, and I stole stuff when I was little."

Sword One looked worried and reminded her with a small voice. "Miss!"

Gu Chaoyan continued as if she heard nothing. "You may not know what I stole – it was some steamed buns! I was too famished, and the food I received from the servants were all rotten, so I truly wanted to eat some steamed buns, which I had to steal."

"..."

"My mother passed away before I got a sense of everything around me. Me and my maid Qing have to rely on ourselves. No one taught me not to steal servants' steamed buns. Qing is a maid, so she did not dare to lecture me."

"..."

"If my mom had been alive, she would have taught me not to do so." Gu Chaoyan said as tears dripped down along her cheeks.

"I made those mistakes when I was little. I am not sure why what happened inside the mansion would be spread around to everyone on the street. Some of them have become so exaggerated and they claim that I stole stuff, but it was just a steamed bun." Gu Chaoyan said with a very saddened tone.

Madame Deng almost felt like crying as she heard what Gu Chaoyan said. She had not expected that the truth was so twisting and winding.

As she thought through the whole thing carefully enough, she realized that it was purposeful that Elder Miss's thieving behavior got spread around the whole capital, when the family rumors should be kept within.

And also, the Elder Miss was a Miss, how could a Miss end up stealing a steamed bun? That basically meant that her life inside the mansion was full of difficulty.

#### **Chapter 488: Mean Stepmother**

"Stepmothers are always stepmothers!" Madame Deng bellowed.

The girl had already led a difficult life with her mother gone. She was also a woman living in the yard of a large family, so she was pretty aware that if a stepmother took over, the lineal daughter would not normally lead a wonderful life.

They had never given the stories inside a thought. What they had been doing was to believe those rumors and subconsciously affirmed that Elder Miss was not a well-mannered person.

However, the Elder Miss, who had not even become an adult, was bothered by rumors that were spread around by the stepmother who was completely evil! She was ruining a girl's life!

If not for Lord Huai who had fallen for Lady Chaoyan, she might not even get a chance to defend herself in her life at all.

She had been impulsive.

That Lady Chaoyan could become the Princess Consort must have been approved by the Queen. The Queen never chose the wrong girl. She would not have allowed her only son to marry that girl, if she was a terrible person.

Everything went through her head now, and Madame Deng understood everything.

The other ladies started to realize that something was wrong – they were all ladies living in the yard of a large family, and they were all aware of the means they could possibly use to gain interests.

Sword One, who was standing next to Gu Chaoyan, finally realized what happened. It was Elder Miss's plan! The rumor that Elder Miss stole servants' stuff had been going about for a long while. If she insisted on the opposite, no one would believe her, since it happened ages ago.

Now that Elder Miss admitted the truth, things could work better. Honestly, no young kid would have any idea of manners unless taught.

In the capital city, those families with some background would always have a mother or aunt who taught the ladies. However, now it was proved that the stepmother of this family not only failed to teach her, but also refused to hire any aunt to teach her either.

Sword One found Elder Miss way too smart. So she decided to boost Elder Miss up.

Sword One thought for a while, then she asked with confusion. "Elder Miss, it seems that your mother Ms. Lin should have been Mrs. Gu since she went into the Gu Mansion before everyone else did. So why was the Second Lady's Adulthood Ceremony held a couple of months before yours? So the Second Lady is older than you? I remember that you once told me that Mrs. Gu only moved into the mansion when you were born."

Gu Chaoyan almost clapped for Sword One, but Gu Chaoyan had to wear a sad expression, as if she did not dare to say a thing.

True....

Madame Deng's eyes widened. They had never noticed that the whole Gu Mansion was so messy!

The real lineal lady was younger than the stepmother's, so it basically meant that the Old Master of the Gu Family already had an affair before he married the concubine.

Disdain hovered over everyone's face. No ladies from any formal family would do something like this.

The ladies by the table started to discuss and gossip about Mrs. Gu, and Madame Deng started to focus upon Mrs. Gu as well.

Actually, some people did notice this strange point, but the Gu Mansion was way too minor to become their concern – what happened to them could just be a joke.

However, now things were different.

#### **Chapter 489: Princess Yunxi as the Witness**

The Gu Mansion were now the most popularly discussed family in the whole capital.

There was no one promising arising from the Gu Mansion, the only thing they were good at was marrying off the girls – the Old Master's sister was married to the King whilst now, the two daughters were all marrying Lords.

Why?

That was exactly what the large families in the capital would always ask.

The Gu Mansion had already influenced many families' interests, and when their interests were offended, they would be pushed to the top of the topic whilst everyone else was waiting for them to fall.

Gu Chaoyan exchanged a few looks with Sword One as they watched the gossiping going on. They had not shown any extra expressions. They sat down calmly and took a sip of tea.

Hopefully, the deceased original host would feel slightly gratified – the bitterness she used to suffer was now returned to Mrs. Gu little by little.

Gu Chaoyan was about to take one bite of the pastry, when someone came forward. "I did not expect that you would be so skilled."

Gu Chaoyan saw the girl. "Princess Yunxi?"

She did remember Princess Yunxi, whom she met once in the court. It was when Gu Ruxue forced her to perform.

Princess Yunxi seemed to have just said one comment – "you are different from what I imagined."

Then they never met each other again, and she was never reminded of this girl.

However, now they met again, unexpectedly.

Gu Chaoyan had a sense that Princess Yunxi was not a person with any ill intention, so she smiled. "What made you say so, Princess Yunxi?"

Princess Yunxi looked at the distance and pursed her lips in that direction. "Isn't that what you have achieved?"

She used to hate the Elder Miss of the Gu Family – what kind of girl could be so stupid as to lead such a terrible life. However, the two meetings had changed her opinions about this Elder Miss.

On the first occasion, she was so good at playing the zither that those who intended to humiliate her got humiliated instead.

On the second occasion, she pushed those who once hurt her to the center of conversation.

She was not at all stupid. She was way too excellent.

She had not thought about accepting Xunyang's proposal but now she was fully willing to do so.

"Gu Chaoyan, I heard that you are hosting the Adulthood Ceremony, I can be your witness, feel honored?" Princess Yunxi asked. She was willing to do so, but she was afraid of being turned down, so she made a baffling gesture.

Gu Chaoyan was surprised, but she found it suitable.

She had needed a witness, so if Princess Yunxi was willing to do so, she would be more than happy to do that.

She nodded with a smile. "I feel honored."

Princess Yunxi let out a sigh of relief. That was great – if she dared to turn her down, she would not let the matter go.

"Then get someone to pick me up at the mansion!" Princess Yunxi said with a high-raised tone, "I am off now, my mother doesn't know I am here."

As she finished saying these words, she hurried off before Gu Chaoyan said a thing.

When Princess Yunxi was gone, Gu Xiuying suddenly started to think about different things – she was no longer going to hesitate about being the assistant for Gu Chaoyan now. Princess Yunxi was going to be the witness, so if she could end up standing with Princess Yunxi, that would be of a great honor! If she could make friends with Princess Yunxi on this occasion, then she would have nothing to worry about.

Gu Xiuying was already starting to make a plan about her smooth life that was about to start – she was going to live as great a life as Gu Ruxue!

As she thought it through, she decided not to wait. She shouted. "Hey, Chaoyan!"

#### **Chapter 490: The Assistant**

Gu Chaoyan had just looked at Gu Xiuying when another voice arose. "Lady Chaoyan."

Gu Chaoyan withdrew her look, then she saw... Madame Min!

Gu Chaoyan got up directly. Madame Min was not titled, so she did not have to bow to her, but everyone had to greet her politely, at least they had to rise.

"Greetings, Madame Min." Gu Chaoyan said politely.

Madame Min was very easygoing. She smiled and waved her hands. "Please sit down, I feel restrained seeing you in this way."

She greeted the rest of the guests and everyone sat down.

Gu Chaoyan had a vacant place next to her, which Princess Yunxi took a while ago. So Madame Min took it directly.

They had just sat down when Madame Min said to her. "I haven't seen you for a long while, Lady Chaoyan."

Gu Chaoyan smiled and was about to reply, when Madame Min continued. "I asked you to take a seat at the mansion when you are free, why have you never shown up?"

Gu Chaoyan was startled. She suddenly remembered that.

Madame Min did mention that, but she thought that as an annoying Elder Miss, she should not go about to spread trouble for others. What Madame Min said made her feel very grateful, but she did not want to cause her any more trouble.

However, Madame Min remembered clearly what she had said, so Gu Chaoyan somehow felt guilty.

She was about to make an apology, when Madame Min continued. "You are becoming an adult right? Lord Huai asked me to be your host, I will definitely be there."

Gu Chaoyan had no idea what to say at this moment.

Madame Min was such a nice lady! She found her affable, just like a mother.

"Thank you so much, Madame Min!" Gu Chaoyan was not a sweet-talker, but when she was feeling very grateful, she normally could not utter a word.

Madame Min patted her back and smiled, showing consolation.

Madame Deng joined them as well. She looked totally surprised. "Madame Min, are you going to become the host of Lady Chaoyan's Adulthood Ceremony?"

Madame Min nodded.

Now Madame Deng believed her totally. She did not hear anything wrong.

Madame Deng had looked at Gu Chaoyan with a look of pity, but now, she was looking at her with a look of appreciation. After all, Madame Min was a very special lady and she would not even be kind to the King!

She had never offered to become a host for anyone!

The Elder Miss of the Gu Family was the first person in history!

"Lady Chaoyan, please don't take what we have said in heart. We are blindfolded by the rumor. You are a nice person, who is accepted by Madame Min! You can't be a bad-mannered lady, can you!" Madame Deng said with a serious tone.

Gu Chaoyan smiled and said, "It is okay."

It was a bustling and lively scene at the table.

Gu Xiuying, who was seated next to her, felt shocked. She was already very surprised to see Princess Yunxi offering to be Gu Chaoyan's witness but now Madame Min was offering to become her host!

So she had to become her assistant. She had to get it even if it meant losing her own face! That was a great opportunity!

Gu Xiuying was making a plan inwardly.

However....