

## Divine 51

### Chapter 51: Her Problem!

With a loud sound of scream, everyone turned to Huo Wei. No one lingered upon what Princess Yunxi was saying, even Gu Ruxue gathered up to Huo Wei's side.

As Gu Chaoyan looked into the direction, she saw rashes appear upon Huo Wei's face.

Allergy?

One glance, then Gu Chaoyan understood what she was dealing with.

"It is you!" Gu Ruxue pointed at Gu Chaoyan suddenly and interrogated with a sharp voice.

Those who were looking at Huo Wei all turned to Gu Chaoyan.

She suddenly understood from the look that the maid who stuffed something into her at the doorstep must have succeeded. Trouble was waiting for her.

She sneered coldly. "What made you say so, Second Miss?"

"Humph, I got the same kind of rashes a few days ago, and I only had it after I left your yard. Now she is having rashes too! Wei spoke ill of you just now and you hate her for those words. That's why you are playing this dirty trick upon her, everything makes sense!" Gu Ruxue elaborated in a very reasonable way and even put forward what she had experienced before as proof to convince everyone present.

Many people were drawn to this position. They were all looking at Gu Chaoyan quietly, waiting for her to explain.

And most of those bystanders had already believed what Gu Ruxue said. After all Gu Ruxue was from the Gu Family and had the same experience. It was very difficult not to believe her.

Princess Yunxi showed interest in this scene.

Gu Chaoyan frowned and asked peacefully, "Any evidence?"

"..."

"Even cases sent to Dali Temple require evidence, but Second Miss points at me directly without evidence, people might think that you are trying to set me up!"

"..."

"And do you have any evidence about the rashes on your faces too? Well, I cured your rashes. You have not only refused to thank me, but now you are blaming me. That is not what a gentleman..." Speaking of this, Gu Chaoyan suddenly thought of something and said, "Oh right, you are not a gentleman..."

Instead of making a fuss, Gu Chaoyan put forward everything one point after another in a very clear way.

Bystanders started to whisper among themselves.

“This Lady Ugly knows medical treatment?”

“It can’t be true.”

By this point, Madame Wang appeared to arrive and testified. “Miss. Gu does have knowledge of medicine. You all know that Tong has had problems since he was little, but she cured him! Now she is the savior of our family!”

What Madame Wang said caused some vivid response.

They all started to discuss how skilled this girl from the Gu Family must have been in medicine.

Seeing that she had reached the goal, Madame Wang did not say anything more but turned to Gu Chaoyan. “Chaoyan, what is it going on?”

Gu Chaoyan was about to speak when Huo Wei interrupted. “Madame Wang, she caused the rashes on my face! She hates me for what I said about her. Same went for Ruxue, the same thing happened to her before.”

Huo Wei was the miss of the Huo Family. As a spoiled lady, she did not care about what the trend was like among the bystanders.

Hearing the words, Gu Ruxue changed her facial expression. She knew how Madame Wang was treating Gu Chaoyan. She was afraid that what happened to her would make the Wang Family hate her.

However, what happened could not be altered. So she continued. “I got the same rash on my face as Wei did today, so I have suspicion!”

“...”

“What about searching her to see if she is hiding anything.”

Searching her?

That was an utterly huge humiliation for a lady who was unmarried.

And it was her Second Sister who had put forward this proposal.

Expressionless, Gu Chaoyan showed sufficient anger. It seemed that the original host gained a bad reputation in this way. The old Gu Chaoyan could not counter the situation, but now she could.

Hearing the words, Madame Wang stepped forward and said, “No.”

“What? Madame Wang is trying to defend her in my house?” Huo Wei asked with displeasure.

Gu Chaoyan patted Madame Wang, telling her to get assured.

Madame Wang did not step down. She was old enough to know well how the tricks worked in those mansions.

Even if Chaoyan had not done that, she might have been framed. That was why Madame Wang tried to stop the possibility. If something did come out of Chaoyan’s pocket, her life would be ruined.

Gu Chaoyan whispered as Madame Wang was about to speak. “Don’t worry, Madame Wang.”

The words had just been spoken, when she took a few steps forward.

She came to Huo Wei and Gu Ruxue and threw a cold look at her. "Yes, you can do the searching, but what if you find nothing?"

"Then you get your innocence back, if nothing is found." Huo Wei said with anger and impatience.

If not for Madame Wang's sake, she would not waste so much time talking with this hideous woman. She was a kind of person who would never have a bright future so she did not fear her at all.

Gu Chaoyan bowed and nodded, but her fists were tight. There was nothing else she could do to prove her innocence in this case.

No one was helping her here, but what made Gu Chaoyan displeased was that no one of the Gu Family was defending her at all.

What a cold family.

"Chaoyan, it is just a body search. If you have got nothing on you, we can pass on." Madame Wang spoke seeing Gu Chaoyan not responding. She would not have said a thing if not for Madame Wang's presence.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Madame Gu. A cold look.

It was Madam Gu who had suggested her being here for this banquet, but she was not at all trying to defend her. Great! Great!

"Then do the search. If you have found nothing, then I am left out of this case and you, Miss. Huo, must apologize to me." Having said the words, she looked about. "We are all girls here, so do the search here!"

She was not showing off her courage; she was trying to prove herself in front of the crowd, in case Gu Ruxue and Huo Wei set up something else just to frame her when they were alone.

Huo Wei had lost her patience. She did not care where she was searched. As for the apology, she was sure that she would find something, so she was not going to apologize anyway. She answered without hesitation. "Deal."

Then she said to the maid next to her.

The maid was doing the search for a while with a relaxed expression on her face, when her face started to change.

And Gu Chaoyan had been observing her all this time. Now she was more sure that she had been framed.

A long while later, sweat appeared on the maid's forehead as she mumbled. "How come nothing is here?"

Seeing the scene, Madame Wang knew that nothing was found. So she said with certainty inside her heart, "Well, still not done?"

## Chapter 53: Lord Huai Here

The maid had to stop. She was no longer relaxing as her body kept shivering. "I... didn't find anything."

"What?!" Gu Ruxue was confused and her voice exposed her.

Seeing the situation, Madame Wang understood what was going on here.

With a cold face, she gazed at Gu Ruxue. "So you were expecting that something would be found on her?"

Mrs. Gu gave Gu Ruxue a push.

Gu Ruxue shook her head. "No, no, it's good that nothing was found."

Gu Chaoyan adjusted her clothes and threw a cold look at Huo Wei. "Since the question is answered, then Miss. Huo, apologize to me."

Huo Wei, who had been quite absent-minded, now came back to herself.

Nothing was found? That was impossible! What was it going on?

She looked at Gu Chaoyan and wondered if she had figured out the truth. That could not be possible. If she had been so smart, she would not have been belittled by Gu Ruxue before!

"Miss. Huo!" Gu Chaoyan knew what she was thinking, but she reminded her instead of waiting for her to respond.

Huo Wei did not look well.

Facing Gu Chaoyan she still showed her arrogance. "If nothing is found, then it was not your doing," she said and was about to leave, but Gu Chaoyan gripped her instantly. "You owe me an apology."

Huo Wei was totally annoyed. She pulled out of Gu Chaoyan's hands and screamed. "You hideous woman, shame on you! I am not apologizing to you, who do you think you are!"

"..."

"Also, even if nothing was found, it still can't be guaranteed that it was not your doing anyway."

Gu Chaoyan frowned as she placed her eyes upon Huo Wei.

Huo Wei was still cursing. She was not worried about her face anyway.

Gu Chaoyan took a look at her face and knew that it was just an ordinary kind of allergy, which could be cured very easily. If that was the case, she did want to see what her reaction would be if her face could not be cured.

As she was thinking, Gu Chaoyan suddenly felt a large force that pushed her away.

Then a voice arose.

"Oh!"

The next second, Huo Wei collapsed to the ground. Gu Chaoyan collapsed too because of her, but Huo Wei showed a miserable face as she pointed at Gu Chaoyan as if she were the culprit.

Deliberate provocation.

That was what popped into Gu Chaoyan's mind.

She had done nothing but Huo Wei collapsed to the floor. Of course she was deliberately provoking her.

She was not wounded, yet she should not get up easily.

Huo Wei was such a troublemaker. She was thinking how to solve this matter.

Unexpectedly, the garden was quiet.

Gu Chaoyan was curious what happened when she looked up and saw Lord Huai approaching. No wonder it was quiet here. Lord Huai was here! But what was he doing here?

Gu Chaoyan was thinking as she was seated on the floor.

The crowd were about to bow to Lord Huai when Lord Huai waved it off.

He stretched out his hand to the woman on the floor.

Gu Chaoyan hesitated, but Huo Wei was smiling brightly. She had tried to set up Gu Chaoyan yet she had not expected that Lord Huai would be here at this moment. She had never expected that Lord Huai, who had always been cold and distant, would care about women! What if she could marry Lord Huai in the future!

She was thinking as she stretched out her hand and was about to place it into Lord Huai's hands, when Lord Huai instantly gripped Gu Chaoyan's instead.

#### **Chapter 54: Lord Huai's Idea**

It was very quiet in the surrounding, everyone was gasping in surprise.

It was a banquet held at the Huo Family. They thought that Lord Huai appeared only for the Huo's sake. So when the two of them collapsed on the floor, they assumed that it would be Huo Wei whom Lord Huai tried to pull up. No one expected that it would be Gu Chaoyan!

The Lady Ugly!

Lord Huai just used a little force and helped Gu Chaoyan up. It was very quiet in the surrounding, so the ringing of the bells echoed across the yard as she got up.

Huo Wei was still down on the floor. Seeing Lord Huai pulling up Gu Chaoyan, she thought that she would be next. So she stretched out her hand again.

However, instead of sparing another look at her, Lord Huai asked with a face of seriousness. "What is it going on?"

Office Huo and Madame Huo, who had been invisible all hurried to the place. Seeing Lord Huai and Princess Yunxi, they bowed. "Greetings, Lord Huai and Princess Yunxi."

Lord Huai did not let them get up now, but cast a look at the couple.

That brief pause almost made Huo Gang sweat. If he had known that Lord Huai would be here for this minor banquet, he would not have allowed his daughter to make the fuss.

Now Gu Chaoyan understood what was going on.

No one from the Huo Family was defending justice, because they were trying to give their daughter the chance to make a fuss. What on earth had she done wrong so she was framed at this banquet for no reason? Gu Chaoyan suddenly felt very pleased to see the Huo Family behaving in this way. She showed a small smile.

A short pause later, Madame Gu stepped forward, shivering. She bowed slightly. "Greetings, Lord Huai, the girls were just having fun, no big deal."

Madame Gu did not dare to look up. She knew that she should never offend Lord Huai. If she did not step forward, the Gu Family would be offending the Huo Family thoroughly. The Huo Family were a big official family not to be offended, and as for Lord Huai... She was putting her suspected relationship between Prince of Duke Changning's Mansion and Lord Huai, since Lord Huai was present at the cancellation of engagement.

"Oh really?" Lord Huai looked slightly less lethal as he looked at Gu Chaoyan.

A moment of hesitation later, Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Lord Huai threw a complicated look at her. Instead of saying anything more, he said, "Office Huo, Madame Huo, please rise."

Huo Gang arose between shivering. That kneeling had made him age by ten years.

After he got it, Huo Gang went to help her daughter up.

Huo Wei glared at her own father in dissatisfaction. Then she threw an unconvinced look at Lord Huai who was just looking somewhere else. She stomped on her feet.

She just did not know why Lord Huai was helping that hideous girl, and why he was staring at her and not at herself!

"Lord Huai..." Huo Gang was about to ask him to move to the front yard, when Lord Huai skipped looking at him and turned to Gu Chaoyan. "Are you free now, I have got something to ask you."

Eyes widened, Gu Chaoyan looked at Lord Huai with confusion.

Lord Huai, who had no interest in speaking any more, added, "I heard that you cured the Young Master of the Wang Family, so I need to ask you something."

Gu Chaoyan frowned slightly.

She did not move instantly.

When Madam Gu heard about this, she gave a push upon Gu Chaoyan despite anything, and said, "Chaoyan, Lord Huai is asking for you, just go with him, don't be dumb here."

Gu Chaoyan lowered her head and nodded.

Madame Gu had been worried a minute ago, but now she was showing indeed happiness.

This girl saved someone from the Wang Family, and many people were visiting them these days. If the girl could do Lord Huai a favor this time, the whole family would gain endless profits out of it.

The Gu Family was going to take off very soon! Very soon!

The Gu Family had generations who were devoted to studies. Many offspring had gained high ranks in imperial examinations, but none of them had a promising future at all. The highest official rank they had ever gained was the Fifth. If they could go upwards a little, she would live up to the expectation of the Old Master before he died!

Great, that was just great!

Madame Gu looked at Lord Huai and Gu Chaoyan's leaving silhouettes with radiance on her face.

Apart from Madame Gu who was cheerful, both Mrs. Gu and Gu Ruxue were both displeased. They had never expected that Gu Chaoyan could be so skillful as to draw Lord Huai's attention. If they had known about that, they would not have set her up, but let her come to the Huo Family smoothly.

Gu Ruxue's fingers were twisting the handkerchief so forcefully that the handkerchief had been very distorted.

Why? Gu Ruxue was thinking about only one thing.

Huo Wei had already been brought away because of Huo Gang's appearance.

Madame Gu was so cheerful.

But Madame Wang found it improper, so she asked Auntie Song to follow Gu Chaoyan. After all, Gu Chaoyan was a lady whilst Lord Huai was a man, gossip might appear if they were alone. Also, Chaoyan had no maid with her now, and Madam Gu expected to get something out of it so she did not dispatch anyone to be with the girl.

Lord Huai's men approved of Auntie Song's company.

Huo Gang was just an Elder with a rank of four, the mansion was huge yet not luxurious. The decoration of the yard was careful and nice, fitting the Elder's social status. Elder was not a high position, yet it helped them to gain a lot of money. That was why Madam Gu did not offend the Huo Family at all.

"Why were you not telling the truth just now?" Lord Huai asked Gu Chaoyan with a cold look.

"Did not think that it was necessary." Gu Chaoyan replied coldly. Some catkins flew by in the spring, which annoyed Gu Chaoyan who moved them with hands.

Lord Huai had been putting on a cold expression, but now, he was truly displeased. He took hold of Gu Chaoyan's hand that was waving away the catkins and gazed down at Gu Chaoyan's face, frowning deeply.

Gu Chaoyan had no idea why this matter annoyed him. Judging from his expression, she forgot to counter for the moment but confessed, "Huo Wei set me up, saying that I caused her the rashes. What I did was to make the rashes stay, so the revenge was taken. I was glad that you defended me just now, but I am not capable enough to face the upcoming difficulties."

Having said the words, Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief.

That was the first time for her to explain something in a careful way to someone like this.

Lord Huai's face turned brighter.

Auntie Song, however, got a bit anxious. They were not engaged so how could they behave in this way? She was about to remind them when Lord Huai's guards stopped her.

## **Chapter 56: Suspicion**

Servants were like their master.

Lord Huai looked lethal, so were his guards, who stopped Auntie Song expressionlessly. Auntie Song did not dare to make a move. Other lords might help her but Lord Huai did not. He was a cruel man who would kill those who displeased him.

Auntie Song cringed and followed behind the girl.

Hearing Gu Chaoyan's words, Lord Huai looked less lethal. Yet the cold expression did not disappear from his face. He was still squinting at Gu Chaoyan. "So you mean the girl's face will not cure?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded cruelly. "Since she spent so much effort to say that I caused it, then I should do something to make the accusation true."

This sentence made Lord Huai smile a little.

This woman was indeed interesting. She was totally different from the other annoying ones. She admitted what she did, just as he would normally do.

After they finished discussing Huo Wei, the two quieted down and continued to walk forward without saying anything more.

Gu Chaoyan was not a talkative person in either of her lives. And Lord Huai was even less talkative than she was.

Gu Chaoyan could not help but hesitate, wondering if he could be a wonderful partner. She kept thinking that this man was a little manic. He smiled at her at their first meeting and offered to marry her, who was ugly. Now he was putting up a cold air of himself... She was definitely confused.

However, this thought did not linger long in Gu Chaoyan's mind. She could accept that even if Lord Huai was a manic, since she could not find a better partner.

So as they came to the Lake Center Pavilion, Gu Chaoyan asked straightforwardly, "Do you still hold the intention of marrying me, as you said before?"

Hahaha. A laugh arose suddenly.

Gu Chaoyan looked at Lord Huai and spotted the man in black hidden in the dark corner.

"Lin Sen!" Lord Huai frowned slightly, quieting the man in black down. Then he turned to Gu Chaoyan.

"Lin Sen is my hidden guard. He doesn't talk much."

Having said the words, he placed his scorching eyes upon Gu Chaoyan.

He loved her eyes that were clear, and fair with no complications.

"You want to say yes now?" Zhou Huaijin was calm, showing no emotions as he spilled out the words.

Gu Chaoyan inhaled.

She knew it! She knew that a man with that social status never said anything serious, but she was prepared.

She breathed out and said with confidence. "Yes, I do."

"..."

"I was too naive before to assume that I can get whatever I want with my own abilities. But now, the idea has been proved wrong. So I thought over your suggestion, realizing that I would not be picked on by those mean bitches, if I were your Princess. Everything will be easier."

"..."

"Of course, I won't be your Princess for nothing."

Zhou Huaijin looked at her with interest as he heard the words.

He made her a cup of tea.

"Go on."

"You proposed to marry me, because for you, I am practical in some way too. Qing says that you are the most noble lord of the Saint Divine Land, and the king loves you. Everyone thinks that he treats you with utter love, yet I do not think so."

"Lord!" Rong Chuxuan bellowed furiously and threw a hostile look at Gu Chaoyan.

"Shut up!" Zhou Huaijin threw a cold look at her but turned to Gu Chaoyan with a look of gentleness.

"Please, continue."

## **Chapter 57: Marriage with Lord Huai**

Others might be frightened by the situation, but seeing the reaction of Zhou Huaijin's men, Gu Chaoyan was more assured about her assumption.

"If he adores you out of a true heart. Why would he get you exposed to the public so that you become enemies with everyone else?" If he were truly adored, he would have the most likeliness to inherit the throne. Yet other lords would not be convinced. When they were not, they would definitely team up to kill Lord Huai. It was an easy thing to figure out – the worst always came later.

Having said the words, Gu Chaoyan threw a sneaky look at Lord Huai, who had a cold expression on his face, but he did not seem to have the intention of throwing a temper. So she continued boldly, "I can help you!"

"..."

"I am a skilled doctor with knowledge that exceeds everyone else. You must have heard of me saving Tong of the Wang Family. He has a disease that even the imperial doctors can do nothing about."

"..."

"And don't worry. I am just using the status as the Princess. I would not require to start a real family with you. When you are done with your mission and me with mine, you can divorce me. Then I will find a place totally unknown to the outside world and live on as a hermit."

Finishing the statements, Gu Chaoyan smiled brightly with eyes upon Lord Huai. "How does that sound, Lord Huai?"

A variety of expressions appeared on Lord Huai's cold face. He had been frowning, feeling sympathy for this girl young who had to make a plan for her future life. She even said that she would not start a family with him and need a divorce paper.

Zhou Huaijin got angry. So she would run away after she finished using him? That was not what he would allow to happen!

He replied with a frozen face. "It sounds horrible."

Gu Chaoyan's confidence suddenly collapsed. Yeah, he, a noble man, could not be easy to cooperate with. So she had to think of something else.

Zhou Huaijin was furious, but seeing her confused look, he felt reluctant.

"Chaoyan, you don't have to think and plan so much." He touched her head and said, "I can make the deal with you, I will make the proposal at your mansion in a few days' time."

Gu Chaoyan gasped. She just could not believe what had just happened, but she was feeling a bit cheerful too.

For one second, she had no idea what to say.

A long while later, Gu Chaoyan came back to herself and said, "A few more days would not be proper. I still have other things to do. When I am done, I will tell you when to do the proposal."

Zhou Huaijin nodded and smiled.

Gu Chaoyan again started to think that Lord Huai was a maniac.

Anyway, she was a doctor. She could check up on him later. If he was not seriously damaged in the head, she might be able to cure him.

If Zhou Huaijin knew that Gu Chaoyan was thinking in this way, he would have spat out a mouthful of blood.

When they were done, Gu Chaoyan finally noticed Auntie Song who was not faraway.

Only now did she realize that they had spent too much time together. So she got up instantly. "Auntie Song is here, Madame Wang is probably asking for me. I am off now."

Zhou Huaijin lowered his head and nodded, replying with a face of gentleness. "Come to me when you need anything in the future."

Gu Chaoyan shivered, finding the promise a little over the top, she hurried off.

Seeing Gu Chaoyan coming towards her, Auntie Song said quickly, "Miss. Chaoyan, Madame Wang is asking for you."

Hearing what Auntie Song said, Gu Chaoyan felt like crying.

Madame Wang must be the only person who treated her nicely apart from Qing! (Lord Huai might find this unfair).

Knowing that she did not have Qing with her, she asked Auntie Song to follow her so that no rumors about her could be raised. That was something Madam Gu would never do. She just expected that something might happen between them two, so the whole family could suck up to Lord Huai.

They had taken a long walk for their conversation. So it took them even longer to come back together with Auntie Song.

Back to the garden.

When Gu Chaoyan showed up again, no one dared to say anything more as they all stared at her. They were all silent and did not dare to say a thing.

That was Lord Huai who asked her to check him.

If this hideous woman did have skills to make Lord Huai thank her, maybe she could kill anyone she did not like! Look at the daughter of the minister! She lost a hand because of one order from Lord Huai, who would never pay attention to the daughters of those small officers.

Due to their fear towards Lord Huai, Gu Chaoyan found the situation a lot of fun.

No one was disturbing her or nagging about her. How wonderful it felt! So she went straight to Madame Wang.

Madame Wang took her to somewhere unknown and asked worriedly, "Are you able to solve the problem Lord Huai raised? Ah, it is our fault to have promoted you because you have cured Tong! We should not have bragged about that! If you aren't able to solve his problem, you would be seriously punished! You are a savior to our family and we were trying our best to help you!"

Madame Wang looked serious, but Gu Chaoyan let out a small smile. Madame Wang would pass out, if she knew that they had just been talking about marriage instead of any potential disease. However, now was not the time to tell the truth. So Gu Chaoyan said with a smile, "It is okay, Lord Huai was just asking first. I have other methods to figure it out."

Madame Wang let out a sigh of relief.

"That's good. Lord Huai is a very dangerous man." Madame Wang glanced about after she said the words, making sure that no one around was listening. Then her heart was assured.

When Madame Wang was not worried, Gu Chaoyan felt somehow relaxed.

However, thinking of what Auntie Song said, Gu Chaoyan asked, "Auntie Song said you were asking for me?"

Madame Wang shook her head and nodded.

That had been an excuse for Auntie Song to bring her here, but now she did think of something. "It is about the girls' school."

"..."

"Your engagement broke off, but you are young. So I am thinking that you can spend two years at Saint College with your medical skills. When you turn 15, our family can help you find a good family if the Gu Family wants to do nothing. With studying experience in Saint College, you might sound better even if you used to be engaged."

Girls' school? She did not have to attend that just because she needed to find a good family to marry, but since Madame Wang mentioned the school, then it meant that the school did play an important role in the land.

Seeing her staying silent, Madame Wang reminded her. "The medical apartment in Saint College recruit students for the imperial court. That would be a great honor!"

Gu Chaoyan nodded, she had been hesitating, but now she did not.

If Lord Huai was cooperating with her, she would bring bad rumors to Lord Huai because of her appearance and rumor. So she needed to do something to make the cooperation worth the while and the school might be a good choice to prove herself.

But, she needed to work on the claiming of her dowry.

## **Chapter 59: Scolded**

Seeing Gu Chaoyan's confused face, Madame Wang was worried that she would not pass the entry examination with nothing more than medical skills. So she consoled her. "Saint College only starts the recruitment in the fall every year. You still have a long time to prepare yourself for the examination. You can choose one of the following to learn, playing the zither, playing chess, writing calligraphy or

painting. You have a high chance to enter the school with your medical skills, and we can give you some recommendations too.”

Although it was definitely going to be the Medical Department that Gu Chaoyan was going to attend, Saint College tended to have strict demands. The examination could expand to the test of more than medical skills. Zither, chess, calligraphy and painting would be included too.

That was what Madame Wang was mostly worried about, but she believed that Chaoyan could make it.

Gu Chaoyan let out a sigh of relief when she heard that the examination did not take place until autumn.

There were still some months left, which would be enough for her to get back the dowery.

She started to smile brightly.

In the remaining time of the banquet, Gu Chaoyan stood by Madame Wang’s side. The Gu Family had dispatched no one to get her. They just wished that she and Lord Huai could spend more time alone together.

During this period, no one from the Huo Family offended her either.

That was probably because of Lord Huai’s presence.

It was not until the time of return, when Madame Gu asked her maid Cai Ming to ask for Gu Chaoyan. Instead of asking her to join them, Cai Ming said with politeness, “Miss, we are running out of waggons. Madame Gu said that you can ride with Madame Wang instead.”

Hearing the words, Gu Chaoyan frowned.

Fury appeared between her eyebrows.

She came with the Gu Family’s waggons, so of course there was enough space.

The reason why Madam Gu did so was because she was forcing her to ride with the Wang Family. In this way, she would be able to show the outsiders that the Wang Family and the Gu Family were in a good relationship. Maybe Gu Zhenkang would have the possibility of being promoted.

She wanted so much to vent her anger, but she could not do that upon a maid.

Cai Ming was nervous too. She did not want to have the same experience as Cai Zhu.

Cai Ming was just about to kneel down for forgiveness, when Madame Wang came to them. She heard what Cai Ming said, because she was standing not far away and Cai Ming talked with a loud voice. The maid must have been worried that Gu Chaoyan would insist on riding with her own family.

“Got it, just go back to your master. Chaoyan is riding with us today.” Madame Wang said.

Cai Ming hurried off when she heard the reply.

Gu Chaoyan said with a guilty voice as she looked at Madame Wang. “I am sorry.”

“It is okay.” Madame Wang waved the words off.

Gu Chaoyan had wanted to say something before she decided to give up.

She bore the favor in mind. She was going to repay the favor in the future.

To save Gu Chaoyan's face, Madame Wang rode all the way with her to the doorstep, but she did not walk inside.

Madame Gu found it a bit pitiful, but she could not find a word to scold Chaoyan.

Gu Zhenkang, however, could not resist the anger. He bellowed with an angry expression. "You hideous girl, you know nothing, do you? Madame Wang is at the doorstep and you don't even invite her in! Pig head you have! So stupid! Is there anything you can do? I heard that you offended the Huo Family today too! They are not people to be offended, kneel down now!"

Gu Chaoyan threw a cold look at Gu Zhenkang.

It was a look that almost creeped Gu Zhenkang out.

### **Chapter 60: Lord Huai's Words**

Seeing the scene, Madame Gu took up the cane and flung it at Gu Zhenkang as she bellowed. "What are you talking about? Chaoyan did not do it on purpose."

Not on purpose, so Madam Gu was putting the blame on her.

The old Gu Chaoyan would have assumed that Madam Gu was on her side, but now...

She noticed that when Madam Gu was hitting Gu Zhenkang, she was showing a big gesture but no force at all. She had obviously agreed with what Gu Zhenkang said. Madame Gu was indeed smart. She was making use of her, but did not want to favor her either. She definitely panicked when Gu Zhenkang bellowed at her, she had wished so much that none of the accident had happened.

Unfortunately, she was not the old Gu Chaoyan any more.

Standing right on the spot, she showed no sense of panic or guilt.

"You all know pretty well that I rode with the Wang Family. If you are so kind, why not wait at the doorstep of the mansion so that you can invite her in yourselves. I am not on the same level as Madame Wang, so it is against the rules for me to ever invite her in. As for what happened at the Huo Family... Miss. Huo and the Second Sister claimed that I offended Miss. Huo, but the misunderstanding had been cleared. How come I offended the Huo Family anyway? Are you so dumb in the head too, Father?" Gu Chaoyan said calmly with her chin raised.

Gu Zhenkang panicked too. He had no idea how to reply to her.

They knew that Gu Chaoyan rode with the Wang Family back home, but they themselves did not go to greet the Wang Family. So when they heard from Chen Fu that Madame Wang refused to walk in, they forced all the blame upon Gu Chaoyan.

The words she said were all true, but Gu Zhenkang was still angry because of the arrogant air he was holding. He pointed at Gu Chaoyan and was about to bellow at her when Madame Gu snapped with real anger. "Shut up!"

Gu Zhenkang got both surprised and angry.

During the past few years, he had been used to being the master of everything in the mansion, but he did not dare to snap back at his mother. So he just stood there in displeasure.

Madame Gu was angry too. She had only one son, who turned out to be dumb.

This girl was not only under the defence of the Wang Family nowadays. She was talking with Lord Huai too! That would be a huge potential opportunity for the Gu Family. They had intended to frighten her so they could get her weak point, but now it seemed to be a bit difficult to do so. If that was the case, she was not to be offended. How stupid her son had been not to understand this point! No wonder he never got promoted at his position!

“Chaoyan, these were not your fault. Your father was not present so he knows nothing, don’t mind his words, alright?” Madame Gu showed a friendly look. “What did Lord Huai say to you today?”

True, they were concerned about what Lord Huai said.

She was definitely not going to tell Madam Gu what they were talking about. So she just showed a brief smile. “Nothing very special, just some things about diseases. Lord Huai told me to keep my mouth sealed.”

Mouth sealed? Madame Gu now understood that it must be something important.

She twisted her band subconsciously and continued. “You can keep your mouth sealed to the outsiders, but we are a family, so you can definitely share.”

“You really want to know?” Gu Chaoyan asked.