

Divine 571

Chapter 571: You Know Who I am

Zhou Huaijin looked very furious.

Chaoyan and he had discussed suing Gu Zhenkang at the Government Office, and Zhou Huaijin did approve of the idea, but he did not know that she had to be hit just for one case.

Gu Chaoyan said anxiously, "Come here, Huaijin."

Gu Chaoyan tugged at her blanket and covered her back. Zhou Huaijin was a very close person to her, but she was still quite shy about showing her naked back.

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, Zhou Huaijin came to her side.

The moment he came to the bedside, Gu Chaoyan asked him to sit down as she said, "Don't go to the Government Office. I hit the drum to seek justice, and according to the rules, anyone who hits the drum needs to receive five hits on the back. That is a rule, and I am no exception. So the Officer has done nothing wrong."

"The guards at the Government Office spared their force too, so the wound isn't that serious though it does look bad. As long as I don't get internal wounds, I will be better very soon. It just takes a few days for the wounds to heal." Gu Chaoyan consoled him and she was telling the truth as well.

Only now did Zhou Huaijin stop looking furious, but he was frowning. "I need to see the wound."

Gu Chaoyan did not stop him. He was feeling concerned about her, so if she showed her the wound, he might stop being as worried as he was now.

When Zhou Huaijin revealed the blanket and saw the wound, he gasped.

Gu Chaoyan added as she heard the gasping, "I have used my own cream, so it should be okay tomorrow. I need to confront Gu Zhenkang the day after tomorrow, please don't be so worried."

Zhou Huaijin nodded. "Alright."

However, he was still worried. He needed to go to the Government Office the day after tomorrow personally. Otherwise he would not know if Chaoyan was bullied.

Gu Chaoyan did not exaggerate her own medical cream – the wound was much better the following day with only shallow tracks left there. That made Zhou Huaijin feel very assured.

The third day arrived.

It was the time for the case to be publicly reviewed at the Government Office.

Early in the morning, guards from the Government Office came to get Gu Chaoyan, who took her own wagons whilst the guards were following behind her.

Since it was a publicly-reviewed case, many civilians were already gathered at the gate of the Government Office.

There were a lot more people gathered at the doorstep this time than ever.

After all, the Government Office normally took small cases from the civilians whilst this time, the case was about the most talked-about family in the whole capital. It was a conflict between the Elder Miss and the Old Master of the Gu Family!

They had never witnessed a case like this, so they were all here watching the show.

Gu Chaoyan arrived at the Government Office first. The Officer gave her a seat to wait for Gu Zhenkang to arrive.

At the Gu Mansion.

Dozens of guards from the Government Office came to the Gu Mansion. Before the guards had time to pass on the message, the guards from the Government Office rushed in and said, "Officer Gu, you have been served, please do come with us."

Those guards could come to the mansion without permission. That was a written rule.

Well, normally guards did not dare to do so, and the rule was ignored, but this Officer had a different opinion.

When Gu Zhenkang came out of the room, he got taken by the guards directly.

Gu Zhenkang did not feel happy being demeaned like this. He bellowed directly, "How dare you take me, do you know who I am!"

Chapter 572: Raising Fees

The leading guard looked at Gu Zhenkang and said, "You are Officer Gu from Taipu Temple, the Elder Miss is suing you for taking possession of her mother's dowries, you need to come with us."

Then they started to get him going.

What?!

Gu Zhenkang's eyes widened. Suing him?! Gu Chaoyan was really suing him at the Government Office? She was humiliated, but Gu Zhenkang did not want to get humiliated!

Gu Zhenkang truly had no idea what to say.

In the past two days, he had been so sure that Gu Chaoyan would not do anything. So he had not taken this matter into consideration, but this daughter of Ms. Lin had been so obsessed with money that she even sued him at the Government Office for this little amount of money! Gu Zhenkang was so annoyed that he felt his head was breaking up.

He struggled and intended to get rid of the guards, but the guards were ready.

So Gu Zhenkang could only shout loudly in utter helplessness. “Chen Fu, go and get Mrs. Gu and ask her to fetch Ruxue!”

He was the Phoenix Girl’s father. What did they think they could do to him?

Chen Fu hurried off.

Gu Zhenkang was also taken to the Government Office.

As he came to the Government Office, he got even more annoyed seeing those commoners watching the show. “What is going on? Do you need all those stupid commoners to watch the show?”

Gu Zhenkang was speaking in a loud voice, so what he had said irritated the civilians.

Stupid commoners? Why? Even the King did not call them that, but this Old Master of the Gu Family was saying such words about them! No wonder his daughter was suing him!

The civilians were so angry that they had lost their composure inwardly.

When the Elder Miss arrived, she was not looking down at them, but greeted them politely – honestly, they were just so different! What was more...

Some people snatched the vegetable leaves and threw them at Gu Zhenkang. The others soon followed suit.

Gu Zhenkang bellowed. “How dare you throw things at me, stupid commoners! Do you know who I am?!”

When he was done with bellowing, even more vegetables were thrown at him.

Gu Zhenkang, who was under the control of the guards, had no way of retaliating. He only dodged the vegetables as he came to the hall.

The moment he spotted Gu Chaoyan in the hall, Gu Zhenkang stomped his feet. “You bad girl, how dare you sue me! I am your father, you should respect me!”

Seated on the chair, Gu Chaoyan looked at the anxious Gu Zhenkang who still had leaves on head. She did not even blink.

This was the Government Office and the Officer was in charge. No one else should shout and make fuss.

The Officer was very annoyed. He struck the table with the wooden board and said, “Quiet!”

“So you are Gu Zhenkang?” the Officer asked annoyedly. He was more certain now that Gu Zhenkang was someone who would have done something like this. “The Elder Miss said that you drove her out of the family, is that true?”

“Yes, I drove her out of the family and removed her from my family tree. She is not part of my family any more!” Gu Zhenkang said arrogantly. He even let out a sigh of relief when he had her removed from the family tree.

“In that case, you will have to return Lady Chaoyan’s mother’s dowries to Lady Chaoyan!” the Officer said.

Gu Zhenkang said unhappily, "Her mother passed away when she was still little. I fathered her and raised her, the dowries should be the fees I got for having to raise her!"

Chapter 573: Raising Fees 1

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"I am her father. I should get some raising fees from her when she leaves the family." Gu Zhenkang said firmly, "Also, she is going to marry Lord Huai and she will be the Princess Consort. She can just leave the dowries to me. You are so unkind not to even offer this amount of money."

When this word was mentioned, those commoners suddenly stopped talking.

Although they were angry to have been called the stupid commoners, but children should pay filial piety to their parents. That was what they were thinking here – they had to be kind to their parents. It was not wrong for the father to get an amount of raising fees.

Also, just as Gu Zhenkang said, Elder Miss was marrying Lord Huai and did not need any money. Why must she stick to this point firmly?

Gu Zhenkang became proud when he silenced those audiences.

When Gu Chaoyan left the other day, Mrs. Gu had told him a lot of things, assuring him totally. After all, Gu Zhenkang was Gu Chaoyan's father and he was always able to defend himself. Now it seemed that his wife was right.

The Officer looked at Gu Chaoyan, expecting to hear what she said.

According to the laws, Elder Miss was definitely going to win the case, but apart from the law, there were public opinions that usually would tear down the forces of those girls who intended to lay the charges.

He would like to defend Gu Chaoyan; he could not allow such a nice person who was willing to help the refugees to be ruined by public opinions.

Gu Chaoyan sneered, "Raising fees?"

"I was living in the most shabby Qiong Pavilion in the whole mansion with weeds growing everywhere. I only have one maid named Qing with me, who used to serve me when my mother was alive. As for the dresses... I believe that most of you have seen what I was wearing before. I believe that even civilians don't wear clothes like that. As for the food... for years, I was never given one piece of meat in my meals." Gu Chaoyan recounted her old days calmly.

Then she threw a look at Gu Zhenkang and smiled, "Then let me show you how many dowries my mother has left for me."

Gu Chaoyan took out the list she had got from the Lin Family.

It was more than a few papers. It was several booklets of lists.

Gu Chaoyan said before she read the list, "If some of you are old enough, you must have seen how grand my mother's wedding was."

There were some elderly men in the audience. They started to remember the situation. They might not even remember about the wedding of other noble ladies, but they did have a clear memory of how the lady of the Lin Family was married.

“It was a very grand wedding!” Some of them said,

Gu Chaoyan asked Sword One to read the list. She did not stop even after one quarter.

Gu Chaoyan then looked at Gu Zhenkang and interrogated. “Gu Zhenkang, do you think you are qualified enough to bear the raising fees?!”

Gu Zhenkang had an embarrassed look on his face.

The civilians in the crowd found this annoying too. How shameless he was to have asked for so many dowries if he treated Elder Miss in this way?

“Return the dowries! Return the dowries!” The crowd started to boo.

The Officer almost let out a sigh of relief. He was about to seal the issue, when a hoarse voice arose, “Princess Consort Ruxue is here, the Phoenix Girl is here!”

Chapter 574: Raising Fees 2

The Officer did not make the seal.

Normally, people would bow to the Princess Consort, but now it was a particular time when a case was on, so the Officer did not have to stand up to greet the Princess Consort, neither did everyone involved with the case.

So when Gu Ruxue walked in with an arrogant look on her face, no one moved.

Gu Ruxue did not know about this. So when she walked in, she said disdainfully, “I am just watching the case, you don’t have to greet me. I will just take a seat here.”

The guards exchanged a look among themselves in confusion.

Normally, no one was allowed to walk into the hall when a case was going on, even the bystanders should have been arranged ahead of time. No one just walked in like this Princess Consort. Yet no one dared to stop her.

The guards turned to the Officer. The Officer still nodded, asking them to bring a chair.

The guard went to fetch one chair, “Please take a seat, Princess Consort.”

Gu Ruxue threw a look at the shabby chair – it was a chair for low-class people, not for her!

Gu Ruxue kicked away the chair.

She snapped arrogantly, “How dare you give me such a chair to sit on?”

No special chairs were prepared ahead of time, since there was a case going on right now.

The Officer frowned. He now realized one thing – like father, like daughter. The former wanted to take his daughter's dowries whilst the latter had no manners – how dare she throw a temper tantrum in the hall. So she was the Phoenix Girl?

If that was the Phoenix Girl, then the whole land would end!

However, the Officer hid his own thoughts and said seriously, "Princess Consort, this is the legal hall, if you continue to make fuss, you will have to leave."

Gu Ruxue got even more annoyed hearing what the Officer said. She was about to shout something, when Gu Zhenkang said, "Let's just finish the case first."

Gu Ruxue stopped herself after hearing what her father said. She asked the servant to pick the chair up and sat down.

Her father was right- she did not have to make a fuss here. It was an Officer, she could just do something about him when she was done with the case.

Gu Ruxue said coldly, "Officer, please continue."

The Officer struck the seal, then he said, "The law says that a girl's dowries do not belong to the husband's family, but the girl herself. If the girl is deceased, then her daughter will inherit the dowries. You will have to return the dowries to the Elder Miss, Officer Gu."

"As for the raising fees, that is another case, you will have to sue Elder Miss personally," the Officer said according to the laws.

"Then I will sue her! She needs to pay me back with money!" Gu Zhenkang said angrily.

"Then you will play the drum and receive five hits before the case is processed," the Officer said seriously, "But if Elder Miss is willing to pay you back, then it is fine too."

Gu Zhenkang was about to say something, when Gu Ruxue said disdainfully, "Gu Chaoyan, you are so unkind towards your father, you are suing him for the sake of the dowries, I wonder if Lord Huai would like to marry someone like you!"

"Lord Huai is here!"

Chapter 575: A Few Words

Gu Ruxue was surprised, but soon she understood.

Since Gu Chaoyan came to the Government Office just to sue her father, Lord Huai would have to be present, since it was a very humiliating thing! Lord Huai must be very embarrassed by what his future Princess Consort was doing and maybe he was going to break off the engagement!

She would very much like to see what Gu Chaoyan would be like when she was not only driven out of the family, but also got her engagement broken off.

She got extremely excited as the idea played in her head. She threw a glance at Gu Chaoyan and said happily, "Lord Huai is here, your marriage is doomed."

Gu Chaoyan did not look into her eyes. She did not even show any extra expression.

Gu Chaoyan believed that Zhou Huaijin was a man with morality and he was never going to break off their engagement, but Gu Ruxue could have the risk of getting her marriage ruined.

Just as Gu Ruxue was cheering over her ideas, Zhou Huaijin had already reached them and said seriously, "The law says that the girls should keep their own dowries, then Gu Zhenkang definitely has no right to keep them. My future Princess Consort is a nice woman. She knows how to defend her and her mother's rights. She is a role model for all the women in the world, and I am very proud of her."

Then he looked at Gu Ruxue coldly. "You don't think that I will marry such a great girl?"

"I want to marry her and I am paying one million to you Gu Zhenkang for the so-called raising fees. Chaoyan's time at the Gu Mansion has been horrible, but I don't want to go deeper into that right now," Zhou Huaijin said to Gu Zhenkang.

Gu Zhenkang had not expected that things would become like this. He had thought that as long as he raised the topic of raising fees, things would pass, but Lord Huai was defending this b**ch so devotedly.

For one moment, he had no idea what to say. He looked at Gu Ruxue. Gu Ruxue, however, was pissed. She was not looking at Gu Zhenkang at all. She just did not understand why the b**ch Gu Chaoyan was so popular. She was born to a daughter of a business family and she did not even show any filial piety. She was even so critical about the dowries! And Lord Huai was defending her the entire time.

Honestly, Gu Ruxue believed that she was the Phoenix Girl, born by Mrs. Gu, and she was not even well-received by Lord Ling who complained about her not being capable. She was the Phoenix Girl, the real Princess Consort, not the housekeeper who had to take care of the family business.

As she made the comparison, Gu Ruxue became even more displeased.

She then threw a look at Lord Huai, who was very handsome as well, unlike Lord Ling who looked too gentle. She liked this man, and she was not going to let Gu Chaoyan have him! Gu Ruxue became extremely distressed.

The Officer sealed the case. "Elder Miss, what do you think of the sentence?"

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Then the case was sealed.

The Officer said to Gu Chaoyan politely, "Then I will dispatch guards from the Government Office and carry the dowries from the Gu Mansion these days."

"Thank you." Gu Chaoyan answered with a smile.

Those civilians all thought that it was a good thing.

Dowries should belong to the girls, which was supported by the women in the audience. Honestly, dowries were what they had for themselves. They were going to sue whoever tried to get the dowries from them.

As for the father... the fees were paid too.

For a moment, Lord Huai received great comments as well.

As the case was sealed, Zhou Huaijin decided to take Gu Chaoyan home.

Seeing the scene, Gu Ruxue said, "Lord Huai, I need to exchange a few words with you."

Chapter 576: Ideas

Zhou Huaijin looked at Gu Ruxue subconsciously as he heard the voice.

He frowned. He did not think that Gu Ruxue would have anything important to speak with him, so he ignored her directly and went out with Gu Chaoyan.

Gu Ruxue was completely startled! She was the Phoenix Girl! She could give them the world! Why was Lord Huai ignoring her!

Seeing the way Zhou Huaijin helped Gu Chaoyan out, Gu Ruxue thought of one idea – she was going to get this man for herself!

She snorted, then she got up...

Her maid came to help her.

Gu Ruxue did not care about Gu Zhenkang either. Instead, she just followed Zhou Huaijin, who helped Gu Chaoyan into the wagon carefully and who told the horseman to drive slowly before getting into the wagon himself.

As she saw the scene, Gu Ruxue felt even more annoyed. How could this b**ch get such a nice man who cared about her all the time. Whilst her Lord Ling kept nagging about her ignorance towards the errands at Lord Ling's Mansion.

Gu Ruxue watched the wagon leaving with a miserable look on her face.

Gu Zhenkang came and saw Gu Ruxue staring in one direction, as he asked confusedly, "Ruxue, what are you staring at?"

He sighed. "What are we supposed to do? Are we really going to return the dowries? They are going to empty the whole mansion and we won't have enough money either... most of the money has been used by Lord Ling..."

Before he was able to finish his words Gu Ruxue glared at him. "Shut up, look where you are standing! Stop saying nonsense!"

Gu Zhenkang cringed. He had just been snapped at by his own daughter, but he could not counter her at all. Well, it was he who had said something wrong.

Then he asked with a look of embarrassment. "What are we supposed to do?"

"You keep dragging me down! You are capable of doing nothing! We have to ask the Lord for help now!" Gu Ruxue said unhappily.

Gu Zhenkang nodded.

As long as they could find Lord Ling. Lord Ling would have some way out. He could not do anything about this, but Lord Ling might have some ideas.

Gu Zhenkang let out a sigh of relief.

Gu Ruxue got very annoyed seeing how her cowardly father behaved. She ignored him, got into the wagon and headed towards the Gu Mansion, followed by Gu Zhenkang's wagon.

They had just arrived at the Gu Mansion when Mrs. Gu and Gu Yunhe rushed forward.

"How did it go?" Mrs. Gu asked.

"Nothing good. Husbands just can't get involved with the girls' dowries, so the dowries have been given back to Gu Chaoyan," Gu Zhenkang said timidly.

He had known the rules before, but the reason why he was so confident before was because he did not think that Gu Chaoyan would sue him.

Yet the truth was that she did, and since she did lay the charges against him, he could not have won.

"You damn useless man, always dragging me down!" Mrs. Gu snapped at her husband as she pulled Gu Ruxue aside. "Ruxue, what do you think?"

"Nothing we can do, let's wait until Lord is here," Gu Ruxue said, looking distressed. However, she was not thinking about the dowries, but about Lord Huai, so she was quite down at the moment.

When Zhou Huailing arrived, Gu Ruxue was distracted whilst Mrs. Gu was pacing back and forth in the hall. She was very anxious because all of those properties were supposed to become Yunhe's.

As she saw Zhou Huailing, she looked as if the savior had arrived. "Lord, what are we supposed to do?"

"Don't worry, I already know the situation and I have got an idea," Zhou Huailing said calmly.

Chapter 577: Expenses

The moment Zhou Huailing finished his words, the whole Gu Family's eyes were brightened – they had been feeling so anxious for so long.

Outsiders might have no idea how important Ms. Lin's dowries were for the family, but the Gu Family were pretty aware. The Gu Mansion was built upon Ms. Lin's dowries and they would have nothing to feed on, if they were taken away, let alone keeping a grand mansion in the capital.

It's great that there were some ideas to solve the problems.

Gu Ruxue brought herself back and came to sit down next to Zhou Huailing, as she asked curiously, "What is your idea, Lord?"

Zhou Huailing threw a look at Gu Ruxue and intended to say something, when he stopped himself. Instead, he continued with the issue of the dowries.

As this was mentioned, Zhou Huailing said proudly, "It is not an idea, just a matter of whether the dowries should be released from your side."

“...”

“Why do we have to give them back when the Officer says so? The Officer is just a nobody!”

“...”

“The Gu Mansion is the Phoenix Girl’s mother’s home, my inlaws’ home, if I stop anyone from coming in to move anything, no one would dare to do anything, right?” Zhou Huailing said arrogantly.

Unless the King approved of the move, no one in the capital could do anything about him.

His Eighth Brother might have his men, but so what? Would he dare to start a fight in the capital?

If he gathered his own forces to start a fight in the capital, he could get easily blamed for having the intention of rebellion.

Zhou Huailing was quite confident about this matter.

Gu Zhenkang and Mrs. Gu finally understood what Lord Ling meant.

“Lord, you mean... as long as we have guards at the Gu Mansion, the dowries would not be moved?” Mrs. Gu asked.

Zhou Huailing nodded with satisfaction.

Mrs. Gu laughed. They never had to be so worried!

The Officer had sealed the case, but so what? The Gu Mansion was a powerful family under the protection of Lord Ling!

Mrs. Gu nodded. So did everyone else. Only Gu Zhenkang asked suspiciously, “What about the civilians? Wouldn’t they think ill of us?”

Zhou Huailing snorted. He was very displeased about what Gu Zhenkang had said. Why must Zhou Huailing please those stupid commoners?

“I am Lord Ling, Ruxue is the Phoenix Girl, we have strong backgrounds to shut them up! The whole world will be mine soon, why do I have to care about what those stupid commoners say?” Zhou Huailing said as he looked up at Gu Zhenkang and said with displeasure. “Officer Gu, you haven’t changed a thing. You were cowards before, but now, you are my inlaws, so you better stop being cowards.”

Mrs. Gu glared at Gu Zhenkang with dissatisfaction. What an annoying man! Lord had gotten everything settled, and this man still asked some stupid questions.

Gu Zhenkang fell into silence.

Mrs. Gu said with a smile, “Just ignore him, Lord, he is too old to understand the situation, you can speak with Yunhe about important things. He is not a young man any more and he can make decisions too.”

Zhou Huailing nodded with satisfaction.

"There is something important. Since the dowries are yours, get some money for me." Zhou Huailing said naturally.

That made Mrs. Gu feel slightly embarrassed.

Chapter 578: To Lord Huai?

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Lord Ling had taken a lot of money from the Gu Family before and most of it was the dowries left by Ms. Lin to Gu Chaoyan. Lord Ling claimed that he had an army to take care of and needed money, so he asked the Gu Family to give him some which he would return when he had money at his own mansion, but now he was asking them for more money before the previous one was returned.

Gu Chaoyan's doweries were left for Gu Yunhe, as Mrs. Gu planned. Yunhe needed money too.

Mrs. Gu would not have been so unwilling if Lord Ling was loaning the money, but it seemed that Lord Ling was going to take Gu Mansion as the storage of Lord Ling's Mansion and that he could take money from them whenever he wanted. That displeased Mrs. Gu a great deal.

She hesitated for a long while.

She said nothing. Nor did he do anything.

Zhou Huailing, who had been so relaxed drinking tea, sank his expression when he saw what Mrs. Gu was like. "Well, you aren't going to do it?"

"..."

"If I had not gotten my men to guard the dowries, you would not have the abilities to keep them. Just don't forget that Gu Chaoyan is not alone. My Eighth Brother is behind her."

"..."

"I don't need all of your money, just some for my own army."

"..."

"The whole world is going to be mine, why are you so concerned about those dowries?" Zhou Huailing interrogated.

Mrs. Gu suddenly came back to herself. She had not thought it through. She was so narrow-minded!

Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl, so Lord Ling was definitely going to take the throne!

It was not the time for them to care about the dowries right now, since their mansion was going to be the inlaw family of the future King... they could get anything they wanted.

Gu Yunhe was very anxious as well. "Mom, we have got so much in storage, you can give it to Lord Ling if he wants it! We won't be running out of it at all. Lord Ling will grant us as many things as we want in the future! Those presents would be more than what we have now."

Zhou Huailing nodded at Gu Yunhe in satisfaction. Gu Yunhe's face was swollen, but he was not that annoying in his eyes any more.

Gu Yunhe was not a very proper man with manners, but he had only one merit – he was always taking Lord Ling's side.

It was a good thing for him to have such a supporter anyway.

Mrs. Gu laughed. "That is not what I mean. I was just thinking how much we can get for Lord Ling." Then she got up and said, "I will ask Chen Fu to do the work as soon as possible."

Gu Yunhe urged her away, then he turned to Zhou Huailing and tried to suck up to him.

Gu Yunhe had a simple mind – Lord Ling was going to be the future king and as long as Lord Ling was pleased, everything would work out.

Zhou Huailing was in a good mood. "Yunhe, even though you can't marry the Princess, I will attach importance to your marriage. You can wait until I have the power to give you anyone you want, right now, you can just find a noble lady to marry to start with."

"Thank you, Lord," Gu Yunhe said with a smile. He knew that Lord Ling would not abandon him. He was going to get any girl he wanted.

Mrs. Gu had gotten several boxes ready by this point.

Zhou Huailing got up and was ready to go when he asked his staff to carry the stuff away. He did not ask Gu Ruxue to tag along.

Gu Ruxue got anxious. "Lord, why are you not paying attention to me?"

She was totally ignored in the hall too.

Zhou Huailing glared at her. "Didn't you want to say those things to Lord Huai instead?"

Chapter 579: The Officer

Gu Ruxue was startled, then she remembered that she did stop Lord Huai back at the Officer's place a while ago. She did not have anything to tell Lord Huai, just got quite annoyed when he saw how Lord Huai cared about Gu Chaoyan.

She had thought that when she called out to Lord Huai, he would at least stop and ask what she needed, since she was the Phoenix Girl! What she wanted was to see how Gu Chaoyan would react, but Lord Huai did not stop, nor did he ask her what she needed.

Gu Ruxue had been feeling quite distressed, but now Lord Ling knew about it!

Gu Ruxue glanced at her maids, thinking that one of them must have betrayed her.

Apart from Ming, most of the other maids were from Lord Ling's Mansion. She felt that those people must have turned on her... so she was feeling very displeased, but she could not snap at them.

She said with a smile, "Lord, what are you thinking? I did need to speak with Lord Huai about the dowries. I am your Princess Consort, so I have to think for the mansion and for all the Princess Concubines, right?"

Only at this time did Zhou Huailing look slightly more assured.

He had been very angry when he heard about the matter. Gu Ruxue was the Phoenix Girl who could give anyone the world. If she ever fell for Eighth Brother, then....

That was what Zhou Huailing had been thinking, but Ruxue did not even think about that.

He felt slightly more pleased and spoke in a more gentle tone.

He took Gu Ruxue's hands and said gently, "Ruxue, don't blame me. I simply like you too much, that is why I got angry. But don't behave like this any more, or you can just inform me ahead of time."

Gu Ruxue nodded in surprise.

During the past few days, Lord kept pressing her and showed no good temper in front of her. It was rare for him to console her like this.

Gu Ruxue smiled "Okay!"

Zhou Huailing nodded and headed back to the mansion with her.

At Gu Chaoyan's Mansion.

Gu Chaoyan was drinking the tea in the yard, as Sword One and Qing were engaged with their own business.

Xiu Jie was taking care of different errands in the mansion, so Qing started to work in the kitchen instead. She felt that her Miss was getting skinnier than ever, and she should make sure she got well fed.

Sword One, on the other hand, was sorting the storage.

She believed that she needed to get the storage sorted, since her Miss had many dowries. She had earned much money from Yellow Crane as well as the medical payment earned from before.

When she was done, Sword One came hurrying to Gu Chaoyan and said happily, "Elder Miss, the storage is emptied, we can just wait for the stuff to be moved in."

"..."

"Do you think it will work out properly?" Sword One was still worried. The Gu Family was not an easy place to deal with.

"No." Gu Chaoyan answered with determination.

Sword One was speechless. Elder Miss was simply too straightforward.

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

“Mother has left me a large amount of dowries, and Gu Zhenkang married her for those dowries. It will take some effort before they are willing to offer those things back to us,” Gu Chaoyan said.

“We can go and carry them out directly!” Sword One said angrily.

Xiu Jie came running, “Elder Miss, the Officer is here. He needs to speak with you!”

Chapter 580: Ideas?

Gu Chaoyan looked at Sword One.

Well, that was what she was talking about. The Officer was here about the dowries.

Sword One was feeling helpless. What was Elder Miss being so proud of her guesses for? It was not good at all.

She truly had no idea how to say it to Elder Miss.

“Please ask the Officer to come over,” Gu Chaoyan said.

Xiu Jie hurried off.

Seeing Xiu Jie’s retreating figure, Gu Chaoyan fell into contemplation – Xiu Jie’s talent was hidden working as a housekeeper in the mansion, but Gu Chaoyan would like to test him to see if he was able to handle small things well. – that was the prerequisite for major matters.

Xiu Jie left after he brought the Officer in.

The Officer was in a hurry as he said, “Lady Chaoyan, it is our fault, but we truly have no way out. There are many people guarding the Gu Mansion and we can’t get in. Your dowries may have to stay there for a few more days.”

The Officer wiped his sweat with his sleeves as he was talking.

He did have the intention of making the case work, but he had few guards from the Government Office and they could not possibly start a fight with the guards at the Gu Mansion. They would fail!

He truly had no way out.

When he reported the case to the superiority department, those leaders did not care. So he had to come to tell Gu Chaoyan about this.

However, he had made up his mind. He was going to apologize to Lady Chaoyan, and if they could not possibly come up with any idea, he was going to ask his men to force themselves in.

“Lady Chaoyan, just wait a few more days.” The Officer said embarrassedly.

“Thank you, Officer,” Gu Chaoyan said politely and asked Sword One to pour the tea. “Drink some tea, please.”

“...”

“Are those guards from the Gu Mansion or from somewhere else?” Gu Chaoyan asked.

“They don’t look like guards from the mansion. My staff have been there before, but they didn’t have professional guards like that,” the Officer said cautiously.

Gu Chaoyan nodded. She was aware that Zhou Huailing had placed his men there.

Apart from those from the Gu Mansion, Zhou Huailing was the second person who cared about the money. He wanted to take the throne and he needed money.

No wonder the Officer could not handle the situation.

Gu Chaoyan reminded him. “It is okay. The Gu Mansion is under the supporter of Lord Ling, and you have difficulty in getting in. Don’t worry, get your men to leave, I will handle the situation.”

“Lady Chaoyan... do you mean...?” The Officer asked in surprise.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

The Officer got her point and left. He said that he would send his men to pass on messages, if there were any.

When the Officer left, Sword One could not help but burst out. “Elder Miss, they are so shameless to keep your dowries!”

Gu Chaoyan waved her hands, asking Sword One to calm down.

It was not a small amount. It was normal that they wanted to take those dowries as their own.

Sword One looked at Elder Miss who seemed calm. “Elder Miss, do you have any ideas?”

Gu Chaoyan shook her head. “No?”

Sword One was speechless.

Oh man, her Elder Miss was becoming more and more confusing!

“But, I seem to have come up with an idea,” Gu Chaoyan said with a smile.

Sword One saw Mr. Zhao Yiqiu coming towards them.