

Divine 601

Chapter 601: Punishment!

"They are making a fuss at Yellow Crane, and Manager Song is running out of ideas! So he asked me to fetch you to see what we can do. We can't run the business today!" Xiu Jie said anxiously. His face was turning red because of running, but he did not dare to take a break.

Zhou Huaijin and Gu Chaoyan exchanged a look with each other and frowned subconsciously. It was not an easy issue to solve, since that was involved with the diplomatic relationships.

Zhou Huaijin thought for a while and said seriously. "The Fan Nation is famous for their wine, since grapes are one of their most popular fruits due to the geographic advantages."

And to be more exact, there was no wine brewed from grapes in the past in the Saint Divine Land, and such wine would only be received at the end of every year, when people from the Fan Nation gave the Saint Divine Land these as presents. Therefore, wine brewed with grapes was indeed a very rare existence in the Saint Divine Land.

That was why the Yellow Crane had become so popular among folk in the Saint Divine Land.

The restaurant was famous for its delicious wine.

The guests from the Fan Nation brought even more wine this time compared to last year. Zhou Huaijin saw that when he was receiving the guests. So it was indeed a complicated method.

When Gu Chaoyan heard about it, she instantly removed the idea that the fuss was from some old enemies who tried to set them up under the Fan Nation's name.

If it was a special thing produced in the Fan Nation, then those people did have the intention of seeking justice. It was indeed a very annoying thing that someone else was selling their speciality. Gu Chaoyan did not think that it was an unreasonable thing.

Well, since there was misunderstanding between them, they should try to solve the misunderstandings properly.

Gu Chaoyan thought for a while and said, "Don't worry, let's go to Yellow Crane to see what happens. You don't have to panic. We never did anything bad, so we are in full power against the suspicion. The Fan Nation is famous for its wine, yet they aren't the only ones that are good at it. There will always be someone else who can do it too."

Xiu Jie's anxious heart was appeased, thanks to what Gu Chaoyan said.

Honestly, the staff from the Yellow Crane were quite annoyed in front of the people from Fan Nation. After all, they were the ones with excuses, not Yellow Crane.

Seeing the imposing Elder Miss, Xiu Jie suddenly felt that there was still a lot for him to learn. It was right of him to become the Elder Miss's servant.

The wagon headed hurriedly to the Yellow Crane.

Gu Chaoyan heard some noise rising from inside as she was standing outside the doorstep. And there were many people from the Fan Nation surrounding Yellow Crane.

When Gu Chaoyan got out of the wagon and walked in, Fu Bao was clearing the path for her, so Gu Chaoyan had some space to enter.

She had just arrived when Manager Song let out a sigh of relief. "Thank goodness, Elder Miss, you are here!"

Gu Chaoyan nodded at Manager Song. It was already excellent of Manager Song to stay calm while facing those people from the Fan Nation under such circumstances.

Gu Chaoyan glanced about the crowd and understood which of them were the leaders.

The Prince from the Fan Nation got transfixed as he saw Gu Chaoyan. He had thought that their owner must be some middle-aged man, but it turned out to be a pretty, young girl. She was quite skinny, but she had an imposing air. When her large eyes fell upon him, the Prince even felt like flushing.

The Imperial Master next to the Prince jabbed him, bringing him back to the situation.

"Prince, we have to focus! She has stolen our recipe, and she needs to be punished!"

Chapter 602: Evidence

The Prince brought himself back. He looked at Gu Chaoyan with a look of anger, though he had a slight touch of appreciating her a while ago. How could such a pretty girl steal others' recipes just to obtain profits for herself.

He was about to speak, when Zhou Huaijin arrived.

The Prince was surprised. "Lord Huai?"

Zhou Huaijin nodded and said, "Prince Muye."

"What are you doing here?" Prince Muye was confused.

"Lady Chaoyan and I own this restaurant, and I am here because I heard there is a fuss here." Zhou Huaijin said with a serious look on his face.

Only now did Prince Muye realize what happened. He could not understand why there were two owners to one restaurant, yet that was not the key issue here.

The economy in the Feather Mulberry Land was not doing well, and they had very little money in the storage. So apart from tributing the wine to the King here, he was thinking about selling the wine as well. If the sales went well, they would have a long-term business here. At least in this way, they could solve some economic problems. However, they were just seeking a place to sell the wine, when they found out that the same wine was already sold here in this restaurant.

It was very shameless of them to have stolen their recipes for profits!

"Lord Huai, even if you are the owner of this restaurant, you will have to tell us what happened!" Prince Muye snapped angrily.

Before Zhou Huaijin answered him, the Imperial Master next to him added impolitely, “The wine made of grapes is from our nation, and did not exist in your country in the past. Why do you have it now? You must have stolen our recipe!”

Hearing these words, Gu Chaoyan frowned again – this man was being so unreasonable!

“What makes you think so, honestly? Why do you think that we stole your recipe to make something we did not have in the past? Does it mean that you are also stealing, if something you didn’t have in the past appears suddenly? Or, are you saying that only you are allowed to make wine from grapes?!” Gu Chaoyan countered annoyedly.

The Imperial Master pursed his lips. He had some words to say, but he did not know how or even dare to.

The Saint Divine Land was a powerful land, and what this girl said was something to be considered among countries. So the Imperial Master did not dare to say anything more. He did not fear ordinary businessmen, but Lord Huai was right in front of them now.

The Imperial Master took a look at Prince Muyi.

Prince Muyi explained as he saw this girl’s angry face. “Miss, that is not what the Imperial Master means. You will have to know one thing here.”

“Only people from the royal families make wine like this, and the recipe is not available to any ordinary people. And those who make our wine are devoted people, that is what caused the Imperial Master to suspect you.”

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at the Prince.

So that was what happened in the Feather Mulberry Land?

She just could not understand why the Feather Mulberry Land tried so hard to hide their wine?

“I would like to ask how you got the recipe for your wine?” Prince Muyi said seriously. “Wine made from grapes is really important for us. So we need to know the truth.”

“I inherited it.” Gu Chaoyan said relaxedly.

“How can you prove that you inherited it rather than stole it from us! Only royal families make such wine in our country!” The Imperial Master added again, as he glared at Gu Chaoyan as if he held a deep grudge against her.

Chapter 603: No Admitting

Gu Chaoyan looked at the Imperial Master, then she smiled.

She smiled very frankly.

She turned to Manager Song and said, “Manager Song, what about bringing the wine here to the front desk, each kind of them. Oh well, you can also fetch the Pear Flower Brewery for this special guest to have a taste.”

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, Manager Song got the point.

They were anxious and feeling guilty, but they did not have to, because it was their own wine and they had even more categories of their own.

Manager Song started to smile. Instead of saying anything more, he went to fetch the wine.

Prince Mui, the Imperial Master and the folk from the Fan Nation were all confused. They had no idea what Gu Chaoyan was about to do.

They were still very confused, when Manager Song brought different kinds of wine to them together with the pageboys from the Yellow Crane.

Gu Chaoyan made a personal introduction. "This is the Apple Wine, this is Plum Wine, this is Apricorn Wine, this is Grape Wine, and this is a mix wine. Well, apart from these kinds of fruit wine, we also introduced other kinds of fruit wine according to the season. And we also have a Pear Flower Brewery, please have a taste of it."

"This Grape Wine is just one of our special types, and it is not even our brand wine."

"You said that we stole your recipe, but can you make other kinds of fruit wine too? Or, does the wine from our sides taste the same? I can guarantee here that my wine is not only tasty, but also refreshes you!" Gu Chaoyan said with determination.

She was extremely confident about that.

The Fan Nation might have been making wine for a long while, but so what? She had magical water!

Prince Mui's eyes widened.

There was no such wine and there would not be any wine like this in their country. Could there have been a misunderstanding in this matter?

Gu Chaoyan asked Manager Song to pour them the wine for a taste, then she added, "If you are still not convinced, then present your wine and let the passers-by have a taste so they can make a judgement about how the taste is!"

The Imperial Master was not at all convinced.

He asked his staff to fetch their wine, then he gathered everyone from the alleyway next to them so it was empty outside Yellow Crane.

Prince Mui did not even have time to taste the wine himself!

He watched the passers-by stop and get the wine to drink. The wine was served in two identical cups, so that there would not be any visible difference for people to recognize.

The passers-by were delighted about that. The ordinary folk almost had no chance to have a taste of the wine at the Yellow Crane, but now they could have the wine for free. So they were all gathered at the table.

Some liked wine, they drank wine from the two cups, and then pointed at one cup. "This is from the Yellow Crane! I remember the taste, it is so good and makes me feel fresh!"

Other people pointed that out too.

The people from the Fan Nation were all so embarrassed. They were extremely proud of their grape wine and now their grape wine was worse than someone else's.

Prince Muyi could not help but have a cup too.

After he finished the wine, he could tell the difference.

That wine made people extremely comfortable. How could that be possible?

The Imperial Master, who noticed the way Prince Muyi behaved, realized that the situation was not that simple.

Prince Muyi was straightforward, which was quite clear for them.

So he dragged him aside and whispered. "Prince, we have no money in storage and we need to make use of the wine. You have to insist that it is the same wine, otherwise the King....the King..."

Chapter 604: Analyses

"You might not be able to deal with the King well. The King hasn't got an official heir yet, and the other princes are aiming at your position... We must not make any mistake. We have to do something great!" The Imperial Master reminded him.

The King of the Feather Mulberry Land was already quite old. It was time for him to think about his heir.

The Imperial Master believed that Prince Muyi could become the King and he was offering to get the throne for him so that he could remain as the Imperial Master. Also, Prince Muyi was an innocent person, easy to manipulate.

Everything he was doing right now was for Prince Muyi's sake.

So the Imperial Master was telling the truth about that.

Although they were a little bit apart from each other, Gu Chaoyan, who had been through tough training, had better hearing than others. So Gu Chaoyan heard every word they said.

However, she remained silent. She was going to see what the Prince was going to do.

If they were trying to set her up, Gu Chaoyan was also going to come up with an idea to counter them.

Hearing what the Imperial Master said, Prince Muyi said without much consideration. "Imperial Master, we should not do something like this. We are here to seek justice, because we believed that they stole our recipe, but now we are clear that they did not steal anything from us, so we should not frame them. We should follow the truth."

Prince Muyi ignored what the Imperial Master said after he finished the words.

He turned around and greeted Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin. "It is our fault for having misunderstood you, please, Lady Chaoyan and Lord Huai, forgive us."

Gu Chaoyan looked at this Prince.

She was a bit surprised. He was a special man who did not have much conspiracy in the imperial court.

She would not mind boosting him up, if there was any chance.

Before Prince Mui left, he took one more look at Gu Chaoyan and left with his staff.

The Yellow Crane was empty when they were gone.

There were too many people from the Fan Nation here, and Manager Song was worried that they would hurt the guests, so he asked the other guests to leave without charging them, no matter whether they had eaten anything or not. Luckily, no accidents happened.

Yellow Crane remained as it was before Chaoyan arrived. They did not need to clean up anything.

Gu Chaoyan looked at them and said, "You have worked hard, please get three more yuan a month for the salary. Now you can continue with your business."

The pageboys and Manager Song expressed their gratitude.

Gu Chaoyan and Zhou Huaijin got onto the wagon and started to head home.

As they came to the wagon, Zhou Huaijin said, "The Feather Mulberry Land is having a hard year, so they have a lot of wine with them and planned to make a fortune before they go back home, but they have made a mistake. I am afraid that they will not be able to make enough money and the Feather Mulberry Land is declining due to the peace."

Zhou Huaijin sighed and shook his head. He just did not get it.

That was not a small country with a relatively large population, so why was it getting worse and worse.

"That has something to do with themselves." Gu Chaoyan added. "Their selling method is wrong."

Zhou Huaijin looked at Gu Chaoyan. "What do you mean?"

"Prince Mui revealed that only the royal family are allowed to make the wine, and those who know the recipe are devoted people. That basically means that they never thought about selling the wine. If what they say is true, then they should have sold the wine to other countries to start their business, and they would not have fallen into such a terrible circumstance."

Zhou Huaijin's eyes brightened. He sighed emotionally and asked, "Do you have anyway to help them?"

Chapter 605: Marrying Her!

The reason why Zhou Huaijin asked her about that, was because he had an idea for himself.

On this continent there were four countries, each of which was occupying their own space. It was a grand and peaceful time and the peace had been maintained for more than 200 – 300 years. So if the

Feather Mulberry Land was declining and failed to survive, then the balance would be lost and war would start.

The Saint Divine Land and the Cloud Land were the lands closest to each other, and the Feather Mulberry Land was pinched in between.

So when the Feather Mulberry Land failed to have a steady economy for their survival, the two countries around it would think about swallowing it and when the Feather Mulberry Land was taken down, then it would be time for the other two countries to think about being the only rulers.

When the royal families were fighting for power, it would be the civilians that suffered.

Zhou Huaijin did not want something like this to happen. Prince Muye was a nice man, and Zhou Huaijin would like to offer his help, that's why he asked.

Gu Chaoyan nodded slightly. "As long as they can think the whole thing through and open their arms to the market, there will always be some way."

"We have wine at the Yellow Crane too, but we don't plan to make an enormous production of it or sell it to other countries. So they still have a market open to them, as long as they can get the idea right."

Zhou Huaijin nodded.

Zhou Huaijin trusted Gu Chaoyan when it came to business, and he admired Gu Chaoyan's abilities too.

There were classes in the Saint Divine Land, the highest rank to the lowest one was the officers, farmers and businessmen, with businessmen being considered the ones in the lowest-class. However, in Zhou Huaijin's eyes, he did not care about that at all. It was never an easy thing to get everything done properly, and if someone could run a business well, then that person was undeniably excellent too.

"Chaoyan, please tell me about that in detail," Zhou Huaijin said with a serious tone.

"In the past, the Feather Mulberry Land considered the wine as an icon for the royal family, so the wine is only available when offered as a tribute. So they are stuck in the position where the wine has to be in a high position, but if they want to use it as a business tool, then they should divide the wine into different classes, some for the civilians, some for high-ranking people, depending on the prices." Gu Chaoyan said.

Zhou Huaijin understood everything now!

"I got it, Chaoyan, you are so smart!" Zhou Huaijin showed his admiration.

At the hotel of the Saint Divine Land.

Prince Muye and the Imperial Master were both back at the hotel.

The Imperial Master, who had been staying silent, said unhappily, "Prince Muye, how could you have done something like that? What should we do with our wine? What should I tell the King? Your Second Brother has been watching for the position of heir, and if you fail the mission this time, the King might have his heart lean towards your Second Brother!"

The Second Son of the King was sneaky and the Imperial Master was scared of him. So the Imperial Master was really anxious at the moment.

If the Second Son of the King got the position of the heir, then Prince Muyi would not have fought for that position and he as the Imperial Master would lose his position as the Imperial Master as well.

Prince Muyi was not thinking something like that. He believed that since the recipe was not stolen, the innocent people should not be wronged.

Prince Muyi was in a good mood. Instead of answering the Imperial Master, he said excitedly, "Imperial Master, I am going to ask the King of the Saint Divine Land for the hand of that pretty girl!"

Chapter 606: Marrying Her! 2

Back at the Feather Mulberry Land, his father also mentioned about him getting married. His father intended to get a suitor to be his Princess Consort.

He had not been so willing to accept this idea.

Many girls dreamed about marrying him back at the Feather Mulberry Land, yet they had their own purposes. They just wanted to get involved with him because of his background as the Eldest Son of the King, and those were not the girls he dreamt about.

And those girls kept thinking about getting themselves dressed up pretty to make themselves stand out. They could even start a fight over a dress! The same went for his younger sisters.

However, Lady Chaoyan was different. She was young too, but she was confident and charming. Skinny as she was, she had an imposing air that differed from the other girls who were always trying to dress themselves in pretty clothes and make comparisons. Her clothes were elegant and plain. The white color made her look like a fairy who was not stained.

That was his dream Princess Consort!

Prince Muyi was resolute now.

The Imperial Master sighed heavily and said with displeasure. "Prince, please! The Feather Mulberry Land is in chaos now! How can you have the mind to think about love at the moment! Love doesn't give you a career, love doesn't make you the Heir!"

The Imperial Master just sighed deeply. He thought that he had chosen the wrong man. The Prince was innocent and easily manipulated, but he was dumb too!

"Father mentioned about marriage too!" Muyi said seriously. He did not agree with what the Imperial Master said, so he countered. "Also, we should marry whom we love, right? Why can't we marry someone we love?"

So the King was asking him to find a wife... Suddenly, an idea flashed across the Imperial Master's mind.

Maybe he could marry someone for his benefits!

Since the wine was now certain, he could not do anything. Yet they could get something better from this land, like a marriage alliance! If they could establish a marriage with this country, then cooperation with

this major land could be done! Although marriage alliances had not happened between the two countries for a long time, it did not mean that such a thing could not happen!

Also, the girl the Prince liked was running the restaurant with Lord Huai, so she could not have come from an ordinary family! She might be some princess from some class, or an Elder Miss from some minister...

He did hear someone calling her Elder Miss.

Okay, so now Prince Muyi liked her and she was not in a low position either... That sounded like a very natural thing!

The Imperial Master suddenly smiled.

"Prince Muyi, I think that is a great idea. Let's go into the court and ask for her hand from the King!" the Imperial Master said happily, looking even more excited than Prince Muyi.

Prince Muyi looked at the Imperial Master with a strange look on his face. That was not what the Imperial Master just said! What made him change his mind?

"Now?" Prince Muyi hesitated. He adjusted his clothes subconsciously, fearing that he was not dressed properly enough.

"Sure, in our land, men should always try their best to get the person they like! If you like her, go and fight for her!" The Imperial Master encouraged him vividly.

Prince Muyi nodded.

Together with guards, he and the Imperial Master left the hotel and headed towards the court.

They had free access to almost every place in the Saint Divine Land, yet only Prince Muyi and the Imperial Master were allowed to enter the court.

The eunuch took them to the Qianqing Palace.

Chapter 607: Marrying Her! 3

Normally, the King would handle the petitions in his Imperial Study. Yet he worked at the Qianqing Palace instead due to health problems. Now he was used to being here all the time.

Hearing that the Prince of the Fan Nation was asking for him, he got slightly confused.

The Prince and the Imperial Master came earlier than usual. Normally, he only received the guests when the other princes from the other countries were present. Now the King from the Saint Divine Land did not have to show them too much courtesy, since they already had the Lords keeping them company. After all, everyone knew what the Feather Mulberry Land was like nowadays.

So he nodded at the request, but the King did not show too much concern about that.

Prince Muyi and the Imperial Master greeted the King and after a long while, the King said, "Greetings, you don't have to be overly polite in front of me."

Prince Muyi showed no reaction, but the Imperial Master was displeased, feeling that he had been disrespected.

The King asked De Fu to serve them tea, then he leafed through the book and asked calmly, "What is the business, Prince Muyi and the Imperial Master?"

Prince Muyi was feeling quite nervous. It was about his marriage and he had no father with him, so he had to deal with everything himself.

He rubbed his hands, mustered up and said, "King, I am asking you about marriage."

Marriage?

The King was surprised. He put down the book in his hands, confused.

There was never a marriage alliance between the four countries, despite the frequent exchanges. No one had ever mentioned marriage alliances!

The King had not expected that any princes from the other countries would raise this topic!

Also... the Saint Divine Land was powerful and did not need to have a marriage alliance with any countries.

Although the princesses were supposed to be used in marriage alliances, they were not for the princes of countries, but for the families from other countries to keep peace.

So the Prince was trying to get the Saint Divine Land to his side?

The Fan Nation was not prosperous nowadays... So was he trying to get close to him through the princesses? His princesses were not going to be demeaned in this way.

The King sank his face and said, "We've never had any marriage alliances between the countries, and my princesses would not marry anyone like this."

Prince Muyi and the Imperial Master suddenly felt that something was wrong.

The King seemed to object to this matter.

The Imperial Master feared that some misunderstandings would be caused, so that the Saint Divine Land declared war against the Feather Mulberry Land. So he added directly, "King, she is not a princess, actually, we have no idea whether she is a princess or some elder miss from a family. My prince likes her, so he hopes to ask for her hand from you here in court."

"That is what men from the Feather Mulberry Land are like. We always say it directly when we meet someone we like. Please, don't think anything is wrong with us." The Imperial Master explained anxiously.

The King calmed himself. So he had met someone he liked? Then he was not asking about the princesses, since the princesses were in the court.

Then who could it be? Could she be someone who wanted to establish some conspiracy with the Fan Nation? Or did he really fall for that girl?

The King asked curiously, "Who is that girl, and what is her name? Where did you meet her?"

"People around her addressed her as Lady Chaoyan. We met her at a restaurant and Lord Huai was there too." Prince Muiy confessed.

The King's face sank.

He had fallen for Gu Chaoyan? That was interesting!

Chapter 608: Her Identity

So no one told him that Gu Chaoyan was already engaged? No one told him that Lord Huai was her fiancé?

Normally, if Prince Muiy fell for an engaged girl, the King should have turned him down directly, but it was Gu Chaoyan he was talking about and she was not married, so...

Also the Imperial Master said that men from the Feather Mulberry Land always fought for the girl they liked.

Then he was looking forward to seeing whether he was fighting hard enough.

The King laughed. "Gu Chaoyan? She is the Elder Miss of the Gu Mansion."

"You are always straightforward, then you should go to Lady Chaoyan directly rather than come to me. We never have marriage alliances between our countries, but if you can make Lady Chaoyan fall for you and she is willing to marry you... then that would work too right?" The King smiled as he looked at Prince Muiy.

The King's smile was quite derisive.

Prince Muiy, however, did not give that much thought. He believed that the King was right – he should ask the girl if she liked him.

The Imperial Master, however, did not think that it was proper – they were in the Saint Divine Land, not in the Feather Mulberry Land, they could not ask for marriage from the girl directly.

Prince Muiy answered with a smile. "Thank you, then I will go to Lady Chaoyan instead."

The King nodded and waved his hands, telling him to leave.

The Imperial Master threw a look at the King.

He had a sense that there was something wrong with this King, but he could not figure out what, so he stopped himself from giving it any more thought.

After they left the court, Prince Muiy went directly to the Gu Mansion without waiting for too long.

Since the King mentioned that she was an Elder Miss from the Gu Mansion, then that meant that the Gu Mansion was a huge family in the Saint Divine Land, and he could find where the mansion was by just asking anyone on the street.

The Imperial Master sent someone to find the location. And the response arrived very soon.

The pedestrian pointed in one direction, so the wagon started to head to the Gu Mansion.

When they came to the Gu Mansion, Prince Muyi adjusted his own appearance in the wagon, fearing that Lady Chaoyan would not like the way he was dressed. They had a misunderstanding before, so he needed to present himself in a more proper way to make up for what he had done earlier.

The Imperial Master nodded at the way he was dressed.

Prince Muyi got off the wagon.

In order to express his sincerity, Prince Muyi said to the guards of the Gu Mansion personally, "I am the Eldest Prince of the Feather Mulberry Land, I would like to meet your Elder Miss."

The guards had a very complicated look on their faces.

The Elder Miss had already been driven out of the Gu Mansion and that was known to everyone in the Saint Divine Land, why was this Prince unaware of that...

However, he was the Prince from the Fan Nation, and the guards did not dare turn him down directly.

The guards said timidly, "Hang on, I will pass on the message."

Prince Muyi nodded.

In the Feather Mulberry Land, it was never that complicated if they wanted to meet someone, but there were always rules in the Saint Divine Land, and he was aware of those rules after a few visits. Therefore, he stood outside the gate and waited.

Hearing who the visitor was, Gu Zhenkang was very excited. He almost hopped out of the chair.

He hurried out and said, "Chen Fu, go and get the Third Lady. She should hurry to this place now!"

Chen Fu nodded and hurried off.

Gu Zhenkang came to greet Prince Muyi personally.

Seeing the way he was dressed, Gu Zhenkang was now sure about the identity of this man. "Greetings, Elder Prince."

"Hello, where is the Elder Miss? I would like to see her." Prince Muyi said straightforwardly.

The Elder Miss?

"You mean Gu Chaoyan?" Gu Zhenkang was confused.

"Yes!" Prince Muyi got excited instantly.

Gu Zhenkang pursed his lips. "What are you seeing her for... do you know who she is?"

Chapter 609: Rumors

Prince Muyi and the Imperial Master showed a weird expression on their faces.

Wasn't Lady Chaoyan the Elder Miss of the Gu Mansion? Why was this man looking so disdainful when she was mentioned.

That was not possible.

Prince Muyi found the whole thing strange. He asked. "Who is she then?"

Gu Zhenkang snorted.

He even forgot about asking him to take a seat in the mansion. Instead, he started to tell the story. "Her mother was a businesswoman and she is just like her. She loves money so badly! She deserted me for her dowries, and she even sued me in the Governmental Office, for that little amount of money! Then we drove her out of the family, we can't keep someone like that here."

Gu Zhenkang observed Prince Muyi as he was telling the story.

He did not seem to reveal any disdain, so he thought that maybe it was because of the cultural differences that made this prince show no expression.

Gu Zhenkang rolled his eyes and continued. "What is more, she is a vicious person who never saves the dying."

"When her Elder Brother got injured and almost passed away, she refused to save him no matter how much we begged her. She even asked us for money, a lot of money! I am her father, her Elder Brother is her brother and she was asking us, the family, for money! How could that make any sense! And we raised her too!" Gu Zhenkang said excitedly.

Excitement left Prince Muyi's face, which showed a look of strangeness.

Was Lady Chaoyan like this? That could not be true. Back at the restaurant, Lady Chaoyan was a confident, smart and shining person, and she was someone who talked reasonably. How could this be true?

"But is she here?" Prince Muyi asked. He would like to confront her personally.

"No. She is cold-hearted and has caused anger among us. The leader of the Gu Family has driven her out." Gu Zhenkang said, feeling quite good.

Prince Muyi did not ask anything more but intended to leave.

Gu Zhenkang would not let him go so easily.

At this time, Chen Fu and Gu Xiuying arrived.

Gu Zhenkang said with a smile, "Prince Muyi, you don't know the capital right? Let our Third Lady show you around?"

Prince Muyi looked at Gu Zhenkang. He just could not understand it.

He was pretty aware of one rule in the Saint Divine Land – ladies from big families here did not show men around, only ones who were engaged did that. Also, he had never met anyone from the Gu Mansion... what were they thinking?

Even the ladies in the Feather Mulberry Land would avoid seeing strange men, even if they might be engaged, but this father was arranging for the girl to do this!

Gu Xiuying showed a smile – he was a Prince, that was already enough for her! At least she would have an equally good marriage as Gu Chaoyan – she was marrying a Prince too!

Then she turned to Gu Zhenkang who nodded at her.

Gu Xiuying acted more actively and came to Prince Mui. “Please, let me show you around!”

Then she took a step closer!

Chapter 610: Cooperation

Prince Mui took a few steps backwards. He just could not stand the Third Lady’s enthusiasm.

When he came to the Saint Divine Land two years ago and accidentally ran into some brothel house, the girls were almost the same as the Third Lady – they never knew how to conceal their own passion!

Prince Mui did not say that directly. He just did not think that the Gu Mansion was some so-called grand family.

He shook his head and said, “I have other business to do, I gotta go.” Then he hurried off.

The Imperial Master followed him directly.

Gu Xiuying wanted to follow, but got stopped by the guards they brought here.

Anxious and clueless, Gu Xiuying had to stomp and looked at Gu Zhenkang, “What should I do, dad?”

“What should you do?? You are totally useless! I have given you so many opportunities and you fail at each one! What is the point of having you as a daughter? I will not help you next time you do this, I will help Caiqin instead!” Gu Zhenkang was so angry when Gu Xiuying came to ask him about what she should do. Just look at Gu Chaoyan and Ruxue, neither of them needed his help!

Gu Zhenkang flung his sleeves and left directly.

Gu Xiuying stomped her feet and had no idea what she should do after watching the wagon driving away.

She kicked Chen Fu to vent her anger. “You passed on the message too late!” Then she hurried away.

Chen Fu felt like crying as he was lying on the floor.

Prince Mui in the wagon was very confused too.

He had never fallen for a girl even at this age. Why was finding this girl so difficult!

The Imperial Master consoled him. “Prince, just forget about that, alright?”

He had thought that she was at least the Elder Miss of some important minister, but it seemed that she was not! And this Gu Mansion seemed like a small family. The Prince could just marry a girl from the General Family at the Feather Mulberry Land instead. That might be better for their situation.

Prince Mui shook his head and said, “No!”

Then he said to the men outside. "Go to that restaurant. Lady Chaoyan owns the restaurant so they can definitely find her. I am going to ask Lady Chaoyan personally!"

The horseman heard the words, then he started to drive the wagon in that direction.

The Imperial Master simply could not stop him! He was the Imperial Master, but the Prince spoke louder.

The horseman took them to the Yellow Crane.

Prince Muji got out of the wagon and started to head inside.

The pageboy of the Yellow Crane got confused at the sight of the Prince, but Lady Chaoyan told them that there was nothing for them to fear since they were all fair people in this competition. So the pageboys welcomed the Prince and led him in.

Prince Muji found an empty seat and sat down.

He was about to ask about Lady Chaoyan when the pageboy asked him as if he were a common guest. "What would you like to eat, Sir?"

Prince Muji heard the word "Eat", and suddenly felt starved.

"Then get me your branded dish." Prince Muji said and then added. "I would like to meet Lady Chaoyan, could you please help me pass on the message?"

The pageboy found the request strange, but he still nodded

Soon came the hotpot.

Prince Muji found the dish strange, but he followed the pageboy's instructions and started to eat it. It was a great dish for winter, and Prince Muji was very delighted by that.

When Manager Song came, Prince Muji asked him. "Manager, could I bring this branded dish to the Feather Mulberry Land for sale?"