

Divine 771

Chapter 771: The Flower Banquet

He was extremely aware of what this man was like – he could not possibly have survived. He could not heal him, so this young girl should not be able to either!

Wang Tianren just could not believe what he had heard.

Everyone else in the room looked at him with a strange look on their faces.

The family members of the injured man in particular. They had all believed that Doctor Wang was a kind-hearted person who transported the patient to Xinlin Clinic and paid for the fees, just because he was unable to cure the man himself, but that did not seem to be the case. He did not want his brother to survive.

The family members did not understand what was going on. They looked at Gu Chaoyan in confusion. For one moment, they had no idea what to say or what to do.

Gu Chaoyan looked at them and stressed to Wang Tianren. “If you don’t believe me, then go inside the room and have a look at him yourself. If you still find it hard to believe, then you can ask other doctors to check him. There are many doctors in the enormous city of the capital, and you yourself had many taking your side the other day. I believe that they would like to take a look at the case themselves. If you don’t trust any of those people, I can ask Mr. Zhao Yigiu to check him instead.”

Wang Tianren, who had been unconvinced, had a complicated look on his eyes when Gu Chaoyan mentioned Zhao Yigiu.

Did he really look down at this girl? This girl was friends with Zhao Yigiu, who was the most capable doctor they were never able to exceed.

No... he still could not believe what was happening. She was still trying to scam and lie to everyone present.

Despite everything, Wang Tianren started to walk towards the inner chamber and looked at the man covered in white bandages. He felt the man’s pulse. As a doctor, he was very aware that whether a man was able to survive or not depended on the healing process of his internal injuries. As long as the internal injuries became better, the external injuries would always heal sooner or later.

‘When he felt the man’s pulse, he saw that the man’s pulse was beating at a normal rate.

Wang Tianren’s eyes widened as he kept shaking his head. “That is impossible, how could that be possible?”

“My brother is fine, isn’t he, Doctor Wang?” the brother of the injured man asked.

Wang Tianren kept shaking his head in disbelief.

It was something he himself was unable to solve, but this young girl solved it so easily? He just could not believe it!

Standing next to him, Gu Chaoyan said easily, “Then you can pay the fees, can you, or should we bring Mr. Zhao here to check him instead?”

"Who are you?!" Wang Tianren asked in confusion.

"Xiu Jie, keep your eyes on Doctor Wang and return after you get the fees." Gu Chaoyan told Xiu Jie what to do and then turned to Doctor Wang. "I am responsible for treating patients, and now he is stabilized, and it is time for you to pay the fees. As for anything else... I can tell you nothing." Gu Chaoyan ignored him after she said that.

The brother of the patient did not check the patient, but asked Gu Chaoyan worriedly, "Miss, my brother should be fine when he wakes up, right? He won't be disabled, will he?"

"Your mother is going to take care of him if he is disabled, not us!" The woman next to him added.

"You will know when he recovers," Gu Chaoyan said calmly.

The two of them exchanged a few more words, but they did not look at the injured man from beginning to the end.

Gu Chaoyan sighed and left.

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At Lord Ling's Mansion.

'When Gu Ruxue managed to call out the phoenix, she just could not wait to ask many guests to the mansion just to show off. Therefore, many noble ladies were present for the Flower Banquet held at the mansion today..1

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'The Second Lady of the Chu Family from the Prime Minister's mansion was the most excited.

Ever since the Second Lady of the Chu Family became friends with Gu Ruxue after the banquet, she had been taking Gu Ruxue as the role model. Gu Ruxue liked the Second Lady as well, and had been treating her well. Therefore, she only invited the Second Lady of the Chu Family instead of both her and her sister for the Flower Banquet this time.

The point was that on the Spring Hunt day, the Elder Miss of the Chu Family not only humiliated her, but also hung out with Gu Chaoyan instead. For this reason, Gu Ruxue decided to help the Second Lady of the Chu Family.

Apart from the Second Lady of the Chu Family, there were ladies from the Min Mansion who were present. The ladies from the Min Family were all concubines' daughters, which Gu Ruxue did not care for.⁷

She understood that the Min Mansion was the biggest noble family in the capital, and the lineal Elder Miss was barely in public, but since the Min Mansion already arranged people to come for her private banquet, she believed that it was already a huge honor for her.

As for the other ladies, they were all the misses from other ministers, but Gu Ruxue did not think of any of those as someone important.

Those ladies were here to suck up to her and Zhou Huailing, so they were very willing to come.

“The Flower Banquet will be held in the small garden of the mansion.” Gu Ruxue behaved very gently in front of these ladies. “The garden had not been part of the manor, but after I moved in, Lord had the garden built knowing that I like begonias yet could not get close to the flowers. There are many begonias inside the garden, and a servant said that some have been blooming so you should all come and take a look at them.”

Gu Ruxue was showing off proudly, even though she was speaking in a very peaceful tone. The ladies of the noble families might come from a glamorous family, but they were all women who were going to marry young masters from noble families. And their future husbands might not take care of them in this way.

Gu Ruxue felt that it was something she was very proud of.

Hearing the story, the Second Lady of the Chu Family as well as several other ladies were all smiling.

‘The Second Lady of the Chu Family in particular. She said with a jealous look on her face. “Princess Consort, Lord Ling treats you so nicely, I don’t think that there is any other man who is better than Lord Ling in the capital. He is noble, gentle and takes such good care of you.”

Hearing what the Second Lady of the Chu Family said, the others added and expressed their jealousy.

Hearing those words, Gu Ruxue felt that she could just be as arrogant as she wanted.

‘The Second Lady of the Chu Family was right. There was no other girl in the world as happy as her. Lord was already a noble man yet he was still so gentle towards her.

Ming, who was standing next to them, also added. “Princess Consort loves pastries, so Lord hired some cooks from the South who are good at making pastries just to make pastries for Princess Consort.”

“Cooks from the South?” The Second Lady of the Chu Family asked in surprise. “They are very skilled in making pastries, but they are not that easily hired by anyone. Oh, Princess Consort. you are so...”

The Second Lady of the Chu Family looked so jealous.

Gu Ruxue was feeling very happy within, but still wore a light smile on her face, trying to keep her own posture.

As they were talking, they arrived at the garden.

The Second Lady of the Chu Family asked as she sat down, “Princess Consort, I heard that there is a phoenix at Lord Ling’s Mansion too, is that real?”

Chapter 773: The Hint

The Second Lady of the Chu Family put forward the question right in front of Gu Ruxue. That was because she had gotten the hint.

‘The maid from Lord Ling’s Mansion, who came to pass on the invitational message, told her that she was not only there to see the flowers. If the Flower Banquet was only about the flowers, then Princess Consort did not have to be that active about it. However, the maid also said something about the

phoenix

that the Princess Consort had called out. That was actually passing on the message.

The Princess Consort had been helping her these days, and now she was getting more and more respect at the mansion. So she was going to help her back. Therefore, when Princess Consort smiled at her a moment ago, she instantly understood what she meant.

That was why she said those words.

The other ladies all got surprised hearing what the Second Lady said,

Most of them had witnessed the phoenix at the Spring Hunt, but the phoenix belonged to Lady Chaoyan, and didn't the news that Lady Chaoyan was a good omen spread around these days?

Their families were also telling them to befriend Lady Chaoyan instead, but today...

They had not expected that Princess Consort was also able to call a phoenix with her flute.

If that was the case, then Gu Chaoyan was nothing compared to her. They should suck up to the Princess Consort who was the Phoenix Girl!

"Princess Consort, is that real? Can't we see the phoenix?" The lady from the Min Family, who was the boldest, asked straightforwardly.

Gu Ruxue nodded and asked Ming to get the flute.

She did not have the flute with her, because she wanted to pretend that the whole thing did not happen on purpose.

'Ming went to fetch the flute and Gu Ruxue smiled. 'Let's drink tea and watch the flowers, my maid is bringing us a flute. The weather is good today, very suitable for a phoenix.'

The others smiled alongside.

Well.. this Flower Banquet was nothing other than a name. The begonias in the garden did not seem to be blooming, just a few were budding, So it was not about the flowers.

Those ladies, who all grew up in large families, understood the meaning behind it easily.

The Flower Banquet was not about flowers, it was just a title. However, they did not point out the true meaning behind it.

They drank tea and kept speaking highly of the good-looking and exquisite garden, which was well-decorated.

It took Ming a while before she brought the flute.

Gu Ruxue was not in a hurry either. She waited as she took a sip of tea. She was too assured to worry about anything.

"Princess Consort, here is your flute." Ming gave her the flute politely.

It was a jade flute, which looked crystal clear. It was made specially for the Banquet, and was indeed beautiful.

Gu Ruxue held the flute in her hands, then she said calmly as she slightly shook her head, looking quite disdainful about what Gu Chaoyan had done, “Actually, I have been able to call the phoenix with the flute before I got married, and I did not think that it was a very important thing, but my sister eavesdropped on the music and played it at the Spring Hunt!”

The others were all surprised.

So the Princess Consort meant something else...

Chapter 774: No Phoenix 1

The phoenix appeared because of the music, which Princess Consort had already mastered when she was unmarried. So Gu Chaoyan eavesdropped on the music and mastered it herself. That was why she was showing it off at the pitch.

Gu Chaoyan had always had a bad reputation, so the Second Lady of the Chu Family did not think that it was surprising when she heard the story.

‘When she thought it through, she looked at Gu Ruxue, wondering whether the Princess Consort was indicating something to her when she talked about this story. So she stood up angrily. “How dare she! Gu Chaoyan is way over the top! She stole the music and took it as her own, and now she takes the achievement so that everyone says that she is the good omen! She is scamming the civilians, I am going to reveal the truth!”

The Second Lady of the Chu Family got increasingly excited as she talked about this. She had already foreseen how much the Princess Consort would like her if she did it well.

She was wearing a very determined expression on her face.

Gu Ruxue got startled and said timidly, “Second Lady of the Chu Family, I understand that you are a just person, but Gu Chaoyan used to be my sister and we should not push her into a corner. You don’t have to take what I have said too seriously, okay?”

Gu Ruxue said it as an explanation, indicating that the Second Lady of the Chu Family should not take that too seriously. She told the lies because she was unconvinced, but she had no other intention or plan to follow.

She bought the music with money, so they were not on the side of justice!

‘What Gu Ruxue wanted was that people should have a bad impression of Gu Chaoyan, and that was all she needed. When those ladies heard the story, their families would get to know the story too. Gu Ruxue aimed at telling those noble families that she was the real owner of the phoenix. As for the civilians, she did not care what they were thinking.

Hearing what Gu Ruxue said, the Second Lady of the Chu Family decided not to say anything more. She was probably going to do something in private, not in public.

Seeing that the Second Lady of the Chu Family decided to give up, Gu Ruxue felt assured as well.

She looked at the other ladies and saw their expressions change, then she felt slightly assured. It seemed that what she had said worked.

She sat down, then she smiled and said, "Please, feel free to drink tea and eat the pastries, I will be playing the flute here. You can listen to the music and watch the phoenix. It is going to stay for a long while this time."

Gu Ruxue planned to play the music for a little bit longer. She took up the jade flute.

The other ladies were watching attentively. Gu Ruxue asked them to drink tea and eat the pastries, but they were not at the same social status as Gu Ruxue, so they did not dare to do anything.

Gu Ruxue nodded in satisfaction, then she started to play the flute.

Gu Ruxue had been trained to play the zither, chess, to write calligraphy and paintings since childhood, so she was okay at playing the flute.

After a long while after she started...

Gu Ruxue had been waiting patiently for the phoenix to arrive, but half of the music had gone by, and yet the phoenix was not there.

Gu Ruxue frowned and got a little distracted. She almost went off track. She tried to stabilize herself and continued to look into the sky, but the phoenix was nowhere to be seen.

The other ladies were all confused too.

'The other day at the Spring Hunt, they remembered that the phoenix arrived shortly after Gu Chaoyan played the flute...

Chapter 775: No Phoenix 2

The music was almost coming to an end, but when they looked up into the sky, there was nothing there.

The ladies, especially the Second Lady of the Chu Family, were wearing a very complicated look on their faces. The Princess Consort's real intention of today was to let them see the phoenix, so if the bird did not show up, what could they do whilst sitting here?

Also, the Second Lady of the Chu Family was the person who raised the proposal, and that made her even more worried.

They did not have any interest in the phoenix, they were here to suck to the Princess Consort! How they were doing back at home was related to the court as well. So now everyone was trying to think of what to do next.

Even if Princess Consort could not call out the phoenix, they should not offend her, since she was the Phoenix Girl and the Princess Consort of Lord Ling!

These ladies had thought that the banquet was a good thing, but now they all regretted their presence. They should have asked their sisters to attend the banquet instead.

Finally, the music was done, but no phoenix was seen at all.

Gu Ruxue's flourishing face had turned totally red.

What happened? She just could not believe it.

The phoenix was called the other day! Could the flute be the issue?

Gu Ruxue thought for a while and tried to calm herself down as she said to Ming. "Lord has just made the jade, and it has never been used before, so I am not quite used to playing it. Go and get the old one."

Ming went to fetch it, and she was panicking as well.

If Princess Consort blamed her for what happened today, she would probably be sentenced to death.

Ming hastened her steps as she thought about this.

Gu Ruxue forced herself to stay calm as she said to the ladies, "The phoenix is called with music, but it is a phoenix that doesn't listen to all orders. Sometimes, it is not willing to show up, but I don't want to disappoint you, so I would like to have another try."

Then she smiled. She tried not to make the whole situation look too embarrassing.

The other ladies also added some nice words to go with them.

The Second Lady of the Chu Family said quickly, "That is true, a phoenix is a bird, but it is the King of all the birds. If you were alone, it might be willing to appear, but with us mortals around, it may not be that happy to show up. You don't have to take us into consideration."

The Second Lady of the Chu Family was trying to sound nice.

She had thought about this speech a while ago. She was also worried that she would get herself into trouble if she did not do something. That was why she came up with the speech.

Gu Ruxue nodded in satisfaction. She was indeed satisfied with the Second Lady of the Chu Family.

The Second Lady of the Chu Family, who was not the lineal daughter, was still smart enough. She knew pretty well what to do and what not to do. It was good if she was helping around.

She had been thinking about promoting her these days.

She thought of her Elder Brother who was still yet to get married.

If her Elder Brother was able to marry her, then the marriage alliance would be excellent.

She had been hesitant about the marriage alliance, but now she found the Second Lady of the Chu Family a good choice.

Ming came with the old flute.

Gu Ruxue used the flute to practice the other day, when the phoenix arrived. Gu Ruxue had intended to toss it away, but in the end she decided to keep it.

Ming gave the flute back to Gu Ruxue, letting out a sigh of relief inwardly.

Gu Ruxue felt slightly more assured receiving the flute. She believed that it would work, so she started to play the flute.

Then she looked at the sky nervously.

Chapter 776: Reasoning

Gu Ruxue got so nervous that she finished another song, but there was still no sign of the phoenix in the sky.

Gu Ruxue lost the calmness on her face. She tried several more times, yet no phoenix was seen anywhere.

‘The ladies in the garden were all uneasy. The Princess Consort had totally embarrassed herself, yet they did not dare to laugh. They were also busy thinking about how to help her out on this occasion. Otherwise, they would be scolded by their families when they returned home, rather than get praised. ‘The Second Lady of the Chu Family became even more anxious. She had not expected that the whole thing would turn out to be such a mess.

When the Princess Consort’s maid came to her with the invitation, she had stressed confidently that she should mention the topic. She feared nothing, but it seemed that the phoenix was not to be called at all.

‘The Second Lady of the Chu Family said nervously, “Princess Consort, a phoenix is not a very ordinary bird, and it is quite reasonable if it refuses to show up. It is okay if we don’t see it right now, let’s see the bird next time, please, don’t exhaust yourself.”

Gu Ruxue clenched her teeth tightly. It had been a long while since she was so humiliated. And now she had been humiliated in front of so many noble ladies!

She had gotten so angry! However, she could not throw her temper at the moment.

She forced a small smile. “I am sorry to have disappointed you all. It must be in a bad mood, so I will show it to you some other time.”

The ladies dared not say anything more. They nodded constantly, “Yes, yes, we can see the phoenix anytime we want.”

‘That was how the event came to an end. And the Banquet naturally ended as well.

Gu Ruxue had planned to ask them to see the flowers, try the pastries whilst having some conversation and a meal after the phoenix showed up, but now she was not in a mood to follow any of these steps. Instead, she had to figure out what caused all of this!

‘What happened?

She had spent one million yuan on the music that humiliated her. That was something she could not stand.

Gu Ruxue had become totally distracted.

The other ladies had also noticed the changes of her mood, so instead of lingering in the mansion, the lady from the Min Mansion put forward the proposal of leaving first, and then everyone else followed suit.

That was how the Flower Banquet ended in a hurried and embarrassing manner.

Gu Ruxue was not in a mood to do anything else.

The moment the banquet ended, she hurried to Zhou Huailing's study. She was extremely annoyed.

Zhou Huailing, who had been busy with his own business, had been in a good mood, but got confused when he saw the angry look on Gu Ruxue's face. "What is going on? Aren't you supposed to hold the flower banquet in the garden so that they can see the phoenix? What made you so mad? Did anyone counter you? I will speak to that lady's father!"

Zhou Huailing tried to pamper her vividly, but Gu Ruxue was so annoyed.

"No one countered me! Who dares to! It was Gu Chaoyan that bitch! She set me up!" Gu Chaoyan said angrily. "The phoenix did not come out today. I was totally humiliated?"

What?

Zhou Huailing was both surprised and angry. He had never thought that the whole thing would have turned out to be so embarrassing! He and Xuan Lin definitely saw the phoenix the other day, but the phoenix refused to turn up today! She was totally humiliated in front of the noble ladies!

"Let's go and reason with Gu Chaoyan!" Zhou Huailing said as he pulled her away.

Chapter 777: Venting the Anger

Gu Ruxue became slightly satisfied.

They spent one million on buying the song, and that was almost half of the savings that Lord Ling's Mansion had. Therefore, Gu Ruxue became really angry when it did not work.

They hurried all the way to the Xinlin Mansion directly.

Xinlin Mansion was named by Gu Chaoyan a few days ago. It shared the same name as the Xinlin Clinic.

Zhou Huailing and Gu Ruxue waited for a very long time when they came to Xinlin Mansion.

Gu Chaoyan was not in the mansion. She was at the Xinlin Clinic. That patient was obviously recovering, but he still needed to be taken care of after he woke up.

Gu Chaoyan had been very busy at the Xinlin Clinic these two days, so when she heard that Zhou Huailing was there meeting her, she did not pay much attention to it. Instead, she did not leave Xinlin Clinic until she was done with everything there.

The moment she arrived, she went to the main hall.

Gu Chaoyan looked at them composedly.

Gu Ruxue could not stand it any more. She stood up and shouted loudly, “Gu Chaoyan, how dare you scam us!”

Gu Chaoyan took an empty seat and Sword One poured her some tea.

Gu Chaoyan took a sip of tea to start with. She had spent the whole day at Xinlin Clinic so she did not have much to drink. Now she finally got the chance to drink some.

When she was done with her tea, Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Gu Ruxue. “What did I do?”

“The phoenix didn’t come out after I played the song.” Gu Ruxue shouted loudly. She was no longer gentle-looking like a Princess Consort any more. She was terribly-behaved.

Gu Ruxue never had to pretend anything in front of Gu Chaoyan. That was what she was always like.

Zhou Huailing also did not think that it was improper. Since Zhou Huaijin was absent, he did not think that he needed to say anything. So he just stood aside and watched quietly.

Gu Chaoyan threw a look at Gu Ruxue. She said calmly, “As far as I remember, when I sold the song for you, I already told you that the music could call out the phoenix, but it is not absolutely certain. You were okay with that, and you still bought the song. You should not blame me for that.”

Gu Ruxue cringed a little. That was indeed what Gu Chaoyan said, but she spent so much money on the song, so she should not have been humiliated in front of so many people!

“But this song doesn’t call out the phoenix! You are lying! Or you have given us a fake song, whatever the reason is, we need to get the money back!” Gu Ruxue shouted.

She was really angry.

Even if Gu Chaoyan gave her the reminder before, she still needed to vent her anger. She needed to get the money back, so that she could feel better.

Zhou Huailing nodded and believed that it was a good method.

They had lost so much and Gu Chaoyan was part of the reason. He could use the money for other things.

“Yes, you gave us a fake song, give us back the money, then we can drop the matter,” Zhou Huailing said resolutely.

Gu Chaoyan looked at them. She looked at them as if they were idiots. She was never going to give the money back to them.

“The song is not fabricated, what about you trying it here.” Gu Chaoyan asked with a testing tone, “If the phoenix doesn’t come out when you play the flute here, then we can talk about what you said just now.”

“Okay, let’s try it here!”

Chapter 778: Dumbfounded

Gu Ruxue agreed directly.

She had tried numerous times at Lord Ling's Mansion, but the phoenix just did not show up. Maybe that was because the phoenix was really in a bad mood.

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She just did not believe that the phoenix would come out here at Gu Chaoyan's place instead of at Lord Ling's Mansion.

If the phoenix did not come out, she could get the money back. Also, she was already able to play the song, so she could always call the phoenix if she wanted. That sounded like a very reasonable thing, so Gu Ruxue said yes directly.

Zhou Huailing did not stop her. He was in desperate need of money at this time and it would be great if the money could be regained.

Since she decided to make another attempt, Gu Ruxue rushed out to the yard.

Gu Chaoyan followed her.

She took out the jade flute, then she started to play the song.

A short while later, the phoenix came out and it soared happily above the mansion, making a cheerful sound.

Gu Ruxue was petrified.

What was going on?! It did not work back at Lord Ling's Mansion, but now it was working perfectly.

Gu Chaoyan crossed her arms and looked at Gu Ruxue calmly, "Isn't it there? Is Lord Ling's mansion so poor that you want to take back what has been paid?"

Gu Chaoyan looked and sound very disdainful.

Gu Ruxue did not care about the money. What she cared about was that the phoenix was there!

Since the phoenix was called, she could get her face back! She did not care about anything else.

However, Zhou Huailing felt very uncomfortable hearing what Gu Chaoyan had said. He frowned as he said, "Ruxue could not call the phoenix, so we came to seek justice, but now the phoenix is here, so we won't need the money back."

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

Instead of talking with them any more, she said, "You can leave now." Then she left directly.

Zhou Huailing was very dissatisfied about how Gu Chaoyan treated him.

He was in a different position right now. He was the most favored son of the King and the ministers of the court were all sucking up to him. He was the heir to be named in the future, but Gu Chaoyan was still treating him as nobody. She even looked very disdainful at him.

That made Zhou Huailing very unhappy.

He had a plan. When he took the throne and became the King, he was going to make Gu Chaoyan bend down to him!

Zhou Huailing thought angrily inside his heart.

Gu Ruxue did not notice any of this. She tugged at Zhou Huailing. "Let's leave, Lord."

Zhou Huailing followed without saying anything more.

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Gu Chaoyan was now back in her own yard.

'As she came to the yard, Sword One asked bravely. "Elder Miss, everything goes well with the phoenix, right? We should not let Gu Ruxue take it as her own!"

She was worried that the phoenix would no longer be this obedient, or maybe Gu Ruxue would catch the phoenix and keep it in a cage someday. That would be very troublesome.

Gu Chaoyan smiled briefly. She did not have to worry about the phoenix at all. It was smart and capable.

Gu Ruxue was not in a position to control the phoenix. The phoenix was just toying with Gu Ruxue.

"Sword One, don't worry." Gu Chaoyan had no idea how to explain, so she just told Sword One this.

Hearing the answer, Sword One felt slightly assured.

"Xiu Jie is back?" Sword One said in surprise, as she saw the figure not faraway.

Chapter 779: Learning

Unlike Sword One, Gu Chaoyan was not surprised at all, because she had already foreseen how it would become. Therefore, nothing was enough to startle her.

Xiu Jie came and greeted Gu Chaoyan as he said, "Elder Miss, Doctor Wang has run away and we failed to get the 10,000 yuan as payment. However, his family are still inside the capitol. He escaped alone, but I came back without asking his family for the money. Also, the patient woke up when I passed by the clinic just now."

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

She set the rules, not for the sake of earning money, but to save herself some trouble.

She would still treat that badly-injured man even if he could not afford the payment. And the reason why she repeatedly stressed the payment was because she was hoping that Doctor Wang would take responsibility for his own actions, but now... He had paid for what he had done.

Then that would be enough.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head as she thought about this – that doctor was not like a doctor at all. He kept pursuing a reputation like those in the court. How disheartening it was for the commoners.

"Then just drop it since he is gone. You can go back to his clinic and recount the whole process clearly, so that we don't have to care about that any more. We don't have to cause trouble for his family either," Gu Chaoyan said.

Xiu Jie nodded. He understood what Elder Miss meant.

Elder Miss was a very intimidating person, but she did everything based on her own principles. And she was a very kind-hearted person as well.

Gu Chaoyan got up at that moment. She had not expected that the man would have woken up so soon. Well... since he was awake, she was going to check up on him.

It was getting very late. Gu Chaoyan looked around and worried that it would be too late when she returned. She said to Sword One, "Sword One, bring some clothes, we may have to spend the night at Xinlin Clinic."

"Okay." Sword One got down to the preparation.

'Winter was already gone, so the packing process wasn't that complicated, but Gu Chaoyan was scared of the cold, so she had to bring extra clothes with them.

'When she was done with the preparations, they headed towards the clinic.

Gu Chaoyan had just gotten off the wagon and approached the gate, when she heard noise inside.

She frowned. She had just taken a few steps forward, when everyone inside came towards her as they noticed her arrival.

Gu Chaoyan did not understand what was going on.

Someone said, "Miss, we are here to learn from you!"

"We thought you were a con-artist, but unexpectedly, you are such an excellent doctor, we want to learn from you!"

Gu Chaoyan looked at them. Only now did she remember that those were the doctors following Wang Tianren the other day, who tried to start a campaign against her.

Now they were all here trying to be her disciples, but Gu Chaoyan did not have time or interest for them.

She had lived two lives and had met many people. She could tell if someone was sincere or not.

Those people claimed to want to learn from her, only because they thought that she was young. They were not sincere enough to become her disciples. They thought that as long as they praised her, she would accept the request because of arrogance.

Unfortunately, Gu Chaoyan was not an ordinary young girl. She answered calmly, "Xiu Jie, please see them off. The patient inside needs a quiet environment."

As she finished speaking, she walked directly into the inner chamber.

Those doctors were all dumbfounded. They just could not believe what happened.

Those people were all prestigious doctors from different major clinics, but now

'They were very unconvinced!

One young-looking doctor went straight in Gu Chaoyan's direction, intending to take hold of her..

Chapter 780: Old but Silly 1

He was unconvinced and did not understand it either – why was she turning them down? They were prestigious doctors!

They were doctors who had a high reputation in the capital, though not as socially high as the imperial doctors. Many old masters and madams of noble families would treat them nicely, since they were going to treat them in the future. Imperial doctors might be more capable, but they were for the imperial families, not for the nobles outside the court.

This young girl did not seem to have any other skills other than healing a dying person. They knew that this young girl probably inherited the skills from her family. So they were here to become her disciple and they lowered their own social status for her sake! And yet she turned them down like this? That would not do!

‘When someone tried to grab Gu Chaoyan, Sword One stopped him with her sword, making him stagger backwards.

Sword One said fiercely, “How dare you touch Elder Miss!”

‘That man showed a very displeased expression on his face.

A slightly older-looking man took a step forward and said as if he were the one holding justice. “Miss, don’t be mad. I am Qian Shao from Liuwei Hall, and this is Li Qing, the visiting doctor at Liuwei Hall. He is from a medical family, so he has become a very excellent doctor at this young age. We are here to pay respect and you should not turn us down. Li Qing is a very impulsive person, but he just needs a reasonable explanation!”

Gu Chaoyan squinted as she heard what Qian Shao said.

This man, who sounded as if he were on the side of justice, was scolding her for this man called Li Qing just because he was slightly older than the others. Gu Chaoyan was smart enough to tell the tone. Actually... these so-called doctors were trying to bully her. They thought that they were capable doctors with some contacts in the capital, so they believed that they were better than others.

That would make sense.

She was a young girl with only a few helpers, and Xinlin Clinic did not receive any other families either, so they believed that she had no one supporting her.

That was why they were here trying to steal her medical skills in the name of becoming her disciples.

Medical skills were what created a doctor, and she was confident enough to know that those people would not share anything they held after learning the medical skills from her, because they needed their inherited medical skills to have a spot in the capital. However, they had never considered how she was able to find her own spot if she passed on the medical skills to those people? Well, they would never think about it at all. Otherwise they would not have been so wild.

Other people might do them the favor, or probably come to a compromise, which would cause them to end up having nothing left, but... Gu Chaoyan was not an ordinary person. No one was able to bully her,

and she did not allow herself to get belittled either.

“He may be young and impulsive. but Doctor Qian, you are an elder, so why are you equally silly?” Gu Chaoyan said coldly as she looked at Qian Shao.

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, Qian Shao said angrily with a look of disbelief. “What are you talking about, silly girl!”

“Tam saying that you are old, but dumb.” Gu Chaoyan repeated the words one by one, countering this doctor called Qian Shao instead of Li Qing..