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Chapter 21: Apology

“Luckily Ruxue and the Prince are engaged already, otherwise we would not have managed to escape the calamity this time. We owe it to Ruxue!” Gu Zhenkang said gratefully.

Madame Gu looked slightly assured as well.

They threw an even more disdainful look at Gu Chaoyan and did not want to speak to her about it any longer.

Soon, Chen Fu came rushing in. “Old Master, the Prince is here.”

When Madame Gu and Gu Zhenkang heard the news, they smiled brightly.

Lu Jiming walked up to them, looking extremely arrogant. He enjoyed being the savior of the Gu Family. “I have heard about what happened. We can either make a fuss over it or just ignore it. I have some relations with the Wang Family, enough to be counted as friends. If I talk to them, they would not blame you for anything, but...”

Madame Gu and Gu Zhenkang both held their breath, wondering what the Prince was going to say.

Lu Jiming threw a look at Gu Chaoyan whose head remained lowered. He was feeling rather cheerful looking at the spectacle. This hideous woman turned down his proposal a couple of days ago and that had pissed him off. Even if it had been her petty trick to attract his attention, he was still quite displeased about being embarrassed in front of everyone.

“I can’t help save this person!” Lu Jiming looked proud.

Gu Zhenkang let out a sigh of relief.

As long as Gu Mansion was doing well, he didn’t care about anything else. Glaring at Gu Chaoyan, Gu Zhenkang said, “This jinxed girl has never done anything good. Helping her would bring us even more trouble!”

He ordered Chen Fu to get the wagons ready to make a trip to the Wang Family.

Gu Chaoyan had said nothing from the beginning till this point, and no one had even bothered to ask her for a clarification.

Apparently, she was not worth caring about.

In their eyes, Gu Chaoyan would soon be a corpse.

Gu Chaoyan sneered. Her so-called family was wishing for her death so gleefully. What on earth had the original host done that she got a father like this?

She and Qing were pushed in the wagon unceremoniously.

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Qing had been holding her tears in, not because she was scared, but because she felt that her miss was being mistreated. Her mistress was motherless, and her father was giving her a step-fatherly treatment. How unfair was that!

Gu Chaoyan patted Qing's shoulders to console her.

She was not upset though. Gu Zhenkang was not her father anyway, so she had no expectations, hence no disappointment.

Soon they reached the Wang Family. The place was big enough to house a large family comfortably and in style.

Thanks to Lu Jiming, they entered the house directly.

Gu Chaoyan, however, was forced to follow them under the supervision of the guards.

They came to the mansion's hall.

Lu Jiming came to stand next to Gu Chaoyan and said arrogantly, "What a shame! If you had agreed to marry me as a concubine, you would not be left alone like this. You would have, at least, kept your life today."

Having said the words, Lu Jiming looked at Gu Chaoyan, hoping to see misery and fear on her face.

Gu Chaoyan, however, displayed absolute calm. She was standing there with a detached expression on her face.

This made Lu Jiming extremely unhappy. He snorted. "Huh! Just die then!"

He walked away on a huff and went forward.

Gu Zhenkang was feeling quite nervous. It was the first time for him to visit a grand place like this. He was here to apologize. But, if the whole thing went smoothly, he might end up establishing a good relationship with the prestigious Wang Family.

Chapter 22: Apology (Part 2)

Wang Zhiyuan entered the hall wearing a bright smile on his face because he had heard that the Gu Family were here.

But when he came into the hall, he saw Gu Chaoyan surrounded by the guards in the middle of the hall.

He stopped smiling.

Wang Zhiyuan had never met Gu Chaoyan, but he had heard a bit about this girl. His wife had also described her to him. As a result, he could tell that she was the one his wife had talked about.

“What is going on?” Wang Zhiyuan asked as he looked at Gu Chaoyan.

His face was impassive and it was impossible to tell whether he was happy or not. But he did look intimidating.

Fearing that he would annoy this man, Gu Zhenkang immediately said, “Sir, my name is Gu Zhenkang, and this is my disobedient daughter. We are here to apologize. I heard that she crashed into Madame’s wagon and hurt the little boy.”

Wang Zhiyuan took the central seat and looked profoundly around him.

Only now did he realize that Officer Gu had erroneously assumed that his daughter hit his wife’s wagon.

Is that why he was treating her like this?

That was understandable.

Wang Zhiyuan looked slightly relieved.

Seeing the expression, Gu Zhenkang mistakenly assumed that his words were correct. As long as this senior person was satisfied, the Gu Family would not have to get involved with this affair. Also, the Prince was here to help them. So he continued to speak in an ingratiating manner.

“Officer Wang, I have brought this girl to you all. You are welcome to do anything to punish her, even kill her. We won’t interfere in the matter!” Gu Zhenkang remained pleasant and polite, showing his sincerity.

“Nonsense!” A furious voice arose in the hall.

Gu Zhenkang shivered as if he had said something wrong. He turned to look at the Prince, seeking his help.

Lu Jiming smiled. “Greetings, Madame Wang.”

Seeing Lu Jiming here, Madame Wang said politely, “How do you do, Prince of Duke Changning.”

Then, she took the seat next to Wang Zhiyuan.

When she heard from the butler that the Old Master of the Gu Family was here instead of Madame Gu, she had decided not to show up. After all, she was a woman and did not think it was proper to discuss affairs with the Old Master of the Gu Family.

But now she was glad that she came to take a look at the proceedings. Otherwise she would not have not gotten to know that the Gu Family wanted their daughter to die so callously.

She looked at Gu Zhenkang with a dark expression on her face. “What did you just say, Officer Gu? I did not catch that!”

Gu Zhenkang did not know how to respond to her question and gave a helpless look to the Prince, who was standing next to him.

Lu Jiming nodded slightly, assuring Gu Zhenkang. Hence, Gu Zhenkang repeated his earlier words calmly. “I just got to know that my daughter bumped into your wagon and hurt the little boy today. Hence, I have brought her here to offer apologies. You are welcome to punish her as you deem fit.”

“ ... ”

“This ugly girl’s mother passed away when she was young. No one could groom her and that is why she grew up to be a crazy person. Since she is the one who made a mistake, you can do anything you want as a way of compensation. We won’t complain even if you want her dead.”

Having said the words, Gu Zhenkang looked at Officer Wang and Madame Wang with slight unease. It seemed that something was amiss.

But Lu Jiming was oblivious to the atmosphere in the hall.

He said arrogantly, "Officer Wang, Madame Wang, the Gu Family has told me what happened today. This stupid woman caused an accident, almost harming your family. So, she is at your mercy. The Gu Family has nothing to do with her. Hopefully, you will not blame the Gu Family for this girl's actions."

So, the father was trying to get rid of this daughter and unashamedly so!

Wang Zhiyuan and Madame Wang understood his intention.

Madame Wang asked him furiously. "What do you mean?"

Lu Jiming and Gu Zhenkang looked surprised and confused. They didn't know why the Madame was reacting in such a manner. Didn't the ugly chit crash into the Wang Family's wagon?

Gu Zhenkang was just about to say something more when Madame Wang got up and approached Gu Chaoyan. She took Gu Chaoyan's hand into her own and then guided her to take a seat.

"Miss Chaoyan, I should have visited the Gu Family to express my gratitude for what happened today. But Tong is still not well and the doctor is examining him as we speak. That's why we were delayed. So sorry to have caused you the trouble."

"What?!" Gu Zhenkang's eyes widened. What did she mean by gratitude?

"The horse was startled, but that was not Miss Chaoyan's fault." Madame Wang explained. "If not for Miss Chaoyan, who helped Tong in that crucial moment, Tong would have died on the spot."

"How could this be possible?" Gu Zhenkang mumbled in disbelief.

"How could it not?!" Madame Wang looked furious.

She had never seen a father who wanted to get his own daughter killed so enthusiastically. "Tong has had a serious disease since he was a baby. Over the years, the doctors have told us that it is incurable. Even the imperial doctors could do nothing about it. Tong happened to get very sick today, but for Miss Chaoyan's needle, he would have already..."

Madame Wang was narrating the incident in such a sincere tone that there was no chance of it being a lie or an exaggeration.

For one moment, Gu Zhenkang had no idea whether he should be glad or sad.

It was a wonderful thing that they had become the savior of the Wang Family, and the Gu Family could brag about it in the future. But Gu Zhenkang did not expect the connection to be formed due to Gu Chaoyan.

Lu Jiming was not willing to reconcile with what she said. He looked at Gu Chaoyan in disbelief. "This hideous weirdo knows how to use the needles? How could she know anything about medicine? She was just plain lucky today!"

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Gu Chaoyan stayed silent.

She wanted to see how Madame Wang would react to it.

Hearing Lu Jiming's humiliating words, she questioned him in a cold voice. "Are you saying that the little boy of the Wang Family is alive purely because of luck?"

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"How dare you humiliate the little boy like this! Are you trying to question my medical skills? My mother was from the Lin Family, who have been devoted to herbs and medicine for generations. It is not strange that I have some knowledge of medicine."

Lu Jiming was quite annoyed.

He was the son of Duke Changning, but it was just a title. He did not have any official position in the court.

So he did not dare to offend this family.

He had been just too surprised and anxious, due to which he lost control momentarily. But this woman had countered him ferociously.

He became annoyed but did not dare to say anything more in front of the Wang Family. He apologized in a polite tone. "Officer Wang, I didn't mean that!"

Wang Zhiyuan snorted.

This so-called prince had not left a good impression on Wang Zhiyuan in the past.

He remembered clearly that this prince got engaged with the Second Miss of the Gu Family immediately after the marriage contract cancellation with Miss Chaoyan. It was already an ungentlemanly conduct on his part, not to mention unfaithfulness. Moreover, he did not even remember that he had once been saved by Miss Chaoyan's mother.

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It was obvious that he was so fickle and could betray people easily.

“I don’t care about your real intentions. But Miss Chaoyan is our savior and we are not going to allow anyone to bully her!”

Chapter 24: Situation

Wang Zhiyuan was not just being polite. He was truly thankful. Wang Zhiyuan’s wife passed away at a young age and Tong was their only child. However, this child contracted a disease when he was young and even the imperial doctors had not been able to cure him. So the treatment had been ineffective. No one knew if he was ever going to be cured or not.

But after they met Miss Chaoyan, who gave him the acupuncture, the imperial doctors said that even if the root of the disease was not removed, he could still survive for decades with this treatment.

Therefore, for the Wang Family, Miss Chaoyan was their savior.

They had just got the presents ready and were going to express their gratitude towards her the following morning.

They had not expected that the Old Master of the Gu Family mistakenly assumed his daughter to be guilty and could not wait to bring her over to avoid trouble to their family.

How could there be a father like this in the world?

The Gu Family had been a hot topic for discussion in the city during the past few years, and he had heard a few rumours. But he had not paid much attention to them since they were not related in any way. Now, the situation was different.

If Tong’s savior was wronged, he was definitely going to step in.

Gu Zhenkang was startled by what Wang Zhiyuan said. He had not foreseen this situation. He shivered slightly.

Lu Jiming, however, reacted fast and said with a smile, “It’s all a misunderstanding!”

“Just a misunderstanding.”

“We are a family from now on!”

Gu Zhenkang nodded alongside.

Wang Zhiyuan found these two men to be extremely annoying. They were ruthless people who were not only pretentious but also disloyal.

So, he snapped impatiently. "Tong is still undergoing check-ups. Do you mind letting your daughter stay at our place for a couple of days? Madame Wang likes her."

Hearing the words, Madame Wang smiled brightly and patted her hand.

Gu Chaoyan was quite moved.

She had not saved the boy for any reward but when she saw Madame Wang in the wagon, she deliberately disclosed her real identity, in case she could be of help to Gu Chaoyan in the future.

But she had not expected that the Wang Family would treat her so nicely.

Gu Chaoyan nodded and accepted the Wang Family's good intention.

Gu Zhenkang looked a bit embarrassed. But he could not turn them down. He asked courteously. "When should I come and pick up my daughter?"

"When Tong gets better, we will bring her back. Don't worry, Officer Gu." Wang Zhiyuan replied without much affection.

Then he asked the butler to see them off at the doorstep. He was trying to tell them that they should leave.

In this situation, Gu Zhenkang and Lu Jiming did not feel that it was proper to stay at the Wang Family any longer.

Gu Zhenkang and Lu Jiming walked out of the door with complicated expressions on their faces.

Madame Wang, on the other hand, showed Gu Chaoyan the room that she was going to live in. Wang Zhiyuan held a high position in the court, and the Wang Family was otherwise affluent, as well. But not many people were currently living in the mansion.

Apart from Madame Wang and Officer Wang, Tong was the only other person in the mansion.

So, they had enough space for her.

Madame Wang gave her a room inside her own yard due to her affection towards this girl.

When they reached the yard, no one else was around.

Madame Wang asked her in a sombre manner. "Chaoyan, tell me the truth. What is going on with your father?"

Gu Chaoyan smiled helplessly as she held the freshly-boiled tea in her hand.

Chapter 25: A Different Result

"You have seen what happened today, Madame Wang. My father has always treated me in this manner." Gu Chaoyan said as she took a sip of the tea. It was fragrant and delicious, making Gu Chaoyan feel refreshed.

She loved tea, but had not been given any good ones during this period. Luckily, she got to drink good tea at Madame Wang's.

Madame Wang was fairly experienced and had witnessed almost all kinds of things.

Hearing what Gu Chaoyan said, she was certain that she had not had a peaceful time at the Gu Family. Also, her marriage had just been cancelled, so she was probably experiencing an even worse time now.

"What is your plan? We can help you deal with your father. He won't give you any more trouble at least for our sake." Madame Wang suggested. It was the best idea she could come up with.

Gu Chaoyan shook her head with a smile.

Seeing her behavior, Madame Wang was confused.

"He is not my father." Gu Chaoyan sounded cold, showing no emotions in her words.

Madame Wang was taken aback at her words.

She patted Gu Chaoyan's hands and tried to console her. "He might not be a good one, but he is your father. We are women, and should listen to the father before marriage and the husband when married. You are disappointed with him, but you will have to depend on him in the future."

Gu Chaoyan took another sip of the tea.

She could tell that Madame Wang was trying to be kind to her.

Madame Wang was a woman of the ancient era but Gu Chaoyan was not.

She was a ruthless mercenary from the 21st century.

Moreover, she was confident enough that she would be able to change her fate with her own abilities.

But she could not share those thoughts with Madame Wang, fearing that she would get even more concerned.

“Don’t worry, Madame. I am well aware of what is happening.” Gu Chaoyan said happily.

“No matter what happens, come to us if you find yourself in any trouble. Zhiyuan might not be high-ranking in the court, but he holds higher authority than your father.” Madame Wang said confidently.

Gu Chaoyan nodded.

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Gu Zhenkang was back at the Gu Family by this point.

The moment he walked back into the mansion, Chen Fu guided him to the hall of the front yard.

Madame Gu, Mrs. Gu, Gu Ruxue, Gu Xiuying and several other people were waiting for him there, impatiently. The entire Gu Family had learned the news that Gu Chaoyan offended the Wang Family and they were worried of being pulled into trouble due to this.

The moment Gu Zhenkang walked in, Madame Gu felt assured when she did not see Gu Chaoyan.

Mrs. Gu smiled as well.

Her daughter, Ruxue, was getting married soon.

The ugly girl had held the position of the eldest daughter of the legal wife all this while. But now that Ruxue was getting married, she wished that she would disappear, so Ruxue could become the eldest daughter, instead.

“Old Master, what happened? Did the Wang Family blame us?” Mrs. Gu asked him.

Madame Gu frowned at her impertinence. She was not pleased with Mrs. Gu’s behavior. She was still around and this woman dared to mention something inauspicious in front of her.

With her eyes trained at her son, Madame Gu asked him. “What is it going on, Zhenkang?”

Gu Zhenkang's face was pale. He struggled to come up with the right words to describe what actually transpired at the Wang Mansion.