

Big Shot 341

Chapter 341: At All Costs

Before Qin Lu could say anything, her aunt had already hung up.

Qin Lu's face turned pale in fear. She had a bad feeling.

At this moment, her phone rang with a text message.

Qin Lu turned on her phone and saw that the school had expelled her.

What?

It was actually true?

The school had actually expelled her.

Qin Lu's legs gave way and she collapsed to the ground.

How was this possible?

Gu Qi was just a child of a neighborhood security guard. Gu Qi's aunt was definitely not a big shot!

Could it be that Gu Qi's aunt wasn't bluffing just now? Did she really know the principal, Qin Chuan?

Qin Lu looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief. She pursed her lips nervously, recalling Qiao Nian's tone when she called Qin Chuan just now.

This woman must be very close to the principal.

Otherwise, she wouldn't have spoken to the principal so casually.

Qin Lu's eyes instantly turned red.

Working at this school was her only chance to get close to high society. If she left, she would never be able to enter high society again in her life.

She had to stay here!

At all costs!

Even if it meant throwing away her dignity!

Qin Lu crawled towards Qiao Nian and knelt down in front of her, apologizing with red-rimmed eyes. "Miss Gu, Miss Gu, this is really my fault. I was in the wrong, I was in the wrong. I'm really sorry! I shouldn't have blamed Student Gu Zhou without investigating thoroughly. Only now do I know that he's a smart child. Back then, I must have been kicked in the head by a donkey, or perhaps there was something wrong with my brain. That's why I said those words. Miss Gu, please give me another chance, okay? Can you call Director Qin and ask him to keep me?"

Qiao Nian looked at Qin Lu's pitiful manner and said coldly, "No!"

For someone like Qin Lu, who fawned over the rich and powerful, she did not know what was wrong at all. This was her true character. It had long been ingrained in her. It was like how a dog could not change its habit of eating shit. She believed that Qin Lu would never change.

Qin Lu apologized mainly because she knew that she couldn't afford to offend her.

If Qin Lu had met a child from an ordinary family today, that child would have been bullied by her for every day he studied here.

How innocent were the children who were bullied?

Countless children like Gu Qi had been bullied in this school.

Qin Lu didn't apologize because she loved her child.

Qin Lu was not worthy of being a teacher.

Qiao Nian walked towards the classroom. She opened the door and waved at Gu Qi.

When Gu Qi saw Qiao Nian, his eyes lit up. He hurriedly picked up his small school bag and ran over.

Holding Gu Qi's hand, Qiao Nian walked out. The security guard saw that the system recognized Qiao Nian's face, so he didn't stop her.

Gu Qi was holding Qiao Nian's hand. Sensing the warmth in her palm, he felt a little uncomfortable.

Gu Qi retracted his hand.

Qiao Nian looked down at Gu Qi. Seeing his cold expression, she couldn't help but laugh.

Qiao Nian reached out to Gu Qi and said gently, "Give me your hand."

Gu Qi frowned slightly and said, "That's not good. Men and women shouldn't touch each other."

Qiao Nian was speechless.

Qiao Nian really hadn't expected Gu Qi to know so much at such a young age.

Of course, Qiao Nian didn't insist. Last time, Gu Qi didn't hold her hand either. She felt that Gu Qi might not be used to touching others.

Qiao Nian brought Gu Qi to a dessert shop near the school.

They sat facing each other.

Gu Qi took out fifteen dollars from his school bag and placed it on the table. He pushed it in front of Qiao Nian, his face full of seriousness. "This is the money I owe you."

Chapter 342: Familiar Strategy

Qiao Nian didn't stand on ceremony. She even put the money away. Pursing her lips, she teased, "Isn't there any interest?"

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian's words, he inexplicably recalled what she had said to Qin Lu.

Our child...

Although he was young, he had experienced many things. Previously, when Auntie dealt with Qin Lu, it was as if his father had helped him teach Zhang Yi a lesson.

She was just like his father.

To Gu Qi, people like his father were good people. They treated him well.

Gu Qi rested his chin on his hands and stared unblinkingly at Qiao Nian, looking like an adult. He said, "I'll treat you to dessert today. Take it as interest!"

Qiao Nian's eyes sparkled like stars in the night sky. Her intelligence instantly dropped. Smiling, she said, "Wow, our family's Gu Qi is rich now. Then I'm going to eat delicious desserts!"

When Gu Qi heard the words "our family", his lips curved up involuntarily. He nodded domineeringly and said, "Yes, you can eat whatever you want. I have the ability to pay you back!"

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned.

Why did she find it so familiar?

Then, Gu Qi said considerately, "I only brought fifteen yuan today. I've already returned it to you. I'll return the rest to you later."

Qiao Nian smiled. This was a familiar strategy.

"Sure!"

Gu Qi raised his chin and said seriously, "Order the most expensive dish!"

In that instant, Qiao Nian felt as if she was being pampered by a domineering CEO. She didn't stand on ceremony and chose two branded drinks, along with a small cake. It was a total of 100 yuan.

"Is this enough?"

Gu Qi nodded without hesitation. "No problem."

After the service staff took the menu away, Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi. Gu Qi was quite good-looking. His fox-like eyes were a little round, like those of a peach blossom. His fine hair made him look cool.

For some reason, Qiao Nian felt that this face was a little familiar, but she couldn't remember where she had seen it before.

When Gu Qi was disguised as a girl, he was obedient and cute. Now, he looked handsome as a man.

In that instant, Qiao Nian recalled her deceased child. If that child was still alive, he would probably be the same age as Gu Qi. She wondered if he would be as adorable as Gu Qi.

Qiao Nian recalled that Gu Qi had specially dressed up as a girl. She asked curiously, "Gu Qi, you're a boy. Why were you pretending to be a girl?"

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian's words, his bright eyes gradually dimmed. He lowered his head in disappointment, his hands intertwined.

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. She said apologetically, "Gu Qi, if you don't want to tell me, then forget it. I'm just..."

"Because..." Gu Qi lowered his head and interrupted Qiao Nian in a low voice, his voice tinged with disappointment. "Dad seems to prefer girls."

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Qi's words, she was stunned. Worried that she had heard wrongly, she couldn't help but ask, "So you want your father to like you?"

Gu Qi nodded seriously.

Hearing Gu Qi's words, Qiao Nian's heart seemed to be gripped by an invisible hand. It hurt terribly.

A child would rather suffer and dress up like a girl just because his father liked girls?

This father was really too incompetent!

Qiao Nian frowned slightly and said gently, "Gu Qi, you don't have to change yourself for others. You are who you are. You are unique in this world, so you just have to be yourself. Do you understand?"

Gu Qi seemed to understand. He nodded seriously. "So, even if I'm a boy, Dad will still like me?"

Hearing Gu Qi's question, Qiao Nian's heart ached. This child was too adorable. "Where's Mom?"

Chapter 343: Extremely Insulting

Gu Qi shook his head gently. "I don't know."

Qiao Nian frowned slightly. She didn't know what kind of family Gu Qi lived in. She looked at Gu Qi worriedly.

"When I was very young, Mommy wasn't by my side. Back then, Dad told me that Mommy had gone to another world and would never return."

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi with heartache.

After his mother passed away, his father no longer loved him. No wonder Gu Qi did not like to speak in school.

Gu Qi looked up at Qiao Nian, his eyes shining with a strange light. He said happily, "A few days ago, I heard Dad and Uncle talking. They said that they seemed to have made a mistake. My mommy might still be alive, so the mommy living in the funeral home isn't my mommy. I think Mommy is still waiting for me to find her!"

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi in surprise. How could such a thing be wrong?

Qiao Nian asked, "Then how do you plan to find your mommy?"

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian's words, he shook his head. "I don't know..."

“How about this? Tell me what characteristics your mommy has. Auntie can help you find her!” Qiao Nian said.

Gu Qi shook his head again.

Seeing this, Qiao Nian couldn't help but frown. This was really difficult. There was no information at all. How could she find anyone?

Gu Qi looked at Qiao Nian and asked in confusion, “Auntie, I couldn't find Mommy, but why do you look unhappy?”

Qiao Nian smiled and said, “Auntie is also looking for her mommy.”

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian's words, he was slightly stunned. “Auntie, have you seen your mommy?”

“I'm the same as you. I didn't grow up by Mommy's side.”

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian's words, his frown deepened. He said worriedly, “Auntie, you shouldn't be young anymore, right?”

Qiao Nian was stunned. Where were his manners?

Gu Qi sighed and said like an adult, “You've been searching for so many years, but you still haven't found her. Doesn't that mean I'll have to search for her for as long as you?”

Qiao Nian was speechless.

Qiao Nian explained patiently, “Auntie only found out about my mommy a few days ago. There's someone else!”

Gu Qi heaved a sigh of relief and said, “Fortunately, I found out early!”

Qiao Nian thought, “It really didn't hurt much but it was extremely insulting.”

Gu Qi looked at Qiao Nian seriously and asked, “Auntie, don't worry. I'll help you find your Mommy. Is there anything special about Auntie's mommy?”

Qiao Nian shook her head gently. “No!”

Gu Qi rested his chin on his hands like a little hamster, deep in thought.

Qiao Nian was also at a loss. She searched for a while, but found nothing.

“Wow, what a cute child!”

Suddenly, a gentle voice came from the side.

Qiao Nian turned her head and saw two well-dressed noblewomen standing at the side.

They were here for dessert and happened to see the adorable Gu Qi.

“Oh, little girl, you're so lucky to have such a good-looking and cute son!”

“How old is your son?”

“The two of you look exactly alike!”

“Can I hug your child?”

As she spoke, one of the noblewomen began to move.

Gu Qi moved back warily, avoiding Madam’s hand. His expression was cold.

The woman’s hand froze in midair.

Gu Qi exuded an aura that kept people away. He was extremely cold.

The woman retracted her hand guiltily. “I’m sorry, I’m really sorry. I just like children!”

Qiao Nian could naturally tell that she really liked children. She smiled and said, “I’m really sorry. He doesn’t like to be touched by strangers. Also, he’s not my son. He doesn’t like to talk much either.”

When the woman heard Qiao Nian’s words, she said apologetically, “I see. I’m really sorry. I was too rash.”

After that, the two of them sat down at a table.

The waiter brought the dessert over.

Chapter 344: Abandoned

When they left the dessert shop, Gu Qi looked up at Qiao Nian and asked seriously, “Do we look alike?”

Qiao Nian smiled and explained, “Actually, this is a special phrase used to strike up a conversation with others. Just listen to it. What they say isn’t true.”

“Oh.”

Gu Qi lowered his head, inexplicably disappointed.

“Alright, I’ll send you back to school now.”

“Okay.”

Gu Qi walked in front, his expression serious.

Seeing Gu Qi like this, Qiao Nian felt an inexplicable sense of loneliness. Her heart ached for this child. She quickly walked forward and asked softly, “Gu Qi, do you want to give me your DNA so that I can help you find Mommy?”

Gu Qi nodded without hesitation. “Yes.”

He handed his hand to Qiao Nian and asked seriously, “Do you need blood?”

Qiao Nian looked at his fair hands. She couldn’t bear to cut his hands. She shook her head gently and said, “Your nails and hair will do.”

When Gu Qi heard this, he retracted his hand.

Qiao Nian took Gu Qi to a nearby supermarket. She bought a file and a nail clipper, then brought Gu Qi to a nearby park and sat down on a bench.

Gu Qi sat down obediently beside Qiao Nian and placed his hand in front of her.

Qiao Nian pinched Gu Qi's small fingers and carefully trimmed his nails, afraid that he would cut his hand.

Under the sunlight, Qiao Nian's hair, which was as brown as seaweed, seemed to have turned golden. Her entire body was bathed in sunlight, as if she was coated in a layer of gold. She seemed to have become much gentler.

The love and gentleness in her eyes became more and more obvious.

Gu Qi looked at Qiao Nian in a daze. For a moment, he even forgot to breathe. He didn't dare to break the silence.

In the past, he had fantasized about his mommy cutting his nails. At this moment, he really treated Auntie as his mommy.

However, good times were always short-lived.

After Qiao Nian finished trimming Gu Qi's nails, she placed them seriously into the document bag. Then, she smiled at Gu Qi and said, "I'll take this to the forensic department. If anyone goes to look for a missing child, your DNA will be taken out for comparison. If there are any results, I'll contact you again."

When Gu Qi heard this, he subconsciously said, "Then can you contact me sooner?"

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi in confusion. "Huh?"

"I still owe you a hundred dollars. I want to pay you back." Gu Qi looked up at Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian couldn't help but laugh. This was the first time she had met someone who was so eager to return money. "Okay."

Gu Qi lowered her head, his emotions complicated. He just wanted to spend more time with her. As long as he owed her money, he would have a reason to meet her again.

Of course, Qiao Nian didn't know what Gu Qi was thinking. She glanced at the time and smiled. "It's getting late. I should send you back."

"Auntie is such a good person. Why would she be abandoned by your mommy?"

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Qi's words, she was slightly stunned. She found it hard to believe that the word "abandoned" came from such a young child.

Qiao Nian pursed her lips slightly. So that was what he had been thinking. Smiling, she said, "Why would you think that?"

Gu Qi subtly touched the nails Qiao Nian had just cut for him and said seriously, "But our mommies abandoned us. Otherwise, how could we not have found her?"

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned.

It turned out that no matter their age, everyone would be terrified and uneasy when they couldn't find their relatives.

Actually, before today, she had also felt that she had been abandoned. However, she didn't want Gu Qi to feel the same way. He was still a child, and he still had to be filled with hope.

Gu Qi lowered his head and said in a muffled voice, "I'm almost five years old now. Mommy didn't even look for me."

Chapter 345: Understanding

When Qiao Nian heard this, she felt a lump in her throat. For a moment, she couldn't speak.

"Could it be that Mommy doesn't want me because I'm not obedient?"

Qiao Nian really didn't know what to say. However, when she saw Gu Qi holding her hands uneasily, she hurriedly said, "Don't let your imagination run wild. How can your mommy not love you? How can she not want you?"

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian's words, his frown deepened. He really couldn't understand why his mother didn't visit him when she was clearly still alive.

Qiao Nian suddenly thought of herself. Her family was also a mess. However, after she grew up, she realized that those people weren't her family at all.

But Gu Qi was different. He was still a child and needed his mother's company. Only then could he grow up healthily and happily.

When she was young, she had sat in the field every day, thinking about when her parents would visit her.

However, the anticipation grew weaker and weaker. Towards the end, it gradually turned into disappointment.

Of course she didn't want Gu Qi to be like her.

Qiao Nian squatted in front of Gu Qi and held his hand. With a serious expression, she said, "Gu Qi, there are too many things one can't do in this world. You're still young, and you might not understand it, but when you grow up, you'll realize that many things are beyond one's control. Perhaps your mother had her own difficulties back then, so she couldn't get together with you. But I believe that since she was willing to endure the pain of childbirth for ten months, it means that she must have loved you very much."

Actually, she was not only saying these words to Gu Qi, but also to herself.

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian's words, his eyes gradually lit up. He asked seriously, "Does Mommy really love me?"

“Of course,” Qiao Nian replied with certainty. “Who wouldn’t like such an obedient and adorable child like Gu Qi?”

Gu Qi asked seriously, “Will we definitely find our mommies?”

“Of course!”

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian’s words, a bright smile appeared on his face. He felt much better.

“Alright, let me send you back to school!” Qiao Nian said.

Gu Qi nodded and obediently followed Qiao Nian towards the school.

Just as the two of them were about to reach the school gate, Qiao Nian suddenly recalled Gu Qi’s solitary personality in front of outsiders. She was a little worried that this would happen again.

“Gu Qi, why aren’t you willing to speak to others?”

Gu Qi didn’t speak. He didn’t know why he was doing this either, so he didn’t answer Qiao Nian’s question.

Qiao Nian looked at the silent Gu Qi. She felt that something must have happened to Gu Qi when he was young, or perhaps he was alone when he was young, which was why he was unwilling to communicate with others.

Perhaps because of this, Gu Qi was a little reclusive.

Gu Qi’s condition was still alright. He needed to be taken good care of.

If Gu Qi was not taken good care of, his condition would only worsen. In the end, he might not even be willing to communicate with the people closest to him.

Qiao Nian smiled at Gu Qi and said, “Remember to pay me back in the future.”

If Gu Qi was willing to talk to her, she would spend more time with him. Most importantly, she would help him find his mommy.

Gu Qi nodded. “I’ll definitely return it.”

Qiao Nian left after sending Gu Qi to the classroom. She still had to prepare the items for the private auction.

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At the Gu family villa.

Gu Zhou was sitting in his office chair. He took out his phone and opened Gu Qi’s WeChat.

He recalled the WeChat profile picture on Qiao Nian’s phone last night. That person’s profile picture was identical to Gu Qi’s.

Gu Zhou frowned slightly and sent a text. “How’s school?”

After Gu Zhou sent the text, a dazzling exclamation mark appeared beside the text.

Gu Zhou was slightly stunned. Had Gu Qi deleted him?

Chapter 346: Illegitimate Child

How was this possible?

Gu Zhou could only send another friend request.

But there was no response from the other end.

Gu Zhou looked up at Chen Qing's face and said, "Chen Qing, take a look. Did Gu Qi delete you from his WeChat?"

Chen Qing hurriedly followed Gu Zhou's instructions and sent an emoji. It was followed by a red exclamation mark.

"Deleted."

When Gu Zhou heard Chen Qing's words, his heart sank.

"Second Master, do you think Young Master deleted us on WeChat because he didn't want to talk to us?"

"No." Gu Zhou pondered for a moment and frowned. "I suspect that something has happened to him in school!"

"I'll go take a look at the school immediately!" Chen Qing said as he walked out.

Gu Zhou felt uneasy. He stopped Chen Qing and said, "I'll go with you."

With that, Gu Zhou picked up his suit jacket and walked out.

Seeing Gu Zhou like this, Chen Qing felt that Young Master was becoming more and more concerned about his child.

When the two of them went downstairs, they saw Qiao Nian walking in.

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's hand, which was holding an empty folder.

Qiao Nian saw that Gu Zhou's expression was serious, as if he had something especially important to settle.

She seemed to remember Gu Zhou looking like this every time he went out.

Gu Zhou hadn't seen Qiao Nian for the entire morning. Thinking that Qiao Nian had gone to prepare the items needed for the auction, he asked, "Have you prepared the items for the auction tonight?"

Qiao Nian smiled at Gu Zhou and said, "Everything is ready. Don't worry!"

"Yes."

Gu Zhou nodded lightly and brushed past Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou's back in confusion. After a while, she looked away and took out her phone to make a call.

As Qiao Nian made the call, she walked towards her room. "Chief Wang, I'd like to send a document over. Are you in the office now?"

"I'm here."

When Qiao Nian heard Chief Wang's words, she heaved a sigh of relief. When she recalled what had happened to her, she couldn't help but ask, "Chief Wang, I would like to ask if there have been any developments in my background check?"

Qiao Nian heard Section Chief Wang sigh.

"Xiao Qiao, there have been many people looking for relatives who match your parents' ages. I've compared their DNA with yours. None of you match. We have to let nature take its course."

A trace of disappointment flashed in Qiao Nian's eyes. She thanked him politely and hung up.

After hanging up, Qiao Nian's eyes darkened. Disappointment welled up in her heart.

In that case, her parents had never thought of looking for her. She could only hope that Gu Qi's mother would not be like this.

Qiao Nian sighed heavily and turned to walk downstairs.

Jiang Yue walked out from a corner and looked thoughtfully at Qiao Nian's retreating back.

Her eyes had always been very good. If she wasn't wrong, the folder contained a child's nails!

Jiang Yue recalled what Qiao Nian had said on the phone just now.

Could it be...

Was Qiao Nian going to do a paternity test?

At the thought of this, Jiang Yue's eyes widened uncontrollably.

Could Qiao Nian also have an illegitimate child?

Oh my god?

Qiao Nian and Brother Ah Zhou each had an illegitimate child?

If that was the case, the two of them would definitely not be able to continue on.

A smug smile appeared on Jiang Yue's face.

An City Prison.

Qiao Yu and Qiao Xin stood outside, waiting.

Qiao Xin had been very well-behaved during this period of time. All she could think about was how soon her father would be released from prison. Then, her father would reconcile with her mother, and their family would be able to be together.

During this period of time, the Qiao family's business had suffered many crises. The Qiao family's share price had also plummeted. Qiao Yu had spent a lot of effort to barely stabilize the share price.

"Qiao Yu, Qiao Xin."

A meek female voice rang out.

Su Xue stood there timidly.

Chapter 347: Out of Jail

The two of them turned around. Qiao Xin couldn't help but smile. She hurriedly ran up to Su Xue and grabbed her hand. "Mom, you're finally here!"

Previously, Qiao Xin had tried to persuade her mother to pick her father up when he was released from prison.

But at that time, her mother said that she was sorry and refused.

Qiao Xin really hadn't expected her mother to come in the end. Qiao Xin felt very happy.

Qiao Yu put his right hand in his pocket. He glanced at Su Xue indifferently and retracted his gaze.

Qiao Xin could naturally tell what Qiao Yu was thinking. Frowning slightly, she said unhappily, "Brother, it wasn't easy for Mom to get here. Why are you still acting like this? It wasn't easy for our family to be reunited!"

Although Qiao Yu had helped Su Xue resolve the problem, this didn't mean that he forgave Su Xue for her ridiculous actions.

"We've already divorced," Qiao Yu said coldly.

When Su Xue heard Qiao Yu's words, her face instantly turned pale. She didn't expect her son to look down on her. She instantly felt terrible.

"But..." Qiao Xin looked at Su Xue's pale face and tried to persuade him gently. "Brother, don't say that. Besides, Mom already knows her mistake. There's no need for us to keep harping on this matter. Can you..."

Qiao Yu frowned in disapproval and said, "Xin Xin, the matters of the elders are not for us juniors to discuss."

When Qiao Xin heard Qiao Yu's words, she lowered her gaze in disappointment and stopped talking back.

She still remembered the day her father had hit her mother's lover. That day, the news had spread like wildfire, and she had been too embarrassed to go out again. Fortunately, her brother had used a lot of strength to control the public opinion in the end, so she finally had the courage to go out.

During this period of time, Qiao Xin saw that Qiao Nian's life was getting better and better. She was even angrier, which made her very dissatisfied.

Qiao Nian had caused her father to go to prison, and her parents to have a falling out. This matter could not be let off easily.

However, what puzzled Qiao Xin was that her brother seemed to be very concerned about Qiao Nian.

When she bought coffee for her brother this morning, she accidentally saw the tickets to Mr. Dong Hua's concert. Moreover, this ticket had already been used.

She had never expected her brother to pay more and more attention to Qiao Nian, because her brother didn't like music at all.

At the thought of this, Qiao Xin frowned. Her mood was getting worse and worse.

Su Xue thought that her daughter was unhappy because of her. She comforted her gently, "Alright, Xinxin, don't be angry. Don't get angry with your brother because of me!"

Qiao Xin nodded slightly.

At this moment, the prison door opened.

A prison guard sent Qiao Shan out and gave him some instructions before letting him leave.

Qiao Shan tried hard to breathe in the free air, and his mood improved a little.

When Qiao Xin saw Qiao Shan, she ran over happily and called out, "Dad!"

Qiao Yu walked over as well.

Su Xue was left standing alone. For a moment, she didn't know what to do.

When Qiao Shan saw his son and daughter, he couldn't help but smile. He gently patted the shoulders of the two children.

Qiao Xin's eyes instantly turned red. She looked at Qiao Shan worriedly, her heart aching for him. "Dad, you've lost so much weight. What did you go through in there? Did they abuse you?"

Qiao Shan clenched his fists tightly. Thanks to Gu Zhou, his days inside could be described as years.

Qiao Yu frowned coldly. He had also gotten someone to make arrangements. Logically speaking, his father shouldn't have been tortured to this extent.

Qiao Shan didn't want the two children to worry, so he could only swallow his bitterness alone. A weak smile appeared on his face. "I'm fine. Let's go home together!"

Chapter 348: Get Lost

With that, Qiao Shan looked up and noticed that Su Xue was also there.

His gentle eyes instantly turned cold as he glared fiercely at Su Xue.

Su Xue spoke a few more words before taking a step forward. "Hubby..."

"Shut up. We're already divorced!"

Su Xue was shocked by Qiao Shan's tone. Her tears fell uncontrollably. "Hubby, I'm really sorry. Don't be angry. Actually, I've been thinking about you for the past month. I couldn't eat or sleep well. I really know my mistake this time!"

Seeing that Su Xue was still getting closer, Qiao Shan stood up like a porcupine, all the thorns on his body standing on end. He said angrily, "Get lost! Stay away from me!"

Su Xue wanted to step forward, but Qiao Yu stopped her. "Mom, you should leave quickly. Don't make Dad unhappy!"

Su Xue met her son's cold eyes and felt a little hurt. In the end, she took a step back. She tilted her head and looked at Qiao Shan, saying, "I've already cooked some of your favorite food at home. You can eat more of it. I'll visit you another day."

With that, Su Xue left reluctantly.

Looking at Su Xue's lonely back, Qiao Xin's tears fell uncontrollably. She had to think of a way to make her parents reconcile. A family should be together.

At the Qiao family villa.

When Qiao Shan saw the hot and fragrant food on the dining table, his throat involuntarily moved. Hunger instantly surged in his heart!

In the past month or so in prison, he had never eaten a full meal. Every day, he thought about eating fish and meat. It would be best if he could have two bottles of white wine.

But now, when Qiao Shan thought about how this table of dishes had all been prepared by Su Xue, this immoral woman, his stomach churned. He grabbed the table and flipped over all the dishes.

Crash—

All the food on the table was poured onto the ground.

Seeing her father like this, Qiao Xin's eyes instantly turned red.

If Qiao Nian hadn't caused his father to go to jail, her father wouldn't have hated his mother so much.

Although this was her mother's fault, her father was a victim who had been made a cuckold and had gone to jail because he had beaten up an adulterer. Who could stand such injustice?

Therefore, it would probably be even more difficult to reconcile her parents.

Qiao Yu, who was standing at the side, was very calm. There was no emotion in his eyes, because this was all within his expectations.

After his father vented his anger, Qiao Yu walked up to Qiao Sheng and comforted him. "Dad, let's go out for dinner. Xinxin and I will hold a banquet to welcome you back!"

Qiao Shan's gaze fell on Qiao Yu. His son was the most outstanding of them all, and his irritation had subsided significantly. He nodded and said, "Okay!"

Silently, Qiao Xin swallowed her tears and hurriedly followed. She understood that it wasn't appropriate to mention her mother in front of her father now. She will find another chance in the future!

She could not let this family shatter.

She must have worked hard to build her own home.

Moreover, she couldn't let Qiao Nian have her way.

On the other hand, Qiao Nian took the document to the appraisal center. When she left, she realized that there was still an hour and a half left until the opening ceremony of the charity banquet.

Qiao Nian sat in the car, staring at her watch.

The traffic was so congested that the car did not move even after half an hour had passed.

This was all her fault. She hadn't been prepared in advance, and now she was stuck in a traffic jam.

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on the driver's face. "Sir, I'll get off here!"

With that, Qiao Nian handed the money to the driver and got out of the car. She thought that after leaving this traffic jam, she could take a taxi again.

Ring.

A car whistle sounded.

Qiao Nian looked over and saw a man wearing a helmet sitting in a racing car. Even so, it couldn't hide his tall figure and cold aura.

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on the pair of beautiful phoenix-like eyes under the helmet. Her lips curved up slightly.

So it was Mr. Dong Hua.

Lu Nian glanced at the seat behind him and gestured for Qiao Nian to sit down.

Qiao Nian walked over and stepped onto the motorcycle.

Chapter 349: A Little Fun

Lu Nian handed the helmet to her and asked, "Are you planning to go to the charity banquet too?"

Qiao Nian smiled and nodded. "Yes."

"Alone?"

"Yes." Qiao Nian nodded. Her relationship with Gu Zhou had yet to be made public, so she could only travel alone.

Lu Nian's lips curved up slightly as he said, "What a coincidence. I'm missing a female companion. Hold on tight!"

"Okay!"

The motorcycle sped through the gap between the cars. In less than ten minutes, it passed the traffic jam.

In just half an hour, the two of them arrived at the charity banquet.

The motorcycle drew a beautiful arc on the ground, then stopped.

Perhaps it was because the motorcycle's noise was too loud, but there was no way to keep a low profile.

The moment they entered the venue, they instantly attracted the attention of most people.

"It's actually the version of a racing bike that's no longer for sale!"

"It really is!"

"I wonder which big shot has arrived!"

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Just as everyone was feeling curious, Qiao Nian got out of the car and handed the helmet to Lu Nian. Lu Nian also took off the helmet.

"Oh my god, that girl is Mr. Dong Hua's female musician. I've seen her before. I can't be wrong!"

"Who's the man standing beside him? He's so beautiful!"

"Even a man like me is tempted."

"The two of them look like a match made in heaven!"

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Chen Qing instantly felt the air around him turn colder. Without looking, he knew that Second Master was angry. He swallowed nervously.

Just as Chen Qing was feeling uneasy, he saw Qiao Nian holding Lu Nian's hand openly. Under everyone's gaze, the two of them walked towards them.

Chen Qing's eyelids twitched. Second Young Madam had not picked up the phone just now, and now she had become Lu Nian's female companion. Second Young Madam was playing with fire on purpose!

Chen Qing's heart skipped a beat.

Today, he went to school with Second Master and asked Gu Qi about his WeChat.

Gu Qi said that his previous form teacher had deleted all his WeChat friends. He even said that the principal had already expelled the form teacher.

Second Master Gu asked him to investigate the identity and background of the new teacher. He was relieved when he found no problems.

After leaving school, Second Young Master Gu called Second Young Madam, but she didn't pick up.

Qiao Nian felt Gu Zhou's gaze on her. She looked up and gave him a bright smile.

When Qiao Nian and Lu Nian walked up to Gu Zhou, she greeted politely, "Mr. Gu!"

When Gu Zhou heard Qiao Nian's voice, he frowned. It had been a long time since he had heard this form of address from Qiao Nian.

Lu Nian sensed a trace of anger.

However, he didn't let go of Qiao Nian. In his opinion, Second Brother and Qiao Nian were secretly married. As his younger brother, he naturally had to help hide the truth.

The other guests seemed to have noticed the strange look in Gu Zhou's eyes. They all looked over, wanting to see if there was any gossip.

Seeing Qiao Nian's bright smile, Gu Zhou's dark brown eyes darkened. He stared at Qiao Nian meaningfully for a long while before speaking.

"Doctor Qiao, have you forgotten something?" Gu Zhou's voice was low and hoarse. It was extremely pleasant to the ear.

Doctor Qiao?

When Qiao Nian heard this form of address, her heart began to race for some reason. She smiled at Gu Zhou, trying hard to remain calm. "Mr. Gu, I wonder if you'll still have time after the charity banquet. Can I go to the Gu family to treat you?"

"Thank you, Doctor Qiao."

When he said the words "Doctor Qiao", Gu Zhou's tone intensified.

Qiao Nian's ears burned.

Lu Nian thought that this couple really knows how to have fun.

Could it be that he had been single for too long and didn't understand the pleasures of marriage?

Chapter 350: Meeting Enemies on a Narrow Road

When the others heard Gu Zhou's words, they instantly understood what was wrong.

It turned out that there was something wrong with the way Gu Zhou was looking at Qiao Nian. He didn't look like a patient looking at a doctor at all. Instead, he looked like a man looking at a woman.

Could it be that this woman was seducing the Second Young Master of the Gu family?

One had to know that the Second Young Master of the Gu family was not in good health. It was said that he would not live for long. Now that the Eldest Young Master of the Gu family had disappeared for so many years, logically speaking, after the Second Young Master of the Gu family died, all the assets of the Gu family would belong to the Second Young Madam of the Gu family.

With this thought in mind, these people began to stir.

The others looked at Gu Zhou with burning eyes. They had heard that Second Young Master Gu had married a mentally ill woman as his wife. However, this was only a rumor. They had not heard him admit it himself.

They were a little worried but this was a rumor.

With this thought in mind, some people began to plan.

At this moment, the person in charge of the banquet, Wang Hua, walked out and said politely, "Mr. Gu, please come in!"

Gu Zhou walked in and glanced at Qiao Nian casually, as if to say, "Hear that?"

Only strangers would call him that.

Gu Zhou walked in slowly.

Qiao Nian stood rooted to the ground, speechless.

Had her imagination run wild just now?

But she didn't think so.

When Wang Hua saw Lu Nian and Qiao Nian, a trace of surprise flashed in his eyes. He had never seen these two people before. After some thought, he remembered that woman. She seemed to be his female musician at the concert.

How could an extra be qualified to be here?

With this thought in mind, Wang Hua cleared his throat and said, "Please show me your invitation."

Invitation?

Qiao Nian frowned.

She really didn't have one.

The theme of this charity event was that as long as one could take out something valuable, they could auction it at the banquet. Therefore, anyone could come.

Qiao Nian narrowed her beautiful fox-like eyes, feeling a little uncomfortable.

How did Qin Chuan's subordinates do things?

Was he that unreliable?

However, this was her place after all. Qiao Nian didn't want to interfere. She turned to look at Lu Nian. "Where's the invitation?"

Lu Nian also had the same expression. They looked at each other.

Lu Nian narrowed his phoenix-like eyes and looked at Assistant Cheng. "Didn't you say that it's fine as long as you have an item to auction?"

Wang Hua sneered and said angrily, "According to you, doesn't that mean that any Tom, Dick, or Harry can get in?"

This was referring to them by name.

Lu Nian narrowed his phoenix-like eyes. His aura was cold, as if ice could freeze someone to death.

Wang Hua had a bad feeling about this. Indeed, he hadn't heard what the two of them were saying to the Second Young Master of the Gu family just now. However, from the looks of it, they didn't seem to be familiar with each other.

Moreover, how could a person without any background be qualified to argue with him? He was simply courting death.

Just as Wang Hua was about to reprimand her, a slender figure appeared at the side. She waved the invitation in her hand as if she was showing off. She deliberately walked past Qiao Nian and handed it to Wang Hua.

"Miss Qin, please come in." Wang Hua looked at Qin Lu ingratiatingly, his eyes smiling until they were only slits.

"Mr. Wang, long time no see."

The girl's gentle voice rang out from the side.

Qiao Nian felt that this voice was a little familiar. She turned her head and saw Qin Lu wearing a pink gown. There were even dimples on her face. She looked like an innocent little princess.

Qiao Nian's eyes turned slightly cold.

It was indeed a coincidence. Enemies were bound to meet on a narrow road.

She didn't expect to see Qin Lu here.

Qin Lu's gaze fell on the face of the man beside Qiao Nian. Her eyes lit up.

What a beautiful man!