

Big Shot 501

## Chapter 501: Don't Scare Me

Lu Zhu frowned slightly. He looked at Qiao Nian solemnly and nodded thoughtfully.

The eldest daughter of the Lu family was a taboo topic in the Lu family. Basically, no one would mention her because this was the deepest pain in everyone's heart.

As soon as everyone mentioned her, they would remember the tragic state she was in when she died.

Every time Lu Zhu dreamed of his sister, his heart would feel heavy.

In his dream, his sister was crying her heart out. Her voice was choked as she asked him, "Brother, why didn't you come and save me earlier? When they cut me up, it hurt..."

Every time he dreamed of this, he would feel pain and guilt for a long time.

"I'm the sister who's been dead to you for more than twenty years!"

When Lu Zhu heard Qiao Nian's words, he was shocked. His heart raced, and his voice trembled. "Do you know what you're saying?"

Qiao Nian's gaze landed on Doctor Sha, who was not far away. She shouted, "Doctor Sha, please come over!"

Doctor Sha walked over. He took out the paternity test report from his white coat and handed it to Lu Zhu. "Mr. Lu, this can clear all your doubts!"

Lu Zhu glanced at Doctor Sha and hesitated for a moment before reaching out to take the paternity test report. His fingers were trembling.

Lu Zhu carefully opened the paternity test report. When he reached the end, his eyes widened involuntarily.

"Brother-sister relationship..." Lu Zhu exclaimed. This was the first time he had lost his composure.

Qiao Nian understood that this outcome might not be easy to digest. After reading the results, she took a long time to accept this fact.

Lu Zhu glanced at the date of the appraisal at the bottom. His mouth was agape. After a long while, he looked at Qiao Nian.

When he took a closer look at Qiao Nian, he vaguely saw Lu Qi's shadow on her, as well as his mother's appearance.

At this moment, Lu Zhu finally understood why he felt an inexplicable sense of familiarity when he took the bullet for her.

Her aura was bright and beautiful, completely different from Lu Qi's innocence. But even so, the way he looked at her was exactly the same as his feelings for Lu Qi.

So this was family.

It was only then that Lu Zhu realized that Qiao Nian was exactly the same as his mother when she was young. They were both beautiful.

Lu Zhu's throat was slightly choked.

His sister, who had been dead for more than twenty years, was actually still alive.

It had to be known that he had seen the pieces of his sister's body with his own eyes back then. He felt extremely guilty, and this had become his nightmare for the past twenty years.

Lu Zhu's breathing quickened involuntarily. He staggered back a step.

Qiao Nian was very worried about Lu Zhu's health. She quickly walked forward and reached out to support Lu Zhu. She asked worriedly, "Brother, are you alright?"

Lu Zhu's breathing quickened. He grabbed Qiao Nian's hand and clenched his fists. When he felt the warmth of Qiao Nian's hand, he woke up from his nightmare.

Her palm was warm, and he could still feel her breathing. All of this made Lu Zhu realize that he was not dreaming.

Qiao Nian looked at Lu Zhu worriedly and hurriedly used her other hand to gently pat his back. She said softly, "Brother, you can't be too agitated now. Breathe slowly..."

"Sugar ..."

Lu Zhu's voice was hoarse.

Qiao Nian stood beside Lu Zhu and could hear her clearly. She thought that Lu Zhu had low blood sugar. She looked up at Doctor Sha and asked, "Doctor Sha, is there any sugar?"

Hearing Qiao Nian's question, Doctor Sha shook his head and looked at Lu Zhu worriedly.

"Brother, don't scare me..."

"Sugar."

Lu Zhu cried out softly. Then, he pulled Qiao Nian into his arms and hugged her tightly.

## **Chapter 502: Hug**

He tightened his grip, as if this was the only way he could hold Qiao Nian tightly in his arms. Only then would he realize that Qiao Nian was still alive!

Smelling Qiao Nian's scent, he felt very at ease.

Qiao Nian obediently allowed Lu Zhu to hug her. After a moment's hesitation, she reached out and gently stroked his back.

At this moment, Qiao Nian felt a warmth on her shoulder.

Her breathing tightened, and for an instant her heart ached.

Those were Lu Zhu's tears...

Although his tears had turned cold from the wind, Qiao Nian felt that the area they fell on was extremely hot. The heat flowed through her veins and into her entire body.

Her whole body went hot.

Only then did Qiao Nian realize that when Lu Zhu said "sugar", it wasn't because he had low blood sugar and needed to eat sugar.

"Sugar, I think that's her nickname..."

Suddenly, bits and pieces flashed through her mind.

She seemed very small then and soft and squishy. She was sitting at the table and looking at the people around her.

There was a lot of stuff on the table.

Ingots, coins, brushes, pills, sugar, mooncakes, and so on...

With all her strength, she crawled over and simply grabbed the sugar and pills.

"Sister is a little princess. You can't call her a pill!"

"You guys are being ridiculous. If you let her take these things, what kind of nice nickname can she get?"

"How about Sugar?"

"The aura of the eldest daughter of the Lu family instantly disappeared."

"She's our younger sister. She doesn't need to be imposing. We brothers can protect her. The name is soft and sticky. Sugar, how sweet!"

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The images were scattered. She couldn't make out their faces at all. All she noticed was a boy touching her head.

The boy struck her as the boy who played the piano in her dreams.

When Qiao Nian tried to see those faces clearly, her memories instantly disappeared.

She suddenly remembered something. When she was listening to Lu Nian play the piano, she vaguely remembered that there was a young man who played the piano in her dream.

Originally, she'd thought these were all dreams.

But now she realized that these were realities.

The young man playing the piano was Lu Nian.

"Sugar, how sweet!" This was also said by Lu Nian.

The dreams she'd had in the past had been reality. Things that had happened when she was a child. Things that had been buried deep in her memory.

When she saw Lu Nian, although she was surprised, she did not dare to think in that direction.

At that time, she thought that she was an abandoned person. If not for the fact that she needed to donate blood this time, she would never have known that she was the daughter of the Lu family.

Qiao Nian's eyes reddened, and her voice became choked. "Brother..."

Lu Zhu hugged Qiao Nian tightly as the past surfaced in his mind.

Back then, when he had a younger brother, he had hoped that his mother would give birth to a younger sister.

He finally had a sister, but he accidentally lost her because his brothers were playful and took her with them to the playground.

Not long after that, bad news came that affected him for more than twenty years...

Qiao Nian could feel Lu Zhu's body stiffen. She was a little worried about Lu Zhu's body. She said softly, "Brother, don't be agitated anymore. Relax..."

Hearing Qiao Nian's voice, Lu Zhu felt even worse.

Why was he so stupid? Why was he so stupid?

Qiao Nian appeared in front of him a long time ago. She even asked him if they had met before.

Why couldn't he have thought more about it at that time?

He knew that Qiao Nian looked very similar to Lu Qi and his mother, but he had never thought that Qiao Nian might be his sister.

Perhaps it was because his sister's death had devastated him. He didn't dare imagine anything else.

He remembered the video the kidnappers had sent. In it, his sister was tortured beyond recognition as she was crying for her brother.

### **Chapter 503: I'm Sorry**

Lu Zhu's eyes turned red and his voice choked.

"I'm sorry—"

The apology was more than twenty years too late.

Actually, Qiao Nian didn't know how she had been kidnapped. At that time, she was still too young to remember anything.

However, when she heard Lu Zhu's words, she suddenly thought of something.

She said gently, "Brother, stop feeling guilty. I don't blame you. No one has forgotten me all these years. I don't remember either of you at all. Sometimes it's a blessing not to remember, isn't it?"

Lu Zhu's body stiffened slightly.

"You're the one in pain. Sigh..." Qiao Nian couldn't help but sigh.

If she had been able to recover her memories earlier, even if it was just a little earlier, or if she had discovered her background earlier and realized that she was not a member of the Qiao family, she might have gone to find her family long ago.

Fortunately, it was not too late.

"Brother, does your wound still hurt?"

As Lu Zhu listened to Qiao Nian's voice, he felt her hand caress his back again and again. His uneasy heart gradually calmed down. He couldn't help but recall his childhood.

When he had done wrong in the past, his father had punished him by making him kneel outside the ancestral hall.

At that time, Sugar was only two years old. She actually climbed over the threshold of the ancestral hall and fell on her butt. But she didn't cry. She ran toward him.

He picked her up and carefully dusted her off.

That was when Sugar called out to him in her baby voice, "Brother."

Her voice was soft and sweet, and as soon as he heard it, his discomfort vanished.

"Does it hurt?" He lifted his eyes to hers.

"Sugar doesn't feel pain, brother. Your knees. Does it hurt?"

As long as Lu Zhu thought of what Sugar had said in the courtyard of the ancestral hall, his heart could not help but tremble.

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"Brother."

A thousand words. In the end, she said only one.

Even though it was just a form of address, it made Qiao Nian realize that she had family. She wasn't alone.

Lu Zhu looked at Qiao Nian's exquisite face. Her eyes were filled with tears and guilt.

He reached out his trembling hand and carefully touched Qiao Nian's face. His throat moved as he said with heartache, "Sugar, you must have had a hard time all these years!"

Qiao Nian couldn't bear to see Lu Zhu so upset. In order to make Lu Zhu feel better, she shook her head and explained, "No, Brother. Actually, I'm doing very well. Everyone treats me very well and likes me. I..."

"Actually, you don't have to lie to me. You can't fool me. Back in the ghost town, when the situation was so dangerous, you tried to save me by putting me in danger. If someone lived in a stable, peaceful, and happy world, how could she have done such a thing? How could she have the personality you have now?"

Lu Zhu's words instantly broke Qiao Nian's defenses.

Perhaps only a real relative would notice so many details and care if you were doing well.

Qiao Nian felt a lump in her throat, and tears streamed down her face uncontrollably.

"Brother..."

Lu Zhu didn't help Qiao Nian wipe her tears. Instead, he pulled her into his arms again. His voice was low and hoarse, but it was like a spring breeze. It was extremely gentle. "Sugar, just cry it out!"

Hearing Lu Zhu's words, Qiao Nian instantly felt an incomparable warmth. This was the kinship she had always wanted.

She was thinking that if she never found her loved ones, she would live her own life.

But when she found her family, she realized that she had always hoped for kinship.

The feeling was especially warm, and she couldn't help but sink into it.

Qiao Nian bit her lip, trying hard not to cry.

#### **Chapter 504: Crying**

Lu Zhu noticed that Qiao Nian's body was trembling slightly. He also realized that Qiao Nian was suppressing her tears. It was as if a huge rock was pressing down on her chest, making it difficult for her to breathe.

This pain didn't feel like the physical pain of falling and getting hurt.

Instead, her heart hurt like hell. She couldn't say it, but it throbbed. All she could do was try to regulate her breathing and reduce the pain in her heart.

After a long time, Lu Zhu comforted her, "Sugar, I'm here as your family member. You don't have to be a strong person or control yourself. I'm also your safe haven."

Hearing Lu Zhu's words, Qiao Nian lost control and burst into tears, wetting Lu Zhu's clothes.

If she had found her brother earlier and reunited with him, perhaps they would not have to suffer so much.

She really hadn't cried in a long time.

She couldn't remember the last time she cried.

She had never been one to cry, but the warmth of her brother's arms was overwhelming. The sound of his voice made her want to weep.

She could not help but hug Lu Zhu tightly, as if she wanted to cry out all the grievances she had suffered over the years.

It was really fortunate that she had a brother and family who truly loved her.

She was not a wretch abandoned by her family.

Her family really just hadn't found her.

Lu Zhu patted Qiao Nian's back gently, comforting her.

After an unknown period of time, Qiao Nian finally managed to stabilize her emotions. She silently withdrew from Lu Zhu's embrace and wiped her tears with the back of her hand, feeling much better.

She suddenly felt a little embarrassed. She bit her lower lip and looked up at Lu Zhu shyly. "Brother, don't tell my family about me crying."

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, Lu Zhu's lips curled up. He reached out and stroked Qiao Nian's head dotingly.

Qiao Nian very naturally moved closer to Lu Zhu and gently rubbed against his hand. The corners of her mouth couldn't help but curl up as she muttered, "I'm already so old. I shouldn't be crying, so you're not allowed to tell them."

Qiao Nian made up her mind that when she returned to An City and acknowledged her other brothers and family, she wouldn't cry again just because they would spoil her. After all, she had already grown up.

Lu Zhu's gaze landed on Qiao Nian's face. Seeing how obedient she was, he was extremely moved.

Such a delicate and cute appearance should be the real her.

He was so lucky to have his sister's trust again, and to have her show him her truest side without reservation.

When Lu Zhu thought about how his brothers did not know that he had found his sister, he was instantly in a good mood and felt inexplicably proud.

He was the first person to acknowledge his sister.

Lu Zhu smiled at Qiao Nian and nodded. "Alright, I won't tell them about your crying today."

He recognized his sister now. It was just as well he could spend more time with her. This was their chance to be alone. He wasn't going to let his brothers come over and cause trouble.

Hearing this, Qiao Nian's lips curled up slightly. Her smile was bright and beautiful, instantly dispelling all the gloom in Lu Zhu's heart.

Sugar was back. He would never have a nightmare again.

After more than twenty years, he could sleep peacefully.

Qiao Nian's gaze landed on Lu Zhu's injury. She frowned slightly and said in a low voice, "Brother, it's very windy outside now. Let's go back early. I'll help you!"

"Yes."

Qiao Nian held Lu Zhu's arm affectionately as they walked back. The lights from the street lamps cast a long shadow on the two of them. The fireflies in the night sky were still shining brightly. Suddenly, it felt like time had passed peacefully.

Doctor Sha looked at Qiao Nian and Lu Zhu and couldn't help but tear up. The siblings' relationship was too touching.

After Qiao Nian and Lu Zhu left, Song Yue, who had been hiding behind the fake hill, pushed her wheelchair out.

Song Yue stared at Qiao Nian's back in disbelief. She had never expected Qiao Nian to be Lu Zhu's sister.

### **Chapter 505: Lying!**

Song Yue frowned.

How could that be?

This couldn't be happening!

Relatives were not allowed to donate blood. Qiao Nian donated blood to Lu Zhu, so Qiao Nian must have been lying just now.

Qiao Nian was too sinister.

Qiao Nian must have deliberately pretended to be Lu Zhu's sister to get close to him.

When the time came, Qiao Nian would stand up and confess that she and Brother Lu Zhu were not siblings. By then, Lu Zhu might have long fallen in love with Qiao Nian and chosen to be with her.

This wouldn't do!

She couldn't let Brother Lu Zhu be manipulated by Qiao Nian.

She had to find a suitable time to let Lu Zhu understand that this was all Qiao Nian's scheme. When that time came, Lu Zhu would definitely fly into a rage and chase Qiao Nian away.

She could take the opportunity to comfort Brother Lu Zhu. Brother Lu Zhu would definitely change his opinion of her and be with her.

Thinking of this, Song Yue felt happy.

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Qiao Nian held Lu Zhu's arm and entered the elevator.

Recognizing her family was only the first step in her plan. If she wanted to return to the Lu family openly, she would have to investigate the kidnapping case back then.

Qiao Nian had a feeling that since the kidnapers had been able to kidnap her so easily back then, it meant that someone must be helping them. Moreover, it was very likely that this person was still in the Lu family.

At this thought, Qiao Nian turned to look at Lu Zhu and asked curiously, "Brother, did you catch that kidnapper back then?"

Lu Zhu was also thinking about this matter. If his sister was still alive, it meant that the kidnapping back then was not that simple. It must have been premeditated.

Hearing Qiao Nian's question, Lu Zhu said thoughtfully, "Back then, we caught the kidnapers. They also admitted to all the crimes they had committed. The court also sentenced them to death. Those three people have already been shot to death. The money on them has also been recovered."

As Lu Zhu spoke, his expression darkened. At that time, even though the three kidnapers had been captured, his sister was no longer around.

Fortunately, his sister was still alive!

Qiao Nian's frown deepened. Why did she feel that this matter was a little strange?

If the kidnapers really only wanted money, why fake her death?

However, what puzzled Qiao Nian was that since she wasn't dead, why had she become the Qiao family's daughter?

What was the Qiao family's involvement?

What puzzled Qiao Nian the most was that if those people had deliberately brought her out of the Lu family, they must have had other motives.

However, in all these years, she had not been pressured by any major powers.

Could it be that the person behind this really thought she was dead?

That was why she had survived death.

It was the only possibility.

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian's breathing deepened, and cold sweat broke out on her back. She was a little worried.

Seeing Qiao Nian frown, Lu Zhu knew that Qiao Nian had guessed what had happened back then.

Those people must have thought that Qiao Nian was dead, so they didn't continue to attack.

If Qiao Nian returned to the Lu family now, those people would definitely kill her again.

The moment Lu Zhu thought about losing Qiao Nian again...

His heart lurched. He couldn't bear to think about it.

Twenty years ago, he was a child that was too young to protect his sister.

But now, he was an adult. Even if he had to give up his life, he had to protect his sister from any more harm.

Lu Zhu knew that it was impossible for him to stay by Qiao Nian's side 24 hours a day. Hence, he didn't dare to risk Sugar's life.

He couldn't afford to gamble. He couldn't afford to lose Sugar again.

In that case, he would have to give up the thought of spending more time with Sugar for now.

"Sugar, if someone schemed to kill you back then and you return to the Lu family now, you will be in danger. Our operations have to be more secretive. I don't think we can reveal your identity yet," Lu Zhu said.

### **Chapter 506: Things Became Complicated**

Lu Zhu's face darkened and his eyes were filled with frost. "After I go back, I'll go to the police station to investigate the case file from back then and see if there are any other clues about this kidnapping twenty years ago."

At this point, Lu Zhu's heart ached.

The gods had been kind to him. Now that he had found his sister, he had a chance to make amends.

However, when Lu Zhu thought about how he could not bring his sister home immediately, he felt very sad.

Qiao Nian agreed with Lu Zhu's point of view. She nodded and said, "Yes."

Of course, she would use her contacts to look into the matter.

At that time, she was just a three-year-old child, but she had to suffer such cruelty.

Someone with a motive had to be behind this, but she didn't understand why.

As long as she did not return to the Lu family now, those vicious people might still think that the eldest daughter of the Lu family was dead and lower their guard. They might even expose themselves.

At that time, she would definitely find all the people who had caused her to leave the Lu family. She would settle the score with them one by one and make them beg for death.

Seeing how quiet Qiao Nian was, Lu Zhu's breathing tightened, and he felt a tightness in his chest.

He knew his sister had said yes because she understood he was saying it to protect her.

However, what made Lu Zhu uncomfortable was that Qiao Nian accepted everything he said so obediently and calmly. He couldn't help but feel his heart ache.

If it was Lu Qi, she would definitely cry and want to go home.

Lu Zhu really hoped that Sugar would make a fuss too and be able to express her emotions in front of him.

"Sugar, I'm really sorry. I can only let you suffer for now. Believe me, after we catch those people, I'll definitely bring you home. Our family will never be separated again!"

Qiao Nian could hear the forbearance in Lu Zhu's voice. Lu Zhu should be very angry now. She comforted him. "Brother, there's no need to be too anxious about this matter. In order to avoid alerting the enemy, we should take it slow. Mr. and Mrs. Lu are both very powerful people. All these years, they've been kept in the dark. It's obvious that the person behind this is very powerful!"

Lu Zhu knew that Qiao Nian was right. He could only make plans at a distance. However, his sister would have to suffer.

What made Lu Zhu uncomfortable was that when Qiao Nian addressed her parents as Mr. and Mrs. Lu, he had a strange feeling in her heart.

Lu Zhu understood that it wasn't Qiao Nian's fault.

Qiao Nian's parents had never interacted with her in the past twenty years. To Qiao Nian, her parents were just strangers who were related by blood.

It seemed that it would take some time for Qiao Nian to integrate into this big family again.

If he hadn't come here with Qiao Nian this time, or experienced the unforgettable events in Ghost City with her, Qiao Nian probably wouldn't have been close to him.

From the looks of it, Qiao Nian and Gu Zhou were still quite close.

Gu Zhou...

Lu Zhu's heart trembled involuntarily.

He had just found Sugar, but she had already grown up and gotten married.

As a brother, he didn't give his sister much company.

At this moment, the elevator door opened, instantly pulling Lu Zhu back to reality.

Lu Zhu and Qiao Nian came out of the elevator together. He turned to look at Qiao Nian and asked, "Sugar, how does Gu Zhou treat you?"

Qiao Nian was slightly taken aback.

She did not know if it was her imagination, but she felt that when her brother mentioned Gu Zhou, he seemed to be very serious and stern. He did not look as happy as before.

Qiao Nian smiled and said, "He treats me quite well."

After saying this, Qiao Nian continued, "Brother, you have to remember what I said before. We can't be too anxious about this matter. Besides, I don't want you to be in danger. Since we've already acknowledged each other, we just have to investigate slowly. It'll only take a word for us to go home in the future. It'll be fine as long as we're united."

### **Chapter 507: The Past**

Lu Zhu nodded and said, "Okay, I promise you."

Actually, Lu Zhu was also very worried. If he chased too closely and the other party sensed it, his sister might be in danger again.

Qiao Nian continued, "It doesn't matter if Second Brother and Third Brother find out about my identity. However, we can't let anyone else know!"

It was precisely because the road ahead was unknown and might be full of thorns that she had asked the doctors and nurses to keep it a secret and not want the Lu family to know of her existence. This was also a form of protection for the Lu family.

Lu Zhu nodded.

If they knew that Sugar was still alive, they would be very happy, especially Lu Nian. At that time, Lu Nian liked Sugar the most.

After the two of them arrived at the ward, Qiao Nian helped Lu Zhu to the bed and went to the pantry to get some water.

When she returned, she poured a glass of water for Lu Zhu and brought it to him. "Brother, drink some water first!"

Lu Zhu took the cup from Qiao Nian. After drinking some, he placed the cup on the bedside table.

Lu Zhu watched as Qiao Nian busied herself in the ward. His heart warmed instantly. He still felt like he was dreaming.

Sugar was alive now and she was taking care of him.

Lu Zhu's throat tightened. "Sugar."

Qiao Nian was slightly taken aback. She turned to look at Lu Zhu, her beautiful fox eyes curved into crescents as she smiled sweetly. "Brother?"

Lu Zhu looked at Qiao Nian dotingly and said softly, "Don't be busy anymore. Come over to me and sit down to rest for a while."

His Sugar was so obedient and cute.

Qiao Nian smiled and nodded.

Suddenly, she liked this nickname her brother called her. When Lu Zhu called her name, she was indescribably happy.

Qiao Nian moved a small stool and sat by Lu Zhu's bed. She said softly, "Brother, you have to rest well now. It's getting late. You should rest!"

Lu Zhu looked at Qiao Nian with a smile in his eyes. He said softly, "I'm not sleepy yet."

Actually, Lu Zhu was already starting to feel sleepy, but he did not dare to sleep. He was worried that he would fall asleep.

If he opened his eyes again, and found out that this was all just a dream and Sugar was gone again...

He didn't think he could handle the shock.

Lu Zhu stared at Qiao Nian intently. He had never been the kind of person to worry about personal gains and losses. But today, he was really afraid of losing Sugar again.

There was a lot he wanted to say to Sugar, but he didn't know where to start.

This sister of his must have suffered a lot outside.

But he could not bring his sister home immediately.

Sigh.

Lu Zhu sighed silently in his heart.

Actually, Qiao Nian and Lu Zhu felt the same way.

Although she knew about her relationship with Lu Zhu three days ago, for the past few days, she had been looking forward to Lu Zhu getting better so that she could reunite with him.

After today's reunion, she could feel her soul trembling with excitement. She couldn't help but start to worry that all of this was just a dream. When she woke up, she would be the little girl no one wanted again.

Lu Zhu stared at Qiao Nian's face. Unknowingly, he recalled the way Qiao Yu had looked at Qiao Nian previously. It was a gaze that only men would have when they were facing a woman.

Lu Zhu narrowed his eyes and frowned. He asked bluntly, "Did Qiao Yu bully you?"

Qiao Nian naturally understood what Lu Zhu was saying. She shook her head gently and said, "He didn't!"

"There's something wrong with the way he looks at you. It's as if he has feelings for you beyond being brother and sister," Lu Zhu said directly.

Qiao Nian pursed her lips, then nodded and briefly recounted the past.

When she was about six, she went up into the mountains with her grandfather to pick herbs. He was worried that she would be in danger, so he told her to stay where she was and wait.

At that time, she had inadvertently noticed a fig tree on the edge of the cliff.

She had heard from her grandfather before that figs were rare in the world and were especially precious herbs.

With that thought, she wanted to pluck the fig and give it to her grandfather.

At that time, she was only thinking about the figs. She reached out to pick one and accidentally fell.

### **Chapter 508: Brother White Shirt**

She cried out in shock, just as a boy in a white shirt grabbed her left hand.

She hung suspended in midair from the cliff.

She was still clutching the fig in her right hand.

She raised her eyes to the boy, who happened to have his back to the light. The sunlight that day was blinding. She couldn't make out his features at all, only that he was wearing a white shirt.

She wanted him to let go then, but Brother White shook his head, unwilling to let go no matter what. He just kept holding on to her.

Even though his hand was cut by a tree branch and blood stained his white shirt, he didn't let go.

At the time, she was so young. She simply gave and passed out.

When she woke up again, her grandfather had already carried her home. She handed the fig to him.

She had even asked her grandfather where Brother White Shirt had gone.

Her grandfather had told her then that when he returned, he saw Brother White in white holding on to her unconscious form.

Brother White was about to fall. Fortunately, Brother White's other hand was holding onto the tree trunk, so the two of them were hanging from the cliff.

Fortunately, her grandfather had returned early. If he had been a few minutes later, she and Brother White would have fallen off the cliff and disappeared without a trace.

Brother White left first because he had something to do. He left her a photo. She kept that photo later and drew a stone wall diagram!

When she woke up, she chased after him with the photo, but she couldn't find Brother White Shirt. On the back of the photo, she wrote the word "Chuan."

Later, when she was seven, she met Brother White Shirt again.

She recognized him immediately because he was still wearing his white shirt and because his hands were as long and slender as she remembered.

At the time, she had called him "Brother White Shirt" without hesitation.

However he looked at her in surprise with eyes full of confusion, as if he didn't understand why she called him that.

As Brother White Shirt was her savior, in order to thank him for saving her life, she asked Brother White Shirt to go home for lunch.

Previously, she had thought that Brother White Shirt might have the word "Chuan" in his name. She had misunderstood.

She wanted to return the photo to Brother White Shirt, but he said no.

Brother White Shirt thought she liked nights in An City, so he taught her to draw. It took her months to complete the painting.

She'd only been seven at the time. Because her paintings had been such a sensation, she hadn't wanted to be disturbed by these people. So she'd let her grandfather defeat them.

When she was thirteen, she picked up the brush again and re-created the stone wall drawing.

When this stone wall painting appeared, Grandpa helped her sell the painting. That painting caused a sensation in the entire An City.

During this period, she had used that pen name to draw many paintings. However, they were all about the scenery near the village where she lived. She had also sold them for a lot of money. Grandpa had saved most of the money for her.

When she turned eighteen, Qiao Yu came to look for her again and said something especially scary.

"The two of them were fated to be together," he said.

At that moment, she froze.

Not long after, she heard that Qiao Yu was her biological brother.

After that she never painted again.

She had never expected that Brother White Shirt, who had gently saved her from the cliff, would become a sinister and terrifying Qiao Yu.

So she didn't want to talk about the past at all, and she wasn't willing to paint anymore.

The reason why she picked up the paintbrush at that charity auction banquet was purely to draw a full stop to the past. Moreover, she had also thought that even if she were to paint in the future, she would change her pen name.

Before she knew Qiao Yu's identity, he treated her very well and took good care of her.

However, when she found out that Qiao Yu was hiding his identity, her first realization was that he had lied to her.

### **Chapter 509: Child Bride?**

Although she was very grateful to Qiao Yu for saving her previously, she could not tolerate deception.

Of course, Qiao Xin didn't know about her past with Qiao Yu.

Now that Qiao Nian had told Lu Zhu all about her past, she felt the weight on her chest instantly disappear. She heaved a sigh of relief.

As Lu Zhu listened to Qiao Nian talk about the past, his frown deepened. Just hearing that she was going to fall off the cliff made him tremble in fear.

Fortunately, nothing had happened to Qiao Nian back then. Otherwise, Sugar would really have died. He wouldn't have met Sugar today, let alone reunited with her.

Lu Zhu frowned and thought quickly. He said thoughtfully, "Did he really say that back then?"

"Yes." Qiao Nian nodded and agreed.

Originally, she was too embarrassed to say such a thing. But now that she'd gotten over it, she didn't think it mattered.

Lu Zhu narrowed his eyes slightly. After a while, he said thoughtfully, "Could it be that when Qiao Shan brought you back, he wanted you to be with Qiao Yu?"

The Qiao family actually treated his sister as a child bride!

How infuriating!

Lu Zhu tried his best to suppress the anger in his chest.

In those days, many people would look for a child bride.

One category was poor families. In those poor mountains, many families wanted sons. They would abandon their daughters when they gave birth because they were worried that they could not afford to raise them.

Some poor families had sons. They were worried that their sons would not be able to get a wife, so they would pick up some girls and bring them home. When both of them were adults, they could let the girls marry their sons. Raising one more daughter would also give them another person to do labor.

There were also rich families. Some families would be especially superstitious. They would find fortune-tellers and ask them to choose a suitable girl for their son as a child bride.

Not only did that girl have to match her son's birth chart, but she also had to bring prosperity to her husband. Only then could their son soar into the sky and become a dragon among men.

Old Master Qiao lived in an era of war. At that time, the Qiao family was also a large corporation. Only when Qiao Shan's generation arrived did the Qiao family slowly fall.

Thinking about it this way, the Qiao family was obviously the latter. They must have brought their sister back in this way back then in order to make her Qiao Yu's wife.

If that was the case, Qiao Yu might have known from the beginning that Qiao Nian wasn't his biological sister. That was why he had told Qiao Nian that they were a match made in heaven.

However, what Lu Zhu could not understand was that if that was the case, why did the Qiao family throw his sister into the mountains to fend for herself? Why did they not care about his sister all these years?

"Sugar, do you remember when they sent you to the mountains?"

Qiao Nian thought about it carefully and said, "I remember that not long after Grandma passed away, I was sent there. I think I celebrated my fifth birthday with Grandpa."

A golden light flashed across Lu Zhu's mind. He seemed to have grasped the key clue and asked directly, "How's your relationship with Matriarch Qiao?"

"I still remember very clearly what happened when I was five years old. At that time, Grandma was still around. She was very good to me, much better than she was to Qiao Xin. Moreover, she even gave me a portion of the Qiao Corporation's shares!"

Lu Zhu said thoughtfully, "In other words, after Matriarch Qiao passed away, Qiao Shan and his wife were very cold to you and sent you into the mountains?"

Hearing Lu Zhu's words, Qiao Nian seemed to understand what he meant. She asked in disbelief, "Brother, do you think the reason why I ended up in the Qiao family has something to do with Grandma Qiao?"

Lu Zhu nodded and said, "As you said, when Matriarch Qiao was around, the Qiao family treated you very well. However, after Matriarch Qiao left, the Qiao family abandoned you in the mountains and ignored you. This can only mean one thing. The Qiao family doesn't like you and doesn't want you to stay in the Qiao family, but Matriarch Qiao wants you to live happily and stay in the Qiao family."

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Qiao Nian pursed her lips, vaguely sensing the answer.

“Brother, you mean that back then, Grandma Qiao wanted me to marry Qiao Yu when I grew up? But after Grandma Qiao left, everything after that was out of Grandma Qiao’s control. The Qiao Shan couple didn’t like me, so they sent me to the mountains.”

Lu Zhu looked at Qiao Nian. His sister was indeed smart.

“I think that’s possible. Perhaps there’s another possibility. Matriarch Qiao thought that you were really the granddaughter of the Qiao family. It’s just that she saw that the Qiao couple treated you badly, so she doted on you a little more.”

Qiao Nian’s eyes were filled with confusion.

Now that Matriarch Qiao was gone, if he wanted to investigate, he could only start with the Qiao Shan couple.

He believed that there was a reason for this arrangement.

“Brother, don’t think about this for now. Rest early. When tomorrow comes...”

Before Qiao Nian could finish speaking, the door to the ward suddenly opened, interrupting her.

Qiao Nian thought that Gu Zhou had returned. She turned around, and the smile on her face gradually froze. She saw Song Yue sitting in a wheelchair.

Song Yue frowned and looked at Qiao Nian resentfully.

Qiao Nian’s expression darkened instantly. She questioned sternly, “What are you doing here?”

Worried that she would be chased out by Qiao Nian, Song Yue hurriedly said, “Qiao Nian, you’re not Brother Lu Zhu’s sister at all. What are you trying to do by pretending to be Brother Lu Zhu’s sister?!”

Lu Zhu looked at Song Yue coldly. His face instantly turned cold, and his eyes narrowed dangerously.

Just by looking at Song Yue, he felt that he had dirtied his eyes. At this moment, he wished that Song Yue would immediately disappear from his sight.

However, seeing that Lu Zhu did not speak, Song Yue felt a little uneasy, but she quickly calmed down.

Qiao Nian was just a wild girl from the countryside. She was vicious.

If Qiao Nian became the Lu family’s eldest daughter that everyone envied, she wouldn’t be Qiao Nian’s match in the future.

At that time, Qiao Nian would be close to Lu Zhu. Even if Qiao Nian was discovered to not be the eldest daughter of the Lu family, she would become the first madam of the Lu family.

The more Song Yue thought about it, the angrier she became. She clenched her fists tightly and mustered her courage to push the wheelchair into Lu Zhu’s ward.

Seeing Song Yue enter, Qiao Nian subconsciously shielded Lu Zhu behind her. She looked at Song Yue with a dark expression and asked unhappily, "Song Yue, does your face not hurt enough?"

At the mention of this, Song Yue was furious. She was the daughter of the Song family, yet she had been beaten up by the wild girl Qiao Nian.

If this got out, she would be humiliated.

Song Yue said with a dark expression, "You still have the cheek to mention this?"

Qiao Nian said disapprovingly, "Why can't I mention this? You're just a cripple now. I can easily defeat you!"

Cripple...

When Song Yue heard this word, the scar on her heart seemed to have been ruthlessly opened. It was so painful that she found it difficult to breathe.

If it wasn't for Qiao Nian, how could her uterus have been removed?

All of this was thanks to Qiao Nian.

Song Yue bit her lip and said angrily, "Qiao Nian, you actually pretended to be Brother Lu Zhu's sister. You're too sinister. You're just a wild girl from the countryside. How can you be Brother Lu Zhu's sister?"

Before Qiao Nian could speak, Song Yue questioned, "Why did you get close to Brother Lu Zhu? What do you want to do to the Lu family?"

Qiao Nian's gaze turned colder and colder. She had just told her brother not to let anyone else know about this.

She never expected Song Yue to take the initiative to jump out and hit the gun.

However, there was also a benefit to this. She wouldn't have to worry about being schemed against by Song Yue in the future.