

Big Shot 551

Chapter 551: Quite Competent

Gu Zhou's dark eyes flickered. He looked at Qiao Nian calmly.

Was she mocking him, or praising him?

Gu Zhou did not speak either. Pursing his lips, he opened the door and walked out.

Qiao Nian hurriedly took the medical kit and followed closely behind.

The two of them had just gone downstairs when Qiao Nian saw Gu Qi lying on the sofa from afar.

Perhaps it was because of the fever, but Gu Qi's face was flushed red, and his lips were already dry. Looking at his fragile state, he looked extremely pitiful.

Qiao Nian's breathing grew heavier. Gu Qi was in a coma, but his biological father hadn't appeared. Moreover, he didn't notice Qiao Nian at all.

On the other hand, Gu Zhou, was quite a competent godfather. He was willing to bring the child over to raise him.

Qiao Nian couldn't help but think of herself when she was young. At that time, she was about the same age as Gu Qi. If she had left her parents at that time, she would have suffered a lot as well. She would have suffered all kinds of pain alone.

A child without a mother was really like a blade of grass.

Qiao Nian quickly walked to the sofa, leaving Gu Zhou behind.

"Second Young Madam."

When the servants saw Qiao Nian approaching, they all stepped back.

The butler stood at the side, frowning worriedly at Qiao Nian.

Second Young Madam might overthink if Second Young Master suddenly brought a child back. He was also very worried that this child would affect the relationship between Madam and Second Young Master.

However, Qiao Nian was different from ordinary people.

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When she saw that Gu Qi was in a terrible state, she immediately half-knelt beside him and swiftly opened the medicine box. She took out a thermometer and placed it under Gu Qi's armpit to take his temperature.

Then, she began to examine Gu Qi's eyes and take his pulse.

After this examination, she couldn't help but frown.

This morning, Gu Qi had even sent her a WeChat message, saying that he wanted to treat her to a meal. Why had he suddenly fallen ill?

Perhaps Gu Qi had already fallen ill at that time, but he didn't know it.

This poor child.

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian's heart ached even more for this child.

The butler, who was standing at the side, saw that Qiao Nian was even more worried about this child than Second Young Master. Suddenly, he felt as if he was standing in the middle of a storm.

Who exactly had brought this child here?

Gu Zhou stood at the side, his gaze fixed on Qiao Nian's face. Seeing Qiao Nian treat Gu Qi so seriously and nervously, he heaved a sigh of relief.

It seemed that he had worried too much.

Qiao Nian took out the thermometer. The temperature on it made her gasp.

"His fever has already reached 39 degrees Celsius. If it continues like this, he'll be permanently affected by the fever. Moreover, his heart is beating very fast now, and his various indicators are very poor. He's suffering and needs his temperature to be lowered by medicine and physical means!"

When Gu Zhou heard Qiao Nian's words, he felt a little choked up, but he didn't say anything.

Qiao Nian could naturally see the worry in Gu Zhou's eyes. She hurriedly added, "If this continues, it might trigger other illnesses. We need to bring him back to his room. I want to give him medicine!"

Gu Zhou looked at the butler beside him and said sternly, "Don't tell Matriarch Gu about Young Master Gu Qi!"

With that, Gu Zhou stepped forward, grabbed Gu Qi, and carried him up to the second floor.

The butler looked at Gu Zhou's back in confusion and frowned.

If he remembered correctly, Second Young Master should not like children. However, Second Young Master seemed to treat this child a little differently.

The butler's gaze fell on the nervous Second Young Madam again, and his frown deepened.

For some reason, he recalled Jiang Yue's words when she was chased out of the Gu family.

"Uncle Butler, Grandma has wanted a grandson for a long time. Perhaps she already has one, but she just didn't say it out loud!"

At that time, after Jiang Yue finished speaking, she even gave the Gu family villa a meaningful look.

Chapter 552: Doubts

At that time, he didn't pay much attention to Jiang Yue's words. Thinking that Jiang Yue was a lunatic, he got the chauffeur to take her away.

However, the butler was a little confused now. What exactly was going on with this child?

Was Jiang Yue just being sarcastic back then, or was there another meaning behind her words? Moreover, where did this child come from?

However, when he thought about it. If Second Young Master really had an illegitimate child outside, then Matriarch would probably know.

The butler's expression faltered slightly. He recalled that Matriarch Gu had been living outside for some time.

Could this child really be Second Young Master's child?

That couldn't be right. If Second Young Master had a child with another woman, Second Young Madam definitely wouldn't be so concerned about this child.

He must have been overthinking. He actually took Jiang Yue's words seriously.

In a bedroom on the second floor.

Gu Zhou carefully placed Gu Qi on the bed.

At this moment, Gu Qi was frowning and his lips were pursed tightly. He was still unconscious, but his face was getting redder and redder. His condition was much worse than before.

Seeing Gu Qi like this, Qiao Nian's heart ached for him. She hurriedly took out a silver needle and began to insert the needle.

She had to help Gu Qi cool down first, lest he suffered from cerebral palsy.

Then, Qiao Nian took out the solution she had made from the medicine box. There were many Chinese medicinal ingredients in it. After eating it, it could quickly help him cool down.

However, this solution needed to be combined with ointment. Qiao Nian applied a few layers of the ointment she had made onto Gu Qi's body.

She took out a few more silver needles and inserted them into Gu Qi's body. Ten minutes later, Qiao Nian realized that the blush on Gu Qi's face had subsided a little. Only then did she take out the silver needles.

On the surface, Gu Qi looked much better than before.

Gu Zhou's frown gradually relaxed. He asked, "How is he now?"

“It should be because it’s autumn. He’s still young and weak. If he’s not careful, he’ll catch a cold and catch a fever. Let’s see if his fever has subsided in another half an hour. I’ll go to the medicinal room to get some Chinese medicine for him. After some observation, he’ll probably recover in two days!”

Gu Zhou frowned and asked in a low voice, “Will it take that long?”

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou’s stunned expression and felt a trace of surprise. It was rare for Gu Zhou to have such an expression.

She recalled how she had treated Matriarch Gu when she was ill. However, Matriarch Gu’s old illness still required long-term treatment. At that time, he had frowned when he heard her words.

Qiao Nian gently covered Gu Qi with the blanket. Only then did her gaze fall on Gu Zhou. “You’ve never taken care of a child before. It’s normal that you don’t know this.”

Hearing Qiao Nian’s words, Gu Zhou clenched his fists involuntarily. His eyes darkened, but he didn’t speak.

Qiao Nian explained softly, “Children are still growing up. Their immune systems aren’t as mature as those of adults, to begin with. However, when they catch a cold or have a fever, their recovery rate has always been slower than that of adults. Moreover, this illness is especially difficult to deal with. Even if some children’s fever subsided overnight, it’s normal for them to have a fever again in the middle of the night.”

At this point, Qiao Nian paused for a moment and continued, “That’s why we have to keep observing from the side. Moreover, even if his fever subsides, it might cause some inflammation of his throat and tonsils. As a result, these illnesses will only recover in about a week!”

Gu Zhou frowned. He had never known that a child’s illness could last so long. Gu Zhou felt a strong sense of guilt, and his breathing grew heavier.

His gaze fell on Gu Qi. After a while, he retracted his gaze and looked at Qiao Nian seriously. “If he keeps having a fever, what should we do?”

Qiao Nian thought for a while and replied, “At that time, we should consider if he contracted pneumonia or if he was infected with the virus. If it becomes really serious, he has to go to the hospital for an IV drip. The child is still young and can’t take much suffering. He needs to recover as soon as possible.”

Chapter 553: Gu Qi Is an Exception

Seeing how serious Qiao Nian was, Gu Zhou’s eyes were filled with worry. Moreover, as Qiao Nian spoke, she would touch Gu Qi’s forehead from time to time to see if he had a fever again. She seemed to treat Gu Qi as her own child.

Gu Zhou narrowed his eyes and asked in a low voice, “Don’t you dislike children?”

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou’s words, she turned to look at him. She met his gaze openly and said, “That’s someone else. Gu Qi is an exception.”

Gu Zhou's thin lips pursed into a straight line. He stared unblinkingly at Qiao Nian, his eyes filled with complicated emotions.

For some reason, Qiao Nian felt that Gu Zhou's gaze was a little hot. She retracted her gaze uncomfortably and stood up to walk out. "I'll go to the medicinal room to get the medicine for him now!"

"Ok!"

After Qiao Nian walked out of the bedroom, her heart still ached for Gu Qi.

She really didn't like children, but Gu Qi was really an accident.

Perhaps it was because of Gu Qi's personality, or perhaps it was because Gu Qi's experience was similar to hers, but she couldn't help but feel sorry for him.

Moreover, she had already found her family, but Gu Qi had yet to find his mother.

Her relatives had never looked for her, but that was because everyone in the Lu family thought that she was already dead. They thought that she would no longer exist in this world. Under such circumstances, if it were her, she would not look for her either.

But why didn't Gu Qi's mother look for him?

Did Gu Qi's mother also think that he was dead?

How could there be so many coincidences in this world?

Actually, it was also possible that she treated Gu Qi so well because Gu Qi was about the same age as her child who had never seen the world.

She couldn't help but fall in love with Gu Qi.

With this thought in mind, Qiao Nian walked to the medicinal room. Just as she was about to return with the medicine, a figure blocked her path.

Qiao Nian looked up and saw Jiang Yue's beautiful face.

Jiang Yue's beautiful eyes were fixed on Qiao Nian's face. Her lips curved up slightly, and a strange smile appeared in her eyes. She said, "Second Sister-in-law, long time no see!"

Jiang Yue still looked overbearing.

Qiao Nian looked at Jiang Yue indifferently, as if she was looking at a nobody.

Jiang Yue's skin was truly extraordinarily thick. She actually dared to come here again.

Qiao Nian lowered her voice, her eyes filled with mockery. "Jiang Yue, I have to remind you now that from last month onwards, you no longer have anything to do with the Gu family. You shouldn't be in his grandmother's villa. Also, please don't call me Second Sister-in-law anymore, because I'm not related to you in any way."

Jiang Yue said disapprovingly, "Second Sister-in-law, you're too confident. Grandma has raised me for more than ten years, and the kinship between us can't be severed. However, you're only Brother Ah Zhou's wife. If Brother Ah Zhou wants to marry someone else, you can only abdicate your position. When that happens, you won't have any say in the Gu family."

At this point, Jiang Yue took a step forward and stood in front of Qiao Nian. She looked up at Qiao Nian, her expression cold. Her lips curved up slightly as she sneered. "What do you think everyone will think if they find out that you have an illegitimate child?"

Jiang Yue looked extremely arrogant.

Illegitimate child?

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned.

Her illegitimate son?

Qiao Nian couldn't help but laugh. She looked at Jiang Yue sympathetically, as if she was looking at a beggar. She said, "Jiang Yue, no matter what happens, evidence is important. Do you think Grandma will believe your nonsense? I advise you to leave obediently. I can chase you out of here countless times. Do you want to try?"

Chapter 554: Provocation

When Jiang Yue heard Qiao Nian's words, her expression changed drastically. She clearly remembered being chased out that day. This was a pain that she would never be able to forget.

Jiang Yue took a deep breath and tried hard to compose herself. She said fearlessly, "Since I've returned this time, I have the ability to stay. I won't leave empty-handed."

Qiao Nian sized Jiang Yue up from head to toe, her eyes filled with disdain. She snorted and said, "Just based on a loser like you?"

She was defeated.

These words pierced Jiang Yue's heart. She was a proud daughter of a rich family, and had always been high and mighty. If it weren't for Qiao Nian, she would still be the eldest daughter of the Gu family.

"Just because of my abilities."

Qiao Nian didn't want to waste her breath on Jiang Yue anymore. She walked around Jiang Yue and walked out.

Qiao Nian had only taken a few steps when Jiang Yue's voice rang out from behind her. "Oh, right. Second Sister-in-law, I was wrong. He should be Brother Ah Zhou's illegitimate child."

Hearing Jiang Yue's words, Qiao Nian stopped in her tracks. She frowned slightly and turned to look at Jiang Yue, her eyes filled with shock. "What nonsense are you spouting?"

Jiang Yue met Qiao Nian's eyes fearlessly, her thoughts racing.

If she remembered correctly, Qiao Nian had clearly returned with a sample, and she had looked troubled.

Logically speaking, Qiao Nian must have done something shady to have brought back a sample of a child.

Moreover, her first instinct told her that this DNA sample was definitely related to Qiao Nian.

She had just tentatively mentioned the illegitimate child, but Qiao Nian's expression remained unchanged. There was no fear on her face, and her voice was the same as before.

Moreover, Qiao Nian's face was filled with disdain. Her words seemed to be a joke in front of Qiao Nian.

However, when she mentioned that Brother Ah Zhou had an illegitimate child, Qiao Nian's mood suddenly changed. Could it be that the DNA sample had nothing to do with her, but with Brother Ah Zhou?

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Qiao Nian seemed to be very clean in Brother Ah Zhou's private life.

Heh.

In the past, she had thought that Qiao Nian didn't care about anything. Now, it seemed that Qiao Nian was just so-so.

The smile on Jiang Yue's face grew brighter. She said, "Say, if Grandma knew that Brother Ah Zhou already had a child, would she still care about you as much as she does now?"

Qiao Nian didn't speak. Seeing that Jiang Yue was about to go crazy, her expression grew calmer.

Qiao Nian knew in her heart that Jiang Yue must have something on her. That was why she had returned to the Gu family so fearlessly. However, what made her curious was what Jiang Yue wanted to do when she returned.

Gu Zhou clearly had an aversion to women. If she were to believe that Gu Zhou had an illegitimate child, she might as well believe that Gu Zhou's split personality could be cured immediately!

However, if Jiang Yue wasn't lying to her, then how had Gu Zhou impregnated a woman and who was that woman?

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian felt that this was unlikely.

Hence, Qiao Nian knew very well that Jiang Yue was definitely lying.

Qiao Nian's expression was cold as she said, "Jiang Yue, I know you want to return to the Gu family. If you really want to return, then you should make up for your previous mistakes. If you sow discord here, it will make me think that you want everyone in the Gu family to treat you as an enemy!"

The smile on Jiang Yue's face didn't change. Actually, she wasn't here to sow discord on purpose. She was just curious if the sample Qiao Nian had taken last time had anything to do with her.

Now, it seemed that the child was indeed not Qiao Nian's. Moreover, she was certain that Qiao Nian had feelings for Brother Ah Zhou.

Chapter 555: Third Party

Whether Qiao Nian believed her or not, the words she had said today would stab into Qiao Nian's heart like a thorn. Moreover, Qiao Nian would definitely think of a way to investigate.

If Qiao Nian found out that Gu Zhou really had an illegitimate child, she would definitely not be able to accept it. She would definitely leave the Gu family.

When that happened, she would be able to return to the Gu family in glory and make it up to Grandma.

At the thought of this, Jiang Yue walked up to Qiao Nian in her high heels and said sarcastically, "Let me tell you, what Grandma cares about the most is her great-grandson, who is related to her by blood. As for you, you're just here as a lucky replacement. When the mother of that child comes back, you'll be the third party!"

Seeing the smile on Jiang Yue's face, a trace of displeasure flashed across Qiao Nian's face. She raised her hand.

Bam!

Qiao Nian slapped Jiang Yue hard across the face.

Jiang Yue covered her face in shock. Her eyes widened as she stared at Qiao Nian in disbelief.

Ever since she was young, no one had dared to hit her.

Even when she angered Grandma when she was young, Grandma couldn't bear to hit her.

Qiao Nian, this country bumpkin, actually dared to hit her.

In the past, when she was still in the Gu family, Qiao Nian didn't even dare to let out a fart. Now that she had left the Gu family, Qiao Nian was acting so brazenly?

Qiao Nian looked down at her right hand and gently blew on her palm that hurt. She looked down at Jiang Yue and said coldly, "I slapped you on behalf of Grandma. It's been so long, but you still don't understand Grandma's good intentions. Do you honestly think that Grandma only cares about blood ties?! Grandma has been good to you for so many years for nothing. That's right, you don't understand how good she is to you at all. You didn't even appreciate it. You're not even worthy of calling her Grandma now!"

There was a clear handprint on Jiang Yue's fair cheek.

When Jiang Yue saw the anger in Qiao Nian's eyes, the anger on her face gradually disappeared. Her lips curved up slowly, looking smug.

Qiao Nian made her move.

This also meant that Qiao Nian already believed her words. It seemed that this slap wasn't a loss.

Right now, she wanted Qiao Nian, who was standing on a cloud, to fall from the sky. She wanted Qiao Nian, who had just been doted on, to be chased out. She wanted her to experience endless despair.

At the thought of this, the smile on Jiang Yue's face grew brighter. She said, "Qiao Nian, let's see who will have the last laugh. I hope you can still be as arrogant as you are today!"

With that, Jiang Yue left. She was in a good mood.

Qiao Nian watched as Jiang Yue left. Although she didn't believe Jiang Yue's words, she was still a little puzzled.

Jiang Yue was completely different from Qiao Xin. Qiao Xin was an idiot who did whatever she wanted. However, Jiang Yue was different. She was intelligent. Once she had made up her mind about something, she would work hard to complete it.

For example, Jiang Yue had tried to use her to kill Matriarch Gu.

Then what was Jiang Yue planning this time?

Qiao Nian walked out quickly. When she bumped into the butler, she stopped him.

"Second Young Madam," the butler said respectfully.

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on the entrance of the Gu family villa. Puzzled, she asked, "Why did Jiang Yue come in?"

Actually, the butler had only just discovered Jiang Yue's presence. He sighed helplessly and said, "Second Young Madam, Jiang Yue has lived here for more than ten years. Some of the servants have a deep relationship with her. Moreover, the news of what happened that night hasn't spread. No one knows what happened, so they didn't stop her!"

Qiao Nian's eyes instantly turned cold. She said, "From now on, no one is allowed to let Jiang Yue in. If anyone lets her in again, he can find another job!"

Chapter 556: Leader

Seeing the anger in her eyes and the cold aura around her, the butler felt a strong sense of oppression. He didn't dare to refuse.

It seemed that Matriarch Lin was right. Second Young Master was born to be a high and mighty leader.

If there came a day when Eldest Young Master really could not return, Second Young Master left because of this illness, and Matriarch Gu died of old age, Second Young Madam would definitely not let the Gu family decline.

Second Young Madam had the ability to do so. Perhaps this was why Matriarch Gu liked Young Madam.

The butler nodded and replied, "Yes!"

Qiao Nian retracted her gaze coldly and walked towards the second floor with the medicine in her hand. No matter what Jiang Yue was up to behind the scenes, as long as she stayed in the Gu family villa for a day, she would never let Jiang Yue get close to Grandma again, nor let Jiang Yue hurt anyone in the Gu family.

When Qiao Nian arrived at the bedroom, she saw Gu Zhou sitting by Gu Qi's bed, looking deep in thought. She didn't know what he was thinking.

Qiao Nian brought the medicine over to Gu Qi and carefully helped him up from the bed. The coldness in her eyes had long since disappeared, replaced by gentleness and love. She said softly, "Xiao Qi, be good. Take the medicine. You'll recover after taking it!"

Gu Qi's eyelashes trembled slightly. Seeing Qiao Nian's blurry face, he called out in a childish voice, "Mommy..."

Qiao Nian's grip on Gu Qi faltered slightly. Her grip on the bowl tightened involuntarily. Under the dim yellow light, her knuckles were clearly white.

Gu Zhou, who was sitting at the side, was also stunned.

The two of them looked at Gu Qi in unison.

At this moment, Gu Qi was holding onto Qiao Nian's wrist, unwilling to let go. It was as if this was the only way he could grab hold of his mother.

His small palm was frighteningly hot. The spot where Gu Qi had grabbed Qiao Nian seemed to have been branded. The burning sensation lingered for a long time.

That warmth traveled from her wrist to her heart. Her face instantly turned pale, and her breathing involuntarily tightened.

Was he calling her his mommy?

For some reason, Qiao Nian felt an emptiness in her heart. Carefully, she hugged Gu Qi tightly and said softly, "Xiao Qi, take your medicine quickly!"

Gu Qi was still in a daze from the fever. At this moment, he did not forget to nod.

Qiao Nian carefully fed the medicine in her hand to Gu Qi.

After Gu Qi finished drinking the medicine, he licked his dry lips. His eyelashes fluttered like butterfly wings, and his eyes slowly opened a crack. There was a layer of mist in them.

He tried hard to open his eyes to see what his mother looked like, but his eyelids were too heavy. He couldn't open them no matter what. He could only feel the warmth of her embrace.

Moreover, there was something about her that made him feel at ease. Her voice was also very pleasant to the ear...

Gu Qi pursed his lips. Medicine was bitter, but the medicine his mother fed him was sweet.

Had his mommy finally found him?

“Mommy...” Gu Qi whispered again.

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Qi’s words, her heart skipped a beat. Her eyes began to water uncontrollably.

She could hear the fear and unease in Gu Qi’s words, as well as his cautiousness. He was only a child who was less than five years old, but his greeting was filled with too many emotions.

Qiao Nian’s eyes turned red.

It seemed that he really missed his mommy. She had to work hard to help him find his mommy.

Gu Qi didn’t get a response. He frowned like a kitten searching for a female cat. “Mommy...”

Qiao Nian felt terrible, and the pain was getting worse and worse. She didn’t want to disappoint Gu Qi, nor did she want him to be disappointed. Hence, she agreed. “Okay, Mommy will stay here and watch over you!”

Chapter 557: Mommy

Gu Zhou’s throat tightened, and his voice choked. His hands, which were in his pants, trembled involuntarily, and his eyes turned red.

When Gu Qi heard his mother’s voice, his brow gradually relaxed. His eyelashes trembled as he tried to open his eyes to see his mother’s face clearly. However, his eyelids were too heavy, and he couldn’t open them.

Gu Qi’s heart ached terribly. He really wanted to see his mother’s face clearly. Once again, he spoke.

“Mommy.”

Gu Qi’s eyes were closed, but they were still moist. Tears welled up in his eyes, and a tear fell onto the back of Qiao Nian’s hand. His tears were actually hotter than Gu Qi’s.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi with heartache. She knew that it was wrong of her to impersonate Gu Qi’s mother, but she didn’t want Gu Qi’s beautiful dream to be ruined. She wanted to give Gu Qi some motivation to recover as soon as possible.

Qiao Nian lowered her head slightly and gently planted a kiss on Gu Qi’s forehead. In a gentle voice, she said, “Gu Qi, be good. Don’t cry. Mommy is here. Be good!”

“Gu Qi is very obedient. Gu Qi didn’t cry either. Stay with me, okay?”

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi with teary eyes, her lips trembling. “Okay.”

Gradually, Gu Qi lost consciousness again and fell into a deep sleep. His small face relaxed, and the corners of his mouth curved up slightly. He looked blissful.

It was as if Gu Qi really thought that his mommy had returned.

Qiao Nian felt her heart ache. The pain was so real that she couldn't breathe.

Her heart really ached for this child...

After Gu Qi fell into a deep sleep, Qiao Nian carefully placed him on the bed and covered him with the blanket.

Gu Qi left Qiao Nian's embrace. For a moment, he felt a little uncomfortable. He looked very insecure. His small body kept twisting, as if he was looking for a comfortable and safe sleeping position.

Qiao Nian reached out to hold Gu Qi's hand and said softly, "Xiao Qi, Mommy is here!"

When Gu Qi heard that gentle voice in his sleep, he finally relaxed and fell asleep in peace.

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Qiao Nian couldn't help but sigh.

The moment she thought about how all of this was just a dream to Gu Qi and how he would still be the child who had not found his mommy when he woke up again, her heart could not help but ache.

This was simply too cruel for Gu Qi!

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian couldn't help but grip Gu Qi's hand tightly, giving him all her love.

"He really likes you. Perhaps subconsciously, he already thinks of you as his mother."

Gu Zhou, who had been sitting silently at the side, spoke. His voice was very soft, but also very heavy.

Qiao Nian had been paying all her attention to Gu Qi. When she heard his voice, she jumped in fright. Her heart jumped to her throat.

Qiao Nian looked up and inadvertently met Gu Zhou's dark eyes. His eyes were filled with helplessness.

Qiao Nian sighed softly and gradually retracted her gaze. Her gaze fell on Gu Qi's face again and she said, "He's very lonely, and he misses his mother very much!"

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, Gu Zhou recalled the girl who had trembled in his arms that night.

How strange. Why couldn't he find her?

Gu Zhou stood up and walked up to Qiao Nian. In a commanding tone, he said, "Go and rest first. I'll watch him!"

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, her gaze fell on Gu Qi's small hand. Gu Qi's hand was very warm, and she couldn't bear to let go. She said softly, "I'm not tired now. I'll stay with him for a while longer!"

Seeing Qiao Nian's heartache for Gu Qi, Gu Zhou glanced at Gu Qi's sleeping face. He opened his mouth slightly, but didn't say anything else.

Chapter 558: Illegitimate Child?

The atmosphere in the room instantly turned awkward.

A thought flashed in Qiao Nian's mind. She recalled Jiang Yue's words and looked up at Gu Zhou.

She recalled Gu Zhou's worry when Gu Qi fell ill, and what Gu Zhou had told her previously.

Gu Zhou did not look like a father at all.

Although many fathers did not usually take care of their children, when their children had a fever and fell ill, their fathers would definitely step forward to take good care of them. They would not be like Gu Zhou, who seemed to be at a loss as to what to do, as if this was the first time he had seen a sick child.

Could Jiang Yue have misunderstood?

Or could it be that Jiang Yue had other motives for coming here?

Qiao Nian couldn't quite understand. She pursed her lips and said, "Jiang Yue came by today!"

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, Gu Zhou's eyes turned cold. "How did she get in? What was she doing here?"

"I think she came back to get something, but she said some strange things."

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian, not interrupting her. He let her continue.

Initially, Qiao Nian didn't intend to tell Gu Zhou about this, even though it was related to their marriage.

Qiao Nian knew very well that neither she nor Gu Zhou had approved of this marriage.

They just had to be together because of some relationship.

But before they got a divorce, Qiao Nian didn't want anyone else to interfere in their affairs either.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou with a burning gaze and said in a low voice, "He told me that you had another woman outside. Moreover, you and that woman already have an illegitimate child!"

Gu Zhou lowered his gaze slightly, a trace of panic flashing in his eyes. It was as if a white horse had flashed past the gap and disappeared in an instant. His body exuded a cold aura. He looked up at Qiao Nian and asked, "Then do you believe her?"

"I don't know your past, and I don't want to comment. I just want to hear it from you."

She believed that Gu Zhou would not lie to her.

Gu Zhou had no feelings for her in that way at all, and there was no need to lie to her about such things.

If Jiang Yue said that all of this was true, then it was no big deal. She would leave Gu Zhou and give up this position. When the time came, she would give that illegitimate child a complete family.

Gu Zhou didn't speak immediately. He looked at the indifference in Qiao Nian's eyes. There was no sadness, no sadness, and no hysteria. There was only calmness and a desire to know the truth.

Gu Zhou's fists, which had been clenched in his pants, slowly relaxed. He looked up at Qiao Nian and said calmly, "I don't have any wild women outside."

From now on, Gu Qi's mother would be his first wife, Qiao Nian. Hence, she was not a wild woman.

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned.

For some reason, when Gu Zhou said the words "wild women", she felt an inexplicable urge to laugh.

Qiao Nian didn't interrupt Gu Zhou. Instead, she waited for him to continue.

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Gu Qi's small face again. The coldness in his eyes dissipated a little, replaced by warmth. However, his voice grew deeper. "As for the illegitimate child she mentioned..."

Gu Zhou pursed his lips. He looked into Qiao Nian's serious eyes and said calmly, "I think she's talking about Gu Qi!"

Qiao Nian's eyes widened in disbelief.

Gu Qi was actually his child?

Jesus.

How could that be?

Didn't he say that Gu Qi was just the child of a friend of his?

Qiao Nian couldn't help but frown. If Gu Qi was his child, why would Gu Zhou lie to her?

If Gu Qi was Gu Zhou's child, why did Gu Zhou let Gu Qi grow up alone?

Didn't he know that Gu Qi had autism?

Chapter 559: Missing

Not only did Gu Qi lack motherly love, but he also lacked paternal love! If it was understandable that he couldn't find his mother in the past, then why didn't Gu Zhou treat Gu Qi well?

Moreover, Gu Qi had once told her that his father seemed to prefer girls, so Gu Qi had felt very inferior at that time. Moreover, Gu Qi had disguised himself as a woman to please his father.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou in disbelief. She hadn't known Gu Zhou for long, but she more or less knew him.

Whether in front of outsiders or her, Gu Zhou was a responsible man. He was definitely not such an irresponsible man.

Qiao Nian's eyes were filled with confusion. Even her brow furrowed.

Gu Zhou had been paying close attention to Qiao Nian's gaze. In just a few seconds, many complicated emotions appeared in her eyes. The only thing he could see clearly was the disappointment and disbelief in her eyes.

When Gu Zhou thought of her gaze, he instantly felt uncomfortable.

He felt as if something was stuck in his throat. His gaze darkened, and his voice turned cold. He continued, "Gu Qi's biological father wasn't in good health, and he had been seriously ill. Before Gu Qi turned three, his biological father had been in the hospital and covered in all kinds of medical tubes. He didn't have time to care about Gu Qi, nor could he care about Gu Qi."

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. In an instant, she grasped the main point of Gu Zhou's words.

Gu Qi's biological father?

In other words, Gu Zhou was not Gu Qi's father.

When Qiao Nian heard this, she felt a wave of relief. Fortunately, Gu Zhou wasn't that kind of person.

She really wouldn't be able to stand it if her husband was a cold-blooded man who had a messy private life and didn't care about his illegitimate child.

Qiao Nian asked curiously, "Then why does Jiang Yue think that Xiao Qi is your child?"

"Perhaps she bumped into me when I visited Gu Qi often in the past. Sometimes, when Gu Qi was in a good mood, he would call me Daddy."

Qiao Nian was enlightened. So that was what had happened.

In that case, this was indeed easy to misunderstand.

If she saw this, she might also think that Gu Zhou had an illegitimate child.

Qiao Nian didn't doubt Gu Zhou's words, because she couldn't find a reason for Gu Zhou to lie to her.

Qiao Nian recalled Jiang Yue's self-righteous and overbearing manner. Once again, her gaze fell on Gu Qi's face, who was unconscious because of his illness. Her heart ached.

If this matter blew up, Gu Qi might have to bear the label of an illegitimate child for the rest of his life.

Poor Gu Qi. He was still so young, but he had to endure everything he shouldn't have to.

Gu Qi's parents were not by his side. Does that mean he should be bullied?

This was really too unfair.

Qiao Nian recalled that when she was young, she had lived in the countryside with her grandfather. Others had also said that she was a child who no parents wanted. They had even said that she was a bastard.

Qiao Nian recalled how Gu Qi had been bullied by his teachers and classmates.

Moreover, Gu Qi was now inexplicably involved in a dispute between wealthy families.

Jiang Yue really had good methods. In order to sow discord, she really used everything.

Qiao Nian clenched her other hand tightly, her fingertips turning white. She would never allow Jiang Yue to hurt Gu Qi in any way.

Absolutely not.

Qiao Nian retracted her thoughts. Her gaze fell on Gu Zhou's face. She could also sense the coldness emanating from Gu Zhou.

It seemed that Gu Zhou was just as angry as she was over Jiang Yue's rumors.

Qiao Nian thought of Gu Qi's mother again and asked in a low voice, "Then where did his mother go?"

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian, his eyes as cold as ice. In a low voice, he said, "After Xiao Qi was born, his mother disappeared!"

"Missing? Did you look for her?"

"I've already searched, but I couldn't find her!" Even now, Gu Zhou was still sending people to search for her.

Chapter 560: Buying Sperm?

Gu Zhou glanced at Gu Qi, who was lying on the bed, and a trace of guilt flashed in his eyes.

Gu Qi had no parents to take care of him when he was young. Previously, he had even been bullied by the nanny and his personality had almost gone astray. If he hadn't met her by chance, his life might have been ruined by that nanny.

The two people he had let down the most in his life were Gu Qi and his mother.

Perhaps Gu Qi's mother's reluctance to appear had something to do with him. Actually, he wanted to spend his life repaying her, but...

Gu Zhou glanced at Qiao Nian, naturally taking in all the surprise in her eyes. He had a strange feeling.

Before he met Qiao Nian, he had never thought of remarrying.

But after marrying Qiao Nian, he had never thought about getting a divorce again.

Gu Zhou's frown deepened. At this moment, there was a knock on the door.

"Take care of him first. I'll be back soon." With that, Gu Zhou walked out.

Qiao Nian watched as Gu Zhou left. For some reason, she felt that there was something wrong with Gu Zhou's expression, as if he was holding back something.

Could Gu Zhou be hiding something?

Qiao Nian frowned slightly. She had a vague feeling that what Gu Zhou was hiding might be very important.

Gu Zhou walked out of the room and stood in the corridor. He glanced at the door worriedly, then retracted his gaze and lowered his voice, as if he was afraid of disturbing the sleeping Gu Qi. "What's wrong?"

"There's news of Eldest Young Master." Chen Qing lowered his voice and said, "A year ago, someone saw Eldest Young Master on the streets of MY, but he was far away. There was only a photo."

With that, Chen Qing showed Gu Zhou the photo on his phone.

Gu Zhou's long eyelashes drooped. When he saw the two blurry figures in the photo, he immediately recognized that the man in the white shirt was the eldest young master of the Gu family, his eldest brother.

"Any other news?" Gu Zhou asked calmly.

This photo could only mean that the person was still alive a year ago. It did not mean that he was still alive now.

"No. Last year, MY was in turmoil. I wonder if Eldest Young Master left," Chen Qing said carefully, afraid that Gu Zhou would be angry.

"Continue investigating." With that, Gu Zhou turned to push the door open. Just as he placed his hand on the door handle, he seemed to have thought of something and turned to look at Chen Qing.

"Investigate carefully. Don't tell Old Madam about this yet."

Chen Qing nodded.

Gu Zhou walked back into the bedroom and saw Qiao Nian staring at him. He looked away indifferently and his gaze fell on Gu Qi's face. "Thank you for taking care of him this time."

"I like him very much. Taking care of him is a piece of cake." Qiao Nian thought that Gu Qi might be disappointed that he couldn't find his mommy after he woke up, so she wanted to ask Gu Zhou for more clues. "Do you have any clues about his mommy? I can help look for her. There's strength in numbers. Perhaps we can find her sooner!"

Gu Zhou paused for a moment. He couldn't let Qiao Nian know what had happened that night.

Moreover, he knew nothing about Gu Qi's mother.

"No."

"What?" Qiao Nian was slightly stunned.

"There are no clues or information!"

Qiao Nian was stunned. How could a living person who had given birth disappear without a trace?

"Then have you asked Gu Qi's father? He shouldn't not know anything about the person he slept with, right?"

"He doesn't know either."

“This...” Qiao Nian suddenly thought of something. She looked up at Gu Zhou and nodded. “I understand. She’s bought sperm, right?”

Gu Zhou thought, “Was he that poor?”

Qiao Nian continued, “If she bought sperm, he might really not know anything about the woman. Didn’t the hospital register the woman’s information?”