

Big Shot 631

Chapter 631: Guilt

When Su Sheng heard Gu Qing's words, her expression changed slightly. She knew that her senior didn't believe in her abilities, and her eyes gradually darkened.

Just as Su Sheng was feeling dejected, she heard Gu Qing say, "Su Sheng, do you want to see Mr. Dong Hua with your own eyes?"

Mr. Dong Hua?

He was her idol, the person she admired the most.

Su Sheng looked at Gu Qing in disbelief and asked carefully, "Senior, can I really see him?"

"Yes, he invited me to listen to his new song. At that time, I wanted to bring you along, so I asked him if I could bring another person. He agreed!" Gu Qing looked at Su Sheng dotingly.

The two of them had been very close in school. Coupled with Su Sheng's lively and adorable personality, she couldn't help but want to dote on Su Sheng more.

The smile on Su Sheng's face grew wider and wider. If she had a tail, it would be wagging happily like a dog.

"Senior, I want to go too. You're so good to me. Thank you!" As Su Sheng spoke, she hugged Gu Qing without hesitation.

"Alright, alright. Sit down quickly. If anyone else sees this, they'll say that Doctor Su is still like a child!"

"Senior is too good to me! Otherwise, why would I act like a child?"

"You're not young anymore. You should learn to be more calm. By the way, has anything happened at the studio recently?" Gu Qing stood up and walked towards the desk while looking up at Su Sheng.

Su Sheng walked to the desk and sat down opposite Gu Qing. Then, she took a document from the side and said, "Recently, a few patients with complicated conditions have arrived. I've already taken a look at them. I've already recorded the details in the document. Senior, you can take a look when the time comes. I don't know if I've made a mistake!"

"Yes." Gu Qing took the document and began to read it seriously.

Su Sheng frowned slightly, but it quickly disappeared. She sat there with a smile. "Senior, did you have a good time on this business trip?"

"No. I was busy with work and was a little tired, so I came back early."

Hearing Gu Qing's words, Su Sheng smiled and said, "Then Senior must rest early tonight."

"I'm afraid I won't be able to rest early tonight."

“Well?”

“We’re going to listen to Mr. Dong Hua’s new song tonight!” Gu Qing smiled at Su Sheng.

Su Sheng was so shocked that her jaw dropped to the ground. She looked at Gu Qing in disbelief, worried that she hadn’t heard correctly. She repeated, “Senior, are you saying that I’ll be able to see Mr. Dong Hua tonight?”

“Yes.” Gu Qing nodded.

“Oh my god, Senior, I want to take half a day off. I have to go back and prepare!” As Gu Qing spoke, she quickly walked up to Gu Qing and kissed her cheek. She then ran out happily.

Gu Qing looked at Su Sheng’s retreating back and smiled dotingly.

When Su Sheng came out of the studio, her expression turned shy.

Actually, she had seen Mr. Dong Hua before.

Moreover, she knew that Mr. Dong Hua was Lu Zhu.

Everyone in An City knew who Lu Zhu was.

At the thought of this, Su Sheng’s heart began to race. She was looking forward to the meeting tonight.

She had to wear the best-looking clothes and leave a mark in Mr. Dong Hua’s heart. Then, she might be able to be with him.

At the thought of this, Su Sheng smiled shyly.

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At the Gu family villa.

Qiao Nian had just finished eating the porridge for Gu Qi. She took a tissue and carefully wiped the stain off Gu Qi’s mouth.

“Little Qi, can you wait for me for a while? I’ll teach you after dinner, okay?” Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi dotingly and said gently.

Gu Qi’s grape-like eyes flickered as he looked at Qiao Nian and nodded seriously.

Matriarch Gu, who was sitting opposite them, watched as Qiao Nian spoke patiently to Gu Qi. A trace of guilt flashed in her eyes.

Qiao Nian was truly a good child. She treated Gu Qi well from the bottom of her heart. Otherwise, Gu Qi wouldn’t be so clingy to her.

Seeing Qiao Nian like this, Matriarch Gu’s heart ached even more for Qiao Nian. If Qiao Nian knew that Gu Qi was Ah Zhou’s child, she wondered if she would still be so gentle to Gu Qi.

She didn’t know what to do either.

These two children were both good children, but such a cruel thing had happened back then.

Sigh, fate made fools of people.

Chapter 632: Compensation

Matriarch Gu thought that she would have a good talk with Gu Zhou later. She couldn't let Qiao Nian continue to misunderstand things.

After dinner, Qiao Nian was about to bring Gu Qi to the garden to sit for a while when Matriarch Gu stopped her.

"Nian Nian, come up with me first."

"Okay, Grandma." Seeing this, Qiao Nian nodded. She squatted down slightly and said to Gu Qi, "Little Qi, can you wait for me in the garden for a while?"

Gu Qi's beautiful eyes were fixed on Qiao Nian. They flickered. He shook his head and glanced at the sofa in the living room.

The meaning in his eyes could not be clearer.

Gu Qi probably wanted to say that he wanted to sit on the sofa in the living room and wait for her.

Holding Gu Qi's hand, Qiao Nian led him to the sofa and Gu Qi sat down.

She said gently, "Then Little Qi will wait for me here, okay?"

Gu Qi nodded.

"Our Little Qi is such a good boy." Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi dotingly, then stood up and walked towards Matriarch Gu.

Matriarch Gu retracted her gaze from Gu Qi indifferently. She frowned slightly.

If Qiao Nian found out the truth in the future, she might hate Gu Zhou and this child.

It seemed that only she could give Qiao Nian more compensation.

Seeing Qiao Nian walk over, Matriarch Gu smiled brightly and said gently, "Nian Nian, come with me to my room."

"Okay," Qiao Nian replied. She followed Matriarch Gu towards the stairs. After taking two steps, she turned back to look at the sofa and met Gu Qi's beautiful eyes. The two of them smiled at each other.

Matriarch Gu's attention had been completely on Qiao Nian just now. She had seen all of Qiao Nian's small actions.

Due to this, Matriarch Gu's heart ached even more for Qiao Nian.

Ever since Qiao Nian married into the Gu family, she had been working hard every day.

A few days ago, Qiao Nian had just returned from MY. She hadn't been able to rest for a day, yet she had begun to take care of Gu Qi again. She even had to comfort her, a sad old woman.

After returning to her room, Matriarch Gu invited Qiao Nian to sit on the sofa and wait for her.

Qiao Nian sat down obediently on the sofa and looked at Matriarch Gu in confusion. "Grandma?"

"Wait for me." Matriarch Gu smiled at Qiao Nian, then walked towards the dressing table. She opened the top drawer and took out a silver jewelry box.

Matriarch Gu walked over to Qiao Nian and sat down. She placed the jewelry box in her hand into Qiao Nian's palm.

"Grandma, you..." Qiao Nian looked at Matriarch Gu in confusion.

"You're usually too plain. You don't even have any accessories on you. Hurry up and open it to see if you like this." Matriarch Gu smiled lovingly.

"Grandma, thank you. You're so good to me," Qiao Nian said sincerely.

Previously, other than her grandfather and a few senior brothers who treated her sincerely, no one else had ever treated her so well.

Later on, she reunited with her brother. Her brother treated her quite well, but that was only between family members.

"Child, I just hope that you can live a happier life." When Matriarch Gu heard Qiao Nian's words, her heart was filled with guilt.

She was clearly the one who had let Qiao Nian down, but this child was genuinely good to her.

"Nian Nian, I hope that you won't divorce Gu Zhou because you're angry with him in the future. There are some things that he has no choice but to do." After Matriarch Gu finished speaking, she felt that she was making things difficult for her. She sighed and said, "Forget it. No matter what you do, I'll support you."

Seeing the guilt in Matriarch Gu's eyes, Qiao Nian felt a trace of doubt.

She felt that something was wrong with Matriarch Gu's expression. She asked worriedly, "Grandma, did something happen at home?"

"No, don't let your imagination run wild." Matriarch Gu put away the guilt in her eyes and looked at Qiao Nian dotingly. She really hoped that this child would lead a happier life.

Qiao Nian smiled and nodded. She felt that Matriarch Gu might be sad because of her eldest son.

Chapter 633: Standing Beside You

Smiling, Qiao Nian put the jewelry box aside and grabbed Matriarch Gu's hand. She said sincerely, "As long as Grandma is in good health, I'll be very happy!"

Matriarch Gu almost couldn't hold back her tears. She grabbed Qiao Nian's hand and nodded. "Nian Nian, you have to know one thing. No matter what happens in the future, I'll always be on your side."

"Grandmother."

"Alright, quickly take a look at my gift to you!" Matriarch Gu let go of Qiao Nian's hand and took the jewelry box from the side, placing it in Qiao Nian's palm again.

Qiao Nian looked at the jewelry box in her hand, her heart filled with mixed feelings.

In the past, she used to think that she was an abandoned child, but now that she had found her family, she knew that they had not abandoned her on purpose.

Over the years, she had met her grandfather and her senior brothers who doted on her.

She had found her relatives who had always missed her.

Although her marriage with Gu Zhou was just a transaction, Matriarch Gu was genuinely good to her.

She used to think that God was unfair.

But now, she felt that all the suffering she had gone through was worth it.

Perhaps only by experiencing the cold could one see the plum blossoms blooming in winter.

Qiao Nian carefully opened the jewelry box and saw a pink diamond necklace.

Her beautiful fox-like eyes widened slightly, and her pupils dilated involuntarily. She looked at Matriarch Gu in disbelief.

"Grandma, you..." Qiao Nian looked at Matriarch Gu in disbelief, frowning slightly.

This pink diamond necklace was in the shape of a butterfly. The butterfly's body was made of a complete square pink diamond, and the butterfly wings were made of countless broken diamonds.

This dreamy pink diamond was also known as the Butterfly Fairy.

The Butterfly Fairy was also an award-winning work by Matriarch Gu when she was younger. It was the most outstanding work in the world, and it had already been printed in art textbooks.

"This necklace suits you just fine." Matriarch Gu looked at Qiao Nian lovingly. Qiao Nian was like a beautiful butterfly, flying freely in the sky. Matriarch Gu hoped that no matter what happened to Qiao Nian, she would be able to break out of her cocoon and become a butterfly again.

"Grandma, this is too expensive. I can't accept it." As Qiao Nian spoke, she pushed the jewelry box in front of Matriarch Gu. "It's also your proudest work, isn't it?"

"But I just want to give it to you, the best person in the world!" Matriarch Gu smiled and handed the jewelry box to Qiao Nian. "It was made for you. Only it is worthy of you."

When Qiao Nian walked out of Matriarch Gu's room, her expression was slightly solemn.

She looked down at the jewelry box in her hand, her eyes filled with panic.

Her marriage with Gu Zhou was just a formality. After she finished dealing with the Gu family, she would leave. What right did she have to be doted on by Matriarch Gu?

Forget it. She should keep this jewelry well. After all, it was Matriarch Gu's gift.

When she left, she would return the jewelry to Matriarch Gu.

Qiao Nian walked back to her room and put away the jewelry box before walking downstairs.

Qiao Nian knew that Gu Qi usually stayed at home and didn't go out for a walk.

She felt that if she wanted Gu Qi to become more cheerful, she needed to bring him out for more outdoor activities.

The right side of the Gu family villa was filled with many children's toys. Qiao Nian had specially arranged for these to be placed there so that Gu Qi could have a good time.

Among these toys, Gu Qi liked the swing the most. In Qiao Nian's opinion, Gu Qi didn't seem to be interested in other toys.

He sat on the swing. Qiao Nian stood behind him and gently pushed the swing. Light shone through the mottled leaves, illuminating the two of them. It was as if they were covered in a layer of white light.

Matriarch Gu stood in front of the French windows on the second floor. When she saw Qiao Nian playing on the swing with Gu Qi, she felt a mix of emotions.

Chapter 634: Invitation

If only Gu Qi had come from Qiao Nian's stomach.

Sigh.

Matriarch Gu sighed. In a daze, she recalled how Gu Zhou and her eldest brother had looked when they were young. The two of them were serious people, and the most common game they played was reading.

Qiao Nian was playing with Gu Qi when her phone suddenly rang.

"Little Qi, Auntie is going to take a call. Be careful not to fall." Although Qiao Nian said this, her hands were still carefully supporting Gu Qi, worried that he would fall off the swing.

Qiao Nian took out her phone with her other hand. When she saw the caller ID, her heart began to race uncontrollably.

Lu Nian.

Had Big Brother already told Second Brother that she was Sugar?

Otherwise, why would Second Brother suddenly call her?

Filled with trepidation and excitement, Qiao Nian picked up the call. She tried hard to sound calm.
“Hello.”

“Girl, why aren’t you calling me brother anymore?”

Lu Nian’s voice was very pleasant to the ear. It was like flowing water in the mountains, clear and sweet.

Qiao Nian couldn’t help but feel nervous. Her palms were covered in sweat.

It seemed that Big Brother had already told Second Brother everything.

Oh my god, she wasn’t mentally prepared. What should she do?

Qiao Nian’s heart was beating faster and faster. In fact, her emotions were exactly the same as when she had first reunited with her eldest brother. She felt uneasy, terrified, and nervous. There was also a hint of joy and excitement.

“Well?”

His voice was very clear and slightly raised.

As expected of a musician. A casual tone of voice sounded like a perfect movement.

Qiao Nian had never expected to reunite with Second Brother on the phone.

Biting her lip slightly, she asked uneasily, “Do you know everything?”

The other end of the phone paused for a moment. Lu Nian’s puzzled voice came through. “What should I know?”

Qiao Nian was instantly petrified.

Could she have misunderstood?

Her heart was like a roller coaster. It had just been at a high point, but now, it had already sunk to the bottom.

On the other side of the phone.

Although Lu Nian didn’t know what Qiao Nian was talking about, and he couldn’t see her face, he could tell from Qiao Nian’s rapid breathing that she was very nervous.

Strange, why was Qiao Nian nervous?

“Sister Nian, are you feeling unwell?” Lu Nian asked worriedly.

Qiao Nian stopped Gu Qi’s swing and covered her chest with her hand, finally calming herself down.

Second Brother called her Sister Nian, but not Sugar. In other words, Second Brother didn’t know who she was.

Hearing Lu Nian’s words of concern for her, Qiao Nian’s heart warmed. Her second brother still cared about her so much.

Fortunately, her eldest brother wasn't careless. Otherwise, she might have rashly acknowledged him as her family over the phone.

When Qiao Nian thought everything through, the corners of her lips curved up slightly. She called out sweetly, "Brother Ah Nian!"

Her voice was clear and sweet.

Lu Nian was slightly stunned. He replied in a daze, "Yes."

He didn't understand why Qiao Nian was so happy.

Could it be that she was happy because he cared about her?

Only then did Qiao Nian ask, "Brother Ah Nian, why did you call?"

"I've written a new song. I want you to listen to it first."

Qiao Nian's eyes lit up. Her lips curved up involuntarily as she asked with interest, "When?"

"Are you free tonight?" Lu Nian asked.

Gu Qi looked at Qiao Nian's happy expression, his eyes flickering with curiosity. He didn't know why Auntie Nian Nian was so happy.

He got off the swing and walked up to Qiao Nian. Reaching out, he grabbed Qiao Nian's sleeve and looked up at her.

Qiao Nian squatted down and her gaze fell on Gu Qi's face, signaling for him not to speak.

She was still very hesitant, because the embroidered pouch she was making for the eldest daughter of the Lu family was not ready yet. However, Second Brother had invited her to attend the reveal party, and she really wanted to listen to the song.

She wondered if there was enough time.

Forget it. At most, he would just embroider it in the middle of the night!

On the other end of the line, Lu Nian didn't hear Qiao Nian's voice. "If you're not free tonight, why don't..."

"Okay, I'm free. Where are you? I want to go," Qiao Nian said eagerly.

Chapter 635: Inconvenience

"Alright, I'll send you the location now."

Lu Nian's voice sounded relaxed and happy. His voice rose slightly, indicating that he was in a very good mood.

When Qiao Nian heard Lu Nian's voice, Lu Nian's devilish face flashed in her eyes.

When Second Brother smiled, he would definitely charm thousands of young girls.

Qiao Nian was in a daze. She couldn't help but call out, "Brother."

Lu Nian was slightly stunned when he heard Qiao Nian's voice. His voice was a little hazy, making him think of Sugar again.

In the past, when Sugar was sleepy, she would call her in this tone.

Qiao Nian quickly came back to her senses. Realizing that she had lost her composure, she hurriedly said, "It's settled then. I'll look for you tonight."

"Alright, I'll wait for you." Lu Nian nodded.

After Qiao Nian hung up, she heaved a long sigh of relief. She couldn't help but smile.

"Auntie, are you going out tonight?" Gu Qi tilted his head and looked at Qiao Nian intently.

Qiao Nian reached out to hold Gu Qi's hand. She really wanted to return to the Lu family home now and reunite with her family.

But she couldn't do that.

Not only for her own safety, but also for the safety of everyone in the Lu family.

Before she found her family, she had left it to fate.

But now that she knew that her family was right in front of her and she couldn't acknowledge them, the longing that was engraved in her bones made her miss them dearly.

This feeling was indescribable.

"Yes, I'm going out tonight." Qiao Nian smiled at Gu Qi, staring unblinkingly at his little face. She wondered where Gu Qi's biological mother was. It seemed that she would have to send more people to help Gu Qi find his mother.

"Oh." When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian's words, his eyes gradually darkened. He lowered his head and replied, his mood extremely low.

"What's wrong? Are you feeling unwell?" Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi worriedly. He placed his hand on Gu Qi's arm.

Gu Qi's pulse was very calm. He seemed to be fine.

"Auntie, can you still tell me stories tonight?" Gu Qi asked carefully, his eyes filled with anticipation.

After Gu Qi finished speaking, he felt a little vexed. Would Auntie Nian Nian hate him because he was too clingy?

"Then I'll tell you a story early tonight. How about that?" Qiao Nian smiled and negotiated.

Although she knew very well that Gu Qi was not her child, she could not help but treat Gu Qi as her own.

The gloominess on Gu Qi's face disappeared. He looked up at Qiao Nian, his heart filled with joy.

Qiao Nian took Gu Qi out to play for a while. Then, she asked Gu Qi to go play with the other servants and walked towards the embroidery room.

She was going to see Lu Nian tonight, so she had to go embroider the blessing bag early.

Qiao Nian sat in the embroidery room. When she thought of Lu Nian calling her today, her lips curved up involuntarily.

Suddenly, the vibration of her phone interrupted her thoughts.

Qiao Nian glanced at the caller ID and hurriedly picked up the call. Holding the phone to her ear, she called out excitedly, "Brother!"

Hearing Qiao Nian's happy voice, Lu Zhu's fatigue from the day was swept away. His lips curved up involuntarily, and his voice was gentle. "Sugar, are you free tonight?"

The smile on Qiao Nian's face froze slightly, and a trace of confusion flashed in her eyes. She didn't understand why Eldest Brother and Second Brother had invited her tonight. Could it be that today was some special day?

Qiao Nian thought for a moment and asked, "Brother, is there anything urgent tonight?"

"No, I just wanted to have dinner with you."

Lu Zhu's voice sounded as gentle as water.

Qiao Nian couldn't help but fall into a dilemma.

She wanted to have a meal with Big Brother today, but she had already promised Second Brother.

However, she found it difficult to reject either one.

She was indeed a greedy person. She wanted everything.

The more Qiao Nian thought about it, the more her head ached. She couldn't help but sigh.

"Sugar?"

Qiao Nian suddenly came back to her senses. Although she really wanted to split herself in half and meet both her eldest and second brothers, this was very unrealistic.

Chapter 636: Resisting the Pain

"Brother, I'm really sorry about today. I've already accepted someone else's invitation." Qiao Nian felt very guilty as she spoke.

"Is it very important?"

When Qiao Nian heard Lu Zhu's voice, her heart trembled slightly. It seemed that her brother must be very disappointed. Actually, she was also very disappointed.

Qiao Nian heaved a sigh of relief and nodded. "Yes."

When Lu Zhu heard Qiao Nian's words, he gave up on the idea of inviting her again.

In any case, he had already acknowledged his sister. There would be many opportunities in the future.

"Alright, have a good time tonight!"

When Qiao Nian heard Lu Zhu's words, her heart ached even more. She really wanted to have a meal with her brother. Ever since she returned, they had never had a meal together alone.

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian asked carefully, "Brother, will you invite me to dinner again?"

"Sugar, why would you ask that?" Lu Zhu was puzzled.

The more Qiao Nian thought about it, the more upset she felt. This was the first time her brother had invited her to a meal, but she had cruelly rejected him.

"But... but didn't I reject Big Brother's first invitation to dinner?" Qiao Nian said in disappointment.

"Then can't I treat you to another meal?"

"What if I have something on next time?" Qiao Nian asked, looking disappointed.

"Isn't there a next time?"

Lu Zhu's voice was as warm as spring, giving her a sense of security.

Qiao Nian's heart began to race. She was very touched. "Brother..."

"Sugar, your brother should have taken good care of you. Even if you reject me a thousand times, or ten thousand times, I won't be angry." Lu Zhu had already guessed what Qiao Nian was thinking. His heart ached for her.

His sister must have suffered a lot to become so careful.

Since he had already found his sister, he would never let her suffer again.

The uneasiness in Qiao Nian's heart instantly disappeared. She smiled and said, "Thank you, Brother!"

When Lu Zhu heard Qiao Nian's happy voice, there was no joy in his eyes.

His younger sister should have been the eldest daughter of the Lu family. She should have enjoyed wealth and glory, and been doted on by countless people.

His younger sister had led a wandering life and suffered a lot. Even though she had acknowledged her family, she was still very careful.

This was a sign of extreme insecurity.

Lu Zhu's expression grew more and more serious as he said, "Sugar, you might not have remembered everything I told you previously. Then I'll tell you again!"

When Qiao Nian heard Lu Zhu's voice, she pursed her lips slightly, her heart beating faster and faster.

“You’re the eldest daughter of the Lu family. You don’t have to be humble, nor do you have to please anyone. You don’t have to worry about hurting anyone, including me.” Lu Zhu paused for a moment before continuing.

“People don’t get along by being humble and pleasing. Those who like you, no matter what you do, will care about you and love you. They won’t reject you. Those who don’t like you, no matter how much you do, won’t even look at you. Sugar, I’m your brother. I like you the most and care about you, so you don’t have to worry about rejecting me at all. Because I know you’re busy, I’ll be waiting for you.”

When Qiao Nian heard Lu Zhu’s words, her eyes couldn’t help but turn red. This was the first time someone had said such a thing to her.

Before Qiao Nian found her family, she was fearless. But when she found her family, she couldn’t help but feel afraid.

She was really afraid that her family would leave her one by one. In the end, she would be left alone again.

If she hadn’t been pampered, she might have gotten used to this loneliness.

Now that he had received her brother’s favor, she was really afraid of losing him. She just wanted to hold on to him tightly.

“Brother...” Qiao Nian’s voice was a little choked up.

Big Brother was truly the best. He understood what she was thinking and what she was afraid of. He tried hard to pull her out of the abyss.

He was really the best brother in the world.

Lu Zhu’s voice rang out from the phone again. “Sugar, you just have to be yourself. Even if the entire world doesn’t like you, you’re still my Sugar. You’re also the eldest daughter of the Lu family. You’re the treasure that everyone in the Lu family has been searching for for more than twenty years.”

Chapter 637: The Feeling of Being Doted On

Qiao Nian couldn’t help but feel a lump in her throat.

In the past, she had always felt that Lu Zhu was a cold person and didn’t like to pay attention to her. Every time he looked at her, he would look annoyed.

However, what she did not expect was that this brother who looked so cold on the outside had healed the pain in her heart.

She looked up, trying hard not to let the tears in her eyes fall. She sniffled and said, “I want to eat grilled fish!”

“Okay.”

“I want to eat big crabs!”

“Okay.”

“I also want to eat big prawns!”

“Okay.”

“By the way, I still want to eat...”

When Lu Zhu heard Qiao Nian’s voice, his lips curved up slightly. He silently jotted it down on his computer.

When he heard Qiao Nian’s silence, he asked gently, “What else do you want to eat?”

“That spicy Latiao that can only be bought for fifty cents.”

Lu Zhu’s hand paused. Qiao Nian’s voice sounded shy, like that of a shy little girl.

This was the first time he had heard Qiao Nian speak in such a tone.

Lu Zhu’s entire body softened. He asked gently, “Do you like chili?”

“No, no. It’s just a fifty-cent spicy Latio.”

“Is there such food?” As Lu Zhu spoke, the computer began to search.

“There are.”

When Qiao Nian was young, she had always wanted to eat spicy sticks. However, her grandfather hoped that she could practice singing, so he kept an eye on her and refused to let her eat such junk food.

She didn’t eat much when she was young, so when she grew up, she savored the taste of spicy Latio even more.

When she was young, she had even seen her neighbor’s brother secretly buy spicy Latio for his neighbor’s sister.

At that time, she envied her neighbor’s younger sister.

However, her neighbor’s brother had a bad temper and was not friendly to her, so she did not interact much with him.

Now that he thought about it, Big Brother was right. There was unconditional love and doting between relatives, but that was not the case for outsiders.

When Lu Zhu saw the introduction of Latiao on the computer, he said, “Alright, I’ll go prepare!”

“Thank you, Brother!” Qiao Nian’s eyes were filled with joy.

She felt very blessed to have such a good brother.

When Lu Zhu heard Qiao Nian’s happy voice, he became happy as well. When Gu Zhou’s face flashed in his mind, his expression froze for a moment. He asked seriously, “Sugar, are you like this when you’re with Gu Zhou?”

“Huh?” Qiao Nian was a little confused.

“Just like you were just now.”

Qiao Nian finally understood. Her brother was probably worried that she would be bullied by Gu Zhou. He was also humble and careful around Gu Zhou.

“Brother, don’t worry about me being by his side. Being by your side is different. You’re family, but he’s only my... other half.”

Relatives were related by blood. It was impossible to change that in this lifetime.

However, the other half was different. It could be replaced at will.

How could that be?

Moreover, if she tried to curry favor with Gu Zhou, wouldn’t she become a bootlicker?

How many good endings could a bootlicker have? In the end, they would all end up with nothing.

She was no fool.

When Lu Zhu heard Qiao Nian’s words, he felt relieved. “Alright, that’s good.”

Qiao Nian smiled and nodded. “Okay.” Suddenly, she recalled what Matriarch Gu had said to her.

At that time, she suspected that the formation of Gu Chuan’s personality might have been because of the disappearance of the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

Matriarch Gu was unwilling to say much about the past, but she felt that her eldest brother should remember everything.

“Brother, I know that you’re very close to Gu Zhou. I want to ask if he’s seen me before?”

The smile on Lu Zhu’s face gradually disappeared, and his expression turned serious.

Speaking of this, he got angry.

Back then, when Sugar was one month old, they only dared to look at their obedient sister from afar. They didn’t even dare to touch her, afraid that they would hurt her.

Gu Zhou was quite bold. The moment he saw Sugar, he bit her face.

Teeth marks were left on her little face.

The bite mark lasted for a week before disappearing.

After this, they had even gotten into a fight with Gu Zhou.

What an unpleasant memory.

“Why are you suddenly asking about the past?” Lu Zhu asked in confusion.

It wasn’t convenient for Qiao Nian to say anything about Gu Chuan’s personality. After all, this was Gu Zhou’s private matter.

Chapter 638: Nian'er

Qiao Nian smiled and pursed her lips. "Brother, what's my name in the Lu family?"

She sensed that her brother didn't seem to want to discuss this matter, so she asked another question.

What she really wanted to know was why Gu Chuan kept calling her Nian'er. Did he know that she was Qiao Nian, or did he know that she was the eldest daughter of the Lu family?

Qiao Nian pursed her lips, looking forward to Lu Zhu's answer.

"You're the eldest daughter of the Lu family, Lu Nian," Lu Zhu said softly.

Qiao Nian's heart skipped a beat, and her eyes widened uncontrollably.

When she was in the Lu family, they also had the same name.

Nian'er?

Could it be that Gu Zhou's third personality was really related to the eldest daughter of the Lu family? Therefore, Gu Chuan was concerned about the eldest daughter of the Lu family, Lu Nian.

Was it because of the death of the eldest daughter of the Lu family that Gu Zhou had split into Gu Chuan?

At this moment, Lu Zhu, who was sitting in the office, was also frowning. Confusion appeared in his clear eyes.

If Qiao Nian hadn't asked, he wouldn't have remembered.

In the past, when Sugar was young, everyone would call her by her nickname. After she left, everyone could only remember her nickname.

The eldest daughter of the Lu family, Lu Nian.

Her name was Qiao Nian now.

There was a common word in both names. Nian.

"Sugar, who gave you your current name?"

Qiao Nian thought for a moment and shook her head. "I don't know, but for as long as I can remember, my name has been this."

"Both of these names have the word 'Nian' in them. Isn't this too much of a coincidence? Do you think the person behind the scenes gave you this name? Will they know that you're still alive?" Lu Zhu's frown deepened, and his expression became more and more serious. His entire body emitted a cold aura.

If he knew who had taken Sugar away, he would definitely make him beg for death.

Qiao Nian shook her head gently and said, "I can't remember what happened in the past anymore. I'll find a time to visit the Qiao family later and see if I can get some information out of them."

"Sugar, you have to be careful. Perhaps those people know that you're still alive. No, it's still too dangerous for you to go alone. I'll get a few bodyguards to send you there." Lu Zhu's frown deepened. If the person behind the scenes still knew that Sugar was alive, shouldn't he bring her home earlier?

"Brother, don't send bodyguards over. I'll be fine alone. Moreover, they might not even notice that I'm still alive. If you send bodyguards over, they'll be able to find out about our relationship. Then, this will be troublesome." Qiao Nian had no choice but to reject Lu Zhu's good intentions.

When Lu Zhu heard Qiao Nian's words, he heaved a sigh of relief and didn't say anything else.

He really hoped that no one knew that Sugar was still alive. That way, she wouldn't be in any danger.

On the other hand, Qiao Nian was also feeling very melancholic.

It seemed that Gu Zhou's Gu Chuan personality was really related to her.

Gu Chuan's low and paranoid voice seemed to ring in her ears again. His gaze was so determined, as if he was going to tie her to his side in the next moment.

Gu Chuan's stubborn look made Qiao Nian realize that he couldn't live without Nian'er.

If that was the case, she could use her identity as the eldest daughter of the Lu family, Lu Nian, to slowly treat Gu Chuan's personality, causing his uneasiness and paranoia to gradually disappear.

However, there was something Qiao Nian couldn't understand.

Gu Chuan had reminded her before.

"Your life was given to you by me!"

What exactly did that mean?

Could it be that Gu Chuan was also present when the eldest daughter of the Lu family was kidnapped?

Qiao Nian's heart beat faster and faster, and the doubts in her mind increased. She had many things to confirm bit by bit.

However, she needed to quickly embroider the blessing bag. Otherwise, there wouldn't be enough time.

Qiao Nian spoke a few more words to Lu Zhu before hanging up.

In the evening, Qiao Nian packed up her half-embroidered blessing bag and walked out.

She was about to tell Gu Qi a story when she saw Chen Qing walking in with a box.

Chapter 639: Getting Words Out

Qiao Nian looked at Chen Qing in confusion and called out, "Chen Qing."

When Chen Qing saw Qiao Nian, he hurriedly walked towards her. "Miss Qiao."

Due to Gu Zhou's previous arrangements, whenever Chen Qing saw Qiao Nian, he would address her as Miss Qiao.

Seeing Chen Qing walk over, Qiao Nian was about to speak when she smelled a faint pungent smell from Chen Qing.

She looked at Chen Qing in confusion and asked, "Where did you go just now?"

Hearing Qiao Nian's question, Chen Qing was on the verge of tears. He didn't know what was wrong with Second Young Master either. Recently, he had been constantly being punished. "There's a house being renovated. I went over to keep an eye on it."

How was he watching it? He had clearly gone over to put up the tiles.

However, he couldn't say this out loud.

Qiao Nian instantly understood. She didn't expect Chen Qing to do so much work on a daily basis.

She thought of Gu Zhou's multiple personalities. Only Chen Qing knew about this, so Chen Qing had to stay by Gu Zhou's side.

"In the future, you should arrange for someone else to handle such matters. You just have to stay by Gu Zhou's side, understand?" Qiao Nian said.

Chen Qing also wanted to agree, but his words carried little weight. In front of Second Young Master, he didn't dare to say a word.

If he spoke, it might not be just a matter of putting up tiles for a day. It might be a week or a month.

Seeing Chen Qing's troubled expression, Qiao Nian thought for a while and said, "I'll talk to him."

"Thank you, Miss Qiao. I'll definitely stay by Second Young Master's side." Chen Qing was extremely excited. If he continued to put up the tiles, his waist might be crippled.

He was not married yet. He had to protect his waist well.

"You have to think of a way to help Gu Zhou hide his multiple personalities. I'm worried that if others find out, they might harm him," Qiao Nian instructed in a low voice.

"Yes." Chen Qing's expression turned serious.

"By the way, where is Second Young Master now?"

"He's in the study now. I'll take you there," Chen Qing said calmly, feeling extremely happy.

"Okay." Qiao Nian agreed.

The two of them walked towards the stairs on the second floor. When they reached Gu Zhou's study, Chen Qing knocked on the door for Qiao Nian, then stood aside expressionlessly.

"Come in."

Gu Zhou's cold voice came from the office.

Qiao Nian pushed the door open and walked in. Her gaze met Gu Zhou's deep eyes. His eyes were like the starry sky of the universe, unfathomable.

Gu Zhou sat lazily on the sofa, his right leg crossed over his left. His hand rested slightly on the sofa and the snake was sitting in his palm.

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face. He asked, "Why are you looking for me?"

He raised his eyebrows slightly and looked at Qiao Nian with interest.

Qiao Nian walked to the sofa and sat down.

She touched the snake's head. When the snake saw Qiao Nian, it coiled itself seductively around her hand.

"I'm just here to take a look at it." As Qiao Nian spoke, her gaze fell on the snake in her hand. She was conflicted about how to ask Gu Zhou about his relationship with the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

Gu Zhou had once been engaged to the eldest daughter of the Lu family. Qiao Nian was very curious. Had the two of them met?

Based on the relationship between the Gu family and the Lu family, she felt that they should have met before.

However, neither Matriarch Gu nor Lu Zhu were willing to say anything about Gu Zhou meeting the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

Hence, she could only look for Gu Zhou directly.

Suddenly, Qiao Nian smelled a faint fragrance. She turned her head and realized that Gu Zhou was already sitting beside her.

She met Gu Zhou's bottomless eyes, and her heart began to race involuntarily.

"Why are you looking at me like that?" Gu Zhou lowered his gaze, looking down at Qiao Nian.

"Nothing." Qiao Nian smiled and handed the snake to Gu Zhou. "Has it gained weight again?"

Gu Zhou's eyes darkened. He didn't expose Qiao Nian's lie. Instead, he continued, "It seems to have gained some weight."

"In the past, I never understood why the Gu family and the Lu family of An City were tied for first place. Only after Grandma told me about the past did I understand why." As Qiao Nian spoke, she kept looking at Gu Zhou.

Chapter 640: Jealousy

Gu Zhou stood up slightly and walked towards the desk. He glanced at the documents on the table and slowly placed them back into the drawer. "Oh."

Qiao Nian was a little surprised. She hadn't expected Gu Zhou to be so calm.

Wasn't Gu Zhou curious at all about what Grandma had told her?

Qiao Nian stroked the snake's head and continued, "I didn't expect Old Master Lu and Old Master Gu to be comrades-in-arms. This kind of life-and-death friendship is really enviable. No wonder the relationship between the two families is getting better and better."

"Yes," Gu Zhou replied indifferently. He looked up slightly at Qiao Nian. Seeing that Qiao Nian looked interested, he said, "If you have anything to ask, just ask. Don't beat around the bush."

"I heard that you met the eldest daughter of the Lu family when you were young?"

Gu Zhou narrowed his phoenix-like eyes and sat lazily on the office chair. He casually picked up a fountain pen and spun it around. A trace of a smile flickered in his eyes. "I was engaged to her in the past."

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. She hadn't expected Gu Zhou to tell her about this.

The pen in Gu Zhou's hand stopped spinning. He placed the pen on the table and walked towards the sofa. He walked up to Qiao Nian and looked down at her.

"You—"

Gu Zhou bent down slightly, his face approaching Qiao Nian's. He raised his eyebrows slightly, his voice sexy and hoarse. "Mrs. Gu, are you jealous?"

Qiao Nian's ears turned red uncontrollably.

What nonsense was he spouting? She wasn't talking about this at all, okay?

"If I treat her as my younger sister, will Mrs. Gu be at ease?" Gu Zhou asked seriously. His voice was low and magnetic.

Qiao Nian only wanted to ask if Gu Zhou had met the eldest daughter of the Lu family, but with Gu Zhou's answer, she was too embarrassed to continue asking.

If she continued to ask, Gu Zhou might not tell her the answer. Instead, he might think that she was jealous.

She felt that she was not on the same channel as Gu Zhou. Some things would only get worse and worse.

"Why don't we go to the Lu family together the day after tomorrow?"

"Hm."

Qiao Nian didn't expect Gu Zhou to agree so quickly. She wanted to get up, but Gu Zhou was a little too close.

For some reason, Qiao Nian recalled what Gu Qi had said to her.

Gu Qi had said that Gu Zhou had admitted to liking her.

She knew very well that Gu Zhou said this because he wanted Gu Qi to accept her as his stepmother.

However, her heart was still beating wildly.

Qiao Nian hurriedly threw those messy thoughts to the back of her mind. She thought of Chen Qing, who was standing at the door. She looked up at Gu Zhou and said, "Don't let Chen Qing go out to do anything in the future. Let him stay by your side. With him by your side, he can take good care of you."

"Aren't you still at home?" Gu Zhou asked, clearly seeing the worry in Qiao Nian's eyes.

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, she was stunned. For a moment, she didn't know how to answer.

Before she could speak, she heard Gu Zhou say, "And you'll always be by my side, won't you?"

Qiao Nian's heart was beating faster and faster, as if it was about to break free from her chest. She didn't understand what was wrong with Gu Zhou today. Why would he say such a thing?

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian's stunned expression and frowned slightly. His eyes were cold as he said, "Not only are you my wife, but you're also my private doctor!"

So she had misunderstood.

Qiao Nian heaved a sigh of relief. Seeing Gu Zhou straighten his back and move his butt to the side, she stood up and looked up at Gu Zhou, explaining, "I go out sometimes too. Let Chen Qing stay by your side."

"Hm."

Qiao Nian continued, "It's getting late. I'm going to tell Little Qi a fairy tale. I have to go out tonight. Remember to ask Chen Qing to accompany you."

Gu Zhou's eyes darkened as he responded casually.

He didn't ask Qiao Nian where she was going. Instead, he sat on the sofa and watched as Qiao Nian left the study.

His eyes narrowed slightly, his gaze becoming more and more dazed.

Qiao Nian had just left the study when Chen Qing walked in.