

Chapter 421 Forgiveness, Marriage

After receiving Xiao Lingyu's words, Gong Tianhao would report to the Xiao family every day. No matter how hard Father and Mother Xiao tried to make things difficult for him, he would apologize profusely.

However, no matter his excuses, it was a fact that he had caused harm to Xiao Lingyu.

Gong Tianhao said in a very serious and sincere manner, "Uncle, Auntie, I know I was wrong. I have hurt Yu 'Er. I apologize to all of you.

"However, I will definitely treat Yu 'Er even better in the future. I will not let her suffer any grievances. Please forgive me this time."

Mother Xiao and Father Xiao were silent for a moment before they looked at Gong Tianhao seriously.

Mother Xiao sighed and said, "Forget it. It's not entirely your fault for concealing the child's identity. Yu 'Er is also responsible. She hid the truth from us too."

Father Xiao nodded and said, "Both you and Yu 'Er know about the child's identity, but neither of you told us anything. You two are worrying. Why did you hide this from us?"

"We might be angry if you told us about it, but how long will that last? On the contrary, we'd be happy about it. At least we won't worry about the child being illegitimate. In fact, he has a father, and his father is always by his side."

Gong Tianhao said, "I was afraid that Yu 'Er would misunderstand I was only after her because of the child."

Mother Xiao said sharply, "But in the end, didn't that happen as well? It fooled all of us and even made us scold her for it. Now, I finally understand why Yu 'Er carried that secret." At this point, Mother Xiao paused for a moment and said earnestly, "Tianhao, in relationships, both parties must be sincere, honest, and trusting. This will reduce all kinds of misunderstandings.

"If you marry Yu 'Er in the future, I hope that you will be sincere to my Yu 'Er and trust each other. Tianhao, can you promise me something?" When she asked this question, Mother Xiao's expression was serious.

Gong Tianhao nodded his head seriously and said, "Yes, Auntie, please say it!"

Mother Xiao said, "Tianhao, I'm saying that if, if you lose your feelings for Yu 'Er in the future, I hope that you can tell her. Also, I'm asking you to try not to hurt Yu 'Er, okay? "Auntie knows how powerful you are. If you really want to hurt Yu 'Er, there's nothing we can do. But I will do my best to protect my daughter. Right now, Auntie is requesting you as a mother. Can you do that for me?"

Gong Tianhao listened to Mother Xiao with a serious and solemn expression. He said very seriously, "Uncle, Auntie, I will not betray this relationship, and I will never hurt Yu 'Er. Please believe me."

Father Xiao and Mother Xiao looked at each other and fell silent for a moment.

Father Xiao patted Tianhao's shoulder and said, "Tianhao, Uncle and Auntie believe you. But I hope you can understand our concern for our children as parents."

Father Xiao paused and said, "Yu 'Er has always been stubborn since she was young. She has good ideas and is sensible. She rarely worries us.

"The only time that she worried us was when she got into a relationship when she was 15. Even though we tried to stop her, she fell stubbornly in love with that kid from the Chen Family.

"This relationship lasted for ten years. However, ten years later, she was betrayed and framed. As her parents, our hearts really ached for her.

"Now that Yu 'Er has opened her heart and accepted your feelings, it means that she really likes you. That's why uncle and Auntie hope that you won't hurt her in the future."

Even when one lived to 100 years old, they would worry about their children until they were 99.

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "Uncle, I promise that I won't hurt Yu 'Er. I will definitely protect Yu 'Er and the child. I won't let anyone hurt them either."

Father Xiao and Mother Xiao nodded.

Father Xiao said, "I hope you will keep your promise. Go in and take a look at Yu 'Er. She is so anxious in the courtyard. She's so worried that her mother and I will eat you up."

In the courtyard, Xiao Lingyu knew that Gong Tianhao had visited again. She forgot the number of times Gong Tianhao had been rejected outside the door. She thought it would be the same this time.

She wanted to go out and plead for Gong Tianhao.

After all, she was responsible for hiding the child's father's identity too. Her parents couldn't completely blame Gong Tianhao.

As for the identity of the richest man in the country, Gong Tianhao really didn't know how to say it. He couldn't just randomly drop that fact. No one would have believed him. Furthermore, if he revealed his identity before he won her over, there might be some additional blockages. Therefore, it was understandable that he didn't say anything.

Xiao Lingyu couldn't sit still in the courtyard any longer. She stood up and was about to walk towards the door.

"Yu 'Er, your father and mother know what's best for you. Don't worry." She had just stood up when Grandma Xiao stopped her. She tried to persuade her, "If you go over now, you might add fuel to the fire. Your father and mother might make things even more difficult for Tianhao."

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment before sitting down again.

However, her eyes were fixed on the entrance of the courtyard.

After an unknown amount of time, her father, mother, and Gong Tianhao entered the courtyard.

When she saw Gong Tianhao enter the courtyard, Xiao Lingyu's eyes lit up. There was an indescribable joy in her eyes. Did this mean her parents have forgiven Gong Tianhao? "Tianhao." Xiao Lingyu immediately stood up and walked toward Gong Tianhao. She held his hand and asked, "Tianhao, did your parents make things difficult for you?"

Father and Mother Xiao, "... " Does this child still have us in her eyes? To think she'd ask that question when we're still around! She chose her boyfriend over us.

Father and Mother Xiao felt a little uncomfortable in their hearts. They suddenly missed their daughter, who was neither cold nor warm towards Gong Tianhao. Mother Xiao immediately said loudly, "Xiao Lingyu, what do you think the kind of person we are?"

Gong Tianhao saw that Mother Xiao was about to flare up, so he immediately grabbed Xiao Lingyu's hand and said, "Yu 'Er, no, no. Uncle and Auntie definitely didn't make things difficult for me. Otherwise, they wouldn't have let me in."

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Oh, that's good."

Then, she turned to her parents and said, "Father, mother, I have also hidden the child's matter. I am also responsible. You can't blame Tianhao for everything."

Father Xiao and Mother Xiao, "... "

The rest of the Xiao family, "... "

Things changed so fast!

Mother Xiao said with disdain, "That's enough. You're pregnant. Hurry up and sit down." Xiao Lingyu, "... " It sounds like I've accidentally stepped on Mom's toes. This is not good.

At this moment, Mother Xiao said, "Yu 'Er, the Doctor said that your stomach is too big and you have to go on a diet. So in the future, I will cook less meat for you."

As expected, revenge came.

Ever since she was pregnant, Xiao Lingyu gained a preference for meat.

At first, it was still okay. After all, the child was still young, so Mother Xiao could only satisfy Xiao Lingyu's appetite. But as her stomach grew bigger, she began to worry.

This stomach was too big, and it won't be easy to give birth.

Thus, she started to control Xiao Lingyu's diet, but she would still cook her daughter's favorite meat. Now that her daughter had turned against her, Mother Xiao naturally wanted to teach her a lesson.

Gong Tianhao pulled Xiao Lingyu to sit down. He glanced at Father, Mother Xiao and Grandmother Xiao and said with a very serious expression, "Auntie, I want to marry Yu 'Er. I will definitely not let Yu 'Er down. I will love and Dote on her for the rest of my life. I will not let anyone, even myself, hurt her."

The Xiao family had been discussing their marriage two days ago.

Previously, Father Xiao thought that since the Gong family had not come forward to propose the marriage, it would not be convenient for them to bring it up. In fact, they were even a little worried.

Chapter 422 Sky-high Gift

Gong Tianhao's proposal was within their expectations and also without. They had just let Gong Tianhao back into the house, and he immediately proposed.

At this point, Father Xiao and Mother Xiao also hoped that the two would get married. At least, it should happen before the child was born so that he wouldn't be called illegitimate.

However, giving their daughter away just like that didn't feel good to them. They had raised their daughter for more than twenty years. Marrying her off felt both happy and sad. They were happy that their daughter had found a man who truly loved her. However, they were sad that their daughter was going to leave them.

Father Xiao did not immediately agree to Gong Tianhao's request. Instead, he looked at Xiao Lingyu and asked, "Yu 'Er, what do you think?"

Xiao Lingyu blushed and said in embarrassment, "Dad, you can make the decision."

Since she was in love with Gong Tianhao, she naturally did not reject marrying him.

Besides, she also wanted Xiao Tong to have a father who loved him and protected him.

In her previous life, she owed him too much. In this life, she wanted to give him the most perfect and happiest life.

With the love of a father, a mother, grandparents, and the two families, he would definitely lead a very happy life this time. Thinking of this, Xiao Lingyu could not help but rub her belly and thought, 'Xiao Tong, you also want your parents to be together, right? Don't worry. Your father will definitely care about you.

'In my previous life, because of Mommy, you've suffered too much. In this life, Mommy will definitely not make the same mistake again. I will definitely love you. Your father will be there too. He is very handsome and will protect you.'

Everyone noticed Xiao Lingyu's action of rubbing her belly.

Father Xiao wanted to say something, but in the end, he said, "Okay! I'll leave my daughter to you. I hope that you can love her, protect her, and not hurt her."

"Yes, I'll definitely love her, protect her, and won't hurt her. Uncle and Auntie, don't worry."

These past two days, Old Master Gong even walked with the wind in his step.

Yesterday, Old Master Gong brought Gong Tianhao to the Xiao family to propose marriage. Before they went, Old Master Gong and Gong Tianhao had discussed which items to use as betrothal gifts.

“Zhengyang, Qiuying, these are the betrothal gifts we gave you. Take a look.” Grandfather Gong handed a gift list to Mother Xiao and Father Xiao.

Knowing that the Gong family was going to propose the marriage that day, the Xiao family rushed back no matter how busy they were.

As soon as Father Xiao and Mother Xiao opened the gift list, they were shocked. The list was so long that they couldn't even hold it.

There were six villas in the capital city, two Siheyuan, company shares, stock funds, and so on. Even if Father Xiao didn't understand stocks, just the six villas in the capital were estimated to be more than ten million.

Their understanding was limited because they had never left the mountain village.

However, Xiao Lingyu, who had worked in City Z before and was an elite worker in her previous life, was shocked by the list of betrothal gifts. The villas were located in the Golden District, so the price was naturally high. Based on her understanding of the real estate in the capital, it was at least 200 million per villa. On top of that, the Siheyuan cost more than one billion each.

But the most pricey item was the company share.

Gong Tianhao was the richest person in the country. Furthermore, he controlled all of the shares and took up 85% of the company's shares.

For a company as big as his, the annual dividends would be tens of billions.

Now, Gong Tianhao had transferred 45% of the shares to Xiao Lingyu, leaving him with only 40 percent. This meant that Xiao Lingyu was now the largest shareholder.

Previously, Gong Tianhao had said that he would transfer everything he had to Xiao Lingyu, but Xiao Lingyu had rejected him.

Now, Gong Tianhao had given more than half of what he had to her as a betrothal gift.

Xiao Lingyu was very moved.

Although money and wealth were not the only ways to express love, they were of value too. A man could talk until the cows come home but if he didn't commit to any action, it was pointless. What was the point of marrying such a man?

The Xiao family members saw Xiao Lingyu holding the list of betrothal gifts. Her eyes were red.

Mother Xiao asked curiously, “Yu ‘Er, what’s wrong? Is there a problem with the betrothal gift?” Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, “There’s no problem. It’s just that the value of these betrothal gifts has exceeded a hundred billion!”

“Ah!”

“Bang!”

When the Xiao family members heard this, they were extremely shocked.

The cups, chopsticks, and other things in their hands fell to the ground one by one.

Their eyes were wide open, and their mouths were wide open.

“100 billion?!”

In their impression, a million was already a lot of money.

Hearing the number 100 billion was like a dream.

“Yu ‘Er, you said that this betrothal gift is worth more than 100 billion?” Third Uncle Xiao asked again in disbelief.

The others also looked at Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu nodded, “The six villas are worth at least 100 billion. The two Siheyuans are two to three billion. The stock funds and the other real estates are around 30 to 40 billion. The 45 percent share of Imperial Group is about 10 billion, and that is just the annual dividend...”

The Xiao family members were completely stunned.

They were unable to regain their senses for a long time.

They were farmers who had to work every day. They had to worry about their livelihood all year round, and their annual income was only a few thousand to tens of thousands of dollars.

After Xiao Lingyu returned to the farm, they began to come into contact with large amounts of money, a few hundred thousand, a few million.

Now, they surpassed ten million and a hundred million and directly went up to billions! They could barely finish this money in their lifetime. This was so much money!

The Xiao family sighed in their hearts.

However, after they recovered from their shock, Father Xiao took the betrothal gift list from Xiao Lingyu and handed it back to Old Master Gong, “Sir, we are marrying our daughter and not selling her. We understand your intention, but this is too heavy. We can’t accept it.”

Old Master Gong was astonished that the Xiao family was able to reject a hundred billion in wealth.

A hundred billion was such a huge temptation.

The Xiao family was only shocked for a moment before rejecting this temptation. Old Master Gong nodded his head in satisfaction. He wasn’t wrong about the Xiao family. Old Master Gong said with a smile, “Zhengyang, Qiuying, Yu ‘Er is a priceless treasure in both my heart and my brat’s heart. “If Yu ‘Er is willing, I will give the entire Gong Family to her, much less a few hundred billion.”

As soon as Old Master Gong finished speaking, the Xiao family members’ expressions were filled with disbelief. They were also moved.

The Gong family really valued Yu ‘Er, which was why they felt that she was a priceless treasure.

Father Xiao took a deep breath and said solemnly, "Sir, Yu 'Er is a treasure in our hearts too. I'm touched that you think the same way.

"With your heart and love, I believe that my Yu 'Er will not suffer any grievances when she marries over. That is worth more than even the most expensive betrothal gift."

After saying this, Papa Xiao pushed the betrothal gift list back and said very seriously, "We absolutely cannot accept this. Sir, please take it back."

Old Master Gong said somewhat unhappily, "But who marries their daughter without a betrothal gift? It's not right."

Betrothal gift was an important culture in Chinese weddings. Sometimes, it was an object of comparison. The greater the betrothal gift, the prouder the bride's family would be. Therefore, for the sake of face, the bride's family would ask for a very expensive betrothal gift.

Father Xiao shook his head and said, "Sir, it's not that we don't want the betrothal gift, but we can't take this heavy betrothal gift."

Old Master Gong instantly understood.

Chapter 423 The Villagers' Discussion

Old Master Gong came to his senses and asked, "How much is the betrothal gift around the village?"

Father Xiao replied, "Normally, in our village, the betrothal gift would be around 36,000. Then, the bride's family will send some dowries over."

"36... 36,000!" Old Master Gong didn't expect the betrothal gift at the village to be so low. 36,000? What could even someone buy with such a small amount of money? It wasn't even enough to buy a sofa, let alone anything else. Gong Tianhao frowned and said disapprovingly, "Uncle, 36,000 is too low. How about 36 million?!"

The Xiao family was shocked when they heard 36 million. That was ridiculously high. A villager couldn't earn 36 million even if he worked tirelessly for multiple lifetimes. Father Xiao shook his head and said, "36 million is too high."

Gong Tianhao thought for a moment and said, "Then 3,600,000 RMB."

Father Xiao was about to reject it when Gong Tianhao immediately said, "Uncle, don't reject it yet. Listen to me."

Father Xiao and the rest nodded.

"Uncle, Auntie, I know that you all love Yu 'Er and will feel awkward taking a high betrothal gift, for it'd feel like you've sold her off. However, that is not the case. On the contrary, I think that the higher the betrothal gift, the more respect I'd show to the Xiao Family.

"Everyone in the village knows that Gong Family is rich. They'll be curious about the betrothal gift.

“If it is only 36,000, many villagers will think that the Gong Family is not sincere enough. We don’t value Yu ‘Er and her family. They might even say that Yu ‘Er is forced to marry me, and that’s why the betrothal gift is so little. Think about it.”

When the Xiao family heard this, they thought for a moment and realized that Gong Tianhao was right.

“But still... 3.6 million is still too high.” Father Xiao said, “That is much higher than the betrothal gift we’ve seen in our village before.”

When Gong Tianhao heard this, he said helplessly, “Uncle, how about this? Let’s treat this 3.6 million as capital for Yu ‘Er to expand her business.”

He had never expected the Xiao family to be so uninterested in money.

Every bride’s family wanted to suck the groom’s family dry, but the Xiao Family had rejected him repeatedly.

Now, he understood why the Xiao family was so united and loving.

Because they were not greedy people and only had family ties in their hearts.

After settling the marriage with the Xiao family and deciding on the date, Old Master Gong was in high spirits. He greeted the villagers when he saw them, “Aiya, fellow villagers, you have to come to my grandson and Yu ‘Er’s wedding banquet.”

The villagers replied, “Alright, Old Master, we will definitely be there.”

Then, the villagers turned around and started discussing. “I didn’t expect Young Master Gong to marry Xiao Lingyu so quickly.”

“Yeah, who would have thought that Xiao Lingyu’s child would be Young Master Gong’s. This is really too surprising. In the past, we always thought that Xiao Lingyu’s child was a bastard child.”

“But we heard that the child was Young Master Gong’s from the Gong and Xiao Families. It might not be the truth. Perhaps this is their way to give the child a status.”

“That’s possible. Young Master Gong might like Xiao Lingyu that much to take the bastard child as his own.”

“In any case, Xiao Lingyu is really lucky. After that incident with the Chen Kid, she managed to find a better man, someone who doesn’t even mind her past.”

“By the way, why did the marriage arrive so suddenly? Wasn’t Young Master Gong still pursuing Xiao Lingyu not too long ago?”

“Who knows? In the past few days, we have seen Xiao Lingyu and Young Master Gong holding hands. It’s obvious that they are dating. They weren’t even hiding it!”

“Why should they hide? They’re in a relationship. You’re too outdated.”

“Nowadays, it’s very normal for young people to fall in and out of a relationship. In fact, I heard that some of them started to live together before marriage. Plus, haven’t you seen the rising cases of unmarried pregnancies in the villages around us?”

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“That’s right. The time is changing. Back in the day, my husband and I got married through a matchmaker’s introduction. There was an exchange of betrothal gifts and dowry. There was no time for us to fall in love.” An elderly woman said, “But now, people focus on love before getting married. They have to understand each other first. They’ll get married if they can get along. If not, they’ll be separated. Tsk tsk, young people nowadays treat love as child’s play.”

“That’s the times we live in. As parents, we also hope that our children will be happy. Plus, this is not so bad. At least the couple can get to know each other before marriage. If not, the marriage life won’t be happy too.”

“However, being in a relationship doesn’t mean that you’d really know the other. Take Xiao Lingyu, for example. She dated that Kid from the Chen Village for ten years. In the end, she was betrayed by him just like that.”

“But Xiao Lingyu is really capable. Once she kicked the Chen kid away, many capable men became interested in her. This girl is really something else.”

“I’m smelling some sour grapes. You should give birth to a beautiful daughter. Then, those men would come too.”

“My daughter is not too bad. She’s just not as lucky as Xiao Lingyu.”

“You really have the nerve to say that. Xiao Lingyu isn’t only beautiful, but she’s also the first university student in our village. She’s someone who has worked for a big company in a big city.

“As for your daughter, she didn’t graduate from Primary School and is working in a factory now. How can your daughter compare to her?”

The villager, “...” Even if that was the truth, there was no need for you to voice it aloud. “By the way, are we supposed to follow the village’s culture for their wedding?” Someone asked. Everyone took this seriously because it was something that involved the whole village.

“Will there be a single banquet, or will the two families hold separate banquets?” Someone asked.

“The two families are so close. I think they’ll only have one banquet.”

“Ah, that’s a little worrisome,” A villager said with some distress, “If they are organized separately, we definitely have to follow the culture of the Xiao family.

“The Gong family had just arrived at the village not too long ago. They had never participated in our village’s banquets. They haven’t participated in our culture.”

“However, Old Master Gong and his grandson have done so much for our village. I think we should still follow the village’s culture when it comes to their wedding banquet.” A villager said.

“That’s easy for you to say. During a wedding banquet, the guest will give 30 RMB as a present according to the village culture. 30 RMB is already our daily wages. In the past, the Gong family didn’t follow this culture, so why should I?”

“Why shouldn’t you? You didn’t even invite them when your family had the banquet. I say, why are you being so calculative? You’ve taken a lot of benefits from the Gong Family too. How can you be so stingy now?”

“Also, don’t forget that now that Young Master Gong and Xiao Lingyu are married, they will be a family in the future. The Gong Family might not have followed the culture, but what about the Xiao Family? Plus, can you deny the benefits you’ve taken from the Xiao Family? Aren’t you afraid of the Xiao Family finding out, and they won’t hire you for work anymore?”

The villager immediately shivered. She nodded and said, “Oh, I almost forgot about that.”

The villagers all understood Xiao Lingyu’s temperament.

She absolutely did not like people who took advantage of her and spoke ill of her.

She was not afraid of offending people either.

The villagers were all discussing the happy news of the two families.

But most of all, the villagers were skeptical about whether the child Xiao Lingyu was carrying was really Gong Tianhao. But what if they were skeptical?

Both the Xiao and Gong families had already said that Gong Tianhao was the biological father of the child.

Even if that was not true, as long as he was willing, what else could the others say?

Chapter 424 Buying Information at a High Price

After Qin Yan came out of the Qin family home, she drove to an old neighborhood.

Qin Yan wore sunglasses and came to the private detective agency.

She looked around, then knocked on the door. After the door opened, she quickly walked in.

When she saw the disheveled Leng Feiyang, a look of disdain flashed across her eyes. She walked over and was about to sit down when she saw that the chair was already covered in white dust. She said with a rather disgusted expression, “I say, great detective, how long has it been since you cleaned this place? Look at this room. The chairs, tables, and bookshelves are filled with dust and trash.”

Leng Feiyang spread out his hands and said in a slightly sarcastic tone, “Miss Qin, since you think this place is dirty, you don’t have to come here. I didn’t beg you to come here.”

Qin Yan said angrily, “Do you think I want to come here?”

Leng Feiyang said with an even more mocking expression, "Tsk tsk, I really want your fans to see your ugly face. I don't know how they will react. Will they think that you are still a beautiful angel?" Qin Yan's face turned green and red after hearing this. At the same time, she was embarrassed and angry.

She pointed at Leng Feiyang and wanted to say something, but in the end, she held back her anger.

She took a deep breath and coldly asked, "Speak. You've been gone for so long. Have you found anything useful?"

After saying this, she paused for a moment and shot a sharp gaze at Leng Feiyang as she ruthlessly said, "Leng Feiyang, I'm warning you. I've offered a million. If you fail, you know the consequence. You can't blame me then."

Leng Feiyang shrugged his shoulders and indifferently sneered, "Haha, others may not know your true face, but how can I not? After all, during those years when you went abroad..." "Shut up!" Qin Yan shouted angrily, "Leng Feiyang, I'm warning you again. If you dare to reveal any of that information, I'll make you disappear from the capital!"

"I'm so scared!" Leng Feiyang crossed his arms and acted like he was very afraid. However, there was no trace of fear on his face.

Then, Leng Feiyang put down his hand and said in a cold and serious voice, "Miss Qin, we shan't interfere in each other's business. Then, I have no reason to cut into Miss Qin's business. Although I'm not as powerful as Miss Qin, in my line of work, I definitely have some life-saving means."

Qin Yan believed this.

Otherwise, Leng Feiyang would have long been dismembered into thousands of pieces a long time ago.

Qin Yan took a deep breath and said, "Alright, Leng Feiyang, you must remember what you said."

Then, she stretched out her hand and said coldly, "Give me."

She meant the results of the investigation.

Unexpectedly, Leng Feiyang curled his lips and said, "There's no rush."

Qin Yan frowned slightly. "What do you mean?"

Leng Feiyang smiled lightly. "I've found a very interesting piece of information this time. I think Miss Qin will definitely be very interested."

Qin Yan's expression was slightly puzzled. "What information?"

"Gong Tianhao!" Leng Feiyang spat out.

Qin Yan's pupils constricted, and she was in a daze.

Leng Feiyang continued, "According to our deal, you only asked me to investigate the matter regarding Jiang Tao. In the end, I accidentally found out things about Gong Tianhao. Therefore, Miss Qin, I'm afraid you'll have to pay an additional investigation commission... Unless you're not interested in Gong Tianhao's information."

Others might not know Qin Yan's interest in Gong Tianhao, but how could he not?

Qin Yan's fair and pretty face changed slightly. She didn't expect this to happen.

Of course, she wanted to know everything about Gong Tianhao.

A bright light flashed in Qin Yan's beautiful eyes.

She asked coldly, "How much do you want?"

Leng Feiyang held a photo in his hand. It was a couple. One of them was Gong Tianhao. As for the woman, she was blocked off by Leng Feiyang's fingers.

Leng Feiyang put on a professional smile, but it also seemed to be a sarcastic smile. He said, "How much do you think this is worth?" At this point, he paused and deliberately revealed some information, "Oh, right, his relationship with this woman is not ordinary. And this woman is not only related to Gong Tianhao. She is also related to your fiancé, Jiang Tao.

"So, as long as Miss Qin offers a price that I am satisfied with, I will sell all of this information to you. Otherwise, I'm sure that there are other young ladies in the capital who are very willing to buy it."

"Two million!" Qin Yan said.

Leng Feiyang sat on the chair, spun around, and shook his head. He was obviously not satisfied with this price.

"Two million and five hundred thousand!"

Leng Feiyang did not make any noise.

"Three million!" Qin Yan said, and then she said a little angrily, "Leng Feiyang, I've paid you one million in advance, and now I've added three million. That's all the money I have."

Leng Feiyang looked at Qin Yan with a faint smile, and then he said lightly, "It seems that Miss Qin doesn't care about this information. In that case, I will sell this info to the Li..." It was well-known that the youngest daughter of the Li family liked Gong Tianhao.

"Five million!" Qin Yan gritted her teeth and said, "Leng Feiyang, I can only offer this much. Six million is all the money I can afford."

This money was all the pocket money she had saved up since she was young.

She didn't have a job or a company. Other than the monthly pocket money from her family, she didn't have any income at all.

As for the petting zoos and pet hospitals under her name, those were just reputation-building devices used by her family to build her name. She couldn't access their accounts.

Leng Feiyang thought for a moment, then curled his lips and said, "Since Miss Qin is so sincere, then this deal is done."

Then, he pushed a file over. Just when Qin Yan was about to take it, Leng Feiyang pressed down on it. He smiled, "Miss Qin, you haven't paid yet."

Qin Yan gritted her teeth and said, "Don't worry, I'll definitely give you the money. Let me see this first."

Leng Feiyang insisted, "No. You can see this when I have the money. What if you go back on your words and refuse to give me the money?"

Qin Yan was so angry that she wanted to curse. She raised her voice and said, "Leng Feiyang, we've worked together so many times. When have I ever cheated you before?"

Leng Feiyang said, "That was then, and this is now! Five million is a huge sum of money. Who knows if you'll cheat me or not."

"You!" Qin Yan was so angry that her face turned dark. Then, she held her bag and said angrily, "Alright, just you wait!"

After saying that, she was about to walk out. However, when she was walking out, she glanced at the document bag and then warned sternly, "Leng Feiyang, I'll be back soon. During this period, you won't be selling this info. Otherwise, you're going to pay. I don't care what kind of lifeline you might have."

Leng Feiyang ignored her warning and nodded, "Don't worry. I am a professional. Since I've promised you this info, I'll reserve them for you."

After Qin Yan received Leng Feiyang's guarantee, she left in a huff.

Gong Tianhao and Xiao Lingyu went out on a date again.

This time, they could do it openly.

They went to the river and sat down.

"Yu 'Er, we are about to get married. Then, we'll form a real family of three."

Xiao Lingyu leaned against his chest and nodded, "Yes, we will be a family. Our family will definitely be happy in the future."

"Yes, we will."

"Gong Tianhao, Xiao Lingyu, you guys..." An angry voice called out to them.

Chapter 425 Jiang Tao's Anger

After Jiang Tao dealt with the matters in the capital city, he flew back to City Z overnight. He wanted to see the person in his heart as soon as possible. Once he got off the plane, he drove impatiently to Xing Yin County. He didn't even stop at his workplace and rushed towards Taoyuan Village.

He was engaged to Qin Yan so that Old Master Jiang would be satisfied and he wouldn't notice Xiao Lingyu. Xiao Lingyu was the first woman he had fallen in love with. Even if he had chosen another woman, he still could not let go of Xiao Lingyu.

He had not seen Xiao Lingyu for two months and 12 days.

Is she well? How was her appetite during her pregnancy? All sorts of questions were on his mind.

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He wondered if there was anyone who came to trouble her during this period.

Probably not. His brother had promised him that he would secretly protect her so that Old Master Jiang and the others wouldn't find her. He had trust in Gong Tianhao. His promise was worth a lot.

However, this meant that Jiang Tao lost the right to pursue her any longer. He could only protect her as a friend.

Jiang Tao returned to the Taoyuan Village in a nervous and excited mood.

Just as he was about to enter the village, he saw two shadows by the river.

Looking at their backs, Jiang Tao felt that they looked extremely familiar.

He only had a few people he was familiar with at Taoyuan Village. Xiao Lingyu, Gong Tianhao and Old Master Gong...

These two...

He saw their intimacy, and Jiang Tao didn't dare to hazard a guess. However, he still stopped the car and got out, wanting to confirm it.

However, just as he got closer, a familiar voice drifted into his ears.

"Yu 'Er, we are about to get married. Then, we'll form a real family of three."

"Yes, we will be a family. Our family will definitely be happy in the future."

His heart jolted, and his face was filled with disbelief.

The two were indeed his good brother, Gong Tianhao, and the woman he liked, Xiao Lingyu.

His good brother was a couple with the woman he liked.

Jiang Tao felt a rush of blood rushing to his head, and his face was livid and angry. He felt betrayed and lied to. His hands were clenched into fists. The veins bulged, and they felt like they were about to explode.

Then, he took a deep breath and suddenly shouted angrily, "Gong Tianhao, Xiao Lingyu, what are you doing here?"

The two, who were originally thick as honey, were shocked when they heard the shout.

The two of them looked at each other and then turned their heads to look back at the same time.

When they saw the person who suddenly appeared, Gong Tianhao and Xiao Lingyu's expressions were different.

Gong Tianhao's expression was a little embarrassed and ashamed. After all, he was asked by Jiang Tao to help take care of Xiao Lingyu. In the end, he took Xiao Lingyu as his wife.

As for Xiao Lingyu, when she saw Jiang Tao, she was stunned at first, then she revealed a happy expression.

She smiled and called out, "Brother Jiang, you're here."

Gong Tianhao called out awkwardly, "Tao Zi." He did not know how to explain the rest.

The matter between him and Xiao Lingyu was not something that could be explained in a short period of time.

Gong Tianhao helped Xiao Lingyu stand up from the ground and patted the soil on her body. Doing these things was the most normal thing for Gong Tianhao, but for Jiang Tao, it was especially eye-piercing. It even stung his eyes. He then looked at Xiao Lingyu, who stood up in a light-colored maternity dress.

He noticed that she was even more beautiful than two months ago.

Her fair and translucent skin and facial features had become more exquisite and prominent. The only change was that her face was more rounded, and her figure looked rounder due to her pregnancy. However, this did not affect her beauty.

She was glowing:

Jiang Tao then thought, 'She deserves a better man than me. Tianhao is better than me...'

However...

When he saw them together, he felt an unusual pain in his heart.

Gong Tianhao's eyes darkened when he saw Jiang Tao staring at Xiao Lingyu.

If it were any other man, he would have gouged out his eyes.

However, the other party was Jiang Tao, his good brother. Gong Tianhao knew he liked Xiao Lingyu very much.

Gong Tianhao was the one who snatched Xiao Lingyu from his good brother. He should feel guilty, but...

Gong Tianhao moved to block Jiang Tao's line of sight and coughed twice. "Cough cough, Tao Zi, why are you here?"

Jiang Tao finally turned his eyes away and met Gong Tianhao's gaze. He grabbed Gong Tianhao's collar, and his eyes were filled with fury as he gritted his teeth and questioned, "Why shouldn't I be here? Gong Tianhao, you are really something else. You knew that I..." I like Xiao Lingyu.

However, he was unable to say these words now.

Xiao Lingyu might not know it, but Gong Tianhao definitely did. Jiang Tao already had a fiancée. He had no right to say that he liked Xiao Lingyu.

Gong Tianhao knew what Jiang Tao wanted to say. His eyes were filled with guilt as he said, "I'm sorry, Tao Zi. I..."

"I don't want to listen to your apologies now!" Jiang Tao shouted angrily. "I asked you to help me take care of Xiao Lingyu. You sure did take care of her! How... can you do this to me?"

After saying that, he couldn't help but raise his fist and sweep it across Gong Tianhao's face.

Blood instantly seeped out from the corner of Gong Tianhao's mouth.

"Ah!" When Xiao Lingyu saw that Gong Tianhao was beaten, she was shocked.

Xiao Lingyu immediately ran in front of Gong Tianhao and asked with concern, "Tianhao, are you alright?"

Jiang Tao's angry eyes darkened, and he suddenly said, "Lingyu, he will be fine. Don't worry."

Gong Tianhao felt Xiao Lingyu's concern and his heart warmed. He comforted Xiao Lingyu, "Yu 'Er, I, I am fine. Tao Zi and I have been fighting since we were young. We know our limits. Let Tao Zi vent now."

Xiao Lingyu turned around and stood in front of Gong Tianhao. She looked at Jiang Tao seriously and said, "Brother Jiang, if you want to blame someone, blame me. I... I don't like you. But, Tianhao and I are in love."

There were some things that Xiao Lingyu had to clarify.

In the past, she had rejected Jiang Tao, but at that time, she used the child as an excuse. Jiang Tao responded with silence. She thought that he had been scared away. At that time, she felt a little sad.

Later, Jiang Tao explained that he did not mind her condition, but she still couldn't accept him. Because she really did not like Jiang Tao.

Fate was such a strange thing.

Some people fell in love at first sight. But others wouldn't have a spark even if they spent 100000 years together. When Jiang Tao heard Xiao Lingyu's straightforward words, he took a few steps back in shock. His eyes revealed a look of disbelief and understanding, disappointment mixed with pain.

He opened his mouth and asked, "Yu 'Er, you don't like me that way. Not even a little?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "I'm sorry, Brother Jiang."

Jiang Tao did not give up and said, "But I don't mind the child in your stomach at all. If you... I can treat him as my own child."

Gong Tianhao wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth with his hand, and then his face turned black.

Gong Tianhao stood in front of Jiang Tao and told him the cruel truth, "Tao Zi, she doesn't need you to do that. Because the child in her stomach is mine."

When Jiang Tao heard Gong Tianhao's words, his pupils contracted violently, and he was shocked.

He pointed at Xiao Lingyu's stomach in disbelief and asked, "Hao, you... What did you say? You said that the child in Yu 'Er's stomach is yours?"

Gong Tianhao did not hide anything and nodded. "That's right. This child is mine. It's my biological child."

Jiang Tao widened his eyes and asked in disbelief, "Gong Tianhao, what's going on? How did the child in Lingyu's stomach become yours? I clearly remember Lingyu saying..." That the child had an unknown brother.

If he hadn't seen Gong Tianhao's serious expression, he would have thought that his good brother was joking with him.

Gong Tianhao said seriously, "Tao Zi, it's a long story. Let's talk about it when we get home."

He saw the exhaustion on Jiang Tao's face.

Chapter 426 Annul

Jiang Tao and Gong Tianhao returned to the Gong family, while Xiao Lingyu returned to the Xiao family.

When they arrived at the Gong family, Grandfather Gong was really happy to see Jiang Tao.

"Little Peach, you're here," Grandfather Gong said with a smile. "It's good that you're here. Hao 'Er is getting married. The banquet will be held in a few days, so you must attend it." Jiang Tao, "..."

Gong Tianhao, "..."

Grandfather, these words of yours are like thousands of arrows piercing the heart. Do you know Little Peach like your granddaughter-in-law?

After Jiang Tao heard Grandfather Gong's words, he forced out a smile and said, "Is that SO?"

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Grandfather Gong narrowed his eyes and felt that something was wrong with Jiang Tao. He then asked with some doubt, "Little Peach, are you not feeling well?"

Jiang Tao, "..."

Gong Tianhao, "..."

Jiang Tao shook his head and said, "Grandfather, I'm not feeling unwell. Perhaps I'm a little tired from the long journey."

That was a lie. The thing that tired him was realizing the woman he liked ended up with his good brother. And the woman made it very clear that she didn't like him. However, he also knew from the start that she never did like him. This made him feel very complicated.

Old Master Gong looked at Jiang Tao's appearance and started to wonder. He still felt that there was something on Little Peach's mind.

Old Master Gong's peripheral vision slowly swept over to Gong Tianhao's side. However, he suddenly noticed that half of his face seemed to be a little swollen, and there were traces of blood in the corner of his mouth.

From the looks of it, he seemed to have been beaten up.

Grandfather Gong asked in puzzlement, "Hao 'Er, what happened to your face? Who hit you? Is it Yu 'Er?" But the girl shouldn't be able to bruise his grandson that easily.

Gong Tianhao wiped the corner of his mouth again, and his gaze swept over Jiang Tao as he said, "It's fine. It wasn't Yu 'Er."

Grandfather Gong looked at Gong Tianhao suspiciously for a moment. Then his gaze swept over Jiang Tao's face again. His expression became even more unnatural.

Old Master Gong narrowed his eyes. 'Hao 'Er and Tao 'Er have something going in. Did they have some kind of conflict? So did Tao 'Er hit Hao 'Er? But why?

Then again, he didn't worry too much. These two had been fighting since they were young. Granted, they didn't lose their temper that often anymore after they grew older. However, it was common for them to spar with their fists.

The friendship between men was actually formed through fighting. The more they fought, the deeper their friendship became. But from the looks of it, it was only his kid who was beaten up.

Regardless, Old Master Gong would not interfere. He ignored the wounds on his grandson's face and turned to Jiang Tao, "Little Peach, I heard that you are engaged to that girl from the Qin family? Congratulations. I was quite worried about your marriage. But now I don't need to worry anymore."

Jiang Tao's expression immediately stiffened. Then, he said with difficulty, "Thank you, grandfather!"

Gong Tianhao didn't want his grandfather to tear into his good brother's wounds, so he said, "Grandfather, Tao Zi and I still have some matters to attend to. We'll leave first."

After saying that, Gong Tianhao took the lead and walked deep into the house. Jiang Tao nodded to Old Master Gong and left as well.

Old Master Gong stared at the backs of the two children, and his expression revealed some doubt.

He waved at Xiao Wang, who immediately stopped watering the flowers. He put down the watering can and walked up to Old Master Gong. "Old Master, what are your orders?" Xiao Wang asked respectfully.

Old Master Gong looked in the direction of the house and asked, "Xiao Wang, do you think Hao 'Er and Tao 'Er are hiding something from me?"

"..." Xiao Wang said speechlessly, "Old Master, I don't know either."

"Wait. Wasn't the brat on a date with Yu 'Er?" Old Master Gong gasped. "Did they fight in front of her?"

Xiao Wang, "..."

Gong Tianhao returned to his room and took out a bottle of red wine from the wine cabinet. He opened it and poured it into a transparent white wine glass.

Once the red liquid was poured into the wine glass, it swirled like a whirlpool. The aroma of the wine gave off a charming aroma.

He took two glasses of red wine and handed one to Jiang Tao. Then, he took a glass and sat on the mahogany chair.

Jiang Tao took the red wine and took a sip. Then, he leaned back on the chair and asked directly, "Hao, what's going on between you and Xiao Lingyu? And why is she pregnant with your child?"

Gong Tianhao didn't hide anything and said, "This matter started more than seven months ago. At that time, I had a business deal to discuss in City Z..."

Xiao Lingyu was drugged and accidentally barged into his room. After he came to Xing Yin County and accidentally encountered her a few times, he was moved. However, he didn't make a move because she was someone his good brother was interested in. He only treated her as a normal friend. Then, he returned to the capital and heard from Jiang Tao that Xiao Lingyu was the woman from back then. Once he found out that the child was his, he immediately rushed back to Taoyuan Village.

Jiang Tao listened to Gong Tianhao's story. He held the red wine and remained silent.

He didn't expect that Gong Tianhao and Xiao Lingyu would be so fated. He assumed Xiao Lingyu's child had an unknown father, but that man was Gong Tianhao all along.

Most importantly, Gong Tianhao and Xiao Lingyu seemed to be in love with each other.

In contrast, Xiao Lingyu didn't like him. Plus, he was already someone else's fiance. Perhaps he and Xiao Lingyu were not fated to be together.

In any case, he did not have the right to love Xiao Lingyu anymore.

Xiao Lingyu deserved happiness and a good man. In a way, he was thankful that the man was his good brother. He would wish them happiness.

Jiang Tao understood Gong Tianhao. Although he was rich and powerful, he was not like other men who were fickle in love. On the contrary, once he fell in love, he would be infatuated and loyal. He was the kind to go all-in for love. Gong Tianhao was with Xiao Lingyu now, so at least he didn't need to worry anymore.

In the future, even if his grandfather found out something, he would not dare to touch Xiao Lingyu.

Jiang Tao sighed lightly and said, "Perhaps all of this is fate. I have no fate with Xiao Lingyu, but you do. The fate between you two is so deep."

Gong Tianhao saw that Jiang Tao had started to put things down. He relaxed and said, "Yes, I didn't expect to have such a deep fate with her either."

Jiang Tao patted his shoulder and said, "Hao, congratulations. You'll have both a beautiful wife and a beautiful child."

Gong Tianhao smiled and said, "Tao Zi, how's your progress with Qin Yan?"

Jiang Tao revealed a sarcastic smile. "Haha. What progress? I don't even like Qin Yan. Getting engaged to her is just grandfather's request and a despicable way for me to seize power."

Gong Tianhao frowned and advised, "Tao Zi, relationships need to be cultivated and tempered. Since you plan to marry Qin Yan, you should cultivate your relationship with her."

Jiang Tao shook his head and said, "Hao, I'll tell you the truth. If it's possible, I'd rather marry an ordinary girl than marry a hypocritical and vain woman like Qin Yan."

Gong Tianhao, "..."

Jiang Tao smiled bitterly and said, "Previously, I got engaged to Qin Yan because I was afraid that grandfather would find out about Xiao Lingyu and hurt Xiao Lingyu. At the same time, I want the power of the Jiang family. At least, when the matter blows up, I can protect Xiao Lingyu and the Xiao Family.

"You know how domineering, stubborn, and ruthless grandfather is. Even if he knows that Xiao Lingyu doesn't like me, as long as Xiao Lingyu's existence affects me, he will definitely get rid of her."

It was why Jiang Tao asked Gong Tianhao to take care of Xiao Lingyu when he decided to get engaged to Qin Yan. He was afraid that his grandfather would make a move to harm Xiao Lingyu. At this point, he looked at Gong Tianhao again and continued, "However, now that Xiao Lingyu is married to you, even if things blow up, grandfather will not be able to do anything."

When Gong Tianhao heard this, he frowned again and stared at Jiang Tao sharply, "What do you mean?"

"I mean, I don't need to force myself to marry Qin Yan anymore." Jiang Tao smiled in relief, "I plan to go back and break off the engagement."

Gong Tianhao's pupils constricted.

Chapter 427 Grandma Xiao, The MatchMaker

Ever since Xiao Lingyu returned to the Xiao family, she had been fidgeting.

She stood up and looked outside the door. Then, she sat back down on the rattan chair again.

Even a slow-witted person could tell that Xiao Lingyu had something on her mind.

Grandma Xiao was tending to some flowers and plants in the courtyard. She asked when she noticed this, "Yu 'Er, is something the matter?"

"No, no!" Xiao Lingyu shook her head and replied.

She was actually worried that Gong Tianhao and Jiang Tao would fight again. Initially, she wanted to go to the Gong family with them. However, Gong Tianhao said that this was a matter between men and that they would settle it themselves. Hence, she returned home first. However, now that she was home, her worry didn't subside.

Grandma Xiao didn't believe her. She asked suspiciously, "You are clearly troubled. Did you quarrel with Tianhao?"

“No, no, we didn’t quarrel.” Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, “I... I have a friend who is supposed to come. He hasn’t shown up despite the time, so I’m worried about him.”

Although she didn’t love Jiang Tao, she really treated Jiang Tao as a friend. She didn’t expect to find herself entangled in this love triangle. From the conversation she heard between Gong Tianhao and Jiang Tao, Jiang Tao asked Gong Tianhao to take care of her before he left. However, when he came back, Jiang Tao saw his good brother be with Xiao Lingyu. Anyone in his place would feel betrayed. Although, technically, this could only be called a sin of omission.

Xiao Lingyu didn’t want the two brothers to fight over her. She wondered how their conversation went. Xiao Lingyu grabbed her thighs.

Grandma Xiao heard Xiao Lingyu’s explanation and nodded. “Yu ‘Er, you have a friend coming?”

“Yes!” Xiao Lingyu replied nonchalantly. “Then where is he?” Grandma Xiao asked, “Should we send someone to pick him up?”

However, Xiao Lingyu’s mind was not on this at all. Grandma Xiao’s words went in from one ear and went out of another.

She replied indifferently, “Yes!”

Grandma Xiao, “...”

What did Yu ‘Er mean by that?

Grandma Xiao waved her hand in front of Xiao Lingyu’s face. That made Xiao Lingyu come back to her senses.

She looked at Grandma Xiao with confusion, “Grandma, what’s wrong?”

Grandma Xiao said with a smile, “You’re asking me what’s wrong? That should be my question to you.”

“Huh? Why?” Xiao Lingyu was confused.

“I said. is your friend far from here? Do we need to send someone to fetch him?” Grandma Xiao repeated.

Xiao Lingyu shook her head. “No... There’s no need.” Then, she glanced at the two figures in front of the door and said with a smile, “He’s already here.”

Then, she stood up and walked toward Jiang Tao and Gong Tianhao. She asked in a somewhat anxious tone, “Are you guys okay?” Then, her eyes swept over them to find any signs of fighting.

Gong Tianhao held Xiao Lingyu’s hand, but it pulled at his wounds. “Yu ‘Er, I’m fine. I’ve explained everything to Tao Zi, and he understood. We won’t fight anymore. Right, Tao Zi?”

Xiao Lingyu looked at Gong Tianhao suspiciously, then looked at Jiang Tao. She said in disbelief, “Really?”

Jiang Tao immediately nodded and said, "Of course it's true." He paused for a moment when he said this. His expression was serious and sincere as he said, "Lingyu, congratulations. You and Hao are about to get married."

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Thank you!" It was perfect that Jiang Tao had thought things through. If these two men turned on each other for a woman and if the news traveled back to Beijing, it would cause a huge tremor. It would push Xiao Lingyu to the center of attention too. However, she didn't want that because it would mean trouble. Jiang Tao said again, "Lingyu, if Gong Tianhao treats you badly in the future, tell me. I'll teach him a lesson on your behalf."

Xiao Lingyu said gratefully, "Yes. Thank you, Brother Jiang."

At this moment, Grandma Xiao looked at Jiang Tao with a smile and asked, "Yu 'Er, so this is your friend. Is he the person you were waiting for?"

"..." Xiao Lingyu forced herself to nod and said, "Yes, grandma, this is Jiang Tao, a friend I made in the county. Brother Jiang, this is my grandma."

"Hello, Grandma!" Jiang Tao greeted politely.

"Young man, hello!" Grandma Xiao replied with a friendly smile. "It must be tiring for you to travel all the way here."

Due to his grandfather's tyranny, Jiang Tao always felt a kind of friendliness when he met amiable elders like Grandma Xiao.

He had questioned himself countless times before. 'Why is Grandpa so tyrannical and cold-blooded? Why can't he be like normal grandparents who dote on their children?

'If possible, I'd rather be born in a poor but loving family. But no one can choose their own birth. It's the same for me too.'

Jiang Tao's cold face revealed a rare sincere smile. "Grandma, the travel is not so tiring. Grandma, how can you look so young? I can't believe you're a grandmother already! Your hair is not even white!"

Grandma Xiao subconsciously touched her black hair and said proudly, "Haha, I'm 73 years old today. I used to have strands of white hair, but after I came back here, they magically disappeared!"

People of her age in the village already had a head of white hair. She was the only one with black hair. She looked very young because of it. Grandma Xiao did not know that this effect was due to the spring water in the Xiao Family.

Jiang Tao was very surprised when he heard that Grandma Xiao was over seventy years old. He cried out in surprise, "That's impossible. Grandma, you look like you're only in your sixties. I didn't expect you to be in your seventies. Grandma, you look really young." If they were in the big city, he wouldn't be so surprised. After all, plastic surgery was a thing. However, it was rare for an old lady from the countryside to look so young. Xiao Lingyu explained with a smile, "It's because after Grandma returned from Kanglin County, her days were happy. As the saying goes, you'll look young when you're happy!" Grandma Xiao agreed and laughed. "Yu 'Er is probably right. After I came back here, I did have fewer things to worry

about. With less trouble, there's less white hair!" Grandma Xiao was a very open and cheerful person. Plus, she was happy to see her children and grandchildren flourish back in Taoyuan Village.

Grandma Xiao smiled happily and said, "Young man, you are very handsome. Have you found a partner? Why don't I introduce someone to you? Don't worry. She is definitely a good girl..."

Xiao Lingyu saw Jiang Tao's expression change and immediately interrupted Grandma Xiao, "Grandma, the guest has just arrived, and you are already playing matchmaker. You'll scare my friend away!" But the main problem was the man liked Xiao Lingyu.

Grandma Xiao chuckled with some embarrassment, "Hehe. Young man, I hope you won't blame Grandma for being nosy. I like you at first glance. I won't be a matchmaker for anyone else!"

Jiang Tao, "... In any case, he was thankful that Grandma Xiao cared about him that much. Gong Tianhao smiled and said, "Grandma, Tao Zi has high standards. Ordinary girls won't catch his eyes."

"Ah?" Grandma Xiao asked curiously, "Tianhao, do you know this child too?"

Gong Tianhao smiled and replied truthfully, "Grandma, Tao Zi is Yu 'Er's friend. At the same time, he is my brother. We have known each other since we were young." When Gong Tianhao said that, Grandma Xiao immediately understood that Jiang Tao's identity was probably not ordinary since he knew Gong Tianhao!

Gong Tianhao and Jiang Tao had known each other since they were young. Gong Tianhao was a noble, so Jiang Tao was probably someone with a high status too.

Grandma Xiao suddenly felt sorry for the girl she wanted to introduce to Jiang Tao. They were not fated.

Chapter 428 Qin Yan's Anger and Crazy Jealousy

Qin Yan gathered six million yuan and rushed to Leng Feiyang's place.

She wanted to know about Gong Tianhao so badly.

Especially when she saw the photo in Leng Feiyang's hands, she was extremely emotional.

'If Gong Tianhao really...'

She held the steering wheel tightly, her slender fingers almost going into the steering wheel.

Her beautiful face was twisted with malevolence, madness, and jealousy.

If anyone were to see her, they would not be able to recognize such an ugly woman as the beautiful angel.

After she parked the car, she wore sunglasses and looked around. Then, she took her custom-made branded bag and left.

The moment she entered the house, Qin Yan directly threw the bank card in her hand onto the table and said coldly, "This is 5.5 million!" She had paid the commission in advance, so the total was 6 million.

Leng Feiyang did not care about Qin Yan's aggressive attitude at all. He turned his chair over, picked up the card on the table, rubbed it twice, and asked with a smile, "Miss Qin is indeed a straightforward person. You have collected more than 5 million in such a short time."

"Cut the crap. Where is the thing I want?" Qin Yan shot a sharp look at Leng Feiyang. Her usually gentle and pleasant voice had become unusually cold and stern at this moment.

Leng Feiyang took out the document bag from the drawer and pushed it to Qin Yan. He said with a smile, "I promised I would deliver the goods once I had the money. You know I wouldn't go back on my words."

Qin Yan didn't want to listen to him at all.

As soon as she saw the document bag, she couldn't wait to open it and take out the thing from inside.

Then, a photo suddenly fell out.

Qin Yan's pupils constricted. Her eyes were filled with disbelief and disbelief.

In the photo, Qin Yan could recognize Gong Tianhao even from the back. She knew him that well. The other was a woman with long straight black hair and a white dress.

Gong Tianhao was hugging a woman and half of his face was turned towards this woman. However, Qin Yan saw Gong Tianhao's gentle expression.

She couldn't believe that Gong Tianhao was so intimate with a woman.

Her eyes widened in shock for a moment before she quickly poured out the contents of the document bag. A few pieces of paper fell out. She quickly flipped through the contents of the paper.

A moment later, her expression turned livid. Then, it turned purple, green, and red like a chameleon. Her eyes were filled with flames of anger.

She threw the information in her hands onto the table with an angry and ferocious expression. As she looked at Leng Feiyang, her eyes were filled with anger. She said loudly, "This is impossible. You are lying to me!"

"Everyone in the capital knows that Gong Tianhao doesn't get close to women. There are even rumors that he likes men. How could he get involved with a woman? Moreover, it's a pregnant woman with a wild child?"

Leng Feiyang was unfazed. He spread his hands and said, "Miss Qin, it's useless for you to be angry at me. This is the truth of my investigation. I may not have a good reputation in your circle. But you know I am an honest investigator."

Qin Yan widened her eyes and said in disbelief, "That's impossible. Gong Tianhao doesn't like women."

Leng Feiyang looked at her and felt a little disdainful. He added, "Since Miss Qin doesn't believe in my investigation, you can send someone to investigate yourself! However, Gong Tianhao protects this woman very well. Those who don't have a good ability will be discovered!"

"If they captured and confessed... I don't think I need to tell you the consequences."

Qin Yan pursed her beautiful red lips tightly. Her eyes were filled with anger as she looked at Leng Feiyang aggressively. She was sure that Leng Feiyang was fabricating the truth.

Leng Feiyang sneered and said, "Miss Qin, I know that you don't want to accept the fact that Gong Tianhao is in love with another woman. However, this is the truth. "I don't have any grudges with Gong Tianhao. Why would I fabricate the truth to frame him? Do you think I made up this lie to extort a mere five million from you? I still want to work in this industry. Plus, the stuff I have on you people can be sold more than five million."

He was an immoral person. He liked money, a lot of money.

He had the secrets of many people in the noble circle, and many people wanted nothing more than to get rid of him.

However, for the same reason, these people had to protect Leng Feiyang's safety. Therefore, he was safe because of his job.

"So, Miss Qin, if you want to vent your anger, please find someone else. I am not your punching bag." The smile on Leng Feiyang's face disappeared, and he looked very serious

Qin Yan quickly regained her senses. "..."

She had shown her ugliest side before Leng Feiyang. Qin Yan's eyes immediately showed vigilance and wariness.

She raised her head and looked around the room. She wanted to check the video cameras and other things. If this recording was sent out, her character would be destroyed. She would not allow that to happen.

A ruthless glint flashed across Qin Yan's eyes.

Leng Feiyang had always been very good at reading people's expressions. Looking at Qin Yan's expression, he knew what she was looking for.

He said indifferently, "Don't worry. This is where I work. There won't be any surveillance videos or anything like that." After all, so many dirty dealings had gone done here. Why would he record something that other people could use against him? He treasured his life too much to be so stupid.

Qin Yan was skeptical and asked, "Really?"

Leng Feiyang didn't want to explain to her. He only said, "Feel free to believe it or not."

Qin Yan had no choice but to believe him.

Qin Yan smoothed her long hair and asked with a mocking and disdainful smile, "Do you still have a photo of Gong Tianhao and that woman? I can only see the woman's back in this photo, but I can't see her face. I want to see this woman. How can she manage to seduce Gong Tianhao?"

Leng Feiyang glanced at Qin Yan, who was full of jealousy, and thought, 'This woman doesn't have the ability to get Gong Tianhao, so she's jealous. Such ugliness.

'But, I like women like her. At least, they know when their ends are coming.'

Leng Feiyang said indifferently, "Do you think that Gong Tianhao's photo is so easy to take? I was almost discovered to take this photo."

Qin Yan, "..."

It was indeed difficult to take a photo of Gong Tianhao. Or else there wouldn't be so few pictures of him on the internet.

Qin Yan took a deep breath and said to Leng Feiyang, "You have to hide this matter for me. If I hear any news in the capital, I will hold you responsible."

After saying that, she picked up the documents on the table and quickly left.

She had to confirm the authenticity of this news.

It was fine if it was fake.

If it was true, that woman... That woman...

A trace of madness and ruthlessness flashed across Qin Yan's face.

After Qin Yan left, Leng Feiyang's face revealed a trace of sarcasm as he said, "Tsk Tsk, this hypocritical woman only cares about Gong Tianhao. She doesn't even ask a single word about her fiance."

Regardless, Leng Feiyang returned to his work.

Qin Yan returned to her villa. After chasing the servants out, she began to smash things.

Then, the servants heard the sound of things breaking

Qin Yan held a piece of paper tightly in one of her fair and tender hands. She wanted to crush it into pieces.

This page contained the result of Leng Feiyang's investigation... Jiang Tao and Gong Tianhao liked the same woman.

The same woman!

Chapter 429 Retreat to Advance

"Miss Qin, please take a seat!" Butler Jiang greeted Qin Yan warmly and asked the maid to serve her a cup of tea. "The old master will be out in a while."

Qin Yan smiled and said politely to the housekeeper, "Thank you, Uncle Jiang. Please go and do your things. I'll sit here for a while and wait for Grandpa to come out."

She was engaged to Jiang Tao, so she called these people as Jiang Tao would. Butler Jiang nodded and said with a smile, "In that case, I will retreat first. Please wait here for a while and have some tea. The old master will be out soon."

"Yes, I understand. Then, Uncle Jiang, you should go and do your thing first." Qin Yan nodded with a smile.

Butler Jiang was very satisfied with Qin Yan as the young madam of the Jiang family. On top of her family background, she was beautiful and gentle. She was the perfect match for eldest young master. After Butler Jiang left, Qin Yan held her bag tightly with her fair and tender hands. Her fingertips were slightly white, and she drew marks on her branded custom-made bag.

Soon, she heard a sound, and she immediately loosened her hands.

“Haha, is Yan ‘Er here?” Old Master Jiang leaned on his cane and came over with the help of the maids.

Qin Yan was slightly nervous, but on the surface, she was polite and respectful. She stood up from her seat and went to greet Old Master Jiang. “Grandpa, I’m here to see you.” She supported Old Master Jiang from the other side.

After Old Master Jiang sat down, he said, “Yan ‘Er, grandfather is really happy that you came to visit.”

Qin Yan said, “Brother Tao is not at home. As his fiancée, of course, I have to come over to look after grandpa.”

“You are really thoughtful!” Old Master Jiang nodded in satisfaction, his dignified face even carrying a trace of a kind smile.

He was very satisfied with Qin Yan as his granddaughter-in-law.

She had a good family background, beautiful looks, and most importantly, a very kind personality. She was a perfect match for his eldest grandson.

Qin Yan accompanied Old Master Jiang for a while. Suddenly, she revealed a sad and depressed expression. She looked absent-minded.

Old Master Jiang narrowed his eyes. A bright light flashed in his eyes. He asked, “Yan ‘Er, what’s wrong? Is there something on your mind?” Qin Yan shook her head when Old Master Jiang asked. “No, Grandpa. I’m fine.”

Old Master Jiang’s sharp gaze stared intently at Qin Yan’s fair and tender face. He didn’t quite believe her answer.

Old Master Jiang said sharply, “Why do you look so out of sorts? Why do you look so sad? Although I’m old, I’m not blind or deaf. I can tell whether there’s something on your mind with just a glance.” Speaking up to this point, he said sternly, “Tell me. Is it related to Jiang Tao?”

Old Master Jiang was very smart. How could Qin Yan hide anything from him? Regardless, if it were related to Jiang Tao, Old Master Jiang would pay attention to it.

Qin Yan’s face turned pale. She grabbed her bag tightly. Soon after, her eyes turned red, and soon, tears flowed down. She said with an aggrieved and sad face, “Grandpa, can I break off the engagement with Brother Tao?”

Old Master Jiang immediately shouted in an angry voice, “Nonsense! Marriage is a big matter. How can we break it off like child’s play? Qin Yan, what is the meaning of this? What do you take my Jiang Tao and my Jiang Family for?”

Qin Yan's body trembled, and her face turned a few shades paler. Her expression was aggrieved and innocent, making people feel pity and love for her.

Old Master Jiang's sharp eyes stared at Qin Yan for a while, and then he asked in a dignified manner, "Yan 'Er, tell Grandpa why do you want to break off the engagement with Jiang Tao?"

Qin Yan opened her mouth, but she was too embarrassed to say anything. However, her expression was very aggrieved and innocent. Old Master Jiang sighed lightly and said, "Tell me, what is your reason for breaking off the engagement? Don't worry. Grandpa won't blame you." Qin Yan's tears immediately fell like rain. She muttered, "Grandpa..." She continued, "Brother Tao, he already has a woman he likes. I... I want to fulfill Brother Tao's happiness." Her face was full of tears, but it didn't affect her beauty at all. Qin Yan was famous in the capital for her beauty.

Before coming to the Jiang family, she knew that she had to put on a crying scene, so she didn't wear any makeup but lipstick. That was the last concession she was going to make.

Qin Yan's tears flowed out. She looked very delicate and pitiful, but she was beautiful.

However, the only person present was Old Master Jiang

Old Master Jiang's only interest was the Jiang family, so he naturally wouldn't notice Qin Yan's beauty. But he did notice what Qin Yan said.

"What did you say?" Old Master Jiang asked sharply and suspiciously. He stared at Qin Yan's eyes with an experienced and sharp gaze. He wanted to find traces of deceit.

Qin Yan nodded and said, "Yes." She hesitated for a moment, not knowing if she should continue. But in the end, she gritted her teeth and said, "Actually, before we got engaged, Brother Tao came to look for me once. At that time, he said... he said he would not get engaged with me. He has a woman he likes. He wanted me to reject the engagement."

Old Master Jiang slammed his walking stick heavily against the ground. "That bastard!" Old Master Jiang didn't suspect Qin Yan. Why would she make up a lie to frame her fiancé? Plus, would she lie to someone like Old Master Jiang? So the only explanation was she was telling the truth.

Qin Yan slightly lowered her head. A bright light flashed in her eyes.

Then, she raised her head again and looked at Old Master Jiang pitifully and aggrievedly. "Grandpa, I like Brother Tao. But it's obvious that Brother Tao doesn't like me. For Brother Tao's happiness, I'm willing to quit and help Brother Tao."

Speaking up to this point, Qin Yan took a few steps forward and tugged at Old Master Jiang's sleeve with some restraint and caution. She cried as she pleaded, "Grandfather, can you... just grant us our wish, okay?"

Old Master Jiang patted Qin Yan's shoulder and said very decisively, "Yan 'Er, don't worry. In grandfather's eyes, only you are worthy of my Tao 'Er. As for the other cats and dogs, they shouldn't even think about stepping into my Jiang family's door."

"But... But..." Qin Yan said with some hesitation, "Brother Tao, he..."

Old Master Jiang waved his hand and said in a domineering manner, "He has no right to control his marriage."

Qin Yan still said with some hesitation, "But Brother Tao's heart is not with me. In the future, when we get married, we won't be happy."

"Love can come after marriage." Old Master Jiang said stubbornly, "Yan 'Er, you and Jiang Tao are a perfect match. You don't have to worry about other things. Just be Jiang Tao's bride. Grandfather will take care of everything for you."

Qin Yan knew she was unable to change Old Master Jiang's mind. She thought for a moment and nodded. "Alright, thank you, grandfather!"

Old Master Jiang patted her shoulder and said, "Yan 'Er, grandfather is tired."

Qin Yan immediately said, "Grandfather, I still have something to do. I'll go back first." "Okay!" Old Master Jiang nodded.

Qin Yan took her bag and was about to leave, but her hand slipped, and her bag fell. Cosmetics like lipstick and moisturizer fell out.

However, Old Master Jiang was attracted by another thing that fell out of the bag.

A photo!

"Sorry, Grandpa!" Qin Yan bowed and said apologetically, "My hand slipped. I lost my composure in front of you, Grandpa. I'm really sorry!"

She hurriedly picked up the things that fell to the ground. When she noticed the picture that had fallen out, her face instantly turned pale.

She looked at Old Master Jiang's expression. She picked up the photo and put it in her bag when the old man said, "Let me see that photo."

Chapter 430 Xiao Lingyu's Fear

After Qin Yan left the Jiang Family and got to a place where no one could see her, her pitiful and aggrieved demeanor disappeared. What replaced it was a smug expression and a faint sarcasm.

She would not do anything that risked her reputation, but it didn't mean she couldn't use someone else.

Old Master Jiang was famous in the capital for his stubbornness and ruthlessness.

He controlled Jiang Tao aggressively and firmly, not allowing him to do anything that went beyond the scope of his plan. He also would not allow anyone or anything to affect the heir of the Jiang family.

Qin Yan held the steering wheel. Her face was full of joy and a crazy smile.

She would never allow any woman to have a relationship with Gong Tianhao. She was meant to be Gong Tianhao. If she couldn't be with him, then no one else could. Qin Yan smiled and drove away.

At the Jiang Family, Old Master Jiang looked at the photo in his hand. His eyes were dark and terrifying with thunder and lightning.

There were two people in the photo. One was Jiang Tao, and the other was Xiao Lingyu.

However, one could only see the side of Jiang Tao's face. The couple was talking and laughing in front of a big tree. In the picture, Jiang Tao looked so happy. Old Master Jiang had not seen this expression on his grandson's face after that incident with the dog when he was a child.

Butler Jiang looked at the photo and frowned. He said in puzzlement, "Master, this... Is this photo fake? Like a computer composite or something. We have never seen the eldest young master like this. Shall we test it?" He had never seen the young master so happy before.

Old Master Jiang held the photo and said, "I don't think Qin Yan would dare to use a fake photo to fool me. Ol Jiang, send someone to investigate. You must find out who this woman is. If necessary, make her disappear from this world. I will absolutely not allow anyone to affect the Jiang family's heir." When Butler Jiang heard this, he was shocked.

Then, he asked doubtfully, "Old Master, where did Miss Qin get this photo? Back then, we also sent people to investigate the small county. Everything was normal."

Old Master Jiang said, "She said she didn't know either. Someone sent it to her."

"Master, do you believe that?" Butler Jiang became more and more suspicious.

"It doesn't matter. I don't know how she got this picture, but it is the truth that Jiang Tao has a woman he likes out there." Old Master Jiang said angrily, "Qin Yan must have confirmed it. Or else she wouldn't need to come here to do that whole show."

Qin Yan's little tricks could fool others but not him. However, this didn't lower Qin Yan's reputation in his eyes. As the future madam of the Jiang Family, it was good that she was scheming. Otherwise, a vase would only drag Jiang Tao down.

"Ol Jiang, send someone to that place quickly and secretly investigate everything about the eldest young master. Pay attention to the women around him." Old Master Jiang ordered.

"Yes!" Butler Jiang replied.

Then, Butler Jiang left.

After Jiang Tao came to Taoyuan Village, he had lunch at the Xiao family's house. After staying for a while, he quickly left. He was in a time crunch. He had to return to the station to report to his grandfather. Otherwise, he would be suspicious again.

After Jiang Tao left, Xiao Lingyu asked curiously, "What exactly did you tell Brother Jiang? How did he accept the truth so quickly?"

She knew that Jiang Tao liked her. He had confessed to her, and she rejected him.

Gong Tianhao grabbed her hand and curled his lips. He smiled and said, "What else can I say? I told him the truth."

Xiao Lingyu looked at him suspiciously.

Gong Tianhao smoothed her bangs and sighed softly, "You don't have to worry. Tao Zi and I grew up together. I know his personality very well. He looks aloof. However, he is hard on the outside but soft on the inside. He is a very kind person."

Xiao Lingyu agreed with this point.

Although he had not known Jiang Tao for long, he knew that he only appeared to be unfriendly on the surface. After getting close to him, she realized he was a sincere and kind person.

"It's just that he was suppressed by his grandfather since he was young. So he can't live his life. He can't even reveal any human feelings." Gong Tianhao's tone was calm, but one could hear his pity and sympathy for Jiang Tao.

"What?" Xiao Lingyu was extremely surprised. "He can't reveal any human feelings? How is that possible? What kind of grandfather does he have? Does he still see Jiang Tao as a human?"

Gong Tianhao sighed. "He doesn't. Jiang Tao's grandfather wanted to nurture an heir who would only see the benefits of the Jiang Family. Tao Zi was separated from his parents when he was young. He was not allowed to have any emotional connections."

Xiao Lingyu widened her eyes in disbelief. "His grandfather is unbelievable."

"Tao Zi wanted to raise a dog when he was seven years old," Gong Tianhao continued. "His grandfather let him raise it, but do you know what the result was?"

"What?" Xiao Lingyu's voice was a little anxious. She had a bad feeling...

"In the end, the dog was skinned and made into dog meat stew. Then, his grandfather forced Tao Zi to eat the pet's meat." Gong Tianhao's tone was obviously a little angry, "Tao Zi had that dog for two years. During these two years, Tao Zi and that dog have been together day and night, and their relationship was very good. His grandfather forced the dog meat down Tao Zi's stomach."

"Is his grandfather crazy?" Xiao Lingyu was shocked, "How can there be such a cold-blooded and heartless grandfather?"

Xiao Lingyu's grandfather was a kind and amiable old man with principles.

Gong Tianhao's grandfather was also very kind.

Therefore, she simply could not imagine that Jiang Tao's grandfather would actually treat her own grandson so cruelly and ruthlessly.

Gong Tianhao said sarcastically, "Old Master Jiang is a domineering, stubborn, cruel, and merciless person. He doesn't allow Tao Zi to stray from the path of the heir.

"Everything must be under his control. Anything that affects Tao Zi must be cut off mercilessly. The perfect example is that pet dog."

Xiao Lingyu's eyes were already red, and the corners of her eyes contained some sparkling tears.

This was a pity, sympathy, and heartache for Jiang Tao.

She did not expect such a tall and strong-looking person to have such a pitiful family background.

“Back then, when I came to Xing Yin County, Tao Zi told me that he had fallen in love with a girl. He wanted to pursue her.” Gong Tianhao said truthfully, “At that time, I was both happy and worried for him. I was happy that he was able to walk out of the shadows of the past and love someone again. But I was worried about this girl once his grandfather found out the truth.

“Who would have known that girl was you.” Gong Tianhao said with a bitter smile, “At that time, I already had a good impression of you. However, for his sake, I did not show it. I told myself that I couldn’t betray Tao Zi.

“Later, there was a rumor in the capital that Tao Zi was to be married to a girl from another family. To confirm the rumor, Tao Zi had to return to the capital. However, after returning to the capital, his grandfather quickly discovered that there was something strange about him. Jiang Tao didn’t expect this either. He called me and asked me to protect you.” “Why?” Hearing this, Xiao Lingyu frowned slightly. Then, she widened her eyes and said in disbelief, “Could it be that he’s afraid that I’ll end up like that dog?”

Gong Tianhao nodded seriously and said, “That’s right. If his grandfather finds out that the slight change in him is because of you, then he will definitely make a move.”

Xiao Lingyu’s face turned pale when she heard this, and she broke out in cold sweat.

“But... but I rejected him. His grandfather would still come after me?” Xiao Lingyu stuttered. In her two lifetimes, she had not been in such danger before.

Gong Tianhao said with certainty, “Grandfather Jiang will not let go of anyone who affects Tao Zi.”

“Madness... This is madness!” Xiao Lingyu cursed.