

## Lady Gu 1121

### Chapter 1121: I Don't Believe A Word

Qiao Xi met Gu Zheng's deep eyes and suddenly had a bad feeling. The next second, he smirked and slowly took a few steps closer to her. He stood on the steps below and raised his head to look at her. He raised his eyebrows and asked, "Mrs. Gu, how did you know that the Lu family was going to hold the ancestral worship ceremony?"

Qiao Xi's body instantly stiffened as she panicked.

Gu Zheng smiled faintly. "Since you haven't been out recently, how did you know that Chairman Lu is unconscious and that the Lu family will be paying respects to their ancestors?"

Qiao Xi was instantly at a loss. It was not difficult for Gu Zheng to find out about these things, but she had been busy with the university's affairs recently and had never logged into Black Tide's account. How could she explain the reason why she knew about the Lu family?

Qiao Xi smiled awkwardly. "Ah Zheng, I'm Black Tide! What's strange about me knowing all this? I haven't logged into my account recently, but it's obvious with my identity, isn't it? I don't have to personally investigate anything I want to know. Someone will naturally report it to me. Moreover, everyone in Stars knows that I have a grudge against the Lu family, so once there's any news about the Lu family, they'll inform me immediately."

She thought that she had a good reason, but Gu Zheng stared at her calmly. After a long time, he retracted his gaze and chuckled. "Mrs. Gu, you have a point, but..."

Qiao Xi had just heaved a sigh of relief when she heard Gu Zheng's words. Her heart jumped again. The next second, she heard his teasing voice that contained a trace of a smile. "But... I don't believe you."

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth twitched slightly as she widened her eyes. 'Since you don't believe me, why are you still listening to me?'

Gu Zheng pretended not to see her angry face and continued to smile gently. "Mrs. Gu, you look quite cute when you're trying your best to deceive me. Unfortunately, I don't believe a word you say."

Qiao Xi forcefully resisted the urge to flare up and laughed dryly. "Ah Zheng, I'm telling the truth."

Gu Zheng held her hand and walked down the stairs. They sat on the sofa together. "Do you want to know about the Lu family's matters so badly?"

Qiao Xi knew that she could not hide these things from Gu Zheng, so she stopped pretending and nodded calmly.

"Then come closer." Gu Zheng waved at her.

Qiao Xi was filled with curiosity and did not put up any defenses. She hurriedly approached Gu Zheng, and half of her body was leaning against him. Her large watery eyes looked at him expectantly. "Tell me."

The man's hot breath sprayed into her nose, and the smell of sandalwood from Gu Zheng's body lingered around her. It was intoxicating.

He straightened his body slightly and inadvertently brushed his lips past her earlobe. The slightly cold touch caused Qiao Xi's entire body to tremble. Her heart thumped violently, then the man's magnetic voice sounded in her ears. "There's no rush. I'll tell you next month."

As soon as he finished speaking, he distanced himself from her with a smile. The ambiguous atmosphere between the two of them instantly vanished.

Qiao Xi gritted her teeth and could not help but clench her fists. Was this bastard looking for a beating? Was it fun to tease her time and again?

A minute later, Qiao Xi went upstairs angrily. After returning to the bedroom, the more she thought about it, the more aggrieved she felt. She knew that Gu Zheng suspected that she was secretly investigating things, but even Third Brother did not know about the two people she had planted in the Lu family. How could Senior know?

Perhaps Gu Zheng did not actually know everything and it was all guesswork, but how could he suspect her of being the one responsible for the poisoning incident? Even the Lu family could not figure out if Old Master Lu was really unconscious or pretending to be sick. Where did Gu Zheng get the news?

No matter what, she had to arrange everything before the ancestral worship ceremony. She would not let Lu Yan's plan succeed. She picked up her phone and sent a message, then waited for her subordinates to report the situation.

"Eldest Miss, Old Master Lu is still unconscious. He won't be waking up for a while."

When Qiao Xi heard the report from her subordinate, she smiled in satisfaction. Then, she told her subordinate that Gu Zheng suspected her. The other party was silent for a moment before replying, "Eldest Miss, you and President Gu have been married for so long. Moreover, he has already guessed everything you've done. Why don't you tell him about this? In any case, everything you've done is for him!"

"No! Absolutely not!" Qiao Xi objected without the slightest hesitation.

"But..."

Qiao Xi interrupted her aggrievedly, "You have to remember! I'm the weak Mrs. Gu who can't take care of myself. I'm kind-hearted and weak. I absolutely wouldn't poison anyone. The fact that Chairman Lu is unconscious has nothing to do with me!"

The subordinate was instantly speechless. He could understand Eldest Miss. After all, she had been pretending to be weak for so long. She definitely did not want to ruin her image in President Gu's heart.

## **Chapter 1122: How Many More Secrets Does Mrs. Gu Have?**

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Gu Zheng leaned lazily against the chair and lowered his eyes. "Is it done?"

When he left Huazhong Building, he instructed Song Shijing to go to the Lu family's house and make Chairman Lu unconscious for a few more days.

Song Shijing stood there and hesitated. After a moment, he replied, "I guess so."

Gu Zheng looked up slowly and saw Song Shijing say with a strange expression, "President, I don't have to do anything and Chairman Lu will remain unconscious."

Gu Zheng raised an eyebrow, signaling him to continue.

Song Shijing gulped nervously. "Logically speaking, Chairman Lu should have woken up today. I received your order, but when I arrived at the ward, I found Chairman Lu still unconscious. Someone seemed to have poisoned him again before me."

As soon as he finished speaking, the corners of Gu Zheng's mouth curled up slightly, and his eyes were filled with a smile. "Did you see that person?"

"I've been hiding in the dark and observing. Other than the spies we planted in the Lu family, only one person has entered the ward. That person is Chairman Lu's assistant."

That assistant had been working by Chairman Lu's side for two years. He was young, but Chairman Lu liked and trusted him very much. However, this person was not Chairman Lu's subordinate. This person must have been the one who poisoned him when he first fell into a coma.

He was already planted by Chairman Lu's side two years ago. Whose subordinate was he?

Song Shijing felt that something was wrong. He frowned and asked, "President, do you want me to investigate this person's identity? He's been hiding by Chairman Lu's side for two years. If he finds out about our people, then..."

"There's no need." Gu Zheng waved his hand casually. "He can do whatever he wants. You don't have to investigate. Just pretend that he doesn't exist."

Song Shijing was even more confused, but he was in no position to question the decisions his boss makes. He had roughly guessed that the president knew this person's identity, but he still did not understand who had planted spies in the Lu family two years ago. Did this assistant go to the Lu family with a purpose, or was he bribed after going there?

Could this person really be trusted? If he found out that the president had spies in the Lu family, would he expose them?

After Song Shijing left, Gu Zheng could not help but smile. What other secrets did Mrs. Gu have that he did not know about? She planted spies in the Lu family two years ago. At that time, Mrs. Gu probably did not know that Mo Yuan was Gu Zheng or the grudge between him and the Lu family. If that was the case, why did she send people to the Lu family?

At this moment, Qiao Xi was drawing designs in the studio when there was a sudden knock on the door. Gu Zheng pushed the door open and walked in. She slowly raised her eyes and could not help but frown.

Why was this bastard here?

Gu Zheng's burning gaze landed on her as he sized her up. He stroked his chin and said with a faint smile, "Mrs. Gu, you really surprise me."

As soon as he finished speaking, Gu Zheng turned around and left. Qiao Xi's face was filled with confusion as she watched him leave.

Was this person crazy? He pushed the door open and left after saying something strange. How did she surprise him? Could it be that he had discovered something?

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A few days later, the Lu family decided to hold the ancestral worship ceremony on the original date. Since Gu Zheng already knew about the ancestral worship ceremony, there was no need for them to bring it forward.

Although the Lu family had been unlucky all these years, they were still a long-standing family. They had many descendants, and the annual ancestral worship ceremony was very important. It was also a chance for the descendants of the Lu family to get closer.

On this day, the Lu family woke up early to prepare. Lu Xiang walked into the Lu family's ancestral hall with her head held high. She glanced around with a sharp gaze. Suddenly, her gaze froze. She pointed at one of the tablets and shouted, "Who asked you to bring this dirty thing in?!"

Logically speaking, all the ancestral tablets of the deceased members of the Lu family would be placed in the ancestral hall. There had been countless ancestral tablets in the past hundred years, so no one would care who these ancestral tablets belonged to. After all, the only people who were qualified to enter the ancestral hall to pay their respects were the few core members of the Lu family.

As soon as Lu Xiang walked in, she realized that there was a memorial tablet on the bottom floor. It was so dazzling. She was so angry at the servants that they were all trembling in fear.

When Lu Xiang saw the name 'Lu Qingyun' written on the tablet, the veins on her forehead popped out. Which idiot brought Lu Qingyun's tablet in?

That b\*tch was clearly dead. She was an ominous person. How could her memorial tablet be placed in the Lu family's ancestral hall?

All these years, Lu Qingyun's memorial tablet had never appeared in the Lu family's ancestral hall. Who dared to bring this b\*tch's memorial tablet in?

### **Chapter 1123: Throw Her Tablet Out**

The anger in Lu Xiang's heart was about to overflow. It had to be known that during the ancestral worship ceremony, everyone had to kneel in front of the memorial tablets and offer incense to their dead relatives. Lu Qingyun's memorial tablet was placed here, which meant that she had to kneel to Lu Qingyun and offer incense to that b\*tch!

The servants lowered their heads and did not answer. Lu Xiang was even angrier. She pointed at the group of people and shouted at the top of her voice, "Are all of you mute? I'm asking you who brought this memorial tablet in! How can this b\*tch's memorial tablet be placed in the Lu family's ancestral hall?!"

With a bang, Lu Qingyun's memorial tablet was slammed to the floor.

Everyone exclaimed. An older servant was a little angry when she saw her throw Eldest Miss' tablet on the floor. She gritted her teeth and said, "T-This is Eldest Miss' tablet..."

She thought that Lu Xiang had not seen the name on the tablet. After all, Eldest Miss Lu had already passed away many years ago. It was normal for Lu Xiang to not be able to react in time. However, no matter what, Lu Qingyun was the eldest daughter of the Lu family. It was only right for her tablet to be placed in the Lu family's ancestral hall.

The servant's trembling words completely angered Lu Xiang. She shouted crazily, "Shut up! I have eyes. I know that this is that b\*tch's tablet! Tell me who brought her tablet in! Which bastard is it?"

That b\*tch had been dead for so many years, and she never had a memorial tablet. Who in the Lu family was so bold as to make a memorial tablet for Lu Qingyun behind her back? They even secretly brought it in when she was not paying attention. Did they want her to kneel and kowtow to Lu Qingyun?

The servant was so scared that her face turned pale. She did not expect Lu Xiang to say such vicious words. She replied in a trembling voice, "Second... Second Miss, I'm not sure either! Shouldn't Eldest Miss' ancestral tablet be placed here? In the past, even Eldest Miss could enter the ancestral hall. Since she has passed away, it's only normal that her tablet should be placed here!"

Lu Xiang shouted at the top of her voice, "Shut up! You idiot, cut this memorial tablet into pieces and throw them out!"

A trace of gloom flashed past the servant's eyes, but she quickly lowered her head. She hesitated for a moment and asked in disbelief, "Throw Eldest Miss' tablet out? But President Gu will be coming to the Lu family to pay his respects to the ancestors today. If we throw the tablet away, it'll be difficult to explain things to President Gu. Moreover, Old Master..."

"B\*tch! What right do you, a mere servant, have to interfere in the Lu family's matters? I order you to immediately chop this memorial tablet into pieces and throw them out! Don't worry about my father. He can't wait for Lu Qingyun to disappear forever. No one in the Lu family wants to see Lu Qingyun's name!"

Lu Xiang sneered crazily. "We can't even be sure that Gu Zheng will be able to step into the ancestral hall. You're worried that he won't be able to see Lu Qingyun's memorial tablet when he comes in? That little bastard isn't even worthy to come to the Lu family to worship our ancestors at all. Ah Yan is the only heir to the Lu family!"

Lu Yan had just walked to the door when he heard Lu Xiang's roar. He had a bad feeling. He went forward angrily to stop her. "Why are you so noisy?"

"Ah Yan!" Lu Xiang turned around and said agitatedly, "Do you know that someone brought that b\*tch's tablet in to disgust me? Quickly throw this dirty thing out! Take it away!"

Lu Yan's gaze was sharp as he glanced coldly at the servant.

The servant was so scared that her entire body trembled. Lu Yan suddenly felt that it was a little strange. Then, he recalled the servant's words from when he was outside just now. She seemed to be deliberately angering Lu Xiang.

Lu Xiang originally only ordered the servant to take out the ancestral tablet, but the servant deliberately lured Lu Xiang into saying those words. Hence, Lu Xiang ended up saying that Lu Qingyun's ancestral tablet could not appear in the ancestral hall and Gu Zheng was not qualified to come to the Lu family to pay respects to the ancestors. She also said that Old Master Lu did not want to see Lu Qingyun at all.

A mere servant was deliberately trying to get information from the person she served. Why would she do that?

Lu Yan's expression darkened. Looking at the memorial tablet on the floor, a thought suddenly appeared in his mind.

"Ah Yan! Ah Yan?" Seeing that Lu Yan was silent, Lu Xiang called out tentatively.

A trace of disdain flashed past the servant's eyes. She did not panic at all. It did not matter even if Lu Yan suspected her. After all, her mission had been completed.

Lu Yan suppressed the uneasiness in his heart and bent down to pick up the memorial tablet. "Aunt, take a good look. This is my mother's memorial tablet. This is your sister. Of course, it has to be placed in the Lu family's ancestral hall. You probably saw wrongly, so you said something wrong."

After he finished speaking, he warned Lu Xiang with a sharp gaze. She was stunned for a few seconds before suddenly regaining her rationality. She actually said those words in public just now?

#### **Chapter 1124: Hand Over The Recording Pen**

"Y-Yes! I was wrong. Since it's my sister's memorial tablet, of course, it has to be placed here," Lu Xiang explained awkwardly, but everyone did not believe a word she said. They had clearly heard her curse Lu Qingyun for being a b\*tch just now. She even said that she wanted to throw Lu Qingyun's memorial tablet out.

Lu Yan's cold gaze landed on the servant. "Aunt must have been too tired from paying respects to our ancestors recently, so she spouted some nonsense. Everyone present is from the Lu family. I hope you won't spread the news."

Everyone from the Lu family knew that they had just witnessed a scandal, but Lu Yan was the young master of the Lu family. Since he had already warned them, everyone naturally did not dare to say anything and hurriedly nodded in agreement.

Lu Yan nodded in satisfaction, then pointed at the servant. "Take it out!"

Everyone was puzzled, and the servant's expression was indifferent. She was stunned for a few seconds before confusion appeared in her eyes. "Y-Young Master, what do you want me to take out?"

As soon as the servant finished speaking, a figure flashed past the door. No one noticed that person at all.

Lu Yan's eyes were filled with killing intent as he slowly approached. "You know very well what I'm telling you to do. Quickly hand over the recording pen!"

The servant was so scared that she broke out in a cold sweat. She explained in horror, "Young Master, I... I didn't do anything like that! You must have misunderstood. I really didn't do that!"

Lu Yan's voice was gentle, but the killing intent in his eyes was undisguised. "No matter how much the other party offered you, I can offer you double. Moreover, you don't want to offend the Lu family because of this. As long as you obediently hand over the item, I can let bygones be bygones. You can continue to work in the Lu family."

The servant said helplessly, "Young Master, I'm just a servant. How would I dare to make a recording?! Moreover, what good will the recording do for me? I wouldn't dare!"

Even though Lu Xiang was slow-witted, she could not help but react at this moment. This servant had deliberately tricked her just now. She must have recorded everything she said just now. If this recording was leaked, the Lu family's secret that they had kept for many years would be exposed.

The corners of Lu Yan's mouth curled up into a vicious smile. He waved at the people behind him. The bodyguards behind him walked forward and grabbed the servant. They searched her carefully, but they did not find any recording equipment.

Lu Yan even suspected that she had a pinhole camera on her. Then, he ordered his men to check the servant's hair, ears, and even the soles of her shoes. However, they still did not find anything.

Was it really just a misunderstanding? This servant did not look like she was pretending. Could it be that she just happened to say those words?

Lu Yan was still worried. He sent someone to search the bodies of the others. After confirming that there were no recording devices, Lu Yan felt even more uneasy. If the person recording was not at the scene, then...

He suddenly thought of something and stopped breathing. He hurriedly left the ancestral hall. The ancestral hall was surrounded by his people. If that person had been standing outside and recording it, they would have been captured long ago!

After a while, Lu Yan's assistant rushed over. "Young Master, we've looked everywhere but found nothing."

Lu Yan frowned and did not look too good.

"Young Master, one side of the ancestral hall is guarded by our people, while the other side is guarded by Assistant Ji, the man beside Chairman Lu. He said that he didn't find any suspicious people. He's gone to check the surveillance cameras."

Assistant Ji, the man beside his grandfather?

Lu Yan was deep in thought. Assistant Ji came to the Lu family two years ago. He was careful and serious. Grandpa kept him by his side to handle the trivial matters around him.

This person had a weak character and was loyal to his grandfather. Knowing that he was looking into anyone suspicious, Assistant Ji would definitely cooperate with him. Since Assistant Ji was even going to check the surveillance footage, it meant that he was not hiding anything.

They searched the ancestral hall but found nothing. Could it be that Lu Yan was too sensitive?

Lu Yan even suspected that that person had already run out of the ancestral hall, so he went to search the entire Lu family. However, he still didn't find anything.

Lu Xiang was uneasy. "If the recording is leaked out, I..."

"Don't worry." Lu Yan retracted his gaze. "Maybe we're thinking too much. If someone really recorded it, there would definitely be traces."

Lu Xiang heaved a sigh of relief, but when she thought about how Lu Qingyun's memorial tablet was still in the ancestral hall, she gritted her teeth in hatred. "But Lu Qingyun's memorial tablet is placed in the ancestral hall. When it's time to worship the ancestors, we'll all have to kneel. Are we going to kneel to that b\*tch, Lu Qingyun?"

#### **Chapter 1125: Those Who Do Great Things Don't Care About Small Matters**

Lu Xiang's heart was filled with unwillingness. Why should she kneel down to Lu Qingyun? This was absolutely impossible!

Lu Yan's expression was calm. After a moment of silence, he said indifferently, "Aunt, she's already a dead person. So what if we kneel down to her? So what if we offer incense?"

"But Lu Qingyun..."

Before Lu Xiang could finish, Lu Yan waved his hand and interrupted her. "You're the daughter of the Lu family now. You're the madam of the Lu family, while she doesn't even have a corpse. So what if we put her memorial tablet in the ancestral hall? It's just a piece of wood. It's meaningless! Only the living are the winners. She has long disappeared from this world."

Lu Yan said casually, "Those who achieve great things don't care about small matters. If you can't even accept this small grievance, how can you manage the Lu family in the future? Our Lu family is a long-standing family. Even if we hate Lu Qingyun, we can't throw her memorial tablet out, lest others use this against us."

Hearing Lu Yan's words, Lu Xiang's expression softened a little. She had to admit that Lu Yan's words made sense. Lu Qingyun had been dead for so many years. What was placed in the ancestral hall now was just a piece of wood. She was the final winner!

Lu Xiang glanced around and confirmed that what she had just said was not recorded. They were just too sensitive. Her tone softened. "That's right. So what if we put Lu Qingyun's memorial tablet in the



ancestral hall? She was hated by the Lu family when she was alive. She's only qualified to enter the ancestral hall after she died. How laughable!"

The corners of Lu Yan's mouth curled up as a trace of viciousness appeared in his eyes.

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Qiao Xi leaned against the bed and quietly listened to the news from Ji Nan. "Eldest Miss, it's done."

She nodded in satisfaction. "That servant from the Lu family is one of yours?"

Hearing her question, Ji Nan instantly choked and was a little hesitant. "No, no..."

Qiao Xi hurriedly straightened up, and her gaze was slightly surprised. She almost bit her tongue. "What? She's not one of yours?"

Even Lu Yan sensed that the servant was deliberately angering Lu Xiang and making her say those words in public. Of course, Qiao Xi also realized that something was wrong. The servant clearly knew that Ji Nan was recording, so she deliberately led Lu Xiang to say those words.

If that servant was not Ji Nan's subordinate, who was she?

Hearing Qiao Xi's surprised voice, Ji Nan cleared his throat and said, "Eldest Miss, actually, I don't know what's going on either. I originally planned to anger Lu Xiang myself, but I didn't expect that the servant would beat me to it just as I was about to enter. Immediately after, Lu Yan even ordered people to search the servants there, but they didn't find anything."

Qiao Xi held her chin and pondered for a few seconds before a thought suddenly flashed through her mind.

On the other end of the phone, Ji Nan added, "The ancestral hall was surrounded by Lu Yan's people. The servant angered Lu Xiang to say those words, but she didn't record it. Moreover, I don't know her. Perhaps the servant couldn't stand Lu Xiang's actions and casually said a few words."

Casually?

Qiao Xi did not think that the servant's words were casual. Every word was clearly meant to infuriate Lu Xiang. If she were really an ordinary servant, she would have taken out the ancestral tablet the moment Lu Xiang got angry. However, she revealed Lu Xiang's true colors with just a few words. Coincidentally, Ji Nan was outside the door at that moment, recording the scene.

The servant seemed to have predicted that Ji Nan would come and was already prepared. She did not have any recording equipment on her, but everything she did was to help Ji Nan record the conversation. Even so, Ji Nan said that the servant was not one of his people.

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows as a trace of interest flashed past her eyes. "Have you found out the identity of that servant?"

Ji Nan was silent for a few seconds before he said in a subtle tone, "Eldest Miss, I've already investigated, but this servant is just an ordinary person. Her family background is average. When she

heard that the Lu family paid a high salary, she applied to become their servant. She's been here for a few years. Nothing has gone wrong during this period of time. It's because Lu Yan didn't find anything that he can't look for trouble with this servant."

Qiao Xi's eyes narrowed slightly. It was indeed too much of a coincidence. The servant's appearance and every word she said seemed to have been carefully planned.

After a while, Ji Nan said mysteriously, "Eldest Miss, I think there's another group of people in the Lu family. They're very mysterious. They seem to be spies planted in the Lu family."

Qiao Xi's tone was indifferent. "Oh."

"This group of people is very capable. They're clearly using us to scheme against Lu Xiang and Lu Yan. After the truth is exposed, their hands will be clean of the matter and everything will be pushed to us!" Ji Nan sighed.

### **Chapter 1126: The Inheritance Is His Life**

Ji Nan frowned and said, "What's even more shocking is that those people seem to know that I'm an undercover spy in the Lu family, so they specially arranged for a servant to anger Lu Xiang when I appeared."

Qiao Xi nodded. The maid and Ji Nan were not in the same group. This was why even when Lu Yan noticed that something was wrong, he was not able to find the recording equipment. This was indeed a mission that could only be completed by two separate parties. This way, no one would notice.

However, from the looks of it, the other party did not seem to have any ill intentions. It was more like they were helping Ji Nan. After all, if Ji Nan had personally angered Lu Xiang today, it was very likely that his identity would be exposed.

So who exactly sent the servant? Qiao Xi thought for a few seconds and suddenly thought of the most likely person. Everything was arranged so appropriately. Who else could it be?

However, how did Gu Zheng know Ji Nan's identity? Or he didn't know who she had planted in the Lu family and only knew that such a person existed, so he deliberately got the servant to put on an act? As for whether Ji Nan could record any useful evidence, that would depend on his own performance.

"Eldest Miss?" Ji Nan did not hear Qiao Xi's response for a long time, so he spoke in confusion.

Qiao Xi smiled and replied lazily, "It's fine. They won't hurt you."

Ji Nan was still a little worried. "Eldest Miss, it's not that I'm afraid they'll hurt me, but we don't know their identities yet. If they threaten you..."

"No, they're our people." Qiao Xi chuckled. "I already know their identities."

He was the only one who could place a servant in the Lu family in advance and who could make Lu Yan unable to find anything wrong with her.

After hanging up, Qiao Xi pondered for a moment and decided to test Gu Zheng.

At this moment, Gu Zheng had already found out that Ji Nan had recorded the video, but he was still focused on handling the documents with a calm expression.

Song Shijing stood in front of him and said respectfully, "President, the Lu family can't hide their wild ambitions anymore. It doesn't matter to you even if you can't enter the ancestral hall to worship your ancestors. So why are Lu Xiang and Lu Yan still..."

Gu Zheng put down the document in his hand and looked up lazily. "You want to ask why they naively think I care? Then think carefully about what they're most afraid of losing."

Song Shijing pondered for a moment and replied tentatively, "All these years, Lu Xiang has hated her identity as an illegitimate daughter. She has always wanted to be the legitimate daughter of the Lu family, but even after Madam Lu Qingyun passed away, she can only be the second daughter of the Lu family. That's why she's colluding with Lu Yan. She wants to completely control the Lu family and become the madam of the Lu family. What she's most afraid of is losing her status and power.

"As for Lu Yan, he was raised as the heir of the Gu and Lu families since he was young. Now, he no longer has any hope of becoming the heir of the Gu family. However, with Old Master Lu's full support, he has already become the president of Lu Corporation. This is all he has now, so he's most afraid of losing his identity as the heir of the Lu family.

"To Lu Yan, the inheritance is his life. If he loses it, he'll have nothing left."

Gu Zheng's long fingers tapped lightly on the table as he said in a low voice, "Yes, the inheritance is his life. That's why Lu Yan is worried about losing it."

Now that Lu Yan had already become crazy, he would not allow anyone to snatch his position as the heir. Hence, he was afraid of Gu Zheng and was worried that when Gu Zheng returned to the Lu family one day, he would no longer be the only choice for the Lu family.

He stubbornly thought that Gu Zheng wanted to snatch back the Lu family's inheritance, so he had to hold on to his power and identity. However, he did not know that everything he cared about was trash in Gu Zheng's eyes.

Gu Zheng's voice was very calm, but it was filled with coldness. "I've never thought of occupying the Lu family. I just want to see Lu Yan suffer."

If he took away the inheritance, Lu Yan would probably be in so much pain that he wished he were dead! Lu Yan would be unwilling, angry, and question him why he was still fighting for Lu Corporation when he already had Gu Corporation.

Lu Yan had probably forgotten that the Lu family's things originally belonged to Lu Qingyun, and Gu Zheng was Lu Qingyun's son. Gu Zheng had every right to take back all of these things. Even if he did not need them, he would rather destroy them than leave them to Lu Yan, who was occupying the family's territory, and Lu Xiang, who caused the death of her own biological sister.

Song Shijing sighed in his heart. If it were not for Lu Yan and his mother, the president might have had a happy childhood. He could not help but say, "President, even if you don't want the Lu family's inheritance, you can't leave it to Lu Yan. We have to seek justice for Madam Lu and make everyone pay the price!"

## Chapter 1127: They're My Family

After Song Shijing finished speaking, he saw that Gu Zheng's expression did not change. Instead, Gu Zheng smiled calmly. "President, you've been tolerating the Lu family all these years. Now, you can finally hold your head high."

All these years, no matter what the Lu family did, the president would turn a blind eye. Even though he was capable enough to crush the Lu family, the president still did not retaliate. Ever since he married Young Madam, the president had started to attack the Lu family.

Song Shijing had always thought that the president was tolerating it because of kinship, but the Lu family did not appreciate it at all. Instead, they became even more aggressive and even targeted Young Madam. That was why the president finally chose to resist.

Hearing Song Shijing's words, Gu Zheng sneered and raised an eyebrow at him. "You've been by my side for so many years. Do you think I'm such a tolerant person?"

Song Shijing choked.

Gu Zheng's deep eyes were filled with a cold smile. His thin lips parted slightly as he said word by word, "Killing them directly or destroying the Lu family will be letting them off easy. I just want to see them fall into pain and despair bit by bit. They'll gradually be devoured by desire and be consigned to eternal damnation."

Song Shijing's heart trembled. In order to make the Lu family suffer, Gu Zheng should let them watch as the family's hundred years of hard work declined in their hands. Such pain was equivalent to cutting their hearts out.

Hence, the president had never tolerated the Lu family all these years. Instead, he was secretly paving the way and guiding the Lu family into the trap he set up. Lu Corporation was far inferior to how it was a few years ago. Coupled with Lu Yan's wrong judgments, the company lost nearly 20 billion yuan. Now, Lu Corporation was already in a precarious situation.

At this moment, there was a knock on the door. Qiao Xi pushed the door open and walked straight in front of Gu Zheng.

That servant entered the Lu family a few years ago. With Gu Zheng's methods, he had definitely done more than just plant a spy. It was likely that nothing that happened in the Lu family would be able to get past him, but Qiao Xi did not understand. Gu Zheng had already completely controlled the Lu family in his hands. Why had he not attacked the Lu family? Why was he even tolerating the Lu family that were like little fleas jumping around on his head?

Although the Lu family's business was getting worse by the year, they still had a hundred years of foundation. The Lu family was still a noble family in Li City. Even though Lu Yan knew that he could not win against Gu Zheng, he was still struggling tenaciously. This meant that Gu Zheng had never been ruthless and always left the Lu family with a chance of survival.

At this moment, Qiao Xi suddenly sensed that something was wrong. Gu Zheng knew that Lu Qingyun's death was related to the Lu family. Although he had yet to investigate clearly, he had the ability to make the Lu family disappear from Li City and make these scumbags pay the price they deserved.

Qiao Xi abruptly raised her eyes, and her burning gaze landed on Gu Zheng.

Song Shijing was shocked. Did Young Madam know about the servant? Or was she here to explain Ji Nan's identity? After all, this was between the couple. He should leave first.

However, before Song Shijing could leave, Qiao Xi frowned and asked seriously, "Ah Zheng, the Lu family has already stepped on your toes. Why are you still keeping them around?"

Gu Zheng froze instantly. Song Shijing did not expect Young Madam to suddenly come in just to ask this. He had asked this question just now, and the president gave him a clear answer.

The reason why he kept the Lu family around was to watch them fall into pain and despair bit by bit. They would gradually be devoured by desire and be doomed.

The president was good at attacking the spots where it hurt most. The best way to make the Lu family suffer was not to overthrow the Lu family overnight but to let Old Master Lu and Lu Yan see hope but gradually fall into despair. When the Lu family could not make a comeback, they would suffer even more. This punishment was the most terrifying.

Previously, the president's tolerance was not because of their relationship. He did not treat the Lu family as family at all. From the moment he went to the Lu family to seek help and was chased out, the Lu family had become the target of his revenge.

Song Shijing thought that he could answer Young Madam directly and say that the president wanted to take revenge on the Lu family. He wanted the Lu family to collapse in despair and receive the punishment they deserved. Just as he was about to explain, however...

"No matter what, the Lu family is my mother's family. They're considered my relatives by blood." Gu Zheng's voice was calm and even a little helpless.

Song Shijing choked on the words in his mouth. His body stiffened as he looked at Gu Zheng in shock.

Did he hear wrongly? The president said that he had familial affection for the Lu family?

### **Chapter 1128: Ah Zheng Is The Best Man In The World**

Hearing Gu Zheng's words, Qiao Xi's heart instantly ached. She originally thought that Gu Zheng was tolerating the Lu family because he wanted to destroy the Lu family bit by bit and make them gradually collapse.

When Ji Nan mentioned the servant's identity, Qiao Xi realized that Gu Zheng had arranged for his people to stay in the Lu family many years ago. Even Ji Nan did not notice it, which meant that Gu Zheng was already prepared to take revenge.

10 years ago, Gu Zheng established Gu Corporation. From then on, the Lu family was no longer in a position to fight him. At that time, the Lu family had already begun to decline without Lu Qingyun. However, this change was small. Hence, although Gu Zheng had already started to guard against the Lu family, he had never attacked them.

Gu Zheng raised his eyes to glance at Qiao Xi with a disappointed expression. He smiled bitterly and said, "It's my fault for still having slight hopes about them, but they've never taken me to heart."

Song Shijing: "???" 'President, what's there to be disappointed about? Can you stop pretending?'

Today, he finally understood why Song Shiyu kept calling the president a bastard. This man was too scheming. He was the same even with his wife. He was pretending to be pitiful in front of Young Madam to gain sympathy!

Fortunately, he was the one standing in the study now. After all, he was very tight-lipped and knew how to observe people's expressions. He would not expose the president. If Song Shiyu were here, he would definitely expose the president's true colors on the spot!

Gu Zheng glanced at Song Shijing calmly. There was no warning in his eyes, nor did it seem as if he was pretending to be pitiful or guilty. It was as if everything was real.

In front of Qiao Xi, Gu Zheng lowered his eyes in loneliness. His soft hair covered his eyes, making him look like a pitiful and gentle dog. He was extremely sad. "Let bygones be bygones. Since the Lu family isn't willing to acknowledge me, then I don't have to treat them as family."

Qiao Xi's heart almost ached to death. How old was Gu Zheng back then?! He established Gu Corporation and endured the double pressure of the Lu and Gu families. He hoped for the support of his family, but those people from the Lu family actually had the heart to hurt him. Actually, he was a man with a soft heart. It was just that he was forced to grow up after countless schemes.

"Ah Zheng, there are rumors outside that you're vicious and irritable. Actually, they don't understand you at all. You're clearly very kind and have given them countless chances," Qiao Xi said gently. Ah Zheng was the best man in the world. Even if he did something vicious, it was because he was forced to. He was still a gentle and kind man!

Song Shijing: "... 'Wow! I'm going to vomit!'

One of them was pretending to be weak, while the other was pretending to be pitiful. The two of them were really a match made in heaven! Was there a point in pretending like this?

Song Shijing endured the discomfort and walked out of the study. At this moment, only the couple was left in the room. Only then did Qiao Xi remember her original intention of looking for Gu Zheng.

She leaned against Gu Zheng's shoulder and said with a smile, "Ah Zheng, they'll definitely play tricks on us during the Lu family's ancestral worship ceremony this time, so what do you plan to do?"

The corners of Gu Zheng's lips curled up, and his deep eyes were filled with a dotting smile. He lowered his head, his hot breath spraying on her ear as he asked softly, "Xi Xi, what good ideas do you have?"

“Ah Zheng, you’re so smart, so you should’ve already arranged for your own people in the Lu family, right? Even if Lu Yan makes things difficult for you, you’ll definitely be able to resolve the problems. You should have something on the Lu family, right?” Qiao Xi carefully probed.

Gu Zheng’s eyes were calm. After a moment of silence, he pretended to be puzzled. “What do you mean?”

The anger in Qiao Xi’s heart instantly surged. She already knew that the bastard had planted people in the Lu family, yet he was still pretending?

However, for the sake of avoiding being exposed, Qiao Xi still said patiently, “With your intelligence, you must’ve already thought of a way to solve those problems when they crop up, right?”

The smile in Gu Zheng’s eyes grew wider. Teasing Mrs. Gu was really a delight.

A moment later, Gu Zheng cleared his throat and replied seriously, “Mrs. Gu, you’re right. I’ve indeed come up with a way.”

Qiao Xi suddenly became nervous. When Gu Zheng asked her about Ji Nan later, how should she explain it? After all, at that time, she did not know that Gu Zheng was Mo Yuan and did not know the Lu family at all.

Just as Qiao Xi was deep in thought, Gu Zheng pulled her into his embrace and let her lean into his embrace. His voice was gentle as he said, “I originally didn’t want to tell you these things, but since you asked, then I’ll tell you. A few years ago, I arranged for a servant to secretly enter the Lu family. She angered Lu Xiang today and made her say some compromising words in public.”

### **Chapter 1129: Saved Ji Nan’s Life**

Qiao Xi nodded. As expected, that servant was one of Gu Zheng’s people. What the servant did earlier today was probably Gu Zheng’s idea, but how was he going to explain what happened after that?

Gu Zheng saw the doubt in her eyes and added, “Chairman Lu has an assistant by his side called Ji Nan.”

When Qiao Xi heard this name, her entire body instantly stiffened. Sure enough, Gu Zheng already knew that Ji Nan was one of hers, but Ji Nan had remained hidden for so long. How did Gu Zheng discover him?

“Ji Nan...” The corners of Gu Zheng’s mouth curled up as he said casually, “Ji Nan’s secretary is one of my people as well.”

Qiao Xi: “!!!”

Her ears buzzed, and her heart skipped a beat.

Ji Nan’s secretary?

Gu Zheng knew the truth, but he did not expose her. Instead, he continued, “Ji Nan is Chairman Lu’s personal assistant. Of course, Ji Nan will hire a secretary to handle miscellaneous matters. This secretary can be hired by Ji Nan himself. Besides, the Lu family won’t investigate the identity of a secretary.

“Ever since Ji Nan joined the Lu family as an assistant, I’ve arranged for a secretary to follow Ji Nan. Today, Ji Nan recorded a video when no one was paying attention. If the Lu family makes things difficult for me, this can be used to threaten the Lu family.”

Qiao Xi was silent for a short while before asking with a strange expression, “The person you arranged is Ji Nan’s secretary, not Ji Nan himself?”

Gu Zheng smiled and nodded. “Of course. Ji Nan is Chairman Lu’s personal assistant. No matter how powerful I am, I can’t bribe Chairman Lu’s trusted aide. Although Ji Nan has only been by Chairman Lu’s side for two years, he’s especially valued. Everything in the Lu family is handed to Ji Nan to handle. He can even speak on behalf of Chairman Lu. Even Lu Yan respects this assistant very much. Mrs. Gu, do you think he can be bribed by me?”

Qiao Xi said, “Uh...”

The glint in Gu Zheng’s eyes grew brighter as he asked casually, “Why would you ask about Ji Nan, Mrs. Gu? Could it be that Ji Nan was really planted in the Lu family by someone else?”

Qiao Xi gulped nervously. “Um... I heard you mention Ji Nan, so I just asked casually.”

Gu Zheng smiled meaningfully. “Just because I mentioned Ji Nan, you guessed that he was bribed? Could it be that you... know the inside story?”

Qiao Xi blinked and pretended to be calm as she smiled charmingly. “Oh, I was really just asking casually. Ji Nan is in an important position. If he’s been bribed, then it can only mean that Chairman Lu is too stupid!”

Although she said that, Qiao Xi’s heart was filled with disdain. The Lu family was indeed hopelessly stupid. Gu Zheng was so outstanding, yet they insisted on supporting Lu Yan, whose aptitude was average.

Seeing the change in Qiao Xi’s expression, Gu Zheng suddenly chuckled. “Mrs. Gu, you have a point. Since his position is so important, it looks like we should find a chance to get rid of him.”

Qiao Xi: “!!!” ‘Damn you! He’s my subordinate!’

The smile on her face gradually disappeared. Ji Nan was her subordinate. If he died in Gu Zheng’s hands, who could she reason with? Hence, she gritted her teeth and said with difficulty, “I think...”

Gu Zheng smiled even more arrogantly. Before he met Qiao Xi, he had never smiled like this. If he continued to tease Mrs. Gu, Mrs. Gu would be exposed. At that time, she would inevitably be angry with him.

Gu Zheng restrained his smile and said in a gentle voice, “Mrs. Gu, don’t be nervous. I’m not an unreasonable person. Although Ji Nan is the man by Chairman Lu’s side, he has never harmed me. Why should I attack the innocent?”

Only then did Qiao Xi’s expression ease up a little. She had finally saved Ji Nan’s life. From what Gu Zheng said, he did not know that Ji Nan was one of her people.



She sized Gu Zheng up seriously a few more times. Seeing that his expression was normal, she was relieved. Fortunately, Gu Zheng did not notice. If she was discovered, her weak image would be ruined.

After testing the waters, Qiao Xi left in relief.

After a while, Song Shijing walked in, wanting to report on the company. Unexpectedly, as soon as he entered, he saw Gu Zheng's cold expression. His eyes were vicious, and he exuded a cold aura.

"President, what's wrong?" Song Shijing asked.

Gu Zheng frowned, his eyes revealing a trace of impatience. His tone was cold. "Who let you in? Get lost!"

Song Shijing was shocked. Didn't the president ask him to come in and report? Had he forgotten what he had just said? Now that he knew the president was in a bad mood, he'd better get out!

Just as he was about to turn around and leave, Qiao Xi suddenly returned. She pushed the door open and rushed in while shouting, "Ah Zheng!"

### **Chapter 1130: This Person Actually Has Two Personalities!**

As soon as Qiao Xi spoke, the coldness in the entire study dissipated, and the pressure around them disappeared. Then, Song Shijing saw Gu Zheng, who had a vicious expression just now, looking up gently and smiling affectionately. "Xi Xi, is there anything else?"

Song Shijing: "!!!" Gu Zheng had become a different person from before!

Qiao Xi seemed to have noticed that the atmosphere in the study was not right. She blinked and asked, "Ah Zheng, you don't look too good. What's wrong?"

Song Shijing was instantly nervous. He had just entered to report his work and the president told him to get lost. Would he be angry with Young Madam now?

Gu Zheng's tone was gentle. "No! I'm probably a little tired."

On this day, Song Shijing finally knew what kind of person the president was. This person had two personalities!

Fortunately, he was different from Song Shiyu. No matter how shocked and dissatisfied he was, he would only complain in his heart. He would not show it on his face, and the president would certainly not notice his emotions. He was a mature man!

Qiao Xi's sudden return was actually not for anything important. When she saw that Gu Zheng's face was slightly pale, she reminded him with heartache, "It's getting late. Sleep early. We still have to go to the Lu family's place tomorrow."

Gu Zheng smiled and nodded. He was gentle like a bright boy.

As soon as she finished speaking, Qiao Xi returned to her room to rest.

Song Shijing wondered if he could get off work now that Young Madam had asked the president to rest. Just as he said excitedly, "President, you should rest. I'll..."

"What's the meaning of this? As your boss, I haven't gotten off work yet, yet you're thinking of slacking off?" The gentleness in Gu Zheng's eyes instantly vanished.

Song Shijing's heart sank. This man was so gentle in front of Young Madam. But when Young Madam was not around, he was like a demon!

He complained crazily in his heart, but he still replied respectfully, "Alright, President. I'll go ahead with my report, then."

By the time the two of them were done with the company's matters, it was already 10 at night. Gu Zheng's vision was a little blurry, and there were waves of sharp pain. Recently, his vision had been getting worse.

"President, since you're going to the Lu family's house tomorrow, do you need me to deal with the rumors outside first?" Song Shijing asked.

"There's no need." Gu Zheng leaned against the chair and closed his eyes to rest.

"But the rumors outside are very disadvantageous to you now. Chairman Lu has been unconscious for a long time. Many people are saying that you caused it. If this goes on, tomorrow..."

Gu Zheng said casually, "They're right. I'm indeed the one who caused Chairman Lu to fall into a coma."

Song Shijing: "... That was indeed the case, and it could be said that the Lu family had not wronged the president this time. However, such rumors would affect the president's wise and divine image!

He really could not understand the president's mind!

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In the Lu family's mansion.

Everyone gathered in Old Master Lu's room. The atmosphere was very gloomy. Old Master Lu, who should have woken up a long time ago, was still unconscious.

Originally, the old master was only pretending to be sick as he wanted Gu Zheng to give up 5% of the shares. That way, not only would he be able to keep the shares, but he would also make Gu Zheng bear the infamy of being unfilial. At that time, Gu Zheng would not have the right to fight for the position of heir.

However, no one expected that the old master would really fall sick.

A few days ago, the family doctor said that he would wake up by today at the latest. The old master did show signs of waking up, but he had only opened his eyes for a moment before falling unconscious again.

The old master was the head of the family. The matters relating to the ancestral worship ceremony still needed to be decided by the old master. It was still uncertain whether they should let Gu Zheng enter the ancestral hall or not.

The family doctor's forehead was covered in a cold sweat. He had already done a full-body check-up on the old master. His vital signs were normal, and there was no poison in his body. Logically speaking, the old master should have woken up long ago, but he was still unconscious.

Although he was unconscious, he looked more like he had fallen asleep. His expression was relaxed, and his breathing was normal. He would even turn over on his own, but he would not wake up no matter how much they shouted.

Lu Xiang's expression darkened as she cursed, "You piece of trash! The Lu family spends so much money on you every year, but you can't even treat the old master's illness? When will the old master wake up?"

The family doctor endured Lu Xiang's curses with a helpless expression. Actually, he thought that Old Master Lu was pretending to be sick!

Previously, when the old master first fell unconscious, he had indeed detected poison in the old master's body, but the dosage was very small. It would not be long before the old master woke up. Now, there was no poison in the old master's body anymore and everything was normal. Hence, there could only be one reason why he had not woken up.