

Lady Gu 1141

Chapter 1141: Puppet Technique

Hearing Qiao Xi's words, everyone instantly fell silent. Did Mrs. Gu mean that Lu Yan was the one who angered Old Master Lu to the point of falling sick?

Fifth Uncle's expression darkened as he berated loudly, "Gu Zheng! Previously, you said to the public that the head of the family was pretending to be sick. Now, everyone knows that the head of the family is really in a coma and can't even participate in the ancestral worship ceremony. However, you're actually spreading rumors here. Are you qualified to come and pay respects to our ancestors?"

Look, they were finally getting to the main topic!

Qiao Xi was angered to the point of laughing. "Fifth Uncle, Gu Zheng didn't say that Old Master Lu was pretending to be sick. That was everyone's guess. Moreover, the Lu family didn't retort back then, nor did you guys reveal Old Master Lu's medical record. Hence, it made everyone think that the Lu family was guilty and tacitly agreed to Old Master Lu's act.

"Isn't it a little unreasonable for you to blame Ah Zheng for spreading rumors now? Your Lu family didn't even explain it to the public. Did you want Ah Zheng to explain things on behalf of you?"

Everyone was speechless again. Mrs. Gu looked young, but she was very eloquent.

Fifth Uncle was so angry that his face turned red. He questioned loudly, "Gu Zheng, why are you hiding behind a woman? Don't forget that the Lu family's blood flows in your veins. If the Lu family's reputation is ruined, you'll be affected too!"

Qiao Xi whimpered aggrievedly. "I just can't stand you bullying Ah Zheng. Just because Ah Zheng has a good temper and doesn't want to bicker with you, you're forcing him into a dead end! How unreasonable!"

Fifth Uncle: "... Gu Zheng had a good temper?"

He pointed at Qiao Xi and roared angrily. "You have no right to speak here. Shut up!"

Qiao Xi was like a frightened little white rabbit as she hid behind Gu Zheng with a terrified expression. However, a trace of disdain flashed past her eyes. She deliberately got entangled with Fifth Uncle not because she was bored but because she wanted to stall for time.

It would take some time for the hypnosis to lift. Moreover, Old Master Lu had been unconscious for so long. It would take time for him to completely wake up and regain control of his actions and thoughts.

The current Old Master Lu was equivalent to a puppet in her palm. She could control him as she pleased. She gently stroked her palm, and soon, a red line appeared on her skin. The red line seemed to have a life of its own as it trembled slightly.

On the other hand, Old Master Lu slowly walked out of the door. As everyone in the Lu family was paying respects to their ancestors outside the ancestral hall, only the family doctor and two doctors from the Medical Association were guarding the old master's bedroom.

The three of them were expressionless when they saw Old Master Lu walk out. After all, they knew that Old Master Lu was pretending. There was nothing to be surprised about now that he had woken up. However, what was Old Master Lu doing? Could it be that he was going to attend the ceremony?

Old Master Lu was really responsible. He was going to pay respects to his ancestors as soon as he woke up!

At this moment, outside the ancestral hall, Qiao Xi looked at the red line on her palm that was getting deeper and deeper. She knew that Old Master Lu was walking over. Soon, everyone would see Old Master Lu appear. Then, the people from the Medical Association would reveal the old master's health in public. At that time, the truth would be known about whether he was pretending to be sick or if he was really unconscious!

Qiao Xi was not ashamed in the slightest. She had indeed hypnotized the old master and made him faint for a few days. Today, the old master and Lu Yan would also lose their dignity in public. However, she could not be blamed for this. If the Lu family had not wanted to scheme against Gu Zheng, why would she deliberately counterattack?

Hence, Qiao Xi felt that Lu Yan and Old Master Lu were not innocent at all. They had shot themselves in the foot. They deserved it!

Gu Zheng's cold eyes landed on Fifth Uncle. The surrounding temperature seemed to have dropped. His voice carried a trace of coldness. "Are you done talking?"

Seeing that he was so unconcerned, Fifth Uncle was so angry that he almost vomited blood. "Gu Zheng, I know you're in control of Li City, but the Lu family's residence isn't a place for you to fool around. You've already angered the head of the family to the point of falling sick, yet you're still spreading rumors outside that the head of the family is pretending to be sick. You're really heartless!"

Gu Zheng curled his lips. His deep eyes had long seen through everyone's thoughts, but he still raised an eyebrow and asked, "So what do you think I should do?"

Everyone hesitated for a moment and could not help but look at Lu Yan.

Lu Yan had a gentle smile on his face as he nodded imperceptibly. Fifth Uncle seemed to have received a signal and said gently, "Ah Zheng, we don't want to blame you, but this ancestral worship ceremony is the most important event in the Lu family every year. Logically speaking, the head of the family has to attend. If the head of the family doesn't attend, I'm afraid our ancestors will blame him.

"You caused the head of the family to fall unconscious and made him unable to pay respects to his ancestors, so you're the culprit behind this matter. You can't continue to participate in the ceremony."

Chapter 1142: The Lu Family's Rules Are Strict

Fifth Uncle glanced at Lu Yan and continued, "Ah Zheng, this is your first time coming to the Lu family to pay respects to our ancestors. You don't know the rules yet. As the head of the family is still unconscious, you can't enter the family register. To our ancestors, you're not a member of the Lu family yet."

He then curled his lips and said in a disdainful tone, "Since you're not from the Lu family, how can you participate in the ancestral worship ceremony? Gu Zheng, the Lu family's rules can't be broken!"

The surroundings were silent. He had said so much nonsense for one reason, and that was to not let Gu Zheng participate in the ancestral worship ceremony. Although Gu Zheng's identity had already been confirmed, the patriarch was not around, so he could not enter the family register. Hence, he was not qualified to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony.

At this moment, everyone was discussing softly. "He's chased out of the Lu family during the ancestral worship ceremony. Tsk tsk... How embarrassing! In the end, it's his fault. If he hadn't angered the head of the family to the point of falling sick, he would've been able to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony."

"Lu Qingyun's memorial tablet is also in the ancestral hall. Gu Zheng can't even pay his respects to his mother now. I can only say that he reaped what he sowed."

"The Lu family is a century-old family. We have strict rules, especially when it comes to paying respects to our ancestors. We absolutely can't make any mistakes. Gu Zheng, we can't make an exception for you just because you have power and influence. Please leave!"

Gu Zheng's expression was indifferent, and he paid no attention to the others. However, Qiao Xi could not help but say, "Do you mean to say that because Old Master Lu is unconscious now, Ah Zheng won't be able to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony? He won't even be able to pay his respects to his biological mother?"

When Fifth Uncle heard Qiao Xi's question, he replied with extreme confidence, "That's right!"

They originally thought that Qiao Xi had given in, but who knew that Qiao Xi's voice would be icy-cold in the next second? She asked word by word, "If Old Master Lu isn't unconscious, will Ah Zheng be able to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony?"

The entire venue was in an uproar.

If the old master was really not unconscious, then logically speaking, they could not stop Gu Zheng from paying respects to their ancestors.

Fifth Uncle's expression was gloomy as he looked at Lu Yan. He saw a trace of viciousness and uneasiness flash past Lu Yan's eyes. What was Qiao Xi talking about?

Before Lu Yan could speak, Lu Xiang retorted guiltily, "Qiao Xi, what nonsense are you talking about? My father has been unconscious for so many days, yet you're still here..."

"Second Miss Lu." Qiao Xi interrupted her softly, and the corners of her mouth curled up slightly as she said casually, "I'm just raising a reasonable doubt. Why are you so agitated? Why do I feel that you don't want the old master to wake up?"

Qiao Xi's voice was gentle, but she seemed to be luring those around her. "Could it be that all of you don't want the old master to wake up? This way, you'll have a reason to stop Ah Zheng from participating in the ancestral worship ceremony. After all, Ah Zheng's name isn't in the genealogy, so Ah Zheng won't have the right to compete with Lu Yan for the position of heir.

"Old Master's coma is good for you, so you hope that he won't wake up today, right?"

Boom!!!

The entire venue was silent. Everyone seemed to have been struck by lightning and subconsciously looked at Lu Yan.

Actually, most of the people in the Lu family supported Lu Yan. It was because of Lu Yan that they could have a place in the Lu family. They all knew Lu Yan's thoughts, so they did not want Gu Zheng to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony.

As for the others who were not close to Lu Yan and had never participated in the Lu family's internal strife, it did not matter to them who the heir of the Lu family was. They had a neutral attitude. Now that they heard Mrs. Gu's words, they could not help but shudder. In that case, the person who did not want the old master to wake up was clearly Lu Yan!

Lu Yan clenched his fists, and his lips were pale, but the expression on his face was still gentle. There was a smile on the corners of his mouth as he shook his head helplessly. "Mrs. Gu, your analysis is very reasonable, but Grandpa is indeed unconscious. The Lu family's family doctors and the doctors from the Medical Association have all diagnosed him, but they aren't able to do anything. I didn't cause Grandpa to be unconscious.

"Mrs. Gu, you can misunderstand me and say that I'm not pure-hearted, but I hope you can respect my grandfather. He's still unconscious on the bed. It's hard to say if he'll survive. Do you think it's appropriate for you to slander an elder like this?"

As soon as he finished speaking, Qiao Xi grunted coldly. "Young Master Lu, you're quite filial! However, what I said just now is a reasonable analysis. I didn't say that you're the culprit who harmed Old Master Lu. If you're in such a rush to explain, it'll make others think that you're guilty!"

The expression on Lu Yan's face instantly stiffened. He calmly controlled his emotions, but Lu Xiang, who was at the side, instantly exploded. "Qiao Xi! Shut up! Ah Yan grew up by the old master's side since he was young. He absolutely wouldn't harm my father! You've been talking for a long time. Are you trying to help Gu Zheng escape punishment and let him participate in the ancestral worship ceremony? Let me tell you clearly that if my father isn't awake, you shouldn't even think about it!"

Chapter 1143: He Poisoned Her

Lu Xiang was furious and wished for nothing more than to rush over and tear Qiao Xi's mouth apart. At this time, Qiao Xi was actually still spouting nonsense in front of everyone!

Lu Yan took a deep breath and calmed himself down. As long as his grandfather was unconscious, Gu Zheng could not participate in the ancestral worship ceremony. As for who caused his grandfather to be

unconscious, it was no longer important. The entire Lu family was his. Could it be that Gu Zheng could cause a scene in the ancestral hall in front of everyone?

“If Old Master Lu doesn’t wake up, Gu Zheng can’t forcefully enter the ancestral hall. But who says Old Master Lu won’t wake up?” As soon as Qiao Xi finished speaking, she tapped her palm with her finger.

She slowly looked up and pointed not far away with a smile. “Quick, take a look. Isn’t Old Master Lu here?”

Lu Yan’s body trembled as he subconsciously turned around. His body suddenly stiffened, and his ears buzzed.

Everyone from the Lu family also looked in the direction Qiao Xi pointed, and they were all dumbstruck.

At this moment, Old Master Lu was slowly walking over with the help of the family doctor. His eyes were a little confused, but he was in a very good state. Behind him were people from the Medical Association.

Lu Yan gasped as if a huge rock was blocking his heart. He suddenly reacted and looked at Qiao Xi with a sharp gaze. Her eyes were filled with the pride of victory as she smiled sweetly at him.

Lu Yan’s pupils suddenly constricted. He could not even believe the scene in front of him. How did Grandpa suddenly wake up?

Gu Zheng and Qiao Xi must have done something, or was it someone from the Medical Association who cured his grandfather?

“Oh! Ah Zheng, the old master is awake! This is great! You can participate in the ancestral worship ceremony now!” Qiao Xi chuckled.

Gu Zheng gently stroked the top of Qiao Xi’s head and said softly in her ear, “That’s all thanks to Mrs. Gu.”

Qiao Xi blinked her big watery eyes and waved her hand in embarrassment. “What does this have to do with me? I just spoke up for you. I have to thank Old Master Lu. If he hadn’t fought to wake up at this moment, we would’ve been chased away.”

The smile in Gu Zheng’s eyes grew wider. He understood in his heart that Lu Bai suddenly woke up because... Mrs. Gu wanted him to wake up. Otherwise, he would’ve continued to sleep.

Seeing that the head of the family was awake, the Lu family went forward. Lu Xiang asked with concern, “Dad, why did you come out when you just woke up?”

“Old Master! You came at the right time. The ancestral worship ceremony is about to start.”

“Didn’t they say that the old master was unconscious? Why did he suddenly wake up? Is it because the people from the Medical Association are here?”

Lu Yan pursed his lips tightly, and his thoughts raced. His grandfather was indeed awake, and everyone had seen him. There was no way to deny it, but if the person who caused his grandfather to faint was Gu Zheng... As long as his grandfather said in public that Gu Zheng poisoned him, Gu Zheng would be

expelled from the Lu family for attempting to kill his grandfather. He would still be unable to attend the ancestral worship ceremony.

At the thought of this, Lu Yan shot Lu Xiang a look. Lu Xiang hurriedly asked, "Dad, the doctor said that you should have woken up a long time ago. Why did you only wake up today? Could it be that... someone poisoned you?"

The family doctors and people from the Medical Association had strange expressions. They were speechless.

At this moment, Old Master Lu had already recovered his senses. He also understood what Lu Xiang meant and could not help but look at Gu Zheng. This little bastard actually dared to attend the ancestral worship ceremony?

So what if he woke up? Gu Zheng still could not enter the ancestral hall to pay respects to their ancestors!

Lu Bai had been the head of the Lu family for decades. He knew what Lu Xiang and Lu Yan meant. Whether they had evidence or not, they had to push the blame on Gu Zheng.

He was about to speak when he suddenly felt his throat become constricted as if it was blocked by a foreign object. He could not say a word and lost control of his body. His body was extremely stiff. He had clearly used all his strength, and his face was red, but he still could not say a word.

Seeing that the old master did not speak for a long time, Lu Xiang started to become anxious. She hurriedly gestured to Fifth Uncle, who was beside her. Fifth Uncle roared, "So, it was you who poisoned the head of the family, causing him to suddenly fall unconscious. Gu Zheng! How can you be so heartless?"

The Lu family had many members, and they were a little far away from Old Master Lu. It was unknown if he had spoken or not. When they heard Fifth Uncle's angry roar, they thought that Old Master Lu had spoken up to testify against Gu Zheng, so they all looked at him.

Lu Xiang hurriedly accused, "Gu Zheng, you actually dared to poison your biological grandfather. My father is old, and his body can't take it anymore, yet you poisoned him to kill him! If the doctors from the Medical Association hadn't come today, my father might not have woken up!"

Chapter 1144: The Pitiful Are Pitiful For A Reason

Gu Zheng's eyes were indifferent as he ignored Lu Xiang.

Qiao Xi smiled lightly and shot a glance at the people from the Medical Association.

The Lu family was crusading against Gu Zheng, saying that he was the culprit who tried to harm the head of the family. Since he was the culprit, he naturally could not participate in the Lu family's ancestral worship ceremony. Moreover, if news of this got out, Gu Zheng's reputation would be completely ruined.

Lu Yan heaved a sigh of relief, his heart filled with pride. Today, not only could he expel Gu Zheng from the Lu family, but he could also ruin Gu Zheng's reputation. Even if Gu Zheng was powerful now, everyone in Li City knew that he was vicious. Who would work with him?

The surroundings instantly fell silent as everyone stared at Gu Zheng. After a long silence, a young doctor from the Medical Association suddenly walked over and asked in confusion, "Do you think Mr. Gu caused the old master to faint?"

When Lu Xiang heard the doctor's question, she was instantly excited. If the people from the Medical Association also believed that Gu Zheng had poisoned the old master, Gu Zheng would definitely not be able to explain himself.

At the thought of this, she immediately fanned the flames. "It's him! For the sake of that 5% of shares, he even poisoned his own grandfather. My father is his family too, but he actually disregarded kinship and heartlessly attacked my father. My father is already so old and can't take it at all. If you hadn't come, I'm afraid my father would have been unconscious for a long time!

"Gu Zheng! Let me tell you, you have to take responsibility for any injuries to my father's body!"

The young doctor could not help but fall silent. He looked at Lu Xiang with a subtle expression.

Before he could speak, Fifth Uncle chimed in, "Gu Zheng! You have to explain this matter clearly. You clearly know that the head of the family is old, but you actually did such a thing just for some shares. Just what do you think of the Lu family?! What right do you have to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony?"

The doctor from the Medical Association said, "Listen to me..."

Lu Yan spoke first, "President Gu, I hope you can give everyone a reasonable explanation."

Everyone from the Lu family said, "Yes! President Gu, you have to apologize to the head of the family no matter what!"

"Although he's the old master's biological grandson, he's led a wandering life since he was young and has no feelings for the old master. He actually used such despicable methods on his elders. No wonder such a person was misunderstood as an illegitimate child. The Lu family has just acknowledged his identity, but he poisoned the old master. The pitiful are pitiful for a reason."

"Lu Yan is much more filial. I heard that during the time the old master was unconscious, Lu Yan would talk to him whenever he had time and even feed him medicine. The heir of the Lu family should be Lu Yan. Gu Zheng has no right to compete with Lu Yan!"

After everyone finished speaking, they all looked at Gu Zheng. However, Gu Zheng, who was being criticized and watched by everyone, had an indifferent expression from the beginning until the end. It was as if what they said had nothing to do with him.

Qiao Xi's eyes narrowed slightly as she revealed a disdainful expression.

Seeing that the two of them were so indifferent, a trace of uneasiness surged in Lu Yan's heart. Gu Zheng had always had a cold face, but Qiao Xi also had an indifferent expression now. Why was that?

Before Lu Yan could think it through, the Lu family started urging Gu Zheng to give them an explanation.

The doctor from the Medical Association was about to explain again when he was interrupted by Lu Xiang. “Gu Zheng! Don’t think that we’re afraid of you just because you can do whatever you want in Li City! This is the Lu family, and you tried to harm the head of the family. Don’t you have any explanation? You’ll go to jail for poisoning others!”

The doctor said, “Second Miss Lu, actually...”

“Gu Zheng! The doctors from the Medical Association are here as well. What else do you have to say? I advise you to quickly apologize to the old master. Otherwise, don’t blame us for being merciless!”

Qiao Xi crossed her arms over her chest. She was clearly impatient when she heard Lu Xiang’s noisy voice. The people from the Medical Association had also noticed it and could not help but become anxious.

Lu Xiang was still nagging. “Gu Zheng! Do you still want to deny it in front of the people from the Medical Association?”

“Second Miss Lu!” the young doctor finally shouted. Then, ignoring everyone’s stunned gazes, he quickly said, “You’ve misunderstood. I didn’t say that Old Master Lu’s coma is related to President Gu!”

The entire venue was silent for a few seconds before it instantly became noisy again.

Lu Yan felt as if he had been struck by lightning. His ears buzzed, and his face was pale. Old Master Lu’s face was filled with anxiety. He wanted to speak but could not say anything.

Everyone from the Lu family looked at each other. This doctor was from the Medical Association. There was no need for him to lie. However, if this matter had nothing to do with Gu Zheng, why did the old master faint?

Lu Xiang’s face instantly turned livid. She pointed at the doctor and roared, “Shut up! Were you bribed by Gu Zheng?”

Chapter 1145: Bribed By Gu Zheng

“Second Miss Lu, I’m telling the truth. You’re insisting that President Gu poisoned Old Master Lu, but do you have evidence?” The doctor’s tone was serious. As a doctor of the Medical Association, he was respected no matter where he went. He had never seen such an unreasonable person.

The doctor was already a little dissatisfied after being interrupted by Lu Xiang so many times. Now that Lu Xiang was slandering him for being bribed, he was naturally even angrier. He originally wanted to save the Lu family some dignity, but at this moment, he only wanted to make the truth public.

Lu Xiang’s expression was a little ugly. Was this doctor bribed to speak up for Gu Zheng?

Fifth Uncle could not help but panic. The Medical Association was not something the Lu family could offend. Previously, Lu Xiang’s interruptions had already made the other party unhappy, but she actually asked the other party to shut up. Was she crazy?

Fifth Uncle was silent for a moment before asking gently, "But the head of the family is sure that Gu Zheng poisoned him. Why do you think this has nothing to do with Gu Zheng?"

Lu Yan took a deep breath and said with a smile, "The two of you might not know yet, but Grandpa woke up once two days ago. For some reason, he fell into a coma again. Now that he's awake, Grandpa is testifying that Gu Zheng poisoned him. Doesn't this explain everything?"

The Medical Association had always been fair and would not be bribed by Gu Zheng. Hence, Lu Yan simply thought that the two doctors had been deceived by Gu Zheng and did not know about the grudge between the Lu family and Gu Zheng at all.

The old master had already testified in public. How could it be fake?

Just as Lu Yan was feeling proud, the doctor suddenly asked, "Young Master Lu, have you studied medicine?"

Lu Yan was stunned for a moment before answering truthfully, "No."

"Then how did you confirm that Old Master Lu was poisoned? I don't think anyone told you that Old Master Lu fainted because of poison." The doctor's face was serious.

Lu Yan's heart trembled, but there was still a smile on his face as he explained, "Previously, we had already taken Grandpa to the hospital for a check-up. The results show that Grandpa was poisoned. If you don't believe me, I can give you the medical records later—"

"I heard from the family doctor that the old master was indeed poisoned, but the poison was very mild. It might have come from something he ate. The poison is no longer in his body, and it won't affect his body at all. The old master should have woken up a long time ago."

The family doctor looked helpless. If Second Miss had not angered the people from the Medical Association, perhaps they could still cover up for the Lu family. However, she actually told this young doctor from the Medical Association to shut up. She now had to reap what she sowed!

Lu Xiang bit her lip tightly and said indignantly, "The family doctor also said that my father should have woken up a long time ago, but he only woke up for a moment and fell unconscious again without saying anything. Who else but Gu Zheng could do such a vicious thing?! You were clearly bribed by Gu Zheng!"

"Second Miss Lu, you've repeatedly emphasized that I was bribed. May I ask what evidence you have? The Medical Association has always been fair. You're not only slandering my reputation but also the reputation of the entire Medical Association. I'll represent the Medical Association to hold you responsible!"

Lu Xiang widened her eyes. The doctor in front of her looked to be in his 20s, but he actually spoke to her like this. She was instantly infuriated. She pointed at the doctor and shouted heart-wrenchingly, "Fair, my *ss! So what if you're from the Medical Association? Gu Zheng is so rich. He must've given you money, so you're now working for him—"

The doctor could not stand being slandered anymore and berated angrily, "Second Miss Lu! I didn't say it directly before because I wanted to save your Lu family some dignity, but you're actually slandering us

like this and insisting on pushing the blame for Old Master Lu's coma on Mr. Gu. Well, don't blame me for this, then!"

Lu Yan suddenly had a bad feeling. What did this doctor mean? Could it be that the doctors knew something else?

"Xiao Zheng, pay attention to your identity." At this moment, the doctor who looked to be in his 30s walked forward and stood in front of the young doctor.

Although he was only in his 30s, he was already an elder of the Medical Association. He exuded a dignified aura and said firmly, "The people of the Medical Association have always been fair. Second Miss Lu, if you don't believe me, you can invite other doctors here. Even if Mr. Gu had bribed us, he definitely wouldn't have been able to bribe anyone else."

Lu Xiang hurriedly retorted, "How do you know that it wasn't Gu Zheng who poisoned my father? He was unconscious for so long. It must be Gu Zheng's doing! You're just protecting him!"

The elder was not angry. His voice was still calm. "Second Miss Lu, don't rush to a conclusion. There's a reason why I'm sure this has nothing to do with Mr. Gu."

Everyone immediately pricked up their ears. Lu Xiang could not help but take a few steps closer.

Chapter 1146: The Lu Family Must Be So Bored

Qiao Xi glanced at Old Master Lu's face. His face was red, and he did not look like a patient at all. She smiled lightly and nodded at the elder of the Medical Association.

After receiving Eldest Miss' order, the elder of the Medical Association slowly said, "Actually, Old Master Lu wasn't unconscious."

His tone was calm, but it was like a huge rock that smashed into everyone's hearts. What did he mean? Old Master Lu had been lying on the bed for so many days. How could he not be unconscious?

Lu Xiang's face was pale as she suddenly looked at Lu Yan. Lu Yan was also uneasy, and his eyes were filled with shock.

Impossible! If Grandpa was not unconscious, why did he not wake up? At first, he thought that Grandpa was deliberately pretending to be sick for outsiders to see. However, when the two of them were alone, he tested him. Grandpa did not react at all. He was clearly unconscious.

"Nonsense—"

Before Lu Xiang could finish, she was interrupted by the elder, "Old Master Lu was not unconscious at all. He was just asleep. It's just that we don't understand why he slept for so long. So, how did Mr. Gu make Old Master Lu fall asleep?"

Lu Xiang's face was ferocious, and the muscles on her face were contorted. If the old master was not unconscious, wouldn't they have wronged Gu Zheng? Could it be that they really had to let Gu Zheng enter the Lu family's ancestral hall?

She shouted crazily, “Nonsense! My father was clearly unconscious. What you said is all lies—”

“I’ve said that if you don’t believe me, you can find another doctor to diagnose the old master. If you can find a trace of poison in Old Master Lu’s body, I’ll withdraw from the Medical Association. Even if you don’t believe me, you should believe your family doctor. Why don’t you ask him?”

Everyone’s gazes landed on the family doctor. Lu Xiang rushed forward and pointed at the family doctor’s nose as she questioned, “Tell me! My father was unconscious and Gu Zheng poisoned him, right?”

The family doctor wanted to say something but hesitated. However, his silence had already explained everything. The doctor from the Medical Association had come to a conclusion, and the family doctor had also come to the same conclusion. Hence, Old Master Lu had been pretending these past few days!

“Sigh! I really didn’t expect this! Old Master Lu, you’re already so old, yet you still like to play games where you pretend to be sick! At the end of the day, it’s all because your Lu family doesn’t want Gu Zheng to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony. You even slandered him for poisoning you. You want to ruin Gu Zheng’s reputation and make him completely unqualified to compete with Lu Yan, huh?”

“I remember that it was Young Master Lu who personally invited Ah Zheng and me to attend the ancestral worship ceremony that day! Now, the Lu family is trying their best to chase us away. What are you doing? The Lu family must be so bored! If you have time, why don’t you think about how to strengthen the company? Don’t always think about useless things!”

Qiao Xi’s teasing voice sounded. These words completely slapped the faces of the Lu family. All of their faces were livid. At this moment, the expression on Lu Yan’s face froze, and the veins on his forehead popped out.

Qiao Xi slowly raised her eyes to look at Gu Zheng, and her voice carried a trace of disdain. “Ah Zheng, in order to stop you from paying respects to your ancestors, your grandfather actually pretended to be sick to frame you! The Lu family doesn’t welcome us either. Why don’t we leave? In any case, this isn’t your fault. They shouldn’t even think about making you the scapegoat!”

The young doctor also echoed, “In the future, if there are rumors going around saying that Mr. Gu didn’t participate in the ancestral worship ceremony, feel free to look for me. I’m willing to swear on my character and professionalism that Mr. Lu wasn’t unconscious and Mr. Gu didn’t poison him!”

Lu Yan’s pupils suddenly constricted, and Old Master Lu’s ruddy face instantly turned pale. If it were not for the fact that the people from the Medical Association were present, how could Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng have had the chance to prove their innocence?

In order to stop Gu Zheng from paying respects to their ancestors, he, as the grandfather, actually pretended to be sick. If news of this got out, the Lu family would lose all their dignity.

However, he was not pretending to be sick. He had been in a daze recently and could not feel anything. Why did the doctors of the Medical Association insist that he was pretending to be unconscious?

Old Master Lu was burning with anger. Now, he did not have the time to argue. No matter what, he had to control the situation and not let this news spread. He hurriedly looked at Lu Yan and Lu Xiang.

He was the head of the Lu family, so his reputation could not be damaged in any way. Hence, someone had to take the blame, but—

Just as Old Master Lu was hesitating, Lu Yan suddenly said with a guilty expression, “President Gu, Xi Xi, I’m sorry. Actually, it’s all my fault!”

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows, and Old Master Lu widened his eyes. He expected Lu Yan to give a reasonable explanation to protect his reputation.

Chapter 1147: Officially Becoming A Member Of The Lu Family

Lu Yan looked at Old Master Lu guiltily. “Grandpa, Doctor Fei said that you might not be unconscious, but I didn’t care about his words. Later on, I thought that perhaps it was because you were old and your body was weak from the poison, so you slept for a few days.

“President Gu, I’ve wronged you. This is all my fault. Don’t misunderstand Grandpa. He has always cared about you!”

Old Master Lu’s eyes gradually became affectionate. Lu Yan had been raised by his side since he was young. Even though the two of them were not related by blood, he had long treated him as his biological grandson. Now, Lu Yan had even taken on all the blame for the Lu family, unlike Gu Zheng who only cared about his own interests and did not care about the Lu family at all.

He glared at Gu Zheng unhappily, then cleared his throat and said, “Alright, Ah Yan has already admitted his mistake. Let’s forget about this matter. Let’s not delay the ancestral worship ceremony.”

With that, everyone prepared to pay respects to their ancestors as if nothing had happened.

However, how could Qiao Xi let the matter go just like that? Hence, she sneered. “Old Master Lu, you were unconscious earlier and couldn’t write Gu Zheng’s name in the family tree. He’s not officially from the Lu family yet, so he can’t participate in the ancestral worship ceremony. Now that you’re awake, shouldn’t you officially introduce Gu Zheng’s identity to your ancestors?”

The moment that was said, everyone looked at Old Master Lu. If he had not woken up, according to the rules, Gu Zheng would naturally not be able to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony. However, he was already awake now, so there was no reason to refuse.

Lu Bai’s expression was quite heavy, and his beard trembled slightly. He suppressed the anger and unwillingness in his heart. He did not answer Qiao Xi for a long time.

Qiao Xi’s tone was gentle. “Old Master Lu, say something! Do you not know how to answer? It’s okay, Ah Zheng and I have plenty of time. We can talk after you’ve thought it through.”

Lu Bai’s face alternated between red and white. He had never seen a woman as shameless as Qiao Xi. At this point, he could only officially introduce Gu Zheng’s identity. However, this way, Gu Zheng would become a member of the Lu family. As Lu Qingyun’s son, he had the right to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony and the right to compete for the inheritance.

However, in front of everyone, Lu Bai had no reason to refuse. He could only kneel in front of the ancestral tablets according to the rules and officially introduce Gu Zheng's identity. His name was also written in the family tree.

It was just a simple segment that could be completed in a few minutes, but Lu Bai felt that it was very long. After the introduction, he glared at Gu Zheng with bloodshot eyes.

Gu Zheng looked up lazily, his eyes filled with coldness. His entire body exuded strong pressure. His entire body seemed to be shrouded in black smoke, and the temperature around him made one shudder.

Lu Bai found it difficult to breathe. The strong suffocating feeling in his chest took a long time to ease.

The ancestral worship ceremony began, and everyone went forward to offer incense. It quickly ended. Qiao Xi stood not far away and quietly watched. She said unhappily, "Ah Zheng, your grandfather is too biased. I asked him to introduce you, but his face was extremely ugly. In the end, he didn't say that you're the young master of the Lu family and only said that you're Lu Qingyun's son."

Gu Zheng looked indifferent.

"Old Master Lu is biased toward Lu Yan. Even though Lu Yan's identity has been exposed and he's Huang Lilan's son, Old Master Lu still can't bear to abandon Lu Yan. He'll even clear Lu Yan's name. At that time, Old Master Lu will announce to the public that Lu Yan didn't know anything from the beginning to the end. All these years, he had always thought that he was Lu Qingyun's son and was dedicated to the Lu family. Old Master Lu wants him to stay with the Lu family and work for him. Naturally, no one else has the right to speak."

Even if Lu Yan's identity was really exposed, as long as the old master still doted on Lu Yan, Lu Yan would still be the noblest young master of the Lu family.

Qiao Xi did not want to see such an outcome. She wanted to see Lu Yan be chased out of the Lu family with her own eyes. From then on, he would only be Huang Lilan's son and the Gu family's illegitimate child. He would have nothing to do with Lu Qingyun anymore.

Gu Zheng listened quietly, and a trace of a smile appeared in his deep eyes. He lowered his eyes and said in a gentle voice, "Xi Xi, what should we do?"

Qiao Xi's body was suffused with killing intent, and her eyes gradually became gloomy. "Of course..."

The words in her mouth suddenly stopped. She suddenly realized that she was a weak and kind little rabbit in Ah Zheng's heart! How could she be exposed like this?

After a few seconds of silence, Qiao Xi smiled sweetly and said, "I don't know either! But if Lu Yan continues to stay in the Lu family even when his identity is exposed, that'll be too annoying! Ah Zheng, what do you think we should do?! How can such a person continue to stay in the Lu family?"

Chapter 1148: Killing Him?

Gu Zheng looked up slightly, and the corners of his mouth curled into a smile. “Xi Xi, you’re so smart. Don’t you have any good ideas?”

Qiao Xi smiled shyly. “I’m so stupid and weak. How would I know?!”

Gu Zheng quietly looked at her. After a long time, he smiled and nodded. Meanwhile, Qiao Xi was dumbfounded. What did this man mean? Why did he nod for no reason?

After that, the Lu family did not mention Gu Zheng again. Logically speaking, he was already a member of the Lu family now and should have an identity. Was he the eldest young master of the Lu family or the second young master?

However, the Lu family did not care about this at all. The servants also called him Mr. Gu or President Gu. Nothing seemed to have changed.

The Lu family was clearly telling everyone that even though Gu Zheng had returned to the Lu family and his name was in the family register, no one in the Lu family welcomed him. Moreover, the Lu family already had an heir. No one could replace Lu Yan.

Some of the higher-ups of Lu Corporation were once Lu Qingyun’s subordinates. When they saw this scene, they were a little dissatisfied. However, after thinking about it carefully, Lu Yan was raised by the old master since he was young. The two of them had a deep relationship, so the old master naturally had to leave the Lu family to him. Although Lu Yan was not too smart and was not good at business, as long as he did not make a big mistake, he would still be the heir of the Lu family.

Faced with the Lu family’s cold attitude, Gu Zheng did not care in the slightest. He only lit incense for Lu Qingyun outside the ancestral hall and returned to Yun Court with Qiao Xi. He did not speak to the Lu family at all.

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In the Lu family’s residence.

“Ah Yan, remember that you’re the heir of the Lu family. Even though Gu Zheng has come back, he can’t change this fact!” Old Master Lu looked at Lu Yan seriously.

“Gu Zheng spent so much effort to return to the Lu family because he wants to snatch everything from the Lu family, but I won’t fulfill his wish. As long as I’m alive, the Lu family will absolutely not fall into his hands!” Old Master Lu said with a firm gaze.

Lu Yan smiled gently. “Grandpa, as long as I can contribute to the Lu family, it doesn’t matter who the heir is. If President Gu can lead Lu Corporation to greater heights, I’m willing to give up my position.”

“Ah Yan, you’re too sensible.” Old Master Lu looked at Lu Yan with affection. “The position of heir will always be yours. I’ll officially announce this matter to the board of directors tomorrow. I won’t give Gu Zheng any chance.”

At 10 p.m.

Ji Nan arrived at Yun Court and passed Old Master Lu’s words to Qiao Xi.

Qiao Xi leaned against the sofa, supported her chin, and blinked. "The old master wants to make the announcement after the ancestral worship ceremony tomorrow. How impatient of him! Then let's not make him wait until tomorrow."

Ji Nan's face was instantly filled with horror as he said while trembling, "Eldest Miss, this is the Lu family. There'll be trouble if you kill someone. Calm down."

Qiao Xi had an innocent expression. "What nonsense are you talking about?! Am I such a violent person? I'm very reasonable. I've never done anything illegal!"

Ji Nan's expression was subtle as if he did not believe her. He replied helplessly, "The main residence is surrounded by bodyguards. Even if I personally appear, I don't have the right to transfer them away, so..."

What she said just now successfully made Ji Nan misunderstand. He kept having the feeling that Eldest Miss wanted to silence the old master. It made Ji Nan's heart thump.

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth curled up slightly as she hurriedly left. Ji Nan followed behind and shouted helplessly, "Eldest Miss, don't go!"

Hearing Ji Nan's voice, Qiao Xi turned around slightly with a stunning smile. Then, she looked at the main residence and said with a smile, "Don't worry, I'll be fine."

Ji Nan stood in the wind in a mess. He was not worried that something would happen to Eldest Miss, but he was afraid that something would happen to the Lu family. If Eldest Miss killed someone, how could the Lu family let the matter go?!

At this moment, in the study upstairs.

Song Shijing stood in front of Gu Zheng and repeated the old master's words. After a moment of silence, Gu Zheng sneered. "Old Master, why are you in such a rush?"

"President, we..."

"I don't have time to play with them." Gu Zheng waved his hand and lazily leaned against the chair with his eyes closed. His thin lips parted slightly. "Go do it."

These few words had already announced Lu Yan's outcome. Tomorrow, the direct descendants of the Lu family would pay respects to their ancestors, but Lu Yan would be completely removed from the Lu family. He was not related to the Lu family by blood at all. It was enough for him to have stolen these 20 years of peace. From now on, he would no longer be Lu Qingyun's son.

Gu Zheng's tone was indifferent. In his eyes, Lu Yan was just an ant. He did not treat Lu Yan as his opponent at all.

Chapter 1149: Congratulations On Living A New Life

Song Shijing replied and was about to leave when hurried footsteps came from outside. Song Shiyu ran in in a hurry and said in a panic, "P-President, there's bad news."

Gu Zheng frowned. "When did you get a stutter?"

Song Shiyu pointed outside the door and said in a terrified tone, "I-I-It's not that. Young Madam... She's gone to the main residence!"

The moment that was said, the study was eerily quiet.

After a moment of silence, Gu Zheng tapped his long fingers on the table and looked at Song Shiyu with a smile. "You saw Xi Xi go to the main residence?"

"Yes, yes!" Song Shiyu nodded crazily. "President, why is Young Madam going to the main residence so late at night? Could it be because of what happened during the day? The Lu family's main residence is surrounded by bodyguards! Young Madam is really..."

"Go take a look first," Gu Zheng interrupted him slowly. Song Shiyu wanted to cry but had no tears. What was the point of him going? If Young Madam wanted to hit someone, he could not stop her!

Just as he was about to turn around and leave, Gu Zheng suddenly said, "Wait."

Song Shiyu widened his eyes in surprise. "President, I knew you couldn't bear to let me go."

Gu Zheng had a gentle expression. "I'll go too. Xi Xi is my wife. I should support her in whatever she wants to do."

Song Shiyu: "... Support? Young Madam was going to cause trouble, yet he was still so calm! Moreover, it was the middle of the night, and the surroundings would be dark. What could they see even if they went?

At this moment, Qiao Xi's footsteps were vigorous as she walked aggressively toward the main residence. When she was about to reach the main residence, she slowed down. The bodyguards around the main residence did not notice her. She walked around the surroundings, then took out a magnetic card and swiped it at the electronic lock on the back door. The door was instantly unlocked.

Qiao Xi swaggered into the main residence. The bodyguards around the Lu family's residence did not notice her. She walked around the main residence, then slipped into Lu Yan's bedroom.

She stood by the bed and quietly looked at Lu Yan with a sinister smile. Then, she took out a small porcelain bottle and a dripper. She dripped the liquid on Lu Yan's eyes. The liquid flowed into his eyes from the corners of his eyes, and he trembled uneasily.

Qiao Xi's heart suddenly ached slightly. "The medicine I developed is very expensive! These few drops cost at least 50,000 yuan. It's a pity for me to give them to you just like that!"

"However, if they can blind you, this 50,000 yuan won't be spent in vain. Ah Zheng was poisoned when he was young and was even locked in the dark basement by Huang Lilan to be tortured. He had to suffer the pain of losing his eyesight. As Huang Lilan's biological son, you should experience Huang Lilan's methods!

"Unfortunately, Huang Lilan is imprisoned now and can't see you go blind with her own eyes. If you have time, you should tell her this news. I think she'll be very excited!

Qiao Xi smiled in satisfaction and said in a gentle voice, “Young Master Lu, from now on, you’re blind. Congratulations on living a new life. You don’t have to thank me!

“I know that even if your identity is exposed, with Old Master’s liking for you, he won’t chase you out of the Lu family. He’ll even force you to firmly sit in the position of the Lu family’s heir, but that’ll make me very unhappy!

“You’re bullying Ah Zheng and looking down on him. As his wife, I should do something for him. First, I’ll make you blind. Then, I’ll frame you for Old Master Lu’s coma. You’ll replace Ah Zheng as the culprit who tried to kill Old Master Lu and be hated by everyone. This way, our grudges will be settled, right?

The smile on Qiao Xi’s face grew wider and wider as she nodded affirmatively. “That’s right. I’ll let Young Master Lu have a taste of the pain of being schemed against and poisoned. I really want to see your identity getting exposed and you leaving the Lu family in disgrace.

“Yes! I must take more photos and videos. If I’m in a bad mood, I’ll take them out to take a look. Thank you, Young Master Lu.”

At this moment, Gu Zheng was hiding outside the bedroom window and heard Qiao Xi’s words through the gap in the window.

Song Shiyu’s voice trembled slightly. “How scary!”

Gu Zheng looked at the person in the room with a dotting expression. His eyes were gentle like water, and his voice was low and a little gentle. “Xi Xi looks so beautiful when she’s standing up for me.”

Song Shiyu’s expression froze as he looked at Gu Zheng in horror. He even wondered if the president was blind.

Gu Zheng clearly saw Qiao Xi do something to Lu Yan’s eyes before taking a few steps back. Her eyes suddenly turned light red. He slowly lowered his head and curled his lips into a smile before jumping down from the window on the second floor.

Chapter 1150: Entering The Lu Family’s Main Residence At Night

Song Shiyu followed Gu Zheng into the mansion in confusion and asked in a low voice, “President, what are we going to do?”

Gu Zheng did not answer but walked all the way to the Lu family’s surveillance room. Song Shiyu immediately understood that the president wanted to delete the surveillance footage to prevent others from discovering that Young Madam had secretly sneaked into the main residence.

Gu Zheng entered the surveillance room and inserted a USB drive into the main computer. His long fingers quickly tapped on the keyboard a few times, then he smiled in satisfaction.

At the same time, Lu Yan, who was in the bedroom, suddenly opened his eyes. His eyes were empty like an emotionless doll as he stood up stiffly.

Qiao Xi's eyes were red as she stood in front of Lu Yan. Her fingertip gently tapped on the red line on her palm. Lu Yan seemed to have received an order, and his body suddenly trembled. He opened the drawer and took out the medicine bottle inside before slowly walking out of the door.

A moment later, Qiao Xi left the main residence. When she thought about how Old Master Lu would fall into a coma again tomorrow and Lu Yan would lose his eyesight, she could not help but be happy.

Qiao Xi was just about to return to Yun Court when she suddenly recalled that there were surveillance cameras everywhere. She had to delete all the surveillance footage. She hurriedly rushed to the surveillance room but realized that the door was open.

She suddenly recalled that when she went to the main residence just now, she kept feeling that there were eyes staring at her from behind. However, when she turned around, she did not find anything. Even when she looked around, she still did not see anything. However, she inexplicably felt that she was being followed.

If she was really being followed, she should be able to see who it was from the surveillance cameras.

Qiao Xi hurriedly turned on the surveillance footage and checked the surveillance footage from when she came over. She was the only one who went to the main residence from Yun Court. Even after checking the previous footage, she still did not find anyone coming out of Yun Court.

Could it be that she was hallucinating?

She originally thought that Gu Zheng was worried and followed her here. Now, it seemed that she had a guilty conscience, so she felt as though she was being watched.

Qiao Xi quickly deleted the recording and jumped out of the window of the surveillance room. She avoided all the surveillance cameras and secretly returned to Yun Court.

When she returned to Yun Yuan, the lights in Gu Zheng's study were still switched on. The courtyard was very quiet as if no one had noticed that she had gone out. She heaved a sigh of relief. She was so careful, so no one should notice.

In Yun Court's study.

Song Shiyu was a little uneasy. "President, will we be captured by the surveillance cameras?"

Gu Zheng said casually, "The surveillance cameras can't capture that path."

"But what about Young Madam? If she takes the main path, will she be discovered?" Song Shiyu was still worried.

Gu Zheng paused and smiled meaningfully. "Xi Xi will naturally think of what you can think of. You don't have to worry."

Song Shiyu thought for a moment. That seemed to be the case. Young Madam would never be caught red-handed.

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The next morning.

Qiao Xi had a good night's sleep. She had just opened her eyes when she heard a gentle voice. "Mrs. Gu, did you sleep well?"

Hearing this familiar voice, Qiao Xi's body instantly trembled as she stiffly turned to look at the man beside her.

Gu Zheng's face was gentle, and his voice carried a smile. "The alarm clock has been ringing for so long, but you haven't woken up yet. Do you want me to wake you up personally?"

Qiao Xi looked at the alarm clock. It was already past eight o'clock. She set the alarm clock at half-past seven. This was because Old Master Lu usually woke up at seven. Lu Yan would also wake up at about this time and go downstairs to wait for the old master to eat. Hence, at half-past seven, Lu Yan would realize that he had lost his eyesight. Immediately after, everyone would realize that the old master had fallen into a coma again.

Originally, Qiao Xi intended to wake up early, freshen up, and watch the show in high spirits. Unexpectedly, she slept until past eight. However, it was already so late. Why was there no movement in the main residence at all?

Seeing that she did not answer for a long time, Gu Zheng smiled and asked, "Mrs. Gu, you were sleeping so soundly. It looks like you slept very late last night. Did you go out last night?"

Qiao Xi met Gu Zheng's probing eyes and gulped nervously. "N-No! I was playing games yesterday. Why would I go out so late at night?"

The glint in Gu Zheng's eyes grew brighter. He raised an eyebrow. "Didn't you sleep at 10:30 pm last night?"

Qiao Xi: "..."

At half-past 10, Ji Nan left. In order to go to the main residence without being discovered, she told Gu Zheng that she was going to sleep and asked him not to disturb her.

She was instantly speechless and did not know how to explain. After a moment, Qiao Xi said uneasily, "I- I woke up later and couldn't sleep, so I played games for a while."