

Lady Gu 1161

Chapter 1161: Who Said I Don't Have Evidence?

Hearing Qiao Xi's words, Lu Yan felt as if a large rock was pressing against his heart. He could not say a word. Lu Xiang's expression was panicked as she stopped her loudly. "Shut up! You're slandering Ah Yan without any evidence. You're deliberately here to cause trouble! Guards! Chase her out. Don't let her delay our Lu family's ancestral worship ceremony!"

"Who said I don't have evidence?" Qiao Xi smiled confidently. She lazily raised her eyes, and her cold gaze landed on Lu Xiang. "Second Miss Lu, what evidence do you need? I have evidence that Eldest Miss Lu only gave birth to Ah Zheng and evidence that Huang Lilan swapped the child. Moreover, I have evidence that the Lu family knew that Lu Yan wasn't a child of the Lu family, but they still raised him by their side and nurtured him to be the heir."

Qiao Xi's gaze was sharp, and her voice was icy-cold. Every word smashed into everyone's hearts. They reacted for a long time before understanding Qiao Xi's words. Hence, Miss Lu Qingyun only had Gu Zheng as her son, while Huang Lilan swapped her child with Gu Zheng. The Lu family clearly knew that the two children were swapped, but they pretended not to know.

In that case, how could Miss Lu Qingyun visit Lu Xiang in her dreams and even ask her to chase Gu Zheng away?

If all of this was true, then what Lu Xiang said in her dream today was a lie. It also proved that the Lu family was biased toward Lu Yan but hated Gu Zheng.

Lu Xiang revealed a terrified expression, and Lu Yan, who was at the side, was also trembling. He gritted his teeth and controlled his emotions. He could not panic, and he absolutely could not expose himself. Perhaps Qiao Xi was just trying to deceive him. She did not have any substantial evidence at all.

The entire venue was in an uproar as everyone discussed softly. Lu Yan said loudly, "Everyone."

The surroundings fell silent. His expression was serious as he said calmly, "The Lu family knows that I've lived here since I was young. They also know that my mother is Lu Qingyun, but now, someone's actually saying that I'm Huang Lilan's son. How laughable! Miss Qiao, I understand that you're targeting me for Gu Zheng. In the past, we had some misunderstandings, but the truth is out now. We're biological brothers from the same mother. My mother is watching us from the sky. Why do you have to make the brothers go against each other?"

"If I'm Huang Lilan's biological son, why did Huang Lilan abandon me in the Lu family? Why didn't she keep her biological son by her side? Moreover, if I'm really Huang Lilan's son, why didn't I say anything when Ah Zheng exposed Huang Lilan and chased her out of the Gu family some time ago?"

"If she were my mother, I definitely wouldn't have stood by and done nothing. However, she's just a lowly and despicable mistress. She was the one who caused our mother's death. I wish I could kill her to vent my anger. How can I be her son?"

Hearing Lu Yan's sad explanation, everyone's hearts could not help but ache. Qiao Xi, on the other hand, had a look of disdain on her face. She was so disgusted that she almost vomited. She really did not have the patience to watch Lu Yan act anymore.

However, Lu Yan was getting more and more confident. He took a deep breath and continued, "Miss Qiao, do you think that now that Huang Lilan has gone missing and there's no way of verifying it that you can casually slander me?"

"Ah Zheng was snatched away by Huang Lilan when he was young. All these years, he has suffered a lot in the Gu family. My heart aches for him, but all of this isn't my fault! I shouldn't be wronged just because I was lucky and led a carefree life in the Lu family!"

As soon as Lu Yan finished speaking, Lu Xiang, who was at the side, hurriedly chimed in, "That's right! Ah Yan is my sister's biological son. He and Ah Zheng are from the same mother. It's just that back then, Huang Lilan secretly stole Ah Zheng, while Ah Yan was lucky enough to stay in the Lu family. Qiao Xi, now that the two brothers are reunited, as Ah Zheng's wife, you should mediate the relationship between the two of them. However, you're instigating trouble everywhere. Now, you're actually spouting nonsense in public. You're really too evil. Ah Zheng should divorce you!"

Fifth Uncle also said with a serious expression, "Mrs. Gu, we're all family. As long as you apologize to Ah Yan, this matter will be over. If it goes to court, you won't look good either!"

The entire venue was silent as everyone looked at Qiao Xi. Gu Zheng, who was at the side, had his arms crossed as he looked at her with interest. He was looking forward to Qiao Xi's next plan. After all, she was so smart, so she would definitely not let the Lu family ride on her head.

The glint in Gu Zheng's eyes grew brighter and brighter. His eyes were filled with affection as he bent down slightly and whispered into her ear, "Xi Xi, do whatever you want. You don't have to care about me."

Chapter 1162: Who Dares To Tell Xi Xi To Scram?

Qiao Xi slowly raised her eyes and revealed a crafty smile. Since Gu Zheng had said so, then she would let Lu Yan know the consequences of angering her!

The surroundings were silent as everyone waited for Qiao Xi to apologize.

After a long silence, Qiao Xi stroked her hair with an indifferent expression and sneered. "Let's talk about the matter of apologizing first. I have to explain what Lu Yan just said. He mentioned the farce in the Gu family a few months ago. If he were Huang Lilan's son, he would probably have saved her, but he didn't. It wasn't because he hates Huang Lilan but because he's selfish and heartless. He didn't hesitate to abandon his mother for his own benefit. He looks down on his mother from the bottom of his heart, and that's because Huang Lilan is a mistress. As long as he's involved with her, he'll be mocked and scolded. That's why he didn't stand up for Huang Lilan. Otherwise, his identity would've been exposed and he would've been implicated right then and there.

"This also explains why Huang Lilan didn't keep her son by her side. It's because she knew that she was a mistress, so her son would be labeled as an illegitimate child and discriminated against like her. If she wanted to change Lu Yan's fate, she had to make him the son of the first wife. Hence, she swapped the

two children and left Lu Yan in the Lu family. I think Lu Yan hopes that Huang Lilan will die because if she does, we won't be able to do a DNA test. We won't be able to prove the two's relationship."

Qiao Xi's words caused everyone present to be dumbstruck. At the same time, it was like a sharp knife had stabbed into Lu Yan's heart. He flew into a rage. "Shut up!"

"Miss Qiao, I gave you a chance to apologize. If you refuse to repent and insist on slandering me, I'll sue you. I hope you—"

"You're the one who needs to shut up!" Qiao Xi mercilessly interrupted Lu Yan and said with a disdainful expression, "Go ahead and sue me. I'm telling the truth. I'm not slandering you. It won't change anything even if we go to court."

Lu Yan's face was livid as he gritted his teeth. "Miss Qiao, I've also said that I have nothing to do with Huang Lilan. My mother is Lu Qingyun!"

"Young Master Lu, don't tell me you really think that I have no evidence? Since I confidently said all this in public, it means that I'm confident I can prove it. I'm not a fool. Without evidence, would I dare to cause trouble in the Lu family? If I do that, I know you'll make a move on me. The gains won't make up for the losses."

Her voice was soft, but there was a trace of mockery in her tone, making Lu Yan's and Lu Xiang's faces turn pale. Lu Xiang wished she could rush over and tear Qiao Xi's indifferent face apart.

"Qiao Xi! Are you done?! Guards! Chase this crazy woman out! Gu Zheng isn't even acknowledged by the Lu family. What right does this crazy woman have to cause trouble in the Lu family? Quickly chase her away!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Gu Zheng stood in front of Qiao Xi. The many bodyguards and servants were all frozen on the spot as they looked at each other. No one dared to attack Gu Zheng.

Lu Xiang only felt anger engulf her entire body. Her face was ferocious as she laughed crazily. "Alright! You pieces of trash are getting paid by the Lu family but you're not doing as you're told? Since you guys aren't doing anything, I'll chase them out myself."

Just as Lu Xiang was about to rush over, Qiao Xi took a step forward and grabbed her wrist. She looked at her with a smile. "If Lu Yan is innocent, why are you so afraid of me saying these things? Could it be that you have a guilty conscience?"

"Guilty conscience? How laughable! I just can't stand you slandering Ah Yan. He's of the Lu family's bloodline, and the entire Lu family knows about it. However, you just insist on causing trouble at the ancestral worship ceremony. You've already delayed the ceremony. Now, quickly get lost. If you delay the Lu family's matter, I'll absolutely not let you off!"

As soon as she finished speaking, the entire venue was silent. Suddenly, footsteps came from outside the courtyard. It sounded like there were many people.

Not long after, dozens of bodyguards rushed into the courtyard with a few doctors and nurses. In the middle was a gray-haired old man in a wheelchair.

The old master's gaze was like a torch. Although he was old, he exuded a powerful aura. His dignified voice sounded in the courtyard. "I want to see who's so mighty that they actually want Xi Xi to get lost."

These words were like a thunderclap that exploded in everyone's ears. Everyone looked at the old man in front of them with dumbfounded expressions. There was a trace of disbelief in their eyes.

The grand old master had been unconscious for many years, but his mighty aura had not decreased in the slightest. His sharp eyes swept across everyone, and everyone lowered their heads in fear. The horror in Lu Xiang's heart overflowed like a tide.

Chapter 1163: Medical Miracle

Lu Xiang's body stiffened as if she had been struck by lightning. The entire venue was silent for a moment. Suddenly, everyone from the Lu family went forward and said warmly, "Grand Old Master is awake!"

"Grand Old Master is actually here!"

Although the grand old master was the previous head of the Lu family, his mighty aura had not decreased in the slightest. He was still respected by everyone in the Lu family. Back then, he had appointed Lu Qingyun to be the next family head before he fell unconscious. After all, he knew very well that Lu Qingyun's ability was a hundred times stronger than Lu Bai's. However, after he fell unconscious, the position of the head of the family naturally fell into Lu Bai's hands.

When the grand old master was in a vegetative state, the doctors all said that he could never wake up again. However, he was awake now! It could simply be said to be a medical miracle!

At this moment, a portion of the Lu family was so excited that they could not say anything. However, there were also some people whose faces were ashen, especially Lu Xiang. Her eyes were filled with horror, and her ears were buzzing. She could not even hear the voices around her.

The grand old master's words still echoed in her ears. 'Who's so mighty to actually want Xi Xi to get lost?'

How did the grand old master know Qiao Xi? Was he here to stand up for Qiao Xi? This was impossible! Could it be that the grand old master was here to stand up for Gu Zheng?

Back then, when Lu Qingyun gave birth, the grand old master was already sick. He was often asleep and did not know what Huang Lilan and Gu Weiming had done at all. He did not have the energy to care about Lu Qingyun either. Moreover, he did not seem to have seen Gu Zheng before.

Lu Xiang pondered deeply, and the uneasiness in her heart grew stronger and stronger. It was only when Qiao Xi called out to her that her entire body trembled and she looked at Qiao Xi with a vigilant expression.

"Second Miss Lu, you can choose not to believe me, but what about Grand Old Master Lu?" Qiao Xi looked at her with a smile and pointed at the old man behind her.

Lu Xiang looked up in fear and met the grand old master's gaze. Her legs instantly went weak as she fell to the floor.

“Ah! Why did you fall?! Could it be that you’re guilty?! Are you afraid that the grand old master will expose your secret?” Qiao Xi’s tone was teasing.

Lu Xiang’s expression changed drastically as she stammered and explained, “I-I don’t have any secrets. I fell because... I was too excited to see Grandpa and lost my balance!”

She was so nervous that her forehead was covered in sweat. She said in a trembling voice, “Grandpa, why didn’t you... tell me that you’ve woken up?! You just woke up. You should quickly go back to your room and rest.”

Grand Old Master Lu did not like Lu Xiang. He had sharp eyes and was very good at judging people. Lu Xiang looked obedient like her mother, but she was actually vicious and selfish.

He glanced at Lu Xiang in disgust and said in a sharp tone, “It’s not your place to chase me away. This is the Lu family’s ancestral hall. Who dares to stop me from coming? If I hadn’t come, the Lu family would’ve probably turned the world upside down!”

“Grand Old Master!” The fifth uncle of the Lu family hurriedly went forward to explain, “You must have heard stories from those people who are trying to drive a wedge between us. Ah Yan grew up in the Lu family since he was young. He’s already the heir of the Lu family, but Qiao Xi just had to say that Ah Yan is an illegitimate child. Isn’t she trying to snatch Ah Yan’s position by acting like this?”

“What’s wrong with snatching it?” Grand Old Master Lu’s eyes turned cold as he said sternly, “I’ve been unconscious for all these years, and the Lu family has been in a mess because of you!”

“Don’t think that I don’t know what you’ve been doing all these years when I was unconscious! Lu Xiang, you keep saying that Lu Yan is Qingyun’s son, but have you done a DNA test? Even though Qingyun isn’t alive, you can get any of the Lu family’s direct descendants to do the test. Do that and we’ll soon know if Lu Yan is the Lu family’s flesh and blood! You know very well that Lu Yan is the child of a mistress. Are you that crazy to raise him in the Lu family?”

Lu Xiang’s lips were pale, and her body was trembling violently. “No, no, Grandpa. Ah Yan is my sister’s child.”

Lu Yan sat in the wheelchair, his body stiff. His heart ached as he said with difficulty, “Grand Old Master, I’m from the Lu family.”

No matter what, he absolutely could not admit his identity. All these years, his grandfather had already paved the way for him. The doctors who took the test back then had also been paid to leave Li City. If Qiao Xi wanted to find the doctors at that time, it was tantamount to finding a needle in a haystack.

Moreover, they had already forged many DNA tests, and the Lu family had already covered up the truth. As long as Qiao Xi could not produce evidence, no one could prove that he was Huang Lilan’s son.

Lu Yan gritted his teeth and forced himself to calm down. The surveillance cameras in the hospital back then had already been destroyed, and more than 20 years had passed. Other than Mo Yuan, no one else could recover the surveillance footage from so long ago.

Chapter 1164: Mo Yuan Makes A Move

Mo Yuan had never cared about the grudges between families. Even if Gu Zheng offered Mo Yuan a high price, he could not be bribed. Moreover, the old master had found a top hacker to destroy the surveillance footage previously. Even if someone really wanted to recover it, it would take a lot of time and energy. Why would Mo Yuan do his best for Gu Zheng?

Lu Yan heaved a sigh of relief. Even if Qiao Xi wanted to expose his identity in public, she did not have any evidence. It would all be in vain. As for this grand old master, he had only listened to Qiao Xi's instigation. When Grandpa woke up and explained it to the grand old master, this matter would naturally be over. He would still be the heir of the Lu family.

Lu Yan said gently, "Grand Old Master, you must have misunderstood me because of the rumors outside. In order to prove my identity, I'm willing to do a DNA test with the Lu family. When the results are out, I hope you can apologize in public and restore my reputation."

Old Master Lu snorted. "You're still stubborn at a time like this. Do you really think that I can't tell right from wrong just because I'm old? Did you think we'd expose you in public without evidence?"

Without waiting for Lu Yan to speak, Grand Old Master Lu knocked on the wheelchair and said loudly, "Butler Wang! Bring the things over!"

"Alright!" Butler Wang Liang hurriedly walked forward with an old wooden box in his hand. He glanced at Lu Yan with disgust, then slowly opened the box.

Lu Yan was uneasy. He had a bad feeling. Could it be that the grand old master and Qiao Xi really had evidence? How was that possible? All the evidence had been destroyed back then!

Qiao Xi took a few steps closer and bent down slightly. She said casually, "Young Master Lu, this is the evidence you want! It's the surveillance footage from back then."

How was that possible? The surveillance footage had long been destroyed!

As soon as she finished speaking, the butler, Wang Liang, took out a USB drive from the box and inserted it into his laptop.

Lu Yan's forehead was filled with cold sweat, and his entire body could not help but tremble. He had always been afraid that the surveillance footage of the hospital would resurface. The old master had dealt with it before, but he was still worried. Later on, he even found some top hackers to deal with the footage. How could it have fallen into Qiao Xi's hands?

Only Mo Yuan could recover the surveillance footage from 20 years ago. Could it be that Qiao Xi had invited an expert?

Just as he was feeling uneasy, a video appeared on the screen. It showed the scene of a private hospital in Li City. The facilities were luxurious, and the surveillance footage was very clear. A name was written on the bottom right corner of the screen.

Lu Yan could not see anything, but he clearly heard the people around him gasp. Immediately after, he heard Lu Xiang spit out a name with trembling lips, "Mo Yuan..."

Mo Yuan? Lu Yan felt as if he had been struck by lightning. His mind was blank. The thing he was most afraid of had happened. All this while, he thought that as long as Mo Yuan did not make a move, there would be no problem. However, Mo Yuan was really working for Gu Zheng!

The words 'Mo Yuan' were marked on the bottom right corner of the surveillance footage. When everyone saw this name, they were instantly dumbfounded. The netizens in the live-stream were also stunned for a few seconds before they exploded.

[Am I seeing things?! Is it really Mo Yuan? Is it that top hacker, Mo Yuan?]

[Yes! This mysterious hacker is rich. I heard that his wealth is already comparable to Gu Zheng's, so it's impossible for him to be bribed. The videos and documents that are marked with his name are all real.]

[I believe that Mo Yuan wouldn't lie, but I didn't expect Gu Zheng to be able to get Mo Yuan onboard. The two big shots are working together. It's like a real fantasy!]

[There are many rich people around, and many big families have invited Mo Yuan to work for them, but they were always rejected. However, Gu Zheng managed to work together with Mo Yuan. He's too awesome!]

When the Lu family saw the name on the screen, they were instantly dumbfounded. Lu Yan's and Lu Xiang's faces were ashen as intense fear swept through their bodies.

"Old Master, it's ready," Wang Liang said respectfully.

Old Master Lu nodded and gestured for him to play. Wang Liang quickly pressed the play button.

"No! Quickly turn it off!" Lu Yan, who had always been calm and composed, panicked at this moment. He no longer cared about his gentle image. He suddenly stood up from the wheelchair and rushed in front of Wang Liang with a ferocious expression. He struggled to turn off the video. "No! I'm the heir of the Lu family. I won't allow you to do this!"

"Young Master Lu, you've finally revealed your true colors! You're usually quite good at pretending, but now that your secret has been exposed, you finally can't take it anymore?" Qiao Xi's tone was teasing, and her eyes were filled with disdain.

Chapter 1165: Secret Exposed

At this moment, the scene in the video moved. In the most luxurious private hospital in Li City, a young woman was carrying a child and looking around. Seeing that no one was around, she secretly entered Lu Qingyun's ward. This woman was Huang Lilan from more than 20 years ago.

A few minutes later, Huang Lilan came out again with a child in her arms. The child was crying loudly. She helped the child put on his clothes in a panic. It was obvious that she had swapped her child with Lu Qingyun's.

Everyone looked at each other. Before they could recover from their shock, another scene flashed. The young Huang Lilan gave the doctor a card and ordered, "Take the money and leave this place. Never come back. Keep this secret to yourself!"

“From now on, my child will be the child of the first wife of the Gu family. He can legitimately inherit Weiming and Lu Qingyun’s assets. He can also become the heir of the Lu family. The little bastard Lu Qingyun gave birth to has to bear the reputation of an illegitimate child for the rest of his life. I’ll bring him back to the Gu family and let him endure my wrath every day. I’ll let him live in my son’s shadows!

‘Lu Qingyun would never expect that her son would become an illegitimate child while my son would enjoy all the glory and wealth! Hahaha...’

Huang Lilan’s laughter stopped abruptly. After the video ended, the place was eerily silent.

Lu Yan lowered his head as if his blood had been sucked dry. His legs went weak as he fell to the floor. He was dizzy, and his body was trembling violently.

No! No way! This was all fake!

How could the Lu family’s secret that had been hidden for so many years be exposed? If his identity was exposed, how could he be the heir of the Lu family? He had been using Gu Zheng’s identity to live for 20 years. Now that he was about to become the head of the Lu family and reach the peak of his life, why did these people have to expose him at this time?!

Everyone present had their mouths wide open. They could not accept this fact. Lu Qingyun’s son was swapped with the son of a mistress. Moreover, the son of the mistress had always been living in the Lu family. He was even about to become the head of the Lu family.

Lu Yan was Huang Lilan’s son, yet the Lu family actually raised him and even wanted him to be the heir. This position should belong to Gu Zheng!

In the past, everyone in the Lu family thought that Gu Zheng was a bastard and the culprit who caused Lu Qingyun’s death. However, they now knew that they were wrong. Gu Zheng was the most innocent person.

Grand Old Master Lu glanced at everyone coldly. “Lu Xiang, are you sure you still want Xi Xi to get lost?”

Lu Xiang’s vision darkened as she fell to the floor weakly. Tears welled up in her eyes. If this secret was exposed, she and Lu Yan would be doomed!

The veins on Lu Yan’s forehead twitched. He gritted his teeth and panted crazily. After a long time, he said with difficulty, “I... didn’t know anything!”

He tasted blood in his throat and suppressed his agitated emotions. He repeated, “I really didn’t know anything. I was just a child back then.”

A portion of the Lu family present were Lu Yan’s supporters. When they heard him say this, they immediately reacted and hurriedly chimed in, “Yes! At that time, Ah Yan was just a child. He didn’t know that Huang Lilan was his mother. You can’t blame Ah Yan for this. It’s all Huang Lilan’s fault!”

Some people in the live-stream also began to defend Lu Yan.

Lu Xiang, who had fallen to the floor, instantly gained confidence. She struggled to stand up. “Ah Yan didn’t do anything wrong. He didn’t know anything. He’s innocent!”

“He’s innocent, but what about Ah Zheng?” Grand Old Master Lu questioned coldly.

He stared at Lu Xiang with a sharp gaze. “Is Lu Yan innocent just because he didn’t know anything? He’s Huang Lilan’s son! Huang Lilan caused the death of my precious granddaughter, Qingyun. After that, Lu Yan occupied Ah Zheng’s identity and stole everything from him. All these years, Ah Zheng has been enduring Huang Lilan’s torture in the Gu family!

“As an illegitimate child, Lu Yan has been occupying the identity that should belong to Ah Zheng. Think about it carefully. Is he really innocent? He can’t be considered innocent because he has enjoyed these preferential treatments. He’s not innocent because he has been sitting in the position of the Lu family’s heir. At this point, he actually still thinks that he’s not in the wrong. He’s indeed as revolting as Huang Lilan!”

These words woke up a group of muddle-headed people. The grand old master was right. Lu Yan was innocent, but what about Gu Zheng? He was the most innocent person in this matter!

Who would repay the love he had lost and the grievances he had suffered all these years? Did Lu Yan want to continue being the heir of the Lu family just because he claimed to not have known anything?

Chapter 1166: Overturning The Lu Family

Huang Lilan caused Lu Qingyun’s death, and Lu Yan had been occupying Gu Zheng’s identity all this while, yet he actually thought that he was innocent.

Lu Yan’s face was pale. He struggled to stand up and quickly thought about how to deal with the situation. However, before he could think of a way, he heard the grand old master sneer. His tone was filled with disdain. “Lu Yan, Lu Xiang, you actually have the cheek to say that you didn’t know anything?”

Everyone in the Lu family instantly pricked up their ears. What did the grand old master mean?

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to look at Gu Zheng. His expression was calm, and his deep eyes were dark. His emotions could not be seen clearly. He stood there with a straight figure as if he did not care about anything.

Even though he saw Lu Xiang and Lu Yan fall to the floor in a sorry state, Gu Zheng’s expression did not change at all. He was even a little impatient.

Gu Zheng was indeed impatient. He had planned for a long time to see Lu Xiang and Lu Yan in a sorry state after the truth was exposed. However, now that this scene was happening in front of him, he was uninterested.

To him, the Lu family was nothing. He did not take them seriously at all. He did not understand why Lu Yan was so determined to hold onto his position as the Lu family’s heir either. From the beginning until the end, he had never thought of snatching the position of the Lu family’s heir. He just wanted to torture Lu Yan and make him feel uneasy all day.

Actually, it was easy for him to deal with Lu Yan and Lu Xiang, so when he saw the two of them fall at his feet, he did not feel a sense of accomplishment at all.

Gu Zheng lazily raised his eyes and met Qiao Xi’s watery eyes. Her eyes were filled with anger and disgust. She hated Lu Yan and Lu Xiang very much, and all of this was because of him.

Gu Zheng's heart seemed to skip a beat. Someone cared about him so much and was indignant for him. The expression on his face became a little gentler. He bent down slightly and asked, "You invited the grand old master over?"

Qiao Xi nodded proudly as if she was waiting to be praised.

Gu Zheng paused for a moment and continued to ask, "The grand old master was unconscious for so many years. How did you wake him up?"

Qiao Xi replied truthfully, "I gave him the precious medicine that Grandpa left behind, but it's worth it."

She did not say what medicine it was, but Gu Zheng knew very well that the divine physician had already gone missing, so the medicine he left behind was naturally precious.

The old master had been unconscious for so many years, and he could not have been awakened with just a normal pill. Hence, the reason why Qiao Xi had been missing for the past few days must be because she had been giving the grand old master acupuncture sessions.

Everything she did was to get the grand old master to expose Lu Yan's identity and expose the Lu family's secret to the public.

Gu Zheng's heart ached as he abruptly pulled Qiao Xi into his embrace and called out softly, "Xi Xi."

Qiao Xi was shocked by his sudden hug in front of everyone. She blushed shyly and said sweetly, "Ah Zheng, stop fooling around."

"Xi Xi, thank you." Gu Zheng's voice was surprisingly nasal. He hugged her tightly as if he wanted to melt her into his bones.

At this moment, Gu Yao, who was sitting in front of his computer, saw the two people hugging in the distance. Although they were very far away, he still recognized them at a glance. They were Gu Zheng and Qiao Xi.

There were so many people here! Why was he hugging her?! It was really immoral to show off their affection in public like this!

In the Lu family's mansion, everyone came back to their senses from the shock. Grand Old Master Lu said again, "Don't think that you can hide your crimes just because you claim to not have known anything! I've already said that I have evidence, yet you actually dare to quibble in front of me!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Wang Liang received Grand Old Master Lu's gaze and played another video.

Lu Yan's face was ferocious, while the Lu family members hurriedly stopped the grand old master loudly. "Grand Old Master! You can't play it!"

No matter what, the grand old master was the previous head of the Lu family. How could he let the Lu family's scandal be exposed like this? The Lu family wouldn't have a place in high society anymore!

They had indeed long known Lu Yan's and Gu Zheng's identities. In the eyes of some people, this was no longer a secret. Fifth Uncle had long known about it. He also knew that Lu Bai was hiding this matter for the sake of the Lu family's reputation.

The Lu family, a century-old family in Li City, raised the child of a mistress and even targeted Lu Qingyun's biological son. If news of this got out, the Lu family would become the laughing stock of the entire Li City. The Lu family's reputation would disappear overnight!

The Lu family thought that for the sake of the entire family, they could only sacrifice Gu Zheng and continue to keep this secret. It was just that they did not expect Lu Qingyun's son to actually have the ability to overthrow the Lu family and make this secret public.

Chapter 1167: The Lu Family's Reputation Is Ruined

The horror in Lu Xiang's heart surged crazily. Her eyes were wide open as she hurriedly rushed over and knelt in front of the grand old master. "Grandpa, you can't do this! No!"

The fifth uncle of the Lu family also stood up. "Grand Old Master, you're destroying the Lu family!"

The grand old master had a serious expression and did not waver at all. Wang Liang did not hesitate and played the video.

Gu Zheng's eyes were deep as he stared at the screen like everyone else. Suddenly, a pair of soft hands covered his ears. Qiao Xi stood on tiptoes and kissed his cheek before leaning close to his ear. She said gently, "Ah Zheng, don't look or listen."

He obediently closed his eyes and bent down slightly to pull Qiao Xi into his embrace. His Adam's apple moved, and his eyes could not help but sting. He said in a low voice, "Actually, I've already seen it."

This video recorded the Lu family discussing how to make him, Lu Qingyun's son, never be able to make a comeback. They used all kinds of dirty methods to deal with Gu Zheng. Qiao Xi really did not want him to hear all of this.

However, Gu Zheng's emotions were very calm. His voice was hoarse. "Don't worry, I'll be fine."

Even though she knew that Gu Zheng had seen it, Qiao Xi still covered his ears. She only let go a little as she wanted to lean close to his ear and say, "But I don't want you to see it. Just look at me."

A different emotion surged in Gu Zheng's heart. He was so overwhelmed that he could not say anything.

At this moment, Lu Yan was leaning against the wheelchair. His entire body was limp, and his suit was drenched in sweat. He was in a sorry state. He could not imagine how everyone would deal with him, the true illegitimate child, after finding out the truth.

What right did he have to be an illegitimate child? He had already used Gu Zheng's identity to live for more than 20 years. Why couldn't he continue to use that identity to live? Was bloodline so important? Wasn't it enough as long as he could contribute to the Lu family?

Lu Xiang's mind was in a mess. She hurriedly rushed in front of Wang Liang to stop him, but the bodyguards subdued her. The scene was silent. Everyone stared fixedly at the screen. The audience in

the live-stream also watched quietly. Soon, sounds of conversation rang out from the surveillance footage.

The video showed the living room of the Lu family's patriarch's residence. Sitting on the main seat was the patriarch of the Lu family, Lu Bai. Beside him were Lu Xiang, the fifth uncle of the Lu family, Lu Yan, and a few others.

Lu Bai was putting on an act. "Since the two children were already miscarried, for the sake of the Lu family's reputation, we can only make do with it. If news of this gets out, the Lu family will definitely become the laughing stock of Li City. Moreover, Ah Yan has already been living in the Lu family for so many years. We've grown fond of each other. If we make this matter public, Ah Yan won't be able to continue staying in the Lu family."

Lu Bai continued, "Since Gu Zheng is Qingyun's son, he should make a sacrifice for the Lu family. It's his honor to be able to protect the reputation of everyone in the Lu family by letting himself be abandoned."

Fifth Uncle was in a difficult position. "But this is unfair to Gu Zheng. He can't bear the reputation of an illegitimate child for the rest of his life. After all, he..."

Lu Xiang interrupted mercilessly, "What's unfair about it?! He's just a bastard. Since he's already bearing the title of an illegitimate child, he should continue to do so. Why implicate Ah Yan? Ah Yan is obedient and sensible. He's the future heir of the Lu family. If he's replaced, Ah Yan's future will be ruined!"

Fifth Uncle was a little worried. "But if Gu Zheng finds out, he definitely won't let us off."

Lu Bai smiled disdainfully. "Does an illegitimate child who's hated by the Gu family have the ability to deal with the Lu family? Even if he really has the ability, he needs evidence! Hence, we have to strike first. We can't let him discover this secret. Or..."

He did not continue, but the killing intent in his eyes was exposed. He wanted to kill Gu Zheng. Only when Gu Zheng was dead would no one investigate this secret.

At this moment, Lu Xiang's and Fifth Uncle's minds buzzed, and they instantly lost the ability to think.

Hearing the conversation in the surveillance footage, Grand Old Master Lu slammed the wheelchair. "Lu Xiang! Do you still dare to say that you didn't know anything?"

Lu Xiang lost all feeling in her body. Her legs went weak as she sat on the floor. Her heart was dead, and her eyes were filled with despair.

"For the sake of that laughable reputation, you targeted and suppressed Ah Zheng. You even let the matter go. You raised Huang Lilan's son and made him the heir of the Lu family. You're truly one of a kind! The Lu family was destroyed in your hands!

"Lu Bai, that piece of trash! Is he worthy of being the head of the Lu family? With an idiot son like him, I'm the one who's truly embarrassed! He didn't investigate the cause of Qingyun's death and didn't keep Qingyun's child by his side. On the contrary, he actually wanted to kill Ah Zheng to avoid future trouble. He's really stupid!" the grand old master reprimanded loudly.

Chapter 1168: Lu Yan's Heart Is Dead

“Lu Xiang, I’ve always known that you hated Qingyun because she’s the legitimate daughter of the Lu family, while you’re an illegitimate daughter. You’ve always been jealous of her, but I didn’t expect you to raise Huang Lilan’s son and let Ah Zheng live in pain!”

Hearing the grand old master’s words, Lu Xiang could not help but tremble. She broke down and shouted, “No! I didn’t do it!”

“Lu Yan!” Grand Old Master Lu’s gaze landed on Lu Yan as he said word by word, “From now on, your surname is no longer Lu. Your surname is Gu!

“However, someone like you isn’t worthy of having the same surname as Ah Zheng. The Gu family might not even acknowledge an illegitimate child like you, so you can take your mother’s surname.”

Lu Yan’s eyes were filled with unwillingness and fear. It was not the last moment yet, so there was still room for negotiation.

The video had already ended, but he did not say anything from the beginning until the end. He could say that he was still young at that time and did not know what Lu Bai meant.

Lu Yan forced himself to calm down and explained, “Grand Old Master, actually, I didn’t know what Grandpa meant at that time, so...”

“Heh! Are you going to say that you didn’t understand what they were saying?” Grand Old Master Lu sneered. “Lu Yan! You’re really stubborn! Since you’re so unconvinced, don’t blame me for not showing you any respect! Wang Liang!”

“Yes!” Butler Wang responded, then pressed the play button again. Voices from the footage sounded again.

Fifth Uncle Lu asked, “Ah Yan, what do you think?”

At that time, Lu Yan was only in his teens. He had a gentle temperament and was like a noble young master. His voice was gentle, but the words that came from his mouth were cold and vicious. “Grandpa is only doing this for the sake of the overall situation. Sacrificing Gu Zheng can exchange for the peace of everyone in the Lu family. Moreover, the Lu family is already in trouble now. If such a scandal spreads, how can we establish ourselves in Li City in the future? Since Gu Zheng is the flesh and blood of the Lu family, he should make a sacrifice for the Lu family!

“My mother is kind-hearted. If she were still alive, she would definitely abandon Gu Zheng for the sake of the Lu family’s reputation!”

Lu Yan’s pupils suddenly constricted, and his lips trembled. His heart was dead.

When Grand Old Master Lu heard this, he could not help but curse, “Lu Yan! You still dare to say that you didn’t know anything? As expected of Huang Lilan’s son! You’re as vicious and pretentious as she is. You even dare to call Qingyun your mother. If she were alive, she definitely wouldn’t have abandoned Ah Zheng. You bastard, cough, cough...”

After all, Grand Old Master Lu had just recovered from a serious illness. However, he found out that his most beloved granddaughter had passed away for no reason, and her child was forced to wander

outside, those idiots joined forces with the mistress to deal with Ah Zheng, and they even wanted to kill him to avoid future trouble.

He could not help but cough. Wang Liang hurriedly brought him a cup of tea. "Grand Old Master, you've just recovered from a serious illness. You can't be too agitated."

Grand Old Master Lu took a sip of tea, and his breathing gradually stabilized. His sharp gaze landed on Lu Yan. "Back then, Huang Lilan abused Ah Zheng because she wanted him to die a silent death. This way, no one would stand in your way.

"Lu Yan, you clearly knew that Huang Lilan was your biological mother, but you deliberately let Huang Lilan torture the young Ah Zheng. If Ah Zheng weren't lucky, he would've died in Huang Lilan's hands a long time ago!

"Not only did Huang Lilan kill my granddaughter, but she also wanted to kill Ah Zheng. You idiots actually helped two outsiders harm the Lu family's flesh and blood! Lu Xiang, you and Lu Bai ruined the Lu family's reputation for your own selfish desires. You should pay the price for everything you've done!"

Lu Xiang gasped. Her body seemed to not listen to her as she collapsed to the floor.

At this moment, the people from the Lu branch family and the audience in the live-stream finally reacted.

[Lu Yan... is really Huang Lilan's biological son? He clearly knew his identity, yet he still said that Gu Zheng was an illegitimate child and made everyone curse and attack him. This man is so shameless!]

[With Gu Zheng's ability, Lu Corporation never would've fallen to this state if he were in charge of the Lu family. I've really learned something today! Lu Qingyun's biological father actually helped outsiders deal with his biological grandson. Has Old Master Lu become muddle-headed?]

[I only found out today that Lu Xiang is actually an illegitimate daughter! Lu Qingyun is the daughter of the first wife. After Lu Bai abandoned his first wife and married a mistress, he started to hate Lu Qingyun. Maybe Lu Qingyun's death is related to Lu Xiang and Lu Bai!]

[Old Master Lu kept saying to the public that he doted on Lu Qingyun very much, but he colluded with outsiders to kill Lu Qingyun behind her back. Later on, he even wanted to kill Gu Zheng! The Lu family is too vicious!]

Chapter 1169: Revitalizing Lu Corporation

At the scene, everyone from the Lu branch family also revealed looks of disdain and discussed in low voices. "Lu Yan is an illegitimate child! He's not the flesh and blood of the Lu family at all. What right does he have to sit in the position of heir?!"

"Do you still remember that he competed with Gu Zheng for the release of the new perfumes previously? In the end, he lost a lot of money. Later on, because of the resort, the Lu family lost more than 10 billion yuan. I've always suspected that he wasn't Miss Qingyun's son. After all, when Miss Qingyun was in charge of the Lu family back then, she was a business wonder in Li City!"

Hearing everyone's discussion, Lu Yan almost fainted.

Grand Old Master Lu's voice was loud and clear. "I dragged my sick body here to expose Lu Yan's identity in front of my ancestors! I want to tell everyone that the true heir of the Lu family is Gu Zheng!"

Lu Yan gritted his teeth so hard that they were about to shatter. His once gentle face also became ferocious and terrifying. He clenched his fists tightly and stopped him loudly. "Grand Old Master!"

He closed his eyes tightly and controlled the emotions in his heart. He took a few deep breaths before saying in a trembling voice, "This matter hasn't spread yet. I'm still a member of the Lu family! The Lu family can't withstand such a huge change now. Fortunately, everyone present is from the Lu family. We'll pretend that nothing happened today and protect the Lu family's reputation. I'm willing to give the position of heir to Gu Zheng. I only want the identity of the Lu family's young master!"

Everyone was stunned.

Qiao Xi grunted coldly. "Lu Yan is really shameless!"

Gu Zheng glanced at Ji Nan beside him and smiled meaningfully. "Xi Xi, do you think Lu Yan knows that his words and actions have already been broadcasted live?"

Qiao Xi's heart trembled. Could it be that Gu Zheng had noticed the surrounding cameras?

She pretended to be calm and replied, "You're saying that someone is doing a live broadcast at the scene? That's great. If Lu Yan's actions are being broadcasted, he won't be able to make a comeback at all!"

Lu Yan revealed his true colors. "Grand Old Master! You're also from the Lu family. You probably don't want to see the Lu family go bankrupt either. If my identity is exposed, the Lu family's reputation will be ruined and we'll be mocked by everyone. It'll be a huge blow to the Lu family!"

His gaze was vicious as he shouted at the Lu family, "Don't forget that the Lu family's shares are all under my name. I'm still the nominal heir of the Lu family. Keep what happened today to yourself. If anyone dares to say anything, I'll expel you from the Lu family! Believe me, I can revive Lu Corporation and give you a more perfect life!"

At this moment, Lu Yan seemed to have been enlightened. So what if the grand old master had exposed his identity? He now had shares and was the second-largest shareholder of the Lu family. When Lu Bai woke up, Lu Bai would help him. If the two of them joined forces, it would be easy for them to suppress this matter. In order to rely on the Lu family, the people from the Lu branch family would definitely not dare to leak the news.

At the thought of this, Lu Yan suddenly heaved a sigh of relief. His restless emotions gradually calmed down, and he smiled gently again. "Grand Old Master, if you don't give me a way out, I can't do anything about it! As long as you're willing, I can immediately give up the position of heir. Gu Zheng and I are both the flesh and blood of the Lu family. From now on, I won't snatch anything. I'll even help Gu Zheng revive Lu Corporation. I've already made a concession. You won't refuse, right?"

The entire venue was silent. The Lu family was dumbfounded. At this moment, they could not help but complain in their hearts. Lu Yan's face was even thicker than the city walls!

He was Huang Lilan's son and had nothing to do with the Lu family. However, now that he had the Lu family's money, he claimed to be making concessions when he was clearly making stubborn demands while appearing to be very aggrieved.

If it were not for Huang Lilan, Eldest Miss Qingyun would not have died. If it were not for Lu Yan, Gu Zheng would not have been wandering outside, nor would he have been tortured by Huang Lilan. He would have returned to the Lu family a long time ago to manage Lu Corporation.

However, when they thought about it carefully, they felt that Lu Yan's words were not unreasonable. If Lu Yan's identity was not exposed, the Lu family's reputation would be preserved and the losses would be minimal. As a branch family of the Lu family, they still had to rely on the Lu family to survive, so they naturally did not dare to casually say anything.

Could it be that they could only watch helplessly as Lu Yan continued to stay in the Lu family and enjoy his status as the young master of the Lu family?

Qiao Xi's cold laugh broke the silence. Everyone looked in the direction of the voice, and Lu Yan's body suddenly stiffened.

Lu Xiang was already nervous, so she was shocked by Qiao Xi's sudden laughter. She broke down and shouted, "Qiao Xi! Is there something wrong with you?! Why are you laughing?!"

Chapter 1170: Cancel The Cooperation

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth curled up slightly as she said in a disdainful tone, "I'm laughing at Young Master Lu for being too naive! Seeing Young Master Lu so happy, I really couldn't bear to interrupt his happiness, but I couldn't help but laugh."

Lu Xiang's expression was ferocious. What was Qiao Xi talking about?!

She was instantly infuriated, but Lu Yan's heart thumped. He kept having the feeling that whenever Qiao Xi appeared, his plan would definitely be ruined.

However, he still did not understand what Qiao Xi meant. Could it be that she had other tricks up her sleeve? However, even if she and Gu Zheng told others about what had happened today, without the evidence from the Grand Old Master and Lu Bai, who would believe them?

The grand old master's health was not good, and he might fall into a coma again at any time. He and the Lu family were on the same page, so those people would not reveal this secret. Now, as long as he snatched the surveillance footage, Gu Zheng and Qiao Xi would have no evidence. No one would believe them no matter what.

Ring! Ring! Ring!

At this moment, Lu Yan's phone suddenly rang.

Previously, there was no signal in the Lu family's mansion, and no one thought too much about it. Now that Lu Yan's phone rang, everyone realized that the signal had been restored.

After Lu Yan picked up the call, his tone became respectful. "President Wu..."

“Lu Yan, our collaboration has been canceled. Although our Wu family isn’t a big family, we still know etiquette, integrity, and shame. It’s absolutely impossible for us to work with a despicable person like you!”

Before Lu Yan could respond, President Wu instantly hung up. Lu Yan looked confused. He did not understand why the Wu family would break the contract, but fortunately, the Wu family was not an important business partner to the Lu family. At most, he would look for someone else to collaborate with.

Immediately after, the phone rang again. The other party’s tone was gentle. “Young Master Lu, I’m sorry, but I think this project isn’t too good, so I’m backing out!”

Lu Yan’s expression suddenly changed. Before he could say anything, the other party had mercilessly hung up. Next, he received another call. It was also to cancel a collaboration. Lu Yan hurriedly seized the opportunity to ask, “President Zhong, why?”

“You still have the cheek to ask me?” Mr. Zhong sounded surprised. “Young Master Lu, why are you still pretending at a time like this?!”

Lu Yan suppressed his anger and asked patiently, “Mr. Zhong, I really don’t understand. What’s going on?”

“Heh! Isn’t your Lu family doing a live broadcast? The entire country is watching you make a fool of yourself! You’re the child of a mistress and have nothing to do with the Lu family at all. Now, you still want to use your identity as Young Master Lu to discuss a collaboration with us? Dream on! We’ll only work with the true heir of the Lu family. An illegitimate child like you isn’t worthy!”

“You and Huang Lilan joined forces to plot against President Gu, so why are you still pretending to be innocent?! Everyone knows your true colors now! Lu Yan, don’t appear in front of me in the future. Otherwise, I might not be able to help myself from beating you up!”

Lu Yan’s ears buzzed, and his heart ached. He gasped. Before he could speak, the other party had already hung up in disgust. Mr. Zhong’s words kept echoing in his mind.

Live broadcast? Someone was actually doing a live broadcast in the Lu family? Now that the entire Li City knew his identity, would the news of him threatening the Lu family spread?

Lu Yan felt as if he had been struck by lightning and could not come back to his senses for a long time. Then, despair surged in his heart.

No wonder Qiao Xi laughed at him for being too naive just now. It turned out that someone was doing a live broadcast.

Lu Yan abruptly raised his eyes. His eyes were bloodshot, and his face was ferocious. He completely lost the demeanor of a noble young master. He roared, “Qiao Xi! It’s you! You started a live broadcast!”

However, how was that possible? If she had started a live broadcast, why didn’t anyone in the Lu family notice it? He had so many subordinates guarding the ancestral hall. If they had noticed the abnormality, they would have called to inform him or Lu Xiang.

Phone call? Right, there was no signal in the Lu family’s mansion just now.

Everyone could not help but look at Qiao Xi. Lu Xiang pointed at Qiao Xi and shouted crazily, “B*tch! You did it!”

Qiao Xi blinked innocently. “Don’t spout nonsense! I didn’t know that someone was doing a live broadcast here. I’ve always been standing in the corner, so how could I have started a live broadcast?”

Lu Yan could not help but tremble as he said with difficulty, “Q-Qiao Xi! I’ve never offended you. Why are you... doing this to me?”

“You’ve never offended me?” Qiao Xi chuckled and said in a gentle voice, “Young Master Lu, why do you think so? Don’t forget that I’m Ah Zheng’s wife! Back then, you abused and tortured Ah Zheng with Huang Lilan, so you have offended me. Yet you actually have the cheek to ask me why? How laughable!”