

Lady Gu 1201

Chapter 1201 Public Execution

Xia Yunlou was the first to come back to her senses. She pretended to be calm and replied, “Madam Ye, Miss Ye, I’m really sorry that we couldn’t attend Miss Ye’s birthday banquet. Mengyan and I returned to Shengdu and couldn’t rush back in time. My father reject some banquets on our behalf, so the moment the two of us came back, we wanted to relay our apologies to you!

“What Madam Ye just said has nothing to do with us. We haven’t been in Li City for the past two days. How could I have framed my daughter? As for being detained, that’s even more nonsense. I hope everyone won’t make wild guesses!”

Xia Yunlou’s tone was serious, but her gaze was lacking in confidence. Her breathing was slightly trembling, but she had to deny it and warn everyone not to make wild guesses.

The eyes of the noblewomen and their daughters were filled with disdain. If they did not know, they might really believe Xia Yunlou’s words.

Seeing that no one refuted, Xia Yunlou’s expression softened. It seemed that everyone believed her. She did not expect that not only had Qiao Xi sent them to the detention center, but she had also spread the news. Fortunately, everyone had only heard about this and did not know that they were the ones who were detained.

Xia Mengyan heaved a sigh of relief and closed her eyes in exhaustion. She picked up the glass of water and drank the lemonade in one gulp. She then picked up a tissue to wipe her sweat before recovering.

Just as the two of them thought that everything was fine, Madam Ye suddenly sneered, scaring Xia Yunlou so much that her entire body trembled. She frowned unhappily. Before she could speak, Madam Ye slammed the table and said loudly, “Xia Yunlou! Do you think we’ll believe you just because you casually made up a few words? The news of you and Xia Mengyan framing Mrs. Gu has already spread. I didn’t expose you just now because I wanted to see you defend yourself nervously!”

The banquet hall was silent. Xia Yunlou’s pupils suddenly constricted as she looked at everyone in fear. They actually knew?

Xia Mengyan’s heart, which had just calmed down, suffered another blow. Her face suddenly turned pale, and her lips trembled as if she was about to faint in the next second.

Madam Ye was a ruthless person, so she naturally wouldn’t go easy on them. “I didn’t ask you to come here today to treat you to a meal. I wanted to teach you two bad women a lesson!

“Xia Mengyan! Don’t forget that your grandmother is a mistress and your father is an illegitimate child. Since your status isn’t honorable, you should keep a low profile. If you’re kind and humble, no one will make things difficult for you. But now that Xia Yunlou has found her biological daughter, you’re afraid that your status will be threatened, so you framed Mrs. Gu and used a one-million-yuan bracelet as a bet. You hoped that Mrs. Gu’s reputation would be ruined and she’d be sentenced. That way, you’d always be the high and mighty daughter of the Xia family and no one would threaten you. I have to say that this move is really ruthless!”

Xia Mengyan was publicly executed. She felt as if everyone's gazes were sharp knives stabbing into her body, causing her to tremble in pain.

After reprimanding Xia Mengyan, Madam Ye looked at Xia Yunlou. "You're an idiot. Xia Mengyan wanted to use you to get rid of Mrs. Gu, and you were willing to be used. You framed your daughter for your niece. Xia Yunlou, you deserve what you've gotten yourself into today!

"Don't blame Mrs. Gu for being heartless. You were the one who cut off this mother-daughter relationship first. You asked the police to arrest her and send her to prison. She has shown you plenty of mercy!"

Xia Yunlou's entire body trembled, and her sharp nails dug into her palms. She had never thought of sending Qiao Xi to jail from the beginning. She just thought that Qiao Xi had stolen something and wanted to teach her a lesson. As long as Qiao Xi handed over the bracelet and apologized to Mengyan, she would withdraw the case.

No matter how much she hated Qiao Xi, she would not let her go to jail. After all, she would also be embarrassed!

Madam Ye looked at the two of them with disgust in her eyes. She waved her hand impatiently and said, "Someone! Chase them out. If they stay here, I won't be able to breathe easily. Besides, we friends are gathered here to relax. With them here, we'll have to be on guard against being framed."

"That's right! Quickly chase them out. With them around, we won't have the appetite to eat!"

Xia Yunlou and Xia Mengyan were chased out just like that. When they reacted, they had already left the hotel. The two of them stood in the cold wind and shivered.

Now that everyone in Li City's upper class society knew that they had been detained, what would they do in the future?

"Ah!!! Why did she spread this news?! I'm her biological mother!" Xia Yunlou roared indignantly, her eyes filled with tears.

Chapter 1202 Finding The Real Xia Yunlou

Longwan Residential.

Qiao Xi lazily lay on the sofa in the study while scrolling through her phone. Gu Zheng had just taken a shower and walked out. He was wearing a loose white bathrobe, and his wet hair hung low, making him look even gentler.

He bent down slightly and smiled gently. "Xi Xi, what are you looking at?"

Qiao Xi had just received a message from Madam Ye and had just read the first few sentences when she heard Gu Zheng's voice coming from above. She subconsciously locked her screen.

Gu Zheng glanced at the phone screen and sneered. "Why are you hiding it? I didn't say I wanted to see it. But you seem to be very concerned about Xia Yunlou and Xia Mengyan's recent situation?"

Qiao Xi hurriedly hid her phone behind her back and smiled awkwardly.

Gu Zheng revealed a triumphant smile. Only then did Qiao Xi realize that when Gu Zheng leaned over, she had already locked the screen. Moreover, the words on the screen were so small that Gu Zheng definitely did not see them clearly. He said that just now to trick her!

Qiao Xi: "..."

What a scheming man! Xia Mengyan's methods were nothing against his!

Qiao Xi didn't care if he knew or not. She pretended to be confused. "Xia Yunlou? That's right! Counting the days, they should be out soon!"

Gu Zheng reached out and gently pinched her chin, forcing her to look up. There was a smile on his lips as he raised his eyebrows. There was a hint of teasing in his eyes. "What are you pretending for?"

The expression on Qiao Xi's face suddenly stiffened.

She was stunned for a few seconds before quickly adjusting her emotions. She pushed his hand away and said casually, "I'm already prepared to sue them. Of course, I have to pay attention. Is there a problem?"

"No problem at all. Mrs. Gu, what's your next plan?" Gu Zheng asked softly.

Qiao Xi suddenly stood up and retorted with a serious expression, "Ah Zheng, what do you mean? Do you think I want to scheme against them?"

Gu Zheng looked at her meaningfully and sneered. "Mrs. Gu, don't be so nervous. It makes you look guilty!"

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth twitched slightly. As expected, she could not hide anything from Gu Zheng. She seemed to be unable to keep secrets in front of Gu Zheng!

Gu Zheng sat beside her and pulled her into his arms. He gently pinched her little face. "Mrs. Gu, we're husband and wife. In front of me, you can be more casual. There's no need to hide anything. Besides, even if you pretend to not know anything, I can still tell."

Qiao Xi glared at him playfully and could only answer truthfully, "I want to investigate Xia Yunlou's identity. I have to unlock this secret."

Gu Zheng's eyes flashed as he looked at her deeply. He said in a low voice, "Didn't you already try it last time? Even under hypnosis, she still thinks she's Xia Yunlou."

This was indeed the case, but Qiao Xi had a feeling that the person in front of her was not the real Xia Yunlou. She did not know why, so she wanted to investigate.

She had thought about it carefully. Since she did not find out anything even after hypnotizing Xia Yunlou, she would find an opportunity to hypnotize the rest of the Xia family. She would try it with everyone. Perhaps there would be clues.

"Actually, you've already confirmed that she's not the real Xia Yunlou, so it's meaningless to probe further. What you lack now is evidence," Gu Zheng said slowly.

"I can't be sure that I'm right. After all, it's just my intuition." Qiao Xi was a little helpless.

Gu Zheng looked at her gently. "Your intuition won't be wrong. What we lack is a way to find evidence."

"DNA test?" Qiao Xi raised her eyes.

Gu Zheng shook his head. "All these years, the Yin family has been suspecting her identity and have secretly done a test, but they didn't find anything. This means that Xia Yunlou has a way to deal with it. Moreover, it's very easy for the Xia family to fake a DNA test. Even if we get a test report, they'll still think that we faked it and deny it."

When he was labeled as the illegitimate son of the Gu family, he had thought of this method, but it didn't work at all. The Xia family was even more shameless than the Gu family. With just a guess, Gu Zheng knew they would definitely not admit that there was something wrong with Xia Yunlou's identity and would even bite back at Qiao Xi.

Qiao Xi nodded. She was sure that the person in front of her was not the real Xia Yunlou. The Yin family thought so too. How could an obedient and sensible child become surly and heartless overnight? She definitely would not snatch away her sister's fiancé after she reached adulthood!

Xia Yunlou was shrewish and sharp. She did not resemble that kind child in the past at all. Instead, she was exactly the same as Old Madam Xia. They could all tell that there was something wrong, but there was no evidence to prove that she was not Xia Yunlou.

In order to find the real Xia Yunlou, Qiao Xi had to make a detailed plan.

Chapter 1203 They're Back

Qiao Xi lowered her eyes. "The Xia family is able to hide Xia Yunlou's identity flawlessly. There must be someone secretly helping them. Otherwise, with the Yin family's power, they would have found clues all these years."

"They've been planning for years, and someone is secretly helping them. It's really not easy to find evidence."

"But it doesn't matter even if there's no evidence. Since I'm sure that the person in front of me isn't the real Xia Yunlou, I'll just fake the evidence."

Hearing Qiao Xi's words, Gu Zheng raised his eyebrows.

Qiao Xi chuckled. "The Xia family forged a DNA test report to prove Xia Yunlou's identity, so I'll fake evidence to prove that she's fake. There's no problem with that, right?"

"Before Mom passed away, she was still thinking about her sister. It was her last wish to find her sister. No matter if Xia Yunlou is dead or alive, I have to investigate it clearly. I can't let that vicious woman taint Xia Yunlou's reputation."

Gu Zheng asked casually, "So what are you going to do?"

Qiao Xi lazily leaned against the sofa, and the corners of her mouth curled up slightly as she said meaningfully, "I want to set up a trap for the Xia family to fall into."

Gu Zheng hugged her in his arms and laughed heartily. He teased, "Mrs. Gu, you're really smart. But didn't you say that you weren't going to scheme against the Xia family?"

The smile on Qiao Xi's face suddenly stiffened.

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In the dead of the night, Gu Zheng came to the study to deal with work.

Song Shijing walked in and asked nervously, "President, Mr. and Mrs. He have returned to the country. The old master has also rushed over from the capital. They're holding a welcome banquet in Li City. They sent an invitation today. Do you want to attend?"

Gu Zheng glanced at the invitations on the table, looked away, and chuckled. "They still came back in the end."

Song Shijing was a little unhappy. "The He family hasn't been developing well overseas all these years. If you hadn't helped them directly, they would have gone bankrupt long ago. Instead of doing business honestly, they always want you to clean up their mess. They're too greedy. Now that they've returned to Li City, they actually have the cheek to invite you over!"

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes, and a cold glint flashed across them. He sneered. "Back then, I wasn't welcomed in the Gu family. It was the He family who helped me. Perhaps without the He family, my entrepreneurial path wouldn't have been so smooth, so I should repay them. Whenever they encounter difficulties, the first person they think of is naturally me."

"President, you've done enough for the He family over the years. You've already returned their kindness. Moreover, when they went overseas back then, they said that they would never contact you again. But they couldn't survive overseas and returned to Li City. Aren't they going too far?"

Gu Zheng's slender fingers tapped on the word 'He' on the invitation in silence.

Song Shijing, who was at the side, was indignant. "Everyone in Li City thinks that the He family helped you back then. They think that you have a close relationship with the He family and that you treat them as your benefactors. Now that they've just arrived in Li City, a group of people is trying to curry favor with them. The He family has benefited a lot by relying on your name. Are you still going to indulge them?"

Qiao Xi stood at the door of the study and listened to Song Shijing's angry voice. He had always been calm and humble. This seemed to be the first time he was talking to Gu Zheng so agitatedly!

The He family? Qiao Xi seemed to have never heard of this family before. Previously, they had cut off all contact with Gu Zheng. Now that their business overseas failed, they returned to Li City. Did they want to rely on Gu Zheng to survive?

In the study, Gu Zheng said casually, "The He family won't be smug for long."

Song Shijing: "... He really felt indignant for the president. The president had already done enough for the He family. Now that the He family still dared to approach him, did they really think that the president had such a good temper that he would just tolerate it?"

If they angered the president, the He family would definitely suffer!

At this moment, Qiao Xi knocked on the door and interrupted their conversation.

Qiao Xi pushed open the door and swaggered in without hiding the fact that she had eavesdropped. "Who's the He family?"

The corners of Gu Zheng's mouth curled into a disdainful smile. "We're old friends, but we might be enemies in the future."

Actually, Qiao Xi also understood. It was probably because when Gu Zheng was bullied by the Gu family back then, the He family helped him. Now that Gu Zheng had become the richest man in Li City, the He family wanted to get benefits from him.

On account of their past kindness, Gu Zheng had directly helped the He family on multiple accounts. They received enough money to prepare to go overseas to develop, but they despised Gu Zheng's identity as an illegitimate child and were unwilling to interact with him. Now that Gu Zheng's identity as an illegitimate child was debunked and he became the legitimate heir of the Gu family, the He family came back to curry favor with him.

Chapter 1204 Photos From The Past

Everyone in Li City's upper class society knew about the He family and Gu Zheng's past. They had always thought that the He family was Gu Zheng's benefactor. Therefore, as soon as the He family returned, everyone swarmed over, wanting to use the He family to negotiate a collaboration with Gu Zheng. Hence, the He family was able to be popular because of Gu Zheng.

Gu Zheng looked at her intently. "They're not worthy of Mrs. Gu's attention. I'll handle it well."

Qiao Xi knew that Gu Zheng was confident in handling this matter. His calmness meant that he no longer took the He family seriously. After all, it was the He family who took the initiative to cut ties with him back then. Now, they regretted it. How could they want Gu Zheng to accept them?

"Xi Xi, why aren't you sleeping yet? What's the matter?" Gu Zheng raised his eyebrows with a smile in his eyes.

Qiao Xi smiled slyly and hurriedly leaned in front of him. She said sweetly, "Ah Zheng, I have something to tell you."

"Go ahead," Gu Zheng said gently.

Qiao Xi said impatiently, "Ah Zheng, although we've known each other for 10 years, I've never seen what you looked like in the past. I want to see your old photos, okay?"

Gu Zheng raised his eyes slightly, and his light brown eyes seemed to be hiding something. His probing gaze landed on Qiao Xi, who was a little nervous under his gaze. She hurriedly explained, "I just suddenly had that thought and wanted to see what you looked like when you were younger."

She had gone to look for the butler just now, but the butler said that Gu Zheng did not like to take photos. He did not know where his old photos were and even asked her to ask Gu Zheng herself.

Later on, the butler even told her mysteriously, "Although the president doesn't like to take photos, Young Master Gu Yao often took photos! He even took many photos of the president, but those photos were confiscated by the president. Even so, he wouldn't have destroyed them. He must have hidden them."

Then, Qiao Xi anxiously called Gu Yao to ask about the photos. Gu Yao replied excitedly, "Yes! I had just bought a camera at that time and took a lot of photos of Gu Zheng. There were also some private photos of him! The kind where he was without clothes!"

When Qiao Xi heard this, she almost drooled. She could not help but sigh in her heart. Gu Yao was really a little angel.

Not long after, Qiao Xi found the study. She knew that Gu Zheng must have hidden the photos, so she fawned over him. "Ah Zheng... I want to see your old photos!"

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and glanced at her, then hurriedly looked away. His ears were slightly red, and his Adam's apple moved. He said in a hoarse voice, "I don't have any."

Of course, Qiao Xi did not believe him. She pulled Gu Zheng's collar and said in a bewitching tone, "Ah Zheng, we've been married for so long, but you're still unwilling to show me the photos. Could it be that you were very ugly in the past and are too embarrassed to show the photos to me?"

Gu Zheng snorted. "Mrs. Gu, how are you so sure that I have any photos?"

"Of course, I'm sure! I asked..." Qiao Xi stopped talking. She could not expose Gu Yao. That would be too disloyal.

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and replied calmly, "Mrs. Gu, I was the illegitimate son of the Gu family in the past. I was struggling at death's door. How could I have been in the mood to take photos? Besides, I don't like taking photos to begin with. How could I have any photos?"

Qiao Xi instantly choked.

She thought for a long time before saying hesitantly, "Really? Didn't you take a graduation photo when you were in school? You should have a graduation photo, right? There must be a photo on your graduation certificate! Let me see it!"

Gu Zheng asked meaningfully, "Mrs. Gu, why do you suddenly want to see my old photos?"

Qiao Xi instantly became nervous and gulped. She pondered for a long time and thought about it carefully. If she made up an excuse to lie to Gu Zheng, Gu Zheng would definitely see through her. In that case, Gu Zheng would definitely not show her any of his photos.

After hesitating for a moment, Qiao Xi replied truthfully, "Actually, it's nothing much. I just dreamed of you when you were in your teens last night, so I wanted to see if the younger you were exactly the same as the version of you I dreamed of."

Song Shijing and Song Shiyu: "..."

Young Madam's reason was too far-fetched!

Gu Zheng narrowed his eyes before quickly returning to normal. He smiled at her. "Mrs. Gu, even if you want to lie to me, you should find a better excuse."

Qiao Xi wanted to cry but had no tears.

She defended herself anxiously. "I'm not lying to you! I'm telling the truth!"

She was afraid that Gu Zheng would not believe her, so she told him the truth. However, he still did not believe her! She was clearly telling the truth!

Chapter 1205 Gu Yao Is Innocent

"Mrs. Gu, it's not strange for you to dream of me, but..." Gu Zheng suddenly leaned closer, and a cold smile appeared in his deep eyes. "But how do you know that I have old photos of myself? Who did you hear it from?"

At this moment, Gu Yao's words echoed in Qiao Xi's mind. There were photos of Gu Zheng naked! She originally just wanted to see Gu Zheng's past appearance, but Gu Yao's words aroused her curiosity.

"I know even if you don't say it." Seeing Qiao Xi's excited expression, Gu Zheng understood. He said firmly, "It was Gu Yao, right?"

Qiao Xi gasped, and the scene in her mind instantly dissipated.

"Your reaction has already told me that Gu Yao was the one who told you. That's why you want to see my photos. Did Gu Yao tell you that he took my private photos?" Gu Zheng smiled charmingly, and the atmosphere around him became ambiguous.

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth twitched slightly, and her heart beat violently. This man was too seductive.

Gu Zheng narrowed his eyes and clenched his fists. "It seems that I haven't beaten him up in a long time. Gu Yao has completely become arrogant."

Qiao Xi hurriedly shook her head. "It's not like that. I really dreamed of you, so I called Gu Yao to ask if he had any old photos of you. Gu Yao just told me the truth. This matter has nothing to do with him. It's all because I want to see those photos!"

Gu Zheng clenched his fists even tighter. "Mrs. Gu, you're really loyal. You've been speaking up for Gu Yao and even taking on all the responsibility yourself. You're better to him than to me, your husband."

Qiao Xi: "..."

Why couldn't she explain it well?

She frowned, looking innocent and aggrieved. "You... Sigh, I'm telling the truth!"

Gu Zheng looked up at her with jealousy. "Mhm."

Qiao Xi: "... This bastard was even jealous of his brother. She was really impressed!

Gu Zheng's face was still filled with certainty. "I have to beat Gu Yao up."

Gu Yao, who was far away at home, was innocently implicated. In the past, he was often beaten up. Now that he had become the president of the company, he still had to be beaten up.

Qiao Xi's face was filled with disappointment. It was fine if she didn't get the photos, but she even harmed Gu Yao. She had never felt so defeated before. However, in the next second, Gu Zheng smiled and said, "Actually, Mrs. Gu, you can look at my photos."

Qiao Xi's eyes widened in surprise. Then, she heard Gu Zheng say calmly, "When Gu Yao was young, his dream was to be a celebrity. He bought a lot of role-playing clothes and pestered me to wear them. He also took a few photos of me."

Qiao Xi's face was filled with anticipation. Was it the role-playing she thought it was? With Gu Zheng's figure, he would definitely look very tempting!

"Mrs. Gu, do you want to see them?" Gu Zheng's seductive voice sounded in her ear.

Qiao Xi blushed and pretended to be reserved. "Actually, I don't want to see those photos that badly, but we're already married and have known each other for 10 years. As your wife, I have to know you better, so I'll just have a quick look."

She pretended not to care and straightened her back. "It's not that big of a deal. It's mainly for our relationship!"

Gu Zheng smiled brightly. "Of course, you can take a look if you want, Mrs. Gu, but if I show you my photos, shouldn't you show me your past photos too? After all, this is also to let us understand each other more and improve our relationship."

A glint flashed across his eyes. He had dreamed of Black Tide last night, so he also wanted to know if the Black Tide in his dream was exactly the same as her in the past.

Qiao Xi's expression froze. Obviously, she did not expect Gu Zheng to make a request.

Gu Zheng raised his eyebrows and said, "Actually, I don't really want to see your old photos. It's just that you said that looking at past photos can improve the relationship and understanding between husband and wife, so I made the suggestion of looking at your past photos. If you're unwilling, then forget it."

With that, he stood up and was about to leave. "It's late. Let's rest early."

Qiao Xi: "..."

Wait! She hadn't even seen the photos yet. Why was he leaving?

Qiao Xi's mind was in chaos. She hurriedly grabbed Gu Zheng's arm with a worried expression.

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and looked down at her. "It doesn't matter if you don't want to show them to me. Anyway, we won't alienate each other just because of a few photos."

At this moment, Qiao Xi was extremely conflicted. Actually, there was nothing difficult about it. She had been very cute since she was young. If Gu Zheng wanted to see her past photos, she could show them to him!

After a moment of silence, Qiao Xi gritted her teeth and stomped her feet. "I'll show you!"

Gu Zheng revealed a triumphant smile, but it disappeared in the blink of an eye and was not discovered by Qiao Xi.

Chapter 1206 Lost The Same Memories

10 minutes later, the corners of Qiao Xi's mouth twitched as she looked at Gu Zheng's photos.

So? These were Gu Zheng's private photos? What happened to him being naked?

When she heard Gu Yao say it so seductively, she thought that they were shameful photos. At that time, she thought that the serious Gu Zheng turned out to be a very passionate man in the past!

The young man in the photos in front of her had a sinister look in his eyes. He was wearing a set of ancient martial arts clothes, which gave him a different charm. He was indeed shirtless, but he was wearing pants and holding a heavy shield in his hand that covered his upper body.

Qiao Xi was a little disappointed, but at the same time, she realized that the Gu Zheng in the photos was exactly the same as the one in her dream. There were a few photos of him, so she was very sure that the young man in her dream was Gu Zheng. Dreams were produced by people's thoughts. She had never seen Gu Zheng 10 years ago, so why did she see him in her dream?

Moreover, generally speaking, when one woke up from a dream, there was a high chance that one would forget the person in the dream. As time passed, even the details of the dream would become blurry, but she could clearly remember Gu Zheng's face.

Gu Zheng was also holding a photo in his hand. The young Qiao Xi and Qin An were standing together with smiles on their faces. Qiao Xi was exactly the same as the Black Tide in his dream.

Last night, he dreamed of the young Qiao Xi. Coincidentally, Qiao Xi also dreamed of him. He did not believe that there was such a coincidence in the world. Had they known each other for a long time?

Gu Zheng narrowed his eyes, and the temperature around him dropped. If they had met before, why did both of them forget about each other?

What happened that made them lose those memories?

Gu Zheng slowly looked up, and his gaze landed on the shell wind chime. "Why did you bring the wind chime here?"

Qiao Xi frowned and said, "Ah Zheng, I don't know if you believe me or not, but I've been having some very strange dreams recently. I don't remember who gave me this shell wind chime at all, but I always see it in my dreams. Moreover, I care a lot about this wind chime in my dreams, but if this wind chime is really important to me, how could I have forgotten it?"

"It's something that has been kept away for a long time. I've long forgotten about it. Why did I suddenly start dreaming of it? I keep feeling like I've lost a part of my memory."

Gu Zheng's pupils constricted!

Qiao Xi did not notice his abnormality and continued, "Actually... in my dream, you were the one who gave me this shell wind chime."

Gu Zheng's body stiffened, and a trace of fluctuation appeared on his calm face.

Qiao Xi said, "We clearly didn't meet before we got our marriage certificate. We were just chatting online, but that dream was so real that it was terrifying. It was as if it really happened. In order to give me this gift, you even personally went to the seaside to pick up shells and made this wind chime.

"But after I woke up from my dream, I didn't have any memories of our past. I couldn't figure out where this shell wind chime came from or why it suddenly appeared beside me. Why did Xu Mei think that this thing was very important to me back then and put it together with Mom's belongings?

"I seem to have... forgotten everything."

Qiao Xi rubbed her temples. "I keep feeling like I've lost memories of us. The disappearance of these memories has no effect on my life because I've never felt anything strange about it."

Gu Zheng's Adam's apple bobbed as he said hoarsely, "It's possible that we really lost our memories."

Qiao Xi frowned. "But that's even stranger. Even if I lost my memory, why don't you remember? Could it be that you've been having dreams recently as well?"

She was just asking casually. She had dreamed of the old Gu Zheng, so she just thought that Gu Zheng might have also dreamed of her. However, this was just a guess. She thought that it was impossible.

Gu Zheng suddenly looked up at her seriously. "That's right. I dreamed of you too."

Qiao Xi was instantly dumbfounded.

Gu Zheng said in a low voice, "We met 10 years ago. At that time, I only knew that your name was Black Tide, and you only knew that I was Mo Yuan."

They met 10 years ago? Didn't they meet at the entrance of the Civil Affairs Bureau?

It was precisely because of this that Gu Zheng felt a force in his heart guiding him to the Civil Affairs Bureau. He originally thought that everything was predestined, but now that he thought about it, it was just because of the obsession in his heart.

If he lost someone important and happened to have a premonition that he could see her there, he would naturally abandon everything to see her.

Perhaps they had already agreed to meet on that day, but he lost his memory and did not remember this agreement. However, subconsciously, he still knew that there was an important person waiting for him at the Civil Affairs Bureau.

Chapter 1207 Destined To Be Married

That day, Gu Zheng wilfully went to the Civil Affairs Bureau and waited like a fool. Finally, Qiao Xi arrived.

Qiao Xi's mind was filled with questions. Why did they lose their memories? If they had already lost their memories, why did they coincidentally meet at the entrance of the Civil Affairs Bureau? Whose scheme was this?

Gu Zheng's deep voice sounded in her ear as he gently called her name.

Qiao Xi raised her eyes, and they were filled with seriousness. She was about to ask Gu Zheng when she heard him say gently, "Xi Xi, it seems that this is fate! 10 years ago, God arranged for us to be together. It was fate!"

They were destined to be husband and wife!

So... it was not a coincidence that he appeared at the Civil Affairs Bureau. Was he there just to wait for her?

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The next morning.

Qiao Xi opened her eyes in a daze. She had many dreams last night. She dreamed about what had happened 10 years ago and about what had happened in Stars. When she woke up, she felt extremely exhausted.

At this moment, Gu Zheng had already gone out. Qiao Xi got up, washed up, and prepared to go out.

Seeing that she was about to go out, the butler hurriedly said, "Young Madam, breakfast is ready. Eat first before going out."

"No, I'm in a hurry to go to Blue Dream Pavilion." Qiao Xi quickly walked out and said without looking back.

Perhaps she could find something if she went to the Medical Association.

At this moment, there was almost no one in Blue Dream Pavilion. Qiao Xi did not need to hide and directly entered the Medical Association. An elder had already been waiting at the door for a long time.

"Eldest Miss, why are you here so early?" the elder asked.

Qiao Xi nodded. "Yes, I have something to discuss with Third Brother."

When she entered, she felt that the matter of her and Gu Zheng losing their memories was not simple. Moreover, memories were very strange. They might recover in a year or two, or they might not be able to remember it for the rest of their lives.

Although she and Gu Zheng had not regained their memories, they had dreamed of their past memories. This was like an omen.

She pushed open the door and walked in. Qin An was wearing a white coat and mixing medicine. He looked up at Qiao Xi. "Little Six, why did you think of making a visit today?"

"Third Brother, I need your help with something." Qiao Xi had a serious expression.

"Sure! You don't have to be so polite with me." Qin An put down the medicine, took off his gloves, and washed his hands. He pointed at the chair beside him and gestured for her to sit down. "Is the matter so urgent that you had to come to the Medical Association yourself? Couldn't we have talked over the phone?"

Qiao Xi nodded, feeling very tired. "Previously, the doctors introduced a batch of brain instruments. Please do a test on me."

Qin An looked puzzled. "Why do you suddenly want to take a test? Did something happen?"

Qiao Xi's face was expressionless, but her tone was very firm. "I think I lost my memory."

The room was silent for a moment. Qin An suddenly stood up and asked in surprise, "Little Six, do you still know who I am?"

Qiao Xi had a helpless expression. "I've already called you Third Brother. Of course, I know who you are. The memories I lost are from the past, and they're not about you. I can't confirm the exact time. I only know that it happened after I was 10 years old."

Qin An was dumbfounded.

"Little Six, how could you have such thoughts? You've been living with us since you were 10 years old. If you really lost your memory, we'd definitely know!"

Qiao Xi's lips were tense. She was usually a mischievous little girl, but she had become so deep.

Qin An's face was filled with fear as he asked a few questions in a row, "Are you sure you're not just pranking me? Why do you think you lost your memory? Wouldn't you have forgotten everything if you've lost your memory? Do you still remember me?"

Qiao Xi hesitated for a moment. "I've been having strange dreams recently. Many things happen in my dreams. They're terrifyingly real, but I don't have any memories of them happening."

Qin An rubbed his chin. "Since you have your suspicions, let's proceed with the test. Go lie down over there."

Qiao Xi lay on the equipment bed. Qin An stroked her hair comfortingly before pressing the button. A moment later, the test was completed, but Qin An had a puzzled expression. "There's no problem!"

The equipment did not detect any signs of amnesia. Qin An looked at Qiao Xi meaningfully. He believed that Xi Xi would not be suspicious for no reason. Moreover, she would not joke about such a thing.

However, whether she had lost her memory or not depended on whether her brain had suffered an impact or if certain drugs had interfered. However, she was in a good state and there was no damage. If it was not a problem with her brain, it might be a psychological problem.

Chapter 1208 Hidden Hypnosis Expert

Some people would selectively lose their memories after experiencing grief or shock. For example, they would forget a certain person or a certain memory. Furthermore, it would not affect other memories.

If it wasn't a problem with her brain, Qin An could only suspect that it was a psychological problem. He said softly, "Little Six, let me give you a hypnosis test."

Qiao Xi's heart beat violently. Qin An did not find any problems, so he wanted to do a hypnosis test to see if she had psychological problems.

However, if she had a psychological problem, how could it explain Gu Zheng's amnesia? Could it be that he also had a psychological problem?

Next, Qin An conducted a hypnosis test on her. After a long time, Qin An called out softly, "Little Six, wake up..."

Qiao Xi opened her eyes and glanced at her watch. It had only been an hour, but she felt that it was very long.

Qin An said solemnly, "According to my equipment and hypnosis tests, your brain is normal. There's nothing wrong with it. I suspected that you were poisoned, but your body is immune to all poisons. Even if you were really poisoned, you would have sensed it. If you had treated it in time, it wouldn't have much of an impact on your body."

Qiao Xi frowned. "You mean I didn't lose my memory?"

Qin An thought for a moment. "That may not necessarily be true. After all, there's another possibility..."

He paused and said, "It's possible that you were hypnotized. Psychological cues caused you to lose part of your memory. Little Six, you've also learned hypnosis. You should know the power of hypnosis. If you want to change a person's memory, you have to hypnotize that person and keep hinting that they've forgotten."

Hypnosis could indeed be done, and if it was done well, no issues would be detected.

"But..." Qin An frowned. "Little Six, it's precisely because we've learned hypnosis that we know it's very difficult to modify a person's memory with hypnosis. At least, we can't do it. Therefore, even though I used hypnosis earlier, I didn't realize that you've lost part of your memories.

Qiao Xi knew that it was not easy to use hypnosis to modify one's memory. Her hypnosis methods could only temporarily hypnotize a person. Moreover, if the other party's willpower was very strong, she could only hypnotize them for a few seconds.

If she had really been hypnotized, that person could actually make those memories completely disappear from her mind. Even after so long, she had no impression of them at all. If she had not dreamed of Gu Zheng, she might not have been able to remember that portion of her memories for the rest of her life. In other words, that person's hypnosis skills were very strong and had reached a terrifying level.

After all, not only did he hypnotize her, but he also hypnotized Gu Zheng. Gu Zheng's willpower had always been very strong. She could only hypnotize Gu Zheng for a few seconds each time, but that person had actually hypnotized Gu Zheng for so many years!

"Little Six, perhaps there really is such a hypnotist in the world, but they're a rarity. This person's ability is even stronger than Grandpa's, so I really can't help you recover your memory."

Qiao Xi was still expressionless as she said indifferently, "Mm, I understand."

"By the way, has your second brother called you recently?" Qin An suddenly asked.

Qiao Xi revealed a meaningful smile. "Of course. I asked Second Brother to do me a small favor, but I didn't expect the other members of the Luo family to be mobilized as well."

Qin An said, "The porcelain designed by Madam Xia Yunqiu can be said to be peerless in the world. Moreover, the Luo family is a porcelain family, so they're naturally willing to produce Madam Xia's works."

Qiao Xi asked curiously, "Did Second Brother personally make the porcelain pieces this time?"

When she was sorting out her mother's belongings earlier, Qiao Xi discovered that a portion of the designs her mother had left behind had already been destroyed by Xu Mei. After Qiao Xi restored those designs, she showed them to Luo Qing.

The Luo family had been studying porcelain and jade for generations. When they saw those perfect designs, they couldn't remain calm anymore. They got Luo Qing to personally make those porcelain and jade pieces so that Madam Xia Yunqiu's creativity could be honored.

Qiao Xi took this opportunity to set up a trap for the Xia family. At this moment, the Xia family had already sneaked in.

Looking at Qiao Xi's smile, Qin An could not help but laugh. "I'll definitely be happy to be able to stand up for you!"

The two of them chatted for a while before Qiao Xi left Blue Dream Pavilion. As soon as she walked out of the door, she saw a black car parked at the entrance. Gu Zheng was dressed in a suit and leather shoes as he stood beside the car. His figure was tall, and his deep eyes were fixed on her.

He was bathed in sunlight, but his eyes were cold as if no one could see through him.

Seeing Qiao Xi walk over, Gu Zheng's eyes softened. "Mrs. Gu, what are you doing in Blue Dream Pavilion so early in the morning?"

Chapter 1209 Qiao Xi's Suspicion

Qiao Xi could not help but feel nervous. How could she explain this? She wanted to tell Gu Zheng directly that she was here to take a test, but the results of the test were confusing. Qin An could not find any problems with her brain. Instead, he suspected that she had been hypnotized by an expert hypnotist, or that all of this was just their imagination.

When she walked out of Blue Dream Pavilion just now, she had been wondering who had hypnotized her. She didn't even realize that something was wrong and had no room to resist.

Now that she was also a hypnotist, she knew very well that it was very difficult to modify a person's memory with hypnosis. Even if she was very talented, she could not do it to that extent.

Moreover, she and Gu Zheng had very strong willpower. If someone wanted to hypnotize them, they had to do it while they were caught off guard. Otherwise, the two of them would quickly notice it and resist with all their might. Then the hypnosis would fail.

Could it be that the person who hypnotized them was someone they were very familiar with? Was that why they were unprepared?

After thinking for a long time, a person appeared in Qiao Xi's mind. Her grandfather's hypnosis skills were invincible. If he was the one who hypnotized her, she would definitely be caught off guard.

Gu Zheng probably knew that the divine physician was her grandfather, so he naturally would not be on guard either. But why?

"What are you thinking about, Mrs. Gu? Why are you so engrossed?" Gu Zheng's words pulled Qiao Xi back to reality.

Qiao Xi's entire body trembled as she hurriedly raised her eyes.

"You probably didn't come to Blue Dream Pavilion so early in the morning just to chat. You probably did something medical-related. But it seems like you don't want to tell me." Gu Zheng sized her up, his deep eyes completely seeing through her.

Qiao Xi's body suddenly stiffened as she met his cold eyes guiltily. His eyes had always been so cold, but whenever she approached, she could always see the gentleness overflowing from his eyes.

The two of them gradually approached each other. Gu Zheng put an arm around her waist and pulled her closer, his eyes filled with affection. "Xi Xi?"

Qiao Xi thought for a long time and really did not know how to answer. She could only laugh awkwardly. "I'm from the Medical Association. Isn't it normal for me to come here? I don't have anything to say!"

Gu Zheng did not ask further. Instead, he turned around and opened the car door. After the two of them got into the car, Gu Zheng pulled down the partition in the middle, blocking Song Shiyu's line of sight. His tall and straight body pressed against Qiao Xi's body. He raised his eyebrows. "Are you sure?"

Song Shiyu could vaguely hear their voices. Why did he feel that the president's voice was filled with killing intent? How did Young Madam offend the president today?! 'Hurry up and admit your mistake, Young Madam!'

Qiao Xi leaned back and distanced herself from Gu Zheng. She thought about it carefully. She could tell Gu Zheng that someone had hypnotized them, but she would not tell him that the person was her grandfather. After all, everything was just her guess. It would be fine if she did not tell Gu Zheng first.

Gu Zheng sized up the person in front of him with his cold eyes. He could clearly feel that she had become active. In the next second, Qiao Xi suddenly raised her eyes and looked at him pitifully. "Ah Zheng, I originally wanted to take on everything alone and didn't want you to feel pressured, but since you insist on asking, I'll tell you!"

The corners of Gu Zheng's mouth twitched as if he was saying, 'I'll just quietly watch you pretend.'

Qiao Xi whined aggrievedly. "Ah Zheng, we suspected that we lost our memory yesterday. After all, there's no such coincidence in the world."

Gu Zheng's slender fingers brushed past her eyes that were watering up. "So you came here to investigate this matter? Then why didn't you want to tell me?"

Qiao Xi whimpered. "Third Brother tested me for more than an hour, but we didn't find any problems. Then, Third Brother said that there was only one possibility—we were hypnotized! Ah Zheng, how could I tell you this?!"

Gu Zheng's eyes narrowed slightly, and the temperature around his body seemed to have decreased a little. Actually, he knew that Qiao Xi would definitely come to the Medical Association to investigate the truth, but for some reason, he kept having a premonition that it was his idea to make Qiao Xi lose those memories.

He lowered his head subtly to hide his gaze and asked casually, "Did you find out who hypnotized us?"

Qiao Xi hurriedly shook her head. "N-No! Being hypnotized is just a guess. We don't have any substantial evidence yet. Actually, losing a portion of our memories might not mean that we were hypnotized. Perhaps there's another reason."

"A-Anyway, someone who can do such a thing must be an expert. My hypnosis is so weak. I definitely don't know such a person!"

Chapter 1210 Miss He Is Here

At this moment, the butler hurriedly explained, "President, the two ladies of the He family said that they wanted to discuss cooperation with you. They also said that they were here under Old Master He's orders. I really couldn't stop them, so I could only let them come in and wait for you."

Members of the He family?

Qiao Xi suddenly reacted. She had heard from Song Shijing last night that at that time, Gu Zheng was young and many families had secretly helped him. These families could tell that he was a promising talent and hoped that he could help them when he became rich in the future.

After that, Gu Zheng lived up to everyone's expectations and founded Gu Corporation. The families who had helped him before also benefited greatly.

However, it was naturally impossible for them to endlessly take advantage of their past kindness and constantly ask Gu Zheng to reward them. Moreover, the He family had already cut off contact with Gu Zheng a few years ago and went overseas to develop. This time, they had suddenly come to visit and did not mention the past at all. Were they still thinking of discussing cooperation with Gu Zheng?

At this moment, Miss He, who was wearing a tight dress, walked forward with a warm smile on her face as if there had never been any estrangement between them. "Mr. Gu, actually, Big Brother wanted to come personally to discuss a collaboration. It's just that we've just returned to Li City and have a lot of things to deal with. He's too busy, so he sent the two of us to talk with you first."

The woman smiled formally. "Mr. Gu, He Group's proposal has been sent to Gu Corporation. Our previous cooperation was very pleasant. I hope it'll be better this time."

As soon as she finished speaking, the living room fell silent.

After a moment of silence, Gu Zheng asked casually, "Has the proposal been sent to Gu Corporation?"

He Wenxian nodded. "It was sent over this morning. As for the details..."

“Since the proposal has been sent over, we’ll just wait for the evaluation. What are you doing in Longwan Residential? Do you want me to choose He Group on the spot?” Gu Zheng interrupted coldly.

Qiao Xi: “...”

He Wenxian did not expect Gu Zheng to be so cold. She was a little surprised, but she quickly composed herself and said with a smile, “Mr. Gu, actually, I didn’t come here just for work. My father asked me to visit you on his behalf. After all, we haven’t seen each other for a long time. He misses you very much.”

As soon as she finished speaking, her gaze landed on Qiao Xi. She asked generously, “Miss, you are...”

The second daughter of the He family, He Wenyin, also glanced at Qiao Xi with an unfriendly gaze.

Gu Zheng chuckled, his tone filled with mockery. “Really? Miss He, don’t you look at your phone?”

He Wenxian’s expression froze. The smile on her face was no longer warm, but she still asked gently, “Mr. Gu, I don’t understand what you mean.”