

## Lady Gu 1211

### Chapter 1211 Deep Love And Hatred

Gu Zheng's tone was indifferent. "Since you're preparing to work with Gu Corporation, you should have looked for my information. Didn't you see the news that I'm already married?"

"I..." He Wenxian opened her mouth but did not know how to explain.

"Miss He, are you blind? Can't you see that I'm holding hands with Mrs. Gu? Who else could appear in Longwan Residential and be so close to me other than Mrs. Gu?" Gu Zheng's tone carried a trace of impatience.

The expression on He Wenxian's face was still gentle. She was not angry. Instead, she greeted Qiao Xi enthusiastically, "It's you, Mrs. Gu! Nice to meet you! It's my first time visiting you, but I didn't prepare a congratulatory gift. I'm really sorry. I hope you won't mind. We're all friends of Mr. Gu. I'll make it up to you when I visit next time!"

After all, He Wenxian was quite enthusiastic about her, so Qiao Xi naturally responded with a smile and glanced at He Wenyin beside her. Her expression was intriguing. She was a little surprised as if she was asking He Wenxian, 'Didn't you already know that Gu Zheng was married?'

After all, He Wenyin was still young and did not know how to hide her emotions. Everyone in Li City knew that she and Gu Zheng were married. With He Wenxian's connections, she naturally knew about it long ago. Why was she still pretending not to know?

"Miss He, welcome. But I'm not short of gifts," Qiao Xi replied calmly.

He Wenxian had a gentle smile on her face, but in Qiao Xi's opinion, this smile was filled with insidiousness. She refused so stiffly, but He Wenxian was not dissatisfied at all. She did not point out her mistakes, nor did she pretend to be pitiful like other women. It was as if nothing had happened.

Qiao Xi could not help but sigh. She had encountered an expert this time. If He Wenyin's expression had not exposed everything, she would have really thought that He Wenxian was genuinely very friendly to her!

After a few seconds of silence, He Wenxian looked up at Gu Zheng. "Ah Zheng, I'm really sorry for visiting you rashly today. I hope you won't take offense."

"Miss He, since you think it's inappropriate, you should leave immediately," Gu Zheng said coldly. His words made the smile on He Wenxian's face stiffen.

Qiao Xi understood in her heart. No matter what she said, it could not affect He Wenxian. However, Gu Zheng's cold attitude had indeed hurt He Wenxian. This meant that her feelings for Gu Zheng were not pure!

He Wenxian looked hurt. "Ah Zheng, you weren't angry when I came here often in the past. Why now... It's probably because the He family hasn't interacted much with you all these years. We're strangers now."

Qiao Xi pursed her lips tightly. He Wenxian said such words to show off in front of her. In the past, Gu Zheng was very close to the He family, so he was naturally very close to her. Now that Gu Zheng was so cold to her, it was probably because he had loved her deeply in the past and now hated her. He even hated the He family for severing ties with him and leaving the country. This meant that he had always cared about the He family.

Now that He Wenxian mentioned the He family, did she want Gu Zheng to let bygones be bygones on account of the He family's past kindness?

However, Gu Zheng did not give her any hope. "Miss He, you said so yourself that it was in the past. We have nothing to do with each other now. I hope you can have some sense of propriety and not rashly disturb our lives."

Song Shiyu pursed his lips. Did they really think that the president had a good temper? They had entered Longwan Residential rashly. They knew that their actions were wrong, but they refused to leave. They said so much nonsense just to get the president to help the He family establish themselves in Li City again. Did the He family think that everyone else was stupid?

He Wenxian's expression did not change. "Ah Zheng, I know you blame us. If it weren't for something important, I wouldn't have suddenly come over."

As she spoke, He Wenxian took out a document from her bag and said solemnly, "Previously, Gu Corporation was maliciously attacked and some data was leaked. I've already found out the other party's information."

Song Shijing took the document and flipped through it carefully. Then, he leaned toward Gu Zheng and whispered, "President, this information is real."

Gu Zheng's expression was still cold, but he did not refuse. Song Shijing understood what Gu Zheng meant. He turned to He Wenxian and said, "Miss He, please follow me to the living room."

He Wenxian's gaze flickered. In the past, when she came to look for Gu Zheng, he would always ask her to go to the study. Now, this assistant actually asked her to go to the living room.

Just as she was about to leave, He Wenxian turned to look at He Wenyin and said gently, "Wenyin, haven't you always wanted to stay in Brother Ah Zheng's house for a few days? You can ask Mrs. Gu to show you around now, but you can't be willful. You have to be polite and not make Mrs. Gu angry. She's Ah Zheng's wife. You have to respect her."

#### Chapter 1212 An Innocent Girl

He Wenyin's eyes were filled with unwillingness. "Sister, why should I tolerate her? Our family clearly wanted to marry me to Brother Ah Zheng..."

"That's all in the past." He Wenxian's voice was filled with helplessness. She lowered her voice and tried to sow discord. "As you can see, Mrs. Gu is so beautiful. Which man wouldn't like her? Ah Zheng dotes on her so much. You don't have a chance anymore, so be good and don't cause trouble."

Then, He Wenxian pulled He Wenyin and reminded her in a low voice, "Wenyin, to be honest, she's really beautiful. You can't compare to Mrs. Gu. Now that she's married to Ah Zheng, you should give up."

He Wenyin's eyes were filled with unwillingness. She did not hide it at all.

Qiao Xi looked at the two sisters muttering. Even if she couldn't hear them, she could guess that they were talking about her. However, the two of them were clearly sisters from the same mother, but their personalities were very different. He Wenxian was scheming and good at pretending, while He Wenyin was simple-minded and easily instigated.

After He Wenxian finished speaking, she turned around and said gently, "Ah Zheng, we can leave now."

Gu Zheng did not even bother to look at her. He walked up to Qiao Xi and rubbed her hair dotingly, his gaze flashing.

Although he did not say anything, Qiao Xi understood what he meant. The data leakage of Gu Corporation was a secret that only a few senior executives in the company knew. How did the He family find out?

Seeing them leave, Qiao Xi leaned lazily on the sofa.

He Wenyin stared at Qiao Xi's face with a burning gaze. Her sister was right. Mrs. Gu was indeed very beautiful. It was precisely because of her face that Brother Ah Zheng married her.

She had long known that Brother Ah Zheng was married, but she naively thought that he had no choice but to get married and have children due to his age. She thought he had no feelings for that strange woman at all. However, now that she saw Mrs. Gu's face, she finally understood that no man could reject a beauty like Mrs. Gu!

This woman was not inferior to Brother Ah Zheng at all. He was tall and handsome, while she was gentle and pure. Her figure was curvaceous, and it seemed that everyone would think that the two of them were a perfect match.

However, in the past, her family had said that they wanted her to marry Brother Ah Zheng. Even if it wasn't her, it should be her sister! Why did this woman occupy the position of Mrs. Gu?

The more He Wenyin thought about it, the angrier she became. She suddenly stood up and said, "Mrs. Gu, I want to talk to you."

Qiao Xi said casually, "I'm sorry, but I don't want to talk to you."

The corners of He Wenyin's mouth twitched. Unconvinced, she said, "Mrs. Gu, are you afraid?"

Qiao Xi slowly raised her eyes and glanced at the woman in front of her. He Wenyin looked innocent and had round cheeks. Even when she was angry, she revealed a trace of cuteness. She even felt that He Wenyin's eyes were somewhat similar to hers.

She knew very well that He Wenyin was probably provoked by He Wenxian, so she wanted to vent her anger on Qiao Xi. Unexpectedly, when she opened her mouth fiercely, she let her fear slip!

This young lady looked willful, but she was actually very innocent!

Qiao Xi suddenly became interested and raised her eyebrows. "If you want to say something, say it here."

He Wenyin glanced around and saw that the butler was still at the side. She said angrily, "Let's talk in the backyard!"

"Alright!" Qiao Xi agreed without hesitation before standing up and leaving with her.

When the two of them arrived at the backyard, Qiao Xi lay on the rocking chair and said contentedly, "Miss He, if you have something to say, say it quickly. I don't have that much patience to play with you."

He Wenyin's face turned red. After a long time, she said fiercely, "D-Don't think that you can marry Brother Ah Zheng and get your hands on him. Do you think you can win a man's heart just because you're good-looking?"

On the other hand, in the surveillance room upstairs, Song Shiyu was sitting at the table and looking at the surveillance footage. The president was afraid that Young Madam would suffer, so he asked him to keep an eye on her. Once Young Madam was bullied, he would immediately attack.

However, no matter how he looked at it, Young Madam did not look like the person who was being bullied!

The next second, Qiao Xi smiled in surprise. "That's right! Ah Zheng likes me just because I'm good-looking!"

He Wenyin felt a lump in her throat as she stared fixedly at Qiao Xi's face. The two of them were very close to each other. He Wenyin realized that Qiao Xi's face was as smooth as the skin of a newborn baby. Moreover, her facial features were exquisite. Her eyelashes were long, and her eyes were sparkling. Her nose was tall and small, while her lips were pink. Her face was like a masterpiece of God, making others feel ashamed.

#### Chapter 1213 Vixens Are All Beauties

Looking at her almost perfect face, He Wenyin really could not be fierce. Her face turned red as she blurted out, "You're really... very beautiful."

After being silent for two seconds, she suddenly reacted. She suddenly stood up, pointed at Qiao Xi, and shouted, "You seduced me!"

Qiao Xi touched her face in amusement and teased, "Miss He, you specially lured me to the backyard to praise me for being beautiful! Then why beat about the bush? Just praise me openly. I know I'm as beautiful as a fairy!"

He Wenyin: "...". She had never seen such a narcissistic woman like Qiao Xi. He Wenyin's face turned red. She thought hard before scolding, "You vixen, you only know how to seduce people!"

"Miss He, you've been holding it in for a long time. Is that all you have to say? If you have time, you should study more. Even if you want to scold someone, you have to be cultured. Otherwise, you'll be so aggrieved if you want to scold someone but can't!"

Qiao Xi smiled and continued, "Thank you for praising me as a vixen! After all, vixens are all beauties. I've never heard of a vixen who's ugly."

He Wenyin was so angry that she wanted to vomit blood. Why was this woman staring at her when she spoke? Was she saying that she was ugly?

'No! I have to teach this woman a lesson today!'

She turned around angrily and subconsciously rummaged through her bag. She took out a small medicine bottle. This was a powder that could disfigure people. When did it end up in her bag?

He Wenyin hesitated for a moment. She probably felt that this method was too vicious. Even if she wanted to teach Qiao Xi a lesson, she did not want to use this method. Hence, she rummaged through her bag again, and her eyes suddenly lit up.

"Mrs. Gu, I offended you just now. Well... you must be thirsty. I'll get you a glass of water!"

With that, He Wenyin left in a hurry. Qiao Xi looked at her back and curled her lips. Who didn't know what she was thinking with her nervous and guilty appearance? Did Miss He treat her as an idiot?

After a while, He Wenyin walked over with a glass of water and handed it to Qiao Xi with a smile.

In the living room on the other side, He Wenxian glanced at the garden outside the window through the glass and told Gu Zheng what she had prepared. Gu Zheng's expression was very calm when he heard all this.

Seeing that Gu Zheng did not react, He Wenxian felt a little uneasy. "Ah Zheng?"

Song Shijing said, "Our president will take into consideration the He family's thoughts. Miss He, it's getting late. I'll send you off."

He Wenxian smiled and nodded. She looked outside out of the corners of her eyes and clearly saw He Wenyin take something out of her bag. Then, she hurriedly handed a glass of water to Qiao Xi.

Qiao Xi took it and downed it in one gulp without any warning. A trace of surprise flashed across He Wenxian's eyes. She actually drank it obediently? Could it be that Mrs. Gu was only good-looking but very stupid?

He Wenxian looked at the time and said goodbye to Gu Zheng enthusiastically. Then, she stood at the door and waited for Gu Zheng. The two of them walked out of the living room one after another and came to the garden in the backyard.

As soon as she reached the garden, she asked angrily, "Wenyin, what did you put in Mrs. Gu's water? Mrs. Gu, are you okay?"

Gu Zheng's eyes narrowed as he hurriedly walked to Qiao Xi's side.

Five minutes ago, He Wenyin came back with a glass of water. Qiao Xi took the glass and sniffed it carefully. He Wenyin, who was at the side, said arrogantly, "Drink this glass of water and take it as you've accepted my apology. I won't cause trouble for you in the future."

Qiao Xi had a body that was immune to all poisons. Ordinary poisons were ineffective on her, so she was not worried that He Wenying would poison her. It was just that she did not expect this young lady to actually put such a thing in the glass!

Her expression was a little mysterious. She picked up the glass and hesitated for a moment before asking meaningfully, "Miss He, are you sure you won't trouble me anymore as long as I drink this?"

He Wenying looked at her. "Yes! And you have to finish it in one gulp!"

Qiao Xi looked at the slightly yellow water and sniffed it. She already knew what was going on. She originally thought that He Wenying was like her sister, a seemingly gentle but vicious woman. She did not expect He Wenying to be truly pure and kind!

He Wenying was so angry that her face had turned red. Even if she was innocent, Qiao Xi felt that she could at least put some medicine in the water that would make her have rashes or diarrhea. She did not expect that after such a long time, He Wenying would put such a thing in the water instead.

Qiao Xi lowered her eyes and looked at the bitter ginseng in the glass with an indescribable expression.

#### Chapter 1214 Killing Two Birds With One Stone

After a moment of silence, Qiao Xi glanced at He Wenying with a sympathetic and amused expression. If this young lady knew that she had no taste buds and could drink anything like it was water, would she explode in anger?

Qiao Xi picked up the cup and finished the bitter ginseng drink in one gulp. She turned the cup upside down and gestured to He Wenying. She had already finished it. She showed no expression from beginning to end.

Such a calm appearance stunned He Wenying. She was stunned for a long time before hurriedly picking up Qiao Xi's glass to take a look. She then looked at the floor to confirm that Qiao Xi had really drunk the contents of the glass. Then, she asked with a shocked expression, "You drank it all. You didn't show a reaction at all?"

She had been mischievous since primary school. She liked to think about teasing people the most. She was the one who concocted this bitter ginseng powder. She had drunk a mouthful of it, and her entire body was trembling. However, this woman actually finished an entire glass without any reaction.

Qiao Xi calmly glanced at He Wenying and said casually, "Only a little girl like you will find it bitter. I'm already a mature woman."

He Wenying's expression froze. "Who are you calling a little girl?!"

She approached Qiao Xi and suddenly smelled something. She did not notice that Mrs. Gu actually smelled strongly of medicine.

He Wenying was the second daughter of the He family. She usually interacted with many socialites and noblewomen. Those women smelled of expensive perfume, but this Mrs. Gu looked and dressed exquisitely. She even smelled of medicine.

Was she sick? But it didn't look like it!

After thinking about it, there was only one possibility. Mrs. Gu was a doctor and often used medicine, so her body carried a faint medicinal fragrance. Ordinary people would not be able to smell it, and only people who practiced medicine all year round would notice it.

He Wenying stuck her head out and sniffed Qiao Xi's side. The smell on her body was very similar to her master, Mr. Liao.

Mr. Liao was an elder of the Medical Association and had taken her in as his disciple a few years ago. She had been hiding this from the He family. Mrs. Gu smelled of medicine, and it was similar to the smell on her master's body. Could she also be Mr. Liao's disciple?

Mrs. Gu drank an entire glass of bitter ginseng but did not show any reaction. It seemed that her medical skills were above hers. She might have become a disciple earlier than her. In other words, had she offended her senior?

"Miss He, I've already drunk it. Remember what you just said." Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows and looked at her.

He Wenying gritted her teeth. "You're also Master's—"

Before she could finish, He Wenxian's angry voice came from behind. "He Wenying!"

He Wenying quickly turned around and saw that her sister's eyes were filled with anger. She rushed over and snatched the glass from her hand. When she realized that the glass of water was empty, she frowned.

"He Wenying, what did you give Mrs. Gu to drink?"

As soon as she said this, the surrounding temperature dropped a few degrees. Gu Zheng's entire body emitted a biting coldness. Before He Wenying could react, a few bodyguards rushed over and restrained her.

This scene stunned Qiao Xi. She raised her eyes and looked at Gu Zheng. Before she could speak, He Wenxian's angry voice sounded in her ear. "Wenying, what did I tell you just now? I told you not to anger Mrs. Gu and to respect her, but what did you do? You actually poisoned Mrs. Gu with the medicine you developed!"

He Wenxian looked really angry, and her body was trembling. She could not help but glance at Qiao Xi. She did not expect her plan to be completed so smoothly. Moreover, all of this was done by He Wenying and had nothing to do with her.

When the time came, in order to give Gu Zheng an explanation, the He family would definitely hand He Wenying over to Gu Zheng to deal with. Not only would they get rid of Mrs. Gu, but they would also chase He Wenying out of the family. This was a plan to kill two birds with one stone.

He Wenying's background was unknown, but she had been the second daughter of the He family for so many years. He Wenxian had already endured it for so long. Now, she could finally chase He Wenying out. And that b\*tch, Qiao Xi, was clearly a wild girl. She actually married Gu Zheng for no reason. She must have used some despicable methods.

He Wenxian knew very well that there were naturally many women around a man like Gu Zheng, but she did not care. Those women were all passersby and could not marry Gu Zheng. However, Qiao Xi was actually sitting in the position she had dreamed of.

She would not allow it!

Coincidentally, she seized this opportunity to use He Wenyin to poison Qiao Xi. As long as Qiao Xi was disfigured, Gu Zheng would hate her and abandon her. She did not have to bear any responsibility for getting rid of two annoying people.

Chapter 1215 Depends On Mrs. Gu

He Wenxian hid the joy in her heart and ordered, "Wenyin! Quickly take out the antidote!"

Her voice trembled slightly, and it was filled with a trace of helplessness. There seemed to be nothing wrong with severely teaching her sister a lesson, but Qiao Xi saw a trace of something else in her eyes.

He Wenxian's eyes flashed with schadenfreude and excitement.

Hearing her reprimand, He Wenyin panicked. She had indeed put something in Qiao Xi's water, but it was not poison! But now, everyone seemed to have misunderstood her! It was just bitter ginseng water. Not only was it harmless to the body, but it also had the effect of reducing heat and stopping bleeding.

She clearly didn't poison her. How could there be an antidote?

He Wenxian frowned and turned to look at Gu Zheng. With a guilty expression, she said, "Ah Zheng, I'm sorry. The He family will give you and Mrs. Gu an explanation for this matter. Wenyin has always been willful and likes to develop strange medicine. Previously, she said that she hated Mrs. Gu's face. She might have already poisoned Mrs. Gu, so it's better to quickly invite a doctor over to prevent harm to Mrs. Gu's body."

When He Wenyin heard this, she panicked. "Sister, I didn't poison her!"

"Shut up! You've already done it. Don't you dare admit it?" He Wenxian did not give her a chance to speak at all. She apologized, "Ah Zheng, Wenyin's medicine is extremely poisonous. It'll flare up soon. It's better to quickly call a doctor for treatment!"

Gu Zheng's eyes darkened. Song Shijing immediately reacted. "President, I'll call the doctor."

The next second, Gu Zheng walked up to Qiao Xi and protected her in his arms. His cold gaze swept across the two of them as he said coldly, "Scram!"

He Wenyin's face was filled with fear and grievance. "I didn't—"

"Wenyin!" He Wenxian scolded angrily and interrupted her. Now that the plan had been completed, she could not give He Wenyin a chance to defend herself. Otherwise, Gu Zheng's anger would quickly burn her.

"Even at this point, are you still thinking of exonerating yourself? If Mrs. Gu's face is disfigured, how will you explain it to Ah Zheng? The He family will also pay the price for your rashness! Do you still think of the He family?"



When they heard that the poison could disfigure one's face, Song Shiyu and the butler could not remain calm. If Young Madam was really poisoned and disfigured, would the president kill He Wenyin in a fit of anger?

He Wenxian said gently, "Mrs. Gu, I apologize to you on Wenyin's behalf. No matter what, I'll be responsible for this to the end. I'll stay in Longwan Residential to take care of you—"

"Miss He, I said get lost. Don't you understand?" Before she could finish speaking, Gu Zheng interrupted her coldly.

He Wenxian thought that Gu Zheng had decided to let He Wenyin off on account of their past relationship, so she told He Wenyin to get lost. However, since He Wenyin had offended Gu Zheng, the He family naturally would not let her stay.

In order to atone for He Wenyin's sins, she could ask to stay in Longwan Residential. She wanted to see Qiao Xi's disfigurement with her own eyes and also get the chance to get close to Gu Zheng. However, she did not expect Gu Zheng to ask her to get lost too.

He Wenxian's face flushed due to awkwardness, and she adjusted her expression. "Ah Zheng, I'll immediately inform my family about this. The He family will send an apology soon. I'll also persuade Wenyin to take out the antidote.

"Mrs. Gu, I'm sorry. If you want to punish Wenyin, our He family will definitely not stop you. If you have any requests, we'll try our best to satisfy them."

The surroundings instantly fell silent. After a moment of silence, Qiao Xi suddenly chuckled. Her expression was mysterious, and her eyes were filled with ridicule. "Miss He."

He Wenxian took a few steps closer. Her tight dress perfectly outlined her figure. Her chestnut curly hair made her look flirtatious, and she exuded the beauty of a mature woman.

Qiao Xi asked casually, "If I want to punish He Wenyin, you won't stop me?"

He Wenxian looked at He Wenyin coldly and pretended to be sad and helpless. She gritted her teeth and said, "It's all up to you, Mrs. Gu."

Qiao Xi nodded thoughtfully. "What if I want to destroy her face? After all, she poisoned me just now. It's not too much for me to do that, right?"

When He Wenyin heard this, she shouted in panic, "Are you crazy? What I gave you just now was clearly—" "Bitter ginseng water!"

The bodyguard at the side covered her mouth. Qiao Xi ignored her and continued to look at He Wenxian coldly. "Miss He, do you have any objections?"

He Wenxian looked at her sister reluctantly and took a deep breath. As if she had no choice but to give up her sister for the sake of the family, she said sadly, "If doing this will appease you, our He family won't have any objections. Even if you wish to kill her, we'll agree."

Chapter 1216 Miss He, Do You Want Bitter Ginseng Water?

“Kill her? She’s your sister! Miss He, are you willing to let me kill her to vent my anger?” The corners of Qiao Xi’s mouth curled into a cold smile as her sharp gaze descended on He Wenxian.

“Of course, I can’t bear to, but since she did something wrong, she has to bear all the responsibility. We’re willing to hand Wenyin over to you to deal with. I just hope you won’t take your anger out on the He family. After all, the family is innocent.”

Although He Wenxian said that, she could actually tell from Qiao Xi’s eyes that she didn’t want to kill He Wenyin. Sure enough, a moment later, Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows and said, “Miss He, murder is against the law. I don’t want to commit a crime.”

He Wenxian heaved a sigh of relief. She looked at He Wenyin sadly and said gently, “Wenyin, you have to be punished for your mistake. It doesn’t matter if you’re disfigured. I’ll take care of you in the future.”

“Heh...” Qiao Xi smiled with a subtle expression. “Miss He, I’m very curious. How are you so sure that He Wenyin poisoned me?”

He Wenxian’s expression changed drastically. Of course, she was sure because she was the one who put the medicine in He Wenyin’s bag. But why was Qiao Xi asking this?

She was afraid that she would be exposed, so she pretended to be worried. “Mrs. Gu, I’m not certain, but I know Wenyin. She has been willful and mischievous since she was young. She would drug someone whenever she was unhappy. You should quickly see a doctor to prevent the poison from entering your body...”

“Second Miss He did put something in the water I drank,” Qiao Xi said indifferently. “But it’s not poison. She just gave me a glass of bitter ginseng water. It can prevent heatiness in the body. Miss He, do you want to drink it?”

The crowd fell silent.

He Wenyin nodded frantically and broke free from the bodyguard’s grip. She shouted, “That’s right! I just gave her something bitter!”

The excitement in He Wenxian’s eyes instantly dissipated. The expression on her face suddenly stiffened as she took two steps back in disbelief.

Qiao Xi leaned back in her rocking chair and raised her eyes lazily. The corners of her mouth carried a trace of ridicule. “Why would Miss He think that He Wenyin poisoned me?”

“Sister! I didn’t poison her. Why did you accuse me?” He Wenyin looked aggrieved.

He Wenxian’s eyes were filled with resentment and unwillingness. She calmed down for a few seconds before smiling. “It was just bitter ginseng water? Then it’s fine! I thought Wenyin was being willful again. Fortunately, it was just a glass of bitter ginseng water. Mrs. Gu, I’m really sorry for scaring you!

“Wenyin, you’re so naughty. Why did you give Mrs. Gu bitter ginseng water? You scared me to death. I thought you gave her—”

“Miss He, there’s something I don’t understand.” Qiao Xi interrupted her. “He Wenyin and I did have some quarrels, but you’ve been in the living room all this time. You shouldn’t have heard us. Why do you insist that she wanted me to be disfigured?”

He Wenxian instantly became nervous.

“Even if He Wenyin wants to harm me, there are many options. Why did it have to be disfigurement medicine? Why are you so sure that she even has this medicine? Moreover, this is Gu Zheng’s territory. Even if He Wenyin is stupid, she can’t possibly poison me under Gu Zheng’s nose. After all, if anything happens to me today, she’ll definitely not be able to walk out of this door.”

The corners of Gu Zheng’s mouth curled up, and he did not hide his killing intent at all.

He Wenxian’s heart skipped a beat, but her expression was still calm. She replied gently, “I was just guessing. Because Wenyin previously developed that poison and said that she hated your face, I was afraid that she would use this poison on you. It turns out that I was overthinking. Wenyin, you won’t blame me, right?”

“Mrs. Gu, I was doing it for your own good. I was afraid that Wenyin would cause trouble and hurt you. If you’re injured, Ah Zheng will definitely be sad. That’s why I reprimanded Wenyin so agitatedly. I hope you won’t take offense. I’ll send someone to send an apology. Please forgive Wenyin.”

He Wenyin’s words were very professional. She got so agitated because she was afraid that Gu Zheng would be sad. She reprimanded He Wenyin for Qiao Xi’s own good.

This matter had nothing to do with her to begin with, yet she was still willing to give Qiao Xi an apology, making her look like a well-mannered young lady.

“Mrs. Gu, Ah Zheng and I are just friends. Don’t think too much about it. I care about Ah Zheng and the reputation of the He family. That’s why I lost my composure and embarrassed myself in front of you.”

No one could find fault with He Wenxian’s words, but Qiao Xi felt that such a person was terrifying.

“I don’t need you to care,” Gu Zheng said coldly.

He Wenxian turned around and looked at him. The cold and handsome young man from before had become an outstanding man who was all-powerful in business. The person standing beside Gu Zheng was supposed to be her.

## Chapter 1217 Give Her A Big Gift

In the past, the He family thought that Gu Zheng was just an illegitimate child who was struggling at death's door under the Gu family's suppression. No one expected him to actually establish Gu Corporation in Li City and become the business emperor everyone admired.

Actually, she had always liked Gu Zheng. The aura this man exuded fascinated her, but because he was an illegitimate son, she had never expressed her feelings. Now that she was finally back, Gu Zheng had become distant.

Gu Zheng's voice was low and calm. "I'm not familiar with you, Miss He. You don't have to worry about me. There's no need."

He Wenxian's heart ached, and her eyes were filled with sadness.

"Come here." Qiao Xi waved at He Wenyin. When He Wenyin saw Qiao Xi's face, she could not resist. Regardless of the current situation, her body could not help but walk up to Qiao Xi. She stammered, "What's wrong?"

"I'll give you a gift." Qiao Xi's tone was gentle.

He Wenyin turned around and looked at He Wenxian as if she was asking for her sister's approval. He Wenxian naturally smiled and nodded. "Wenyin, it seems that Mrs. Gu likes you very much. Just accept the gift from Mrs. Gu. You must thank her properly."

Qiao Xi lowered her eyes and ignored her. Instead, she brought He Wenyin into the house and took out a report from her bag. "Give this to your master."

He Wenyin took it and saw what was on it. Her eyes widened. This report was the research data of a new drug. She and her master had been studying it for a long time, but they had yet to confirm the ratio of the drug. The report in front of her contained detailed experimental data and the specific operation method.

Before He Wenyin could react, Qiao Xi stuffed another jade token into her hands. "Give this to Mr. Liao too."

He Wenyin took a closer look. This was actually the Medical Order of the Medical Association. Only the core members of the Medical Association were qualified to get it. She asked in shock, "Why is Master's jade token with you? Y-You..."

"Of course, it's because he lent it to me, so this report is my thank-you gift."

He Wenyin flipped through the report excitedly and jumped up. "Mrs. Gu, you're too outstanding!"

Qiao Xi smiled. It turned out that this woman was Mr. Liao's disciple. She couldn't help but ask, "He Wenyin, do you know what would've happened to you had you really poisoned me?"

He Wenyin's eyes widened. "How could I have poisoned you?"

Qiao Xi said, "But your sister said that you used to poison people. She said that you were jealous of my beauty, so that's why she guessed that you poisoned me. Why would she think that?"

He Wenyin frowned and said in a low voice, "It's probably because Sister has been too tired recently, so..."

Qiao Xi really did not understand why Mr. Liao would take an innocent little girl as his disciple. She did not want to say anything else and turned to leave.

"Wait a minute!" He Wenyin shouted. "Actually, I know you're giving me a reminder, but this is my business. Anyway, thank you. I'll be careful."

Qiao Xi smiled. After she and Gu Zheng left, He Wenyin walked up to He Wenxian.

He Wenxian was still gentle. "Wenyin, I've already talked to Ah Zheng. This time, he won't open a back door for the He family, but he won't make things difficult for us either. I'm already very satisfied with this.

"We've only been away for a few years, but Ah Zheng is already married. Do you still remember how you used to follow behind Ah Zheng? Do you feel terrible when you see Mrs. Gu now?"

The look in He Wenyin's eyes changed. She lowered her head and said, "I don't feel bad anymore. Sister, you don't have to comfort me."

"Yes, Wenyin, you're so obedient. I was just afraid that you would make a mistake on impulse. I misunderstood you today. It's better for me to rush up and reprimand you than for Ah Zheng to punish you personally, right? Can you understand my intentions?"

He Wenyin: "..."

She had a secret, so she couldn't leave the He family yet. Hence, she hesitated for a moment and smiled innocently. "I understand, Sister. You're so good to me."

He Wenxian's eyes were filled with contempt. What a fool. She managed to deceive He Wenyin with just a few words. A bastard of unknown origin wanted to occupy the identity of a daughter of the He family. Was she worthy?

In the living room.

The butler went forward and reported, "President, Madam, the two misses from the He family have left."

Gu Zheng gestured for him to leave, then raised his eyebrows and looked at Qiao Xi. "Mrs. Gu, don't you have anything to ask?"

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth curled up into a sly smile. "Ah Zheng, I heard that you used to have a close relationship with the He family. Second Miss He has loved you since you were young. The He family even said that they would let her grow up and marry you! Is that true?"

Chapter 1218 This Girl Has Good Acting Skills

"Xi Xi, are you very curious about it?" Gu Zheng's tone was teasing.

Back then, He Wenyin was only a child in her early 10s. Under He Wenxian's instigation, she naturally had a good impression of Gu Zheng. This was not surprising.

However, He Wenyin's words caused a ripple in Qiao Xi's heart.

Could this girl be pretending to be innocent? If it was true, then He Wenyin's acting skills were really good. Even she was deceived!

Although He Wenyin did not say it explicitly, her words meant that she knew everything. She thanked Qiao Xi for her reminder, but she did not want others to interfere.

In that case, He Wenyin was not a brainless fool. There must be a reason why she was pretending to be like that. It seemed that the matter of her liking Gu Zheng was also fake.

Qiao Xi did not want to ask anymore. She would not be jealous of He Wenyin, but He Wenxian was a little difficult to deal with!

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The next morning, at Gu Corporation.

As the chief designer of Liuli, Qiao Xi represented the company and worked with Gu Corporation, so she went to the company with Gu Zheng. This project was mainly about the cooperation between Gu Corporation and Liuli, but another company needed to participate in it as well.

Gu Corporation and Liuli were both top companies in the industry. It was a great thing to be able to work with these two companies. Hence, as soon as the news spread, more than 10 companies began to compete.

Qiao Xi did not care who Gu Zheng chose. He naturally had his own considerations. She was only in charge of designing. After she and the person in charge of Gu Corporation confirmed the direction of the design, she started to draw designs.

The employees of Gu Corporation might not like the pampered Mrs. Gu, but ever since they found out that she was Gu Shan, they admired her.

“Xi Xi, take a look and see if there’s anything wrong.” The designer of Gu Corporation handed her the design plan.

Qiao Xi had worked at Liuli for so many years and was famous internationally. The designers of Gu Corporation admired her very much, so they would ask for her permission before confirming the design draft.

“Miss He.” At this moment, footsteps came from outside the door. As soon as the designer saw who it was, he immediately went forward to welcome her and greeted her warmly.

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to look, and her expression instantly turned cold.

“Xi Xi, He Corporation is the partner in the bidding process. Miss He is the person in charge of He Corporation, and this is Miss He’s assistant, Mr. Wang,” the designer introduced. It was not strange for the partner to come to the company to take a look.

They were busy with the design drafts, so they naturally did not have time to pay attention to them. They only gave a brief introduction, thinking that He Wenxian would leave soon. However, the next second, He Wenxian said in surprise, “Mrs. Gu, you’re here too!”

He Wenxian, who was originally arrogant, immediately beamed when she saw Qiao Xi. She was wearing a business suit, and her chestnut curly hair was casually draped over her shoulders. She casually flipped her hair and looked very flirtatious.

He Wenxian walked up to Qiao Xi and said with a smile, “Mrs. Gu, what a coincidence! I actually bumped into you here. Yesterday, I went to Longwan Residential on short notice and didn’t have time to prepare a gift. Since we met today, can I treat you to a meal?”

“Coincidentally, there’s a Western restaurant near the company. The desserts there are good. Shall we try them?”

Qiao Xi didn’t even raise her eyes as she replied coldly, “I’m sorry, but I’m very busy.”

He Wenxian was a little surprised. “Mrs. Gu, are you working here?”

The designer explained, “Xi Xi... Mrs. Gu is our chief designer. Miss He, didn’t you know?”

He Wenxian smiled meaningfully and glanced at the assistant beside her. Assistant Wang seemed to have received a signal and said in a low voice, “Miss, don’t forget what the chairman said. It’s better to tell them.”

He Wenxian hesitated and smiled helplessly. “It’s okay.”

Assistant Wang looked troubled. “But... before you came, the chairman specially instructed us to withdraw from the project if the jewelry collaboration between Liuli and Gu Corporation doesn’t achieve the desired effect.”

Although his voice was very soft, the people nearby could hear him clearly. Everyone’s complexions did not look too good. The He family meant that if they were not good enough, the He family would withdraw from the cooperation.

There were many companies competing this time, but He Group was undoubtedly a special existence. Everyone had heard about their past with the president. If He Group withdrew from the collaboration because of their ability, would they still be able to stay in Gu Corporation?

Everyone was flustered. He Wenxian smiled embarrassedly. Then, she turned around and reprimanded Assistant Wang, “Don’t talk nonsense. The designers of Gu Corporation must be very outstanding. Mrs. Gu is only here to help. It won’t affect the final product.”

Chapter 1219 Those Who Are Here To Make Up The Numbers

He Wenxian smiled helplessly at everyone. “Everyone, I’m really sorry. My assistant doesn’t have any ill intentions. He just doesn’t want some people to be here just to make up the numbers and have it ruin the final outcome. After all, everyone has been working hard for so long...”

Everyone gasped and subconsciously looked at Qiao Xi. One of the young designers could not stand He Wenxian’s arrogance and was about to go forward to argue when he was stopped by his colleague beside him.

No matter what, He Wenxian was from He Corporation. Designers like them could not offend her, so this matter could only be handed to Mrs. Gu to handle herself.

Qiao Xi threw down the pen in her hand and lazily leaned against the table. She crossed her arms and asked casually, “Miss He, am I the person you’re talking about?”

The office was even quieter now. Everyone seemed to have stopped breathing.

He Wenxian did not panic at all and smiled gently. “Mrs. Gu, I’m not targeting you. I just didn’t expect you to come to the company today.”

“So you admit that I’m just here to make up the numbers, Miss He?” Qiao Xi’s eyes were sharp as she looked coldly at her.

He Wenxian hurriedly explained, “Mrs. Gu, I’m not...”

Before she could finish speaking, Assistant Wang stood up to defend her against the injustice. “Eldest Miss, you’re just telling the truth! Why are you afraid of her?! A rich madam should be drinking tea at home and admiring the flowers, but she insisted on coming to Gu Corporation to design clothes. What good things can she design?! If the things she designs aren’t good, not only will it affect He Corporation’s collaboration but it’ll also ruin Liuli and Gu Corporation’s reputation!”

His voice was not loud, but the surrounding people could hear him. The design director frowned unhappily. The first time she found out that Qiao Xi was Gu Shan, she was very surprised. After all, Qiao Xi was only 20 years old and had such achievements at such a young age. It was enough to prove how much effort she had put into in designing.

The He family had yet to officially become a partner of Gu Corporation, yet they were already so arrogant. They were criticizing Mrs. Gu for not knowing how to design. When did outsiders have the right to interfere in Gu Corporation’s family matters?

The design director was just about to retort when he heard Qiao Xi chuckle. “So, Miss He, you think that I’m relying on my identity as Mrs. Gu to fool around in Gu Corporation, and the design department has no choice but to let me join because of my identity? You’re afraid that my designs won’t be good and will affect Gu Corporation’s reputation, right?”

He Wenxian’s tone was still calm. “Mrs. Gu, I really don’t have any ill intentions. I just think that the matter of designing is no small matter. If you’d like to work in Gu Corporation, you can go to other departments. Actually, I don’t care about this, but I’m afraid outsiders will gossip.”

“Oh?” Qiao Xi sneered. “Then where do you think I should go, Miss He? Can you help me arrange it?”

The design director at the side said angrily, “Miss He, Mrs. Gu is a designer in charge of supervising us!”

Assistant Wang said disdainfully, “It’s just a title. It’s not strange for President Gu to arrange a position for Mrs. Gu. The specific design issues will still be decided by the design director.”

He Wenxian pretended to be unhappy and glared at her assistant. Then, she smiled helplessly. “Mrs. Gu...”

Qiao Xi slowly raised her eyes and asked meaningfully, “Miss He, since you can represent He Corporation to discuss business, why can’t I be in charge here? Perhaps your job is just a title given to you too. It’s not strange for the He family to arrange a position for you, Eldest Miss He. The company’s specific matters still have to be decided by the president.”

She imitated Assistant Wang’s tone, and the assistant instantly retorted unhappily, “How can you be the same as Eldest Miss? She’s a top student and has always been in charge of the He family’s business, while you...”



“Shut up!” The design director could not take it anymore. She was a higher-up in Gu Corporation, so He Wenxian had to show her some respect. If He Corporation became a partner, this design director would be in charge of the subsequent docking.

Seeing that the design director was angry, He Wenxian hurriedly turned around and shot the assistant a look. Then, she said gently, “Director Liu, calm down. I’ve spoiled my assistant too much, so she’s a little straightforward. Mrs. Gu must be really talented to be able to enter the design department...”

“Miss He, that’s not what you meant just now. Who here can’t tell?” The design director was furious. He was not afraid of offending He Wenxian. “Aren’t you beating about the bush just to say that Mrs. Gu relied on President Gu to enter the design department and doesn’t have the ability at all?”

#### Chapter 1220 Meeting Her Soulmate

“If you weren’t the daughter of the He family, could you be the general manager of He Corporation with your ability? Since you relied on your family’s power to get to where you are today, what right do you have to criticize others? Miss He, you look down on others so much. I really doubt the sincerity of your He family,” the design director questioned.

He Wenxian’s expression changed. Wasn’t this group of people standing up for Qiao Xi because she was Gu Zheng’s wife? If she hadn’t married Gu Zheng, who would give her face?

Hearing the director’s mockery, He Wenxian was not angry. She still smiled and said, “Director Liu, all these years, I’ve been the general manager of He Corporation overseas. I’ve also received the recognition of the entire company...”

The design director sneered. “Miss He, you’re too confident. To put it bluntly, He Corporation hasn’t been doing well all these years. If it weren’t for Chairman He and Mr. He, the company would’ve gone bankrupt a long time ago. You’ve indeed been the general manager for a few years, but have you made any achievements? You’re clearly not capable, yet you look down on Gu Shan. Miss He, you’re so arrogant. Well then, you can be the designer!”

After he finished speaking, the design director walked to Qiao Xi’s side and looked at He Wenxian with an icy-cold expression. “Miss He, since you’re prepared to collaborate with Gu Corporation, you should’ve done some investigations, right? Could it be that you don’t know who Gu Shan is?”

At this moment, Qiao Xi saw the two figures outside the door. She could not help but smile. He Wenxin was actually here too.

At this moment, Gu Zheng stopped at the door. He had no intentions of entering. Instead, he lowered his eyes and glanced at the innocent-looking young lady beside him. “Second Miss He, I’ve underestimated you.”

He Wenxin smiled innocently. “Brother Ah Zheng, I don’t understand what you mean! Why do you think my sister is making things difficult for Mrs. Gu? Mrs. Gu is so beautiful. How can she bear to do this to Mrs. Gu? Look at how she’s bullying Mrs. Gu. Hurry up and stand up for her.”

Song Shiyu’s mouth twitched: “...”

Why did he feel that Second Miss He's style was very similar to Young Madam's? One liked to pretend to be weak, while the other liked to pretend to be innocent.

Gu Zheng curled his lips. He Wenying specially came to see him and even lured him to the design department. She wanted him to see He Wenxian make things difficult for Xi Xi and make him completely cut off all contact with He Corporation.

It had to be said that her plan was very ingenious. When they passed by the design department, they happened to hear He Wenxian accuse Mrs. Gu of making up the numbers.

Qiao Xi looked at the two people outside the door with narrowed eyes. He Wenying was a little similar to her! It was like she had finally met her soulmate!

At this moment, in the office, He Wenxian's expression changed drastically. Of course, she knew Gu Shan and understood what the design director meant. She was saying that Mrs. Gu was the internationally renowned designer, Gu Shan!

She had heard of Gu Shan and had always thought that she was a middle-aged woman in her 30s or 40s. Unexpectedly, she was actually a young lady like Qiao Xi!

Director Liu glanced at He Wenxian and saw the shock and unwillingness in her eyes. Director Liu said disdainfully, "If you can design a piece that's more perfect than Xi Xi's, we'll naturally listen to your guidance. If you can't, please leave and don't disturb our work.

"This is Gu Corporation, not He Corporation. Miss He, if you want to show off, feel free to go home. Forgive us for not going along with your whims!"

Qiao Xi smiled. This design director was indeed a good man. Every word he said slapped He Wenxian hard in the face.

He Wenxian's expression was heavy, and her eyes were filled with shock. Then, her face showed surprise. "Mrs. Gu, you're actually the famous Gu Shan! I've always liked the clothes you designed. I've been wanting to have a chance to meet you. I didn't expect my wish to be fulfilled so quickly."

Previously, she had always thought that Qiao Xi was just a vase. Now, it seemed that she did have some ability. No wonder Ah Zheng decided to marry her.

He Wenxian's eyes revealed a trace of forbearance. No matter how angry and unwilling she was, she could not fall out with Qiao Xi. "Mrs. Gu, I'm really sorry. I misunderstood just now."

Qiao Xi didn't even raise her eyes, and her expression was slightly impatient.

Outside the office, He Wenying was like an ignorant girl as she explained anxiously, "Brother Ah Zheng, don't be angry. Sister has always hated people who got in through the back door and used higher-ups in the company as a stepping stone. That's why she said the wrong thing this time. She didn't mean to target Mrs. Gu."

Gu Zheng snorted. It was obvious that he did not believe He Wenying's words.