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Chapter 1261 She Fell For It

Xia Mengyan pondered. Being a middleman in the collaboration between the two families meant she would become a special existence in the eyes of both families. Such power was too tempting.

Actually, as long as Xia Mengyan calmed down and thought about it, she would know that Luo Chenjiu could not be trusted. However, she really wanted to surpass Qiao Xi. She did not want to be trampled under Qiao Xi's feet, and she also wanted to be high and mighty.

Luo Qing recognized Qiao Xi as the person in charge only because Qiao Xi was Xia Yunqiu's adopted daughter. Qiao Xi had never been in charge of a large-scale collaboration at all. She did not have the ability, but she relied on her identity to snatch the position of the person in charge.

If Xia Mengyan refused Luo Chenjiu's suggestion, then this great power would be handed to Qiao Xi. She could not accept Qiao Xi surpassing her. She wanted everyone to see that she was the most outstanding one who was qualified to be the person in charge while Qiao Xi was just a useless woman with good looks!

She did not dare to tell Luo Chenjiu the truth, so she was silent for a few seconds before agreeing anxiously, "Mr. Luo, there's no problem."

Luo Chenjiu smiled gently. "Alright. If there's anything else, I'll contact you directly. When the family head's gift is ready, I'll inform you to come over."

Xia Mengyan was overjoyed, and her cheeks were slightly red. She did not expect to have an unexpected gain from coming to the Luo family this time. She walked out of the villa feeling dizzy. She was still immersed in joy when she left.

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Two days later, Luo Chenjiu informed Xia Mengyan to come to the Xia family's villa and gave Xia Mengyan an exquisite box.

Xia Mengyan opened it and saw an exquisite and small porcelain sculpture inside. The craftsmanship was complicated, and the color was bright. It was obvious that it was expensive. She held the porcelain sculpture in her hand and asked uneasily, "Mr. Luo, is this porcelain sculpture for me?"

Luo Chenjiu nodded. "Of course. Our patriarch specially made this for the Xia family."

Xia Mengyan started to feel nervous. If the porcelain sculpture was given to her, then Qiao Xi would not get a gift. Had Qiao Xi already caused a scene? After all, Qiao Xi was the person in charge of the collaboration. The porcelain sculpture should be handed to her.

The next second, Luo Chenjiu frowned and said, "By the way, a woman came the afternoon you came. She claimed to be the person in charge, but she was chased away by the bodyguards."

Xia Mengyan's heart trembled. It turned out that Qiao Xi had come, but the Luo family thought that she was a liar and chased her away. Now, everyone thought that Qiao Xi had received this porcelain

sculpture, but how was Qiao Xi going to take it out in public during the mall's opening ceremony in a few days?

Would she create a fake to deal with the situation first?

If that was the case, Xia Mengyan could find someone to expose Qiao Xi in advance before taking out the real porcelain sculpture. At that time, Qiao Xi's reputation would plummet and she would be utterly unqualified to shoulder the heavy responsibility. Xia Mengyan would become the legitimate person in charge.

Xia Mengyan held the box tightly and had already come up with a plan. She exchanged a few pleasantries with Luo Chenjiu before rushing home.

Luo Chenjiu looked at Xia Mengyan's back view and silently walked into the dark. He tore off the human skin mask from his face, revealing a familiar face.

Immediately after, another figure appeared behind the man. Luo Qing walked out with a calm expression. His tone was filled with a trace of ridicule. "Brother, your acting skills are really good."

Shen Yu weighed the human skin mask and smiled. "They're just alright. It's mainly because you did a good job with the mask. After putting it on, my face completely changed. Xia Mengyan wasn't able to tell at all."

Luo Qing raised an eyebrow.

Shen Yu watched Xia Mengyan get into the car and said with a smile, "Everything is as Little Six expected. Xia Mengyan plans to let Little Six make a fool of herself in public and occupy the position of the person in charge."

Luo Qing took out his phone and sent Qiao Xi a message: [Xi Xi, she's been tricked.]

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In the Xia family's villa.

"Mengyan! You said that you're the person in charge of the collaboration with the Luo family?" Xia Yunlou's face was filled with surprise as she asked hesitantly, "What about Qiao Xi?"

Xia Mengyan frowned and replied helplessly, "I don't know! When I went to the Luo family that day, Xi Xi didn't appear for a long time, so Grandpa asked me to go in first. Later, I heard that Xi Xi had contacted the Luo family, but the Luo family thought that she was a liar and chased her away. Now that the Luo family has confirmed that I'm the person in charge, they even said that they would contact me directly if anything happened in the future. They even handed me their gift to the Xia family."

"In that case, the Luo family has already decided that you're in charge, yet Qiao Xi still went to look for you to cause trouble? How could she do this? We're all family. What does it matter who between the two of you is in charge? Why must she snatch the position from you? I'll go argue with her now!" Xia Yunlou said indignantly.

Chapter 1262 The Strongest Support

"Aunt, don't go." Xia Mengyan hurriedly pulled Xia Yunlou back and advised softly, "Even if Xi Xi is in the wrong, you can't criticize her. Her relationship with the Xia family isn't good to begin with. If she's reprimanded again, she'll definitely feel resentful. You should give her a chance to turn over a new leaf! As long as she doesn't go astray, I'll do anything!"

"We're about to hold the opening ceremony. If Xi Xi can correct her mistake, we won't mention this matter anymore. I can give the porcelain sculpture to her and let her continue to be in charge. The final credit will still be hers, but if she insists on causing trouble, we have to correct her behavior. We can't just watch her fall deeper and deeper."

Xia Yunlou was burning with anger, and her eyes were filled with disgust. She gritted her teeth and shouted, "Why should we give the position to her?! Now that the Luo family has already decided that you're in charge, why is she still thinking of snatching it away? You actually want to give it to her? Even if you're kind and tolerant, she won't remember your kindness!"

"I can give her a chance to turn over a new leaf, but if she continues to be stubborn, she shouldn't blame me for being heartless!"

A trace of viciousness flashed past Xia Mengyan's eyes as she smiled proudly.

This collaboration with the Luo family concerned the interests and reputation of Xia Corporation. If Qiao Xi ruined this matter and embarrassed herself in front of outsiders, she would not have the qualifications to be in charge, much less compete with her for the position of heir.

The day of New City Mall's opening ceremony would be the day Qiao Xi's reputation was ruined!

Two days later, Xia Corporation's New City Mall officially opened. All the big shots and noble families of Li City were invited to attend.

At nine in the morning, many higher-ups of Xia Corporation were gathered in New City Mall. Xia Cheng and Old Madam Xia stood at the front, watching Xia Mengyan partake in the ceremony.

As it was the opening of the mall, they naturally had to cut the ribbon. At that time, Xia Mengyan could take out the porcelain sculpture that the Luo family had given her. This small porcelain sculpture represented how much the Luo family valued the Xia family. With this porcelain sculpture, it was equivalent to having a powerful backer. If anyone wanted to go against the Xia family, they would first have to see if they were qualified.

"Miss Xia, I heard that the Luo family gave you a porcelain sculpture?" someone asked curiously.

Xia Mengyan smiled and nodded. "Yes."

"Where's that porcelain sculpture? Will it be displayed today?"

Xia Mengyan was just about to speak when a commotion suddenly came from the door. Everyone looked in the direction of the voice and saw a luxury car parked at the door. Gu Zheng was sitting in the driver's seat and looking at Qiao Xi gently. The attendant at the door immediately went forward to open the door for Qiao Xi.

Qiao Xi had just gotten out of the car when she heard a gentle voice behind her. "Xi Xi."

She turned around. Gu Zheng was staring at her fixedly. His eyes were filled with gentleness, but he said very seriously, "No matter what happens, I'll always be your strongest support."

Qiao Xi's cheeks were red. She was shy and touched. The two of them looked at each other and smiled.

Such an enviable scene fell into Xia Mengyan's eyes. Her eyes were filled with resentment. After calming down for a few seconds, she revealed a gentle smile and replied to what someone had asked just now, "Xi Xi is the person in charge of this collaboration, so of course, the porcelain sculpture is with her. She'll naturally show it to everyone today."

When everyone heard this, their burning gazes descended on Qiao Xi. Their gazes were different. Some gazes were filled with surprise and jealousy, but most of their gazes were filled with malice. Because the Xia family did not like Qiao Xi, they naturally hated her as well.

Now that Qiao Xi was the person in charge of the collaboration with the Luo family, the porcelain sculpture must be in her hands. Hence, when Qiao Xi approached, someone said, "Miss Qiao, can you let us see—"

However, before he could finish, he was urgently interrupted by Xia Mengyan. She hurriedly explained, "Mr. Hao, don't be anxious! It's not like the porcelain sculpture can run away from Xi Xi. You'll naturally be able to see it after the ribbon-cutting ceremony."

After that, she turned to look at Qiao Xi and said in a low voice, "Xi Xi, did you bring the porcelain sculpture over? We've already informed all the guests that the porcelain sculpture will be displayed today. You can't embarrass the Xia family!"

Qiao Xi lazily opened her eyes and glanced coldly at her. Xia Mengyan met her gaze and broke out in a cold sweat. However, after thinking about it carefully, there was nothing wrong with her words!

As the person in charge, the porcelain sculpture should be in her hands. The fact that she did not get it meant that there was something wrong with her ability.

When she thought about this, Xia Mengyan instantly became confident. She raised her head arrogantly and looked into Qiao Xi's eyes.

Chapter 1263 Real And Fake Gifts

After a moment of silence, Qiao Xi suddenly sneered. "Miss Xia, you're quite self-aware. You know that everyone is here to see the Luo family's porcelain sculpture, not to attend the mall's opening ceremony."

The moment that was said, the surroundings instantly fell silent. Mr. Hao, who wanted to see the porcelain sculpture just now, hurriedly took a few steps back. He did not want to participate in the war between these two women.

Although Miss Qiao's words were harsh, it was indeed the truth! It was just that Miss Qiao was really disrespectful to say this in front of Miss Xia!

As expected, Xia Mengyan's expression darkened, but she quickly recovered her gentle expression and showed a smile on her lips. "Xi Xi, stop fooling around. This porcelain sculpture is very important to the Xia family. Nothing must go wrong when you display it later..."

Before she could finish, Qiao Xi glanced coldly at her and left without turning her head.

Xia Mengyan stood on the spot and gritted her teeth. The resentment in her eyes was about to overflow.

What right did she have to be so arrogant? The Luo family had already given the porcelain sculpture to her, but Qiao Xi was stopped outside the Luo family's door for being a liar. She had clearly been abandoned and did not have the porcelain sculpture in her hands. What right did she have to show off here?

As Luo Qing was not in Li City, he would not come back to stand up for Qiao Xi. What right did she have to be so arrogant?

Wait!

Xia Mengyan was suddenly stunned for a moment. The important figures of the Luo family had already left Li City, and the Luo family would not attend the Xia family's opening ceremony. Hence, Qiao Xi probably thought that no one would notice if she made do with a fake porcelain sculpture. After all, no one had seen the porcelain sculpture before, so no one had the right to suspect her.

However, Xia Mengyan knew very well in her heart that the porcelain sculpture was not in Qiao Xi's hands.

She suddenly smiled. Even the heavens were helping her. Yesterday, she thought of the possibility that Qiao Xi would pretend to pass off a random sculpture as the real gift, but with Qiao Xi's character, she would not do such a risky thing. However, if the Luo family was not around, Qiao Xi would naturally choose this method. This might be her only way.

Alright! Then she would wait and see. She wanted to see Qiao Xi's reputation be ruined with her own eyes and watch her fall into a sorry state!

Xia Mengyan looked at Qiao Xi's back and revealed a vicious smile.

Everyone knew that the Luo family agreed to collaborate with Xia Corporation this time because of Xia Yunqiu. Since the news had already spread, there was no need for Xia Cheng to hide it from everyone.

There were not supposed to be so many business giants and famous families attending the opening of New City Mall, but when everyone heard that the Luo family had given the Xia family a porcelain sculpture, they all wanted to see it with their own eyes. Moreover, they had already confirmed with Miss Xia that the porcelain sculpture was in Miss Qiao's hands.

On the other hand, in the lounge of the mall, Xia Ji asked expectantly, "Mengyan, are you sure you can ruin Qiao Xi's reputation today and even take back her authority as the person in charge?"

Xia Mengyan smiled confidently. "Dad! I'm sure. She can't escape this time!"

"The position of the person in charge is yours to begin with. It was Qiao Xi who interfered and caused you to suffer. Now, everyone is saying that you're the daughter of an illegitimate child. The Luo family doesn't like you and isn't willing to let you be the person in charge. But Qiao Xi just relied on the fact that she's Xia Yunqiu's adopted daughter to get the position! What else does she have besides this identity? As for the Luo family's porcelain sculpture—"

Xia Ji said indignantly. Before he could finish, Xia Mengyan interrupted him with a smile. "Dad, don't be anxious. The Luo family's porcelain sculpture is with me."

Xia Ji suddenly widened his eyes and looked at Xia Mengyan in disbelief. "Didn't Qiao Xi say that the porcelain sculpture is with her? Mengyan, what exactly is going on?"

Xia Mengyan explained the situation and said with a smile, "Dad, I originally planned to make a fake sculpture for Qiao Xi. Unexpectedly, she fell into a trap without me doing anything. Because the Luo family chased her away, she couldn't get the porcelain sculpture, so she made a fake.

"The real porcelain sculpture has always been with me. When she's exposed in public for bringing out a fake, I'll step forward to save the situation and show the real porcelain sculpture."

Xia Mengyan said with a proud expression, "At that time, the shareholders will naturally compare me to Qiao Xi. Qiao Xi is the person in charge who embarrassed the Xia family, while I'm the heir who helped the Xia family regain their dignity. At that time, who will the shareholders and higher-ups help? Will she still have the cheek to continue being the person in charge?"

As soon as she finished speaking, Xia Yunlou walked in tiredly. "Mengyan, have you told Qiao Xi?"

When Xia Mengyan saw her, she hurriedly frowned and replied dejectedly, "Aunt, I wanted to tell Sister too, but she ignored me."

Chapter 1264 The Amazing Porcelain Condor

Xia Yunlou was burning with anger. "Bastard! She'll definitely embarrass the Xia family if she shows a fake! How did I give birth to such a little b*tch?! Mengyan, you're just too kind. You're willing to give her a chance to turn over a new leaf, but I think we should forget it. If she's unwilling to repent, let her be. She'll be the one whose reputation will be ruined in the end. If she's lucky, no one will be able to tell. But if she's exposed in public, I want to see how she'll face it!"

"Aunt, Xi Xi is your daughter, after all." Xia Mengyan looked helpless.

"Why do you care so much?! If she's exposed, I'll publicly announce that I'm cutting ties with her. She's not worthy to be my daughter. I've long wanted to do this!" Xia Yunlou said mercilessly, a trace of disgust appearing in her eyes.

Xia Mengyan and Xia Ji looked at each other and revealed sinister smiles.

The opening ceremony went very smoothly. After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, it was time to showcase the gift. No one cared about the previous gifts. So what if they were valuable? Could they be more meaningful than the Luo family's porcelain sculpture?

The Luo family of Xuan Island was mysterious and powerful. The young master of the Luo family had personally given the porcelain sculpture. This meant that the Luo family valued the Xia family very much. With the Luo family's protection, the Xia family would forever be able to gain a foothold in Li City.

Everyone wanted to build a relationship with the Luo family, but the Luo family was elusive. Now that they knew that the Xia family and the Luo family were close, they naturally came to curry favor with the Xia family.

Xia Cheng glanced at Xia Mengyan before his gaze finally landed on Qiao Xi. "Xi Xi, show the porcelain sculpture to everyone."

The gazes of everyone descended on Qiao Xi in succession. She had become the center of attention.

It was an ordinary opening ceremony, but the surroundings were filled with people. Other than the invited guests, there were also reporters from various places and a group of Xia Mengyan's brainless fans. The Xia family used the Luo family's power to attract many people to come and watch the spectacle. Everyone looked at Qiao Xi expectantly and quietly waited for her to take out the porcelain sculpture.

Hearing Xia Cheng's words, Qiao Xi only smiled lightly. "Chairman Xia, are you sure you want to see it?"

Xia Cheng frowned unhappily. "Hurry up and take it out! What are you waiting for?! Don't tell me you didn't bring the porcelain sculpture with you when I handed such an important task to you?"

Qiao Xi snorted coldly and took out an ordinary-looking box from her bag. "This is what you're asking to see. If anything happens later, don't blame me. This is your choice."

At this point, it was time to settle the score with the Xia family. It was just that she did not know if they could handle it!

When he heard this, Xia Cheng only felt a chill run down his spine. What did Qiao Xi mean by these words? She seemed to be warning him, giving him an uneasy feeling.

Thinking about it carefully, Qiao Xi was just a girl. What could she do? Moreover, everyone was waiting. If she could not take out the porcelain sculpture, the Xia family would lose their reputation as well.

He berated unhappily, "What nonsense are you talking about?! Hurry up and take it out!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes, and her gloomy gaze landed on him. It was like she was looking at someone who was about to die, and it carried a trace of pity and ridicule.

She placed the box on the tray, and everyone hurriedly looked up. A very ordinary-looking small box appeared on the big screen. As she slowly opened it, the smile on Xia Mengyan's face grew wider. She stared at the box until a purple porcelain sculpture was revealed.

The purple porcelain sculpture was glowing with a crystal clear light. The patterns carved on it were complicated. Actually, porcelain made of this material was not suitable for such complicated patterns. Moreover, some parts were hollow. As this material was too brittle, if any mistake was made, the entire work would be ruined. Hence, ordinary craftsmen would not choose porcelain made of this material to carve.

However, now that this purple porcelain sculpture had appeared in front of everyone, it emitted a purple glow under the sunlight. Upon closer inspection, there seemed to be the shadow of quicksand.

The entire venue was in an uproar.

"As expected of a porcelain piece personally carved by Young Master Luo. Only the Luo family can complete such a piece!"

"Although the Luo family only agreed to collaborate because of Xia Yunqiu, if it weren't for Miss Qiao, I'm afraid the Luo family wouldn't have given the Xia family such a valuable gift."

Xia Mengyan's face was ashen. She did not expect that Qiao Xi would have the ability to find such a stunning porcelain sculpture. Thinking carefully, she was Mrs. Gu. With Gu Zheng's power and wealth, what could she not buy?

However, no matter how good this sculpture was, it was not a porcelain sculpture given by the Luo family!

Chapter 1265 Where's The Real Porcelain Sculpture?

Xia Mengyan suddenly looked up and shot a look at the few people in the crowd. They nodded at her and prepared to take action.

Xia Cheng was originally worried that Qiao Xi would screw up this matter. Now that he saw the porcelain sculpture, his expression eased up a little. However, he still did not understand what Qiao Xi's words just now meant.

This porcelain sculpture was clearly so stunning. Be it in terms of carving skills or the color of the work, it was almost perfect.

At this moment, amidst everyone's praise, a male voice suddenly sounded. "This isn't Young Master Luo's porcelain sculpture! This is a fake! It's fake!"

The moment that was said, the entire venue fell silent. Everyone was stunned for a long time before a huge commotion erupted.

A fake? How was that possible?

Everyone looked at the man who spoke just now in surprise. Immediately after, Xia Mengyan stood up. Her voice was gentle but a little stern. "What nonsense are you talking about?! Who allowed you to cause trouble at Xia Corporation's opening ceremony?! My sister personally brought this porcelain sculpture from Young Master Luo. What right do you have to say that it's a fake?"

As soon as she finished speaking, she hurriedly looked at Qiao Xi and comforted her softly. "Xi Xi, you don't have to worry. This person was definitely sent by a competitor to cause trouble. How could the porcelain sculpture you bring back be a fake?"

As soon as she finished speaking, the man stood up and said indignantly, "Miss Xia, Chairman Xia, I'm sure that this porcelain sculpture is a fake! I'm a porcelain aficionado lover. I've observed all the porcelain sculptures in the Luo family. This piece definitely wasn't carved by Young Master Luo!

"Although the craftsmanship is very good and the carving skills are not bad, they're still inferior to Young Master Luo. Moreover, Young Master Luo's porcelain sculptures all have a special mark, but this porcelain sculpture is clean without any marks.

"Look carefully. The patterns on it are peach blossoms. Anyone who knows porcelain sculptures knows that Young Master Luo doesn't sculpt peach blossoms, so this definitely wasn't sculpted by him!

"Miss Qiao, you took a fake and pretended that it was the work of Young Master Luo. Aren't you afraid of angering the Luo family?"

Everyone from Xia Corporation turned pale and trembled in fear. They did not know much about porcelain sculptures, but hearing this man's words, they believed him.

Xia Mengyan's expression changed as she pointed at the man and berated, "Nonsense! Xi Xi is the person in charge that Young Master Luo has acknowledged. All the matters are handed to her to handle. Moreover, Young Master Luo said earlier that he would hand the porcelain sculpture to the person in charge. How could Xi Xi fool us with a fake?"

"You said that Xi Xi has a fake, so where's the real one?"

The man understood Xia Mengyan's meaning and said indignantly, "I'm not the person in charge, so how would I know where the real piece is? You should ask Miss Qiao. After all, she was in charge of the porcelain sculpture from the beginning to the end. She's also the one who's coordinating the collaboration between the two families. Perhaps only she knows where the porcelain sculpture is.

"The porcelain sculptures that Young Master Luo personally carved are very expensive! Although the porcelain sculpture in Miss Qiao's hand is also very exquisite, it's only about 100,000 yuan. Miss Qiao, you made a good deal by selling the real thing and using this sculpture that costs 100,000 yuan to pass off as the real thing. You must've made an immeasurable amount of money!"

"Investigate her! She must be profiting from this!"

Everyone shot their gazes at Qiao Xi, and their shock carried a trace of doubt.

Could it be that Qiao Xi had really sold the real porcelain sculpture?

Suddenly, someone said disdainfully, "That makes sense! I heard that Young Master Luo hasn't been in Li City for the past two days, and no one else has seen the porcelain sculpture. Miss Qiao is the only one who can contact the Luo family. No one else knows what the porcelain sculpture looks like. Even if she sells the real porcelain sculpture, no one will find out."

The few people Xia Mengyan had arranged to provoke the crowd said, "Young Master Luo doesn't know how to carve peach blossoms!"

"Young Master Luo's signature mark isn't on it! Moreover, I specialize in porcelain carving, and I've studied Young Master Luo's work. This isn't Young Master Luo's work at all!"

"Young Master Luo personally gave the porcelain sculpture to Miss Qiao. Miss Qiao probably couldn't resist the temptation and secretly sold the porcelain sculpture. Then, she bought a fake to fool us. She just didn't expect to get exposed."

"What kind of person did Xia Corporation choose to be the person in charge?! It's really too embarrassing! She actually sold the porcelain sculpture Young Master Luo gave her for money. How capable she is!"

Xia Cheng's expression was gloomy like ink. The muscles on his face trembled slightly as he glared fiercely at Qiao Xi. "Tell me what exactly is going on. Where's the porcelain sculpture Young Master Luo gave you?"

With an angry roar, the entire venue instantly fell silent. Xia Cheng, who had always been calm, could not help but be overwhelmed by anger. He glared fiercely at Qiao Xi and gritted his teeth. If it were not for the fact that all the guests were still present, he would definitely not be able to help but rush over and slap Qiao Xi.

Chapter 1266 The Xia Family Collapsed

Qiao Xi's expression was indifferent without the slightest nervousness.

At this moment, Xia Mengyan walked out and comforted Old Master Xia softly. "Grandpa, don't be angry. Maybe you've misunderstood Xi Xi. Even if this porcelain sculpture is fake, Xi Xi wouldn't have sold the real one. Young Master Luo might have made a mistake."

When Xia Cheng heard this, he was even more unable to suppress the anger in his heart. "Mengyan! At this point, you're the only one who's still defending Qiao Xi! How could Young Master Luo have made a mistake? She actually sold the porcelain sculpture that he personally gave her and used a fake to fool us. She's really shameless and has embarrassed our Xia family!"

Xia Mengyan's eyes were filled with pride, but her voice was choked. "Grandpa, Xi Xi wouldn't have done that. She wouldn't have..."

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"Qiao Xi! We shouldn't have believed you back then! I thought that you would take the matter of Miss Yunqiu's designs very seriously. I didn't expect that for the sake of earning money, you would actually sell the porcelain sculpture Young Master Luo gave you! Do you still care about the Xia family?! You're really too much!"

The angry voices of everyone from Xia Corporation kept coming. Everyone stood up and glared at her.

Everyone had gathered happily today and was waiting to witness the collaboration between the Luo and Xia families. This was the Xia family's honor, but now, the family had lost their dignity with Qiao Xi and could not raise their heads.

Xia Ji's assistant said anxiously, "After all, Miss Qiao is still young and doesn't understand how important this collaboration is to the Xia family. Moreover, this is her first time being in charge of such a large collaboration. It's inevitable that she'll be tempted by money. However, if it was Miss Xia in charge of this collaboration, such a low-level mistake wouldn't have happened. Miss Xia, you definitely wouldn't have disregarded the family's reputation for a little bit of money!"

His meaning was very obvious. He wanted everyone to know that Xia Mengyan was the most suitable candidate to be the person in charge. A wild girl like Qiao Xi did not have the ability to be in charge of such a large project.

Moreover, Qiao Xi was just an outsider. She would not take the Xia family's reputation and honor seriously.

Xia Cheng's eyes were bloodshot, and he was almost devoured by anger. He ignored everyone's gazes and shouted, "Qiao Xi! Tell me, where's the porcelain sculpture?"

If she took out the porcelain sculpture now, the situation could still be salvaged. However, if the Luo family found out that she had sold the porcelain sculpture to profit from it, would the Luo and Xia families still be able to continue working together?

At this moment, Xia Cheng did not have many extravagant hopes. He only asked Qiao Xi to hand over the intact porcelain sculpture. Otherwise, not only would the Xia family lose all their dignity but they would also have offended the Luo family. He even felt that Qiao Xi was deliberately making the Xia family make a fool of themselves for the sake of taking revenge on them.

Qiao Xi crossed her arms over her chest as if she was watching a good show. It was as if everything before her had nothing to do with her.

Xia Cheng was probably about to break down at this moment, but she did not want to ruin this collaboration completely. After all, those designs were her mother's blood, sweat, and tears. It was a good thing to recreate her mother's works through the Luo family. Neither she nor Xia Cheng wanted this collaboration to be canceled, so she would not deliberately take revenge on the Xia family through this collaboration. However...

Someone did want to take revenge on her through this collaboration!

She had long seen through Xia Mengyan's plan. She was just giving Xia Mengyan a chance to execute her plan and see the anxious and helpless expressions of the Xia family. However, she would not take the blame.

She was not the one who embarrassed the Xia family. It was Xia Mengyan, who had schemed everything but accidentally injured her own family!

The smile on Qiao Xi's face grew wider and wider. She glanced at everyone, straightened her back, and replied coldly, "Chairman Xia, this is the real deal."

The surroundings were silent as everyone looked at her in shock. People had already stood up to expose her, yet she still refused to let go. How could there be such a person?

Xia Cheng's face alternated between red and green, and he was angered to the point his body trembled. He never expected Qiao Xi to be so shameless. Even now, she was actually unwilling to admit it. Did she think that everyone else was blind?

Waves of ridicule from the surroundings entered his ears, and his ears buzzed. He pointed at Qiao Xi while trembling and roared furiously. "Don't you have any shame?! How did Yunqiu raise such a bastard like you?! You dare to do it but don't dare to admit it, huh? You've already been exposed, so why are you still pretending?! Qiao Xi! I advise you to quickly admit your mistake and get the item back. Otherwise, you'll have to bear the consequences!"

"The opening ceremony today was supposed to be a joyous occasion. I wouldn't have asked you to do anything else as long as you could take out the porcelain sculpture for everyone to see. However, you actually ruined the Xia family's ceremony for money. You unfilial daughter, get out of the Xia family!"

Everyone's faces were filled with disdain. Many noblewomen were even pointing at Xia Yunlou. "Xia Yunlou is Qiao Xi's biological mother, right? How did she give birth to such a daughter?!"

Chapter 1267 Severing Mother And Daughter Relationship

“Qiao Xi’s greedy and selfish character must have been inherited from Xia Yunlou. She ruined the Xia family’s collaboration for her own selfishness. If Young Master Luo hears that the gift he gave was sold, I don’t know how angry he’ll be. If Young Master Luo blames her, the entire Xia family will suffer with her!”

“Xia Yunlou must not be a good person to raise such a shameless daughter...”

Xia Yunlou stood in the crowd, her face ashen as she gritted her teeth.

Ever since she reunited with Qiao Xi, she had been plagued by bad luck. After Xu Anran left, she was forced to return to the Xia family. Qiao Xi caused her to lose her dignity in public time and time again and be mocked by others, but she had no ability to retort.

Why did she have to be looked down on by others with Qiao Xi? Qiao Xi had led a wandering life since she was young and was not raised by her at all. Why did she have to be implicated by Qiao Xi?

Mocking and ridicule filled Xia Yunlou’s ears. She wished for nothing more than to find a hole to hide in. The high and mighty daughter of the Xia family had never been so embarrassed.

She stood up while trembling and shouted with a ferocious expression, “Qiao Xi! Tell me, where’s the porcelain sculpture? It’s not too late to find it now!”

Qiao Xi’s cold gaze landed on her. It was about time, and her plan had already begun.

“I told you, this is the real deal.”

Qiao Xi’s tone was so calm, and such an attitude completely infuriated Xia Yunlou. She felt her cheeks burn. If she could return to the past, she would not have let Qiao Xi be born.

“You’re still lying at a time like this! How did I give birth to such a bastard daughter like you?! You’re a liar, you’re arrogant, and you’re disrespectful to your elders. Are you worthy of being in the Xia family?”

Xia Yunlou felt raging flames ignite in her heart. She was even unable to control her actions as she watched what was happening in front of her. She roared without caring about her image. “Qiao Xi, I’m warning you. If you can’t take out the real porcelain sculpture, I’ll cut off all ties with you! From now on, you’re no longer my daughter!”

The entire venue was in an uproar, and everyone could not help but be surprised. Although Qiao Xi was raised by Xia Yunqiu, she was Xia Yunlou’s biological daughter, after all. The two of them had just acknowledged each other, yet Xia Yunlou wanted to cut ties with her daughter. Wasn’t this too rash?

However, everyone thought about it from Xia Yunlou’s perspective. If their daughter was a liar and was still so arrogant after being exposed, they would definitely not want to admit that they had such a daughter. Moreover, their daughter was never raised by their side since she was young, so they would not have such deep feelings for her.

However, Xia Yunlou did not choose to talk to Qiao Xi about this in private. Instead, she publicly announced that she would cut ties with Qiao Xi, causing everyone to be surprised.

Xia Yunlou glared fiercely at Qiao Xi with a vicious expression as if she was going to rush over and tear Qiao Xi into pieces in the next second.

Qiao Xi ignored her and raised her eyes to glance at the proud Xia Mengyan. She could not help but sneer. "Madam Xia, have you thought it through?"

She was still so calm and collected. Xia Yunlou only felt that she had been looked down on. She shouted without hesitation, "I've thought it through. I want to cut off all ties with you. After I acknowledged you, other than embarrassing me, what else have you done for me? Other people's daughters are gems, but you're my enemy from my previous life! From today onward, you're no longer my daughter. The Xia family will also cut off all contact with you!"

Xia Cheng stood on the spot and watched this scene coldly. Originally, he did not want to blow things up, but he was also angry at Qiao Xi's indifferent attitude, so he did not persuade Xia Yunlou.

It was even more impossible for Old Madam Xia, Xia Ji, and Xia Mengyan to speak up for Qiao Xi. They wished for nothing more than for Qiao Xi to leave the Xia family immediately and disappear from this world.

The entire venue was silent. After a few seconds of silence, Qiao Xi chuckled and said, "Alright."

Qiao Xi actually agreed?

She was being abandoned by her biological mother and chased out of the Xia family. However, she did not have a trace of regret or sorrow. Did she think it was very honorable?

Such a person was really hopeless. Indeed, Xia Yunlou should cut ties with her.

Xia Cheng's expression was gloomy like ink, and the muscles on his face trembled slightly. He did not care if Qiao Xi cut ties with Xia Yunlou or not. He only wanted to find the real porcelain sculpture now.

If Young Master Luo found out that Qiao Xi had sold the porcelain sculpture he gave her, he would definitely be furious. At that time, it was inevitable that Xia Corporation would be implicated.

The most important thing now was to find the Luo family's porcelain sculpture and personally visit Young Master Luo to apologize. It would show that they had spent a lot of effort to make up for it, and it would also let Young Master Luo know that this was not the Xia family's fault. It was entirely because of Qiao Xi's greed.

Xia Cheng was uneasy. If he really offended the Luo family, the Xia family's good days would be over.

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Xia Mengyan shifted her eyes and walked forward. She advised softly, "Grandpa, you must take care of your health. This matter can still be resolved."

Xia Cheng looked up at her with a trace of hope in his eyes.

Qiao Xi crossed her arms and watched this scene in amusement. Xia Mengyan had finally made a move.

Xia Mengyan pretended to be helpless as she looked at Qiao Xi, then she turned to Xia Cheng and said, "Grandpa, I accidentally got to know Mr. Luo Chenjiu from the Luo family. He's the ninth apprentice of

the Luo family's head. At that time, he even gave me a porcelain sculpture that was personally carved by the Luo family's head.

"Now that Xi Xi has sold Young Master Luo's porcelain sculpture, Young Master Luo will definitely be angry when he finds out. However, if we bring out the sculpture the Luo family's head made for us at the opening ceremony and apologize to Young Master Luo later, we can show him we still respect the Luo family. It's just that Xi Xi was muddle-headed. Perhaps Young Master Luo can forgive us on the account of the family head."

Xia Mengyan said generously. Xia Cheng was stunned. After a few seconds, his eyes instantly became happy. He asked in disbelief, "Mengyan, really? You have the porcelain sculpture that the head of the Luo family made?"

At this moment, Xia Mengyan's words had already been transmitted through the microphone. Everyone present had roughly heard it. It turned out that Miss Xia had the Luo family's porcelain sculpture!

It was said that the head of the Luo family had already isolated himself in the mountains ten years ago and stopped making porcelain sculptures. Now, the mysterious head of the Luo family was actually making sculptures again?

The owner of Xuan Island and Luo Qing's father, actually asked his disciple, Luo Chenjiu, to give Xia Mengyan a porcelain sculpture that he had personally carved?

Xia Cheng was so excited that his entire body trembled. "Mengyan! Quick, quickly take out the porcelain sculpture. Why didn't you take it out earlier? Why should we waste time on Qiao Xi?!"

Xia Mengyan felt a little aggrieved and said with a guilty expression, "Grandpa, it's my fault. Xi Xi is the person in charge, so I didn't want to overstep. I thought she had Young Master Luo's porcelain sculpture in her hands. Moreover, she should be the one showing it today. If I rashly took out the Luo family's porcelain sculpture, I'd be stealing her limelight. I was afraid that Xi Xi would misunderstand, so I didn't take it out.

"I thought that Xi Xi would be able to show off the porcelain sculpture and show her face in front of everyone. I wanted to give the sculpture to you after the opening ceremony, but I didn't expect such a thing to happen. Sigh..."

Xia Mengyan's voice was filled with helplessness and apology. Her tone was also gentle, making one's heart ache.

In everyone's opinion, Qiao Xi had obtained Young Master Luo's porcelain sculpture, but for the sake of satisfying her selfishness, she sold the real porcelain sculpture and changed it to a fake to display in front of everyone. Although Xia Mengyan also had the Luo family's porcelain sculpture, she did not reveal anything and did not want to steal her sister's limelight. Now that an accident had happened, she had no choice but to take it out in public.

The difference between them was like heaven and earth.

A smile gradually spread on Xia Cheng's gloomy face. He thought that he would lose all his dignity at the opening ceremony today, but Mengyan actually gave him such a big surprise.

He asked anxiously, "Where's the porcelain sculpture? Quickly take it out!"

Xia Mengyan smiled lightly. "Grandpa, don't worry. I've already sent people to guard the porcelain sculpture. It's in the lounge. I'll get them to take it out now."

"Mengyan, you really didn't disappoint me! As expected of the daughter of my Xia family!" Xia Cheng smiled heartily, then glanced coldly at Qiao Xi, his eyes filled with disgust.

It was at this moment that Xia Cheng happened to see the porcelain sculpture on the table. Thinking that he had lost his reputation in front of everyone today because of this fake, his expression instantly darkened. He ordered loudly, "Someone! Throw that fake out. Such a dirty thing is not worthy to appear in my Xia family's territory!"

This sentence not only referred to the porcelain sculpture but also to Qiao Xi. If it were not for the fact that all the guests were present, he would have sent someone to chase Qiao Xi out a long time ago.

Qiao Xi's fair fingers landed on the purple porcelain sculpture, and she raised her eyes to look coldly at Xia Cheng. "Are you really going to throw it away? Don't regret it afterward."

"Why? Are you still unconvinced?" Xia Cheng frowned, then shouted, "Quickly throw this fake out. I don't want to see it again."

Such a fake could not appear in front of Young Master Luo. He had to get rid of it.

The bodyguard received the order and went forward to snatch the porcelain sculpture from Qiao Xi's hand. He glanced at Qiao Xi, who nodded slightly. The bodyguard then left with the porcelain sculpture.

Earlier, Xia Cheng was roaring loudly until he was lacking oxygen. Now, he had calmed down and said gently, "Mengyan, don't let everyone wait for too long. Quickly take out your porcelain sculpture."