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Chapter 141: As Long As You're Good-looking And Obedient

Without waiting for Shen Ying to answer, he asked, "Have you participated in the International Real-time Translation Competition? How were your results? What about your graduation results? Were any of your works during university nominated for awards?"

Shen Ying's body trembled.

Gu Zheng asked, "What was the original fashion concept proposed by Gu Corporation? Did you participate in the previous Paris Design Competition? Do you think you can win the Paris Design Competition with your ability?"

With every word Gu Zheng said, Shen Ying's body trembled and her face turned pale.

She had never heard of many of the things he said. She had also bought her diploma... Other than dating in university, she did nothing else!

The noblewoman was anxious. "Gu Zheng, why are you asking about this? Do you really want to use Shen Ying as your assistant? That's too much of a waste of resources. She's just your personal assistant who'll be handling your personal matters. It's fine even if she doesn't understand what you're saying. All she needs to do is look good and listen to you."

She was just short of telling Gu Zheng that she had sent this woman to him for him to sleep with.

As Gu Zheng's partner in bed, she did not need to be too talented or capable. She just needed to be good-looking, beautiful, easygoing, gentle, and considerate.

Gu Zheng looked at her with a faint smile. "Deal with my personal matters? It's not like I don't have arms and legs. Do I need her to help me deal with personal matters? Is she even worthy?!"

"Let's forget about her being an assistant. I don't think she's even suitable to be someone else's assistant. Any one of Gu Corporation's assistants is a graduate of a famous university. They're the cream of the crop after winning many major awards. It's better if you don't send trash like Miss Shen Ying to me as it'll only disgust me."

Qiao Xi: "..."

This man was either silent or furious. However, she did not know if she should say it. It felt really good to hear Gu Zheng scold them!

Gu Zheng slowly said, "Miss Shen Ying, you should put more effort into improving your ability. Without good looks, you have no ability to fall back on. Someone like you will be eliminated by society sooner or later. Alright, everything is settled now. Let's go."

The final sentence was directed at Qiao Xi. Qiao Xi instantly put away her focused expression of watching a show and was obediently led away by Gu Zheng.

However—

This bunch of people had waited for such a long time for a chance. How could they let it go so easily? If Shen Ying did not climb into Gu Zheng's bed today, all their efforts would be wasted!

The noblewoman rushed forward without a care in the world, disregarding all dignity. "Gu Zheng, wait. You might not understand what I just said. Although Shen Ying isn't qualified as an assistant, she's especially outstanding in other aspects. She can serve you well and guarantee that you'll have a different experience. As long as you nod, I'll get Shen Ying to go to your house to serve you. If you're in a rush, you can also stay in the old residence.

"Please consider it. Shen Ying is different from some people. She's thousands of times better than the person you married. She'll be very obedient to you and won't disobey any of your orders..."

The living room instantly fell silent.

Qiao Xi narrowed her eyes. It was fine to deliver women to Gu Zheng. As long as one had the ability, then go ahead and do as one pleased. However, wouldn't it be too inappropriate to trample on her in front of her?

Gu Zheng stopped in his tracks. "Madam Wang, are you insulting my wife?" He glanced at Shen Ying and said in an undisguised tone of mockery, "You're comparing this woman to my wife? Is she worthy?"

Madam Wang was Gu Zheng's father's fourth sister. She married into the Wang family a few years ago and became the mistress of the Wang family. The Wang family was quite powerful. Although they could not compare to the Gu family, it was still enough for Madam Wang to hold her chin up high. The Gu family was polite to her and would call her 'Fourth Madam' every time she returned to the Gu family, indicating that she was still a member of the Gu family.

However, the way Gu Zheng addressed her as 'Madam Wang' instantly widened the gap between her and the Gu family. Unfortunately, Madam Wang was used to being flattered by others all these years and did not notice the anger in Gu Zheng's voice.

She even replied smugly, "Gu Zheng, that's not what I meant. I didn't deliberately insult Miss Qiao. It's just that our Shen Ying was raised to be a rich young lady since she was young. She's different from some ignorant people who grew up in the countryside. Gu Zheng, although you're the head of the Gu family now, I still have to say something. You can't just mess around with your marriage. This isn't just being irresponsible to you but also the Gu family.

"Your wife, the mistress of the Gu family, should be a noble daughter like Shen Ying. She should be as gentle and virtuous as her. You shouldn't get a country bumpkin to be your wife."

Chapter 142: The Promise When We Were Young

Shen Ying pretended to be shocked and covered her mouth. "So you're not from Li City, Miss Qiao? You're from the countryside..."

She did not continue speaking. As if she realized her mistake, she quickly apologized to Gu Zheng shyly. "I'm sorry, Master Gu. I didn't mean to say that Miss Qiao is lacking. I was just surprised to suddenly know Miss Qiao's background."

Gu Zheng suddenly turned to look at her. This was the first time he looked Shen Ying in the eye after entering. The latter's face was layered with a faint blush. She thought that her words had attracted Gu Zheng's attention, and it also caused Gu Zheng to finally be annoyed with Qiao Xi.

Thinking about it, how could someone like Gu Zheng marry a sl*t like Qiao Xi? It was rumored that the reason they got married back then was because Qiao Xi took advantage of him and forced him to marry her at the Civil Affairs Bureau. Now that Gu Zheng knew about her unbearable past and background, he would surely disdain her, right?

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"You're right. My wife did grow up in the countryside when she was young." Gu Zheng nodded in agreement with Shen Ying.

Qiao Xi instinctively turned her head to look at him.

Shen Ying could not conceal the excitement in her heart. Her brows moved slightly, and her eyes were gentle like water. She looked at Qiao Xi apologetically and said softly, "Is that so? So the rumors outside are actually true..."

Gu Zheng asked, "I heard that you grew up in Li City and were raised to be a young mistress of an upper class family?"

Shen Ying was stunned for a moment. She thought that Gu Zheng was interested in her past and quickly nodded. "Yes, the Shen family values their children's education, so I've always been strict with myself."

Just based on her background, she was much better than Qiao Xi!

"Oh? Really?"

Gu Zheng chuckled, but his voice did not contain any amusement. Instead, it carried a hint of cold mockery. "You have received strict family education since you were young, but you can't even meet the standards of being an assistant in Gu Corporation. This makes me wonder if your brain isn't working well. Of course, there are smart and stupid people in this world. For someone like my wife, although she grew up in the countryside, she worked hard to become an international designer and set a new record in the country. Countless people are proud of her.

"My wife is considered a smart woman, while you, Miss Shen, have been strictly educated since you were young but you don't even meet the requirements to be an assistant. You're just stupid, so stupid that your mind is filled with thoughts of climbing into a man's bed to serve him. You reap what you sow."

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Gu Zheng's words were a little harsh, but Qiao Xi felt very pleased!

As a woman herself, she despised women who wanted to climb into a man's bed just because they were slightly pretty!

However, she did not expect a man like Gu Zheng, who was silent and had a bad temper, to say such things to Shen Ying. She was even prepared to stand up for herself earlier.

In any case, she would not let herself suffer, nor would she let others scold her.

Shen Ying's tears kept flowing down the corners of her eyes. She was dealt a heavy blow by Gu Zheng's words and was on the verge of breaking down. "Brother Gu Zheng..."

"Don't talk to such brainless people in the future. Not only is it a waste of time but stupidity can be infectious. Let's stay away from her." Gu Zheng held Qiao Xi's hand. "Let's go see Grandma."

Qiao Xi nodded. Before she left, she did not forget to stab Shen Ying in the chest. "I'm sorry, Miss Shen. My husband doesn't want me to interact too much with brainless people, so we'll be leaving first."

Shen Ying clutched her chest as tears streamed down her face. She gasped. "Brother Gu Zheng... I... I'm not..."

Before she could finish, she collapsed to the floor.

Madam Wang pounced on her in panic. "Shen Ying, Shen Ying, don't scare me!" Seeing that Shen Ying's eyes were filled with tears and she was so sad she even fainted, Madam Wang could not help but roar. "Gu Zheng! Are you so heartless?! You made Shen Ying so sad. Have you forgotten the promise you made when you were young?!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows with interest. A promise from when he was young?

Madam Wang cried out loudly, "Gu Zheng, you promised to take care of Shen Ying for the rest of your life when you were young. Now that you have a new lover, you don't want your old love anymore, right? Poor Shen Ying is always thinking about being with you. For your sake, she rejected countless outstanding men... When she heard that you had gotten married, she was so sad that she fainted from crying. After that, she didn't want anything else but to stay by your side. However, you said such harsh words to her. Gu Zheng, are you even human?!"

Unfortunately, Gu Zheng simply strode away without turning back.

No matter how much Madam Wang cried out behind him, he pretended not to hear her.

Chapter 143: It's Tough For You

Qiao Xi looked at him curiously. Gu Zheng pursed his lips and just said, "There was no such thing."

Qiao Xi was puzzled. "What?"

Gu Zheng turned to look at her and said word by word, "I never promised to take care of Shen Ying."

Qiao Xi nodded. Whether Gu Zheng had promised Shen Ying or not did not matter to her as long as the two did not disgust her.

Seeing her patronizing look, Gu Zheng frowned and asked, "You don't believe me?"

Qiao Xi did not know why he suddenly became obsessed with this question, but she still shook her head to indicate that she was not doubting him. If someone like Gu Zheng really had feelings for Shen Ying, he would not deliberately say such things to her just because his wife was by his side. The reason he said those things was because he did not care about it, and it was also because he found Shen Ying's chattering very annoying.

Gu Zheng raised his eyebrows in satisfaction, but he felt that Qiao Xi's reaction was not right. Since this woman trusted him, why did she still have such a nonchalant expression? It was as if whether he and Shen Ying were involved or not had nothing to do with her.

Was this the attitude a wife should have?

"Young Master, you're back."

Gu Zheng still wanted to say something when an elderly servant suddenly appeared at the corner. The corners of the servant's eyes were filled with wrinkles. When she smiled, she looked very kind and amiable. "Old Madam Gu woke up a long time ago and has been waiting for you to come over."

Old Madam Gu? That was the grandmother Gu Zheng was talking about?

Gu Zheng nodded. "I was delayed over something in the living room, so I'm a little late."

The servant also knew what those people from the Gu family were like. She shook her head and led the way. Gu Zheng held Qiao Xi's hand and reminded her in a low voice, "Mrs. Gu, you don't have to care about those people in the living room, but I hope you can try your best and show me all your acting skills now."

Qiao Xi nodded in understanding. She knew that it did not matter whether those people outside believed that they were a harmonious couple or not. It was fine as long as Grandma believed that they were a loving couple.

The two of them passed through a small garden and walked through a long corridor before arriving in front of an independent courtyard. The breeze blew over the thick smell of Chinese medicine. Qiao Xi could not help but sniffle, but Gu Zheng did not react at all. He was probably used to it.

"Old Madam is waiting for you in the greenhouse."

With that, the servant left.

The greenhouse was filled with sunlight. Under the golden sunlight, a white-haired old woman was lying on a rocking chair with a blanket over her. When she saw Gu Zheng and Qiao Xi enter, she smiled and waved at them.

Gu Zheng's cold eyebrows gradually relaxed. He walked in and squatted beside the old woman. He held her hand and called out softly, "Grandma."

Qiao Xi had never seen Gu Zheng like this. He had always been cold and taciturn. When angered, he would say nasty things, and the corners of his mouth would always carry a wisp of a mocking smile as he looked down on the world. However, at this moment, he was like a wild beast that had shed its sharp edges, revealing its soft belly without any offensive power.

Old Madam Gu patted Gu Zheng's hand. "Good child, you've been working hard."

The old woman's eyes were muddy, and her voice was very hoarse, but there was a sense of wisdom and transparency about Old Madam Gu. She raised her eyes to look at Qiao Xi with a warm smile. "This is your wife, right? She looks really pretty."

She waved her hand. Qiao Xi hesitated for a second before mimicking Gu Zheng's behavior and squatting beside Old Madam Gu. She called out softly, "Grandma."

"Good child." Old Madam Gu held Qiao Xi's hand. "It's been hard on you to be with such a blockhead."

Qiao Xi: "..."

"To be honest, I never thought that Gu Zheng would get married. I thought that I would never be able to see his wedding day. Luckily, you appeared." Old Madam Gu was very emotional.

Qiao Xi remained silent.

She felt that Old Madam Gu was thinking too much. According to Gu Zheng's appearance and status, as long as he said that he wanted to marry, countless women would rush over.

Old Madam Gu smiled very happily. "When I heard that you two were married, I quickly got someone to make a pair of jade sculptures. I wanted to give them to you when we meet, but I didn't expect to see you so soon. The jade sculptures aren't ready yet..."

Qiao Xi: "..."

She seemed to know where Gu Zheng's genes for making others dumbfounded came from.

However, Qiao Xi remembered her mission. She had to pretend to be a happy couple with Gu Zheng to cheer up Old Madam Gu, so she said softly, "Thank you, Grandma. The gift isn't important. I'm already very happy to be able to see you."

"Such a good child. You've really been blinded by Gu Zheng. If he bullies you in the future, tell me. I'll support you."

Gu Zheng was helpless. "Grandma..."

Qiao Xi chuckled.

Chapter 144: A Special Gift

"My health hasn't been good recently, and you guys are busy with work. I don't even know when we'll meet again. I don't even know when the jade sculptures will be ready. How about I get you another gift?"

Qiao Xi was just about to say that it was alright when Old Madam Gu took out a dark object from the side and stuffed it into her hand. "Take this as a gift. I hope you'll like it."

Qiao Xi looked at the thing in her hand in silence for three seconds. "..."

Wasn't this gift a little too much?

She was speechless for a long time. If it were not for the inappropriate timing and location, she really wanted to grab Gu Zheng's collar and ask, 'Do all Gu family members give guns as gifts?!'

The first time Gu Zheng gave her a gift, it was a beautiful silver pistol. Now, Old Madam Gu gave her a black pistol... They were indeed a family. Their tastes were all very unique.

“Alright, I’ve given you your gift. You can leave now.” Old Madam Gu suddenly chased them away.

Gu Zheng pursed his lips tightly and said in a hoarse voice, “Grandma, I’ll accompany you for a little longer.”

Old Madam Gu refused with a smile. “Alright, it’s good enough that we met. I’m tired and should rest.”

When the servant heard the voices, she hurriedly went forward. “Young Master, Old Madam Gu has fewer and fewer days to wake up. It’s time for her to sleep.”

Qiao Xi instinctively frowned. What did she mean by fewer and fewer days to wake up?

Gu Zheng left with Qiao Xi with a cold face. It could be seen that he was not in a good mood, so Qiao Xi did not look for trouble. After the servant put Old Madam Gu to bed, she deliberately took a few steps over to explain to Qiao Xi, “Young Madam, don’t take it to heart. Old Madam is sick, so she can only see people for a short period of time every day.”

Qiao Xi naturally did not take offense. If she only met the old madam for a short while, there wouldn’t be much risk of her having to actually marry Gu Zheng. She glanced in the direction of the door. Although her next question might not be too polite, she still asked it. “How long has Grandma’s situation been going on for?”

The servant was stunned as if she did not expect Qiao Xi to ask such a question, but she still answered, “More than 30 years ago.”

Qiao Xi nodded. That explained things. According to her observation, Old Madam Gu doted on Gu Zheng a lot. With Madam Gu’s status in the Gu family, she would never let Gu Zheng be abused by his biological mother. It was just that her lethargy had caused her to not have the energy to take care of Gu Zheng.

“Young Madam, you don’t have to worry. The old madam has been enduring for such a long time. Now that she knows that Young Master and you are living a happy life, the heavy stone in her heart has been lifted. Her mood and illness will also improve significantly. I heard that Young Master has been looking for a divine physician. If you can find them, the old madam might be able to recover from her illness... However, I heard that the physician has gone missing for a few years. Someone even said that they’re dead... Sigh.”

Qiao Xi abruptly raised her head. Divine physician?

If it was the person she was thinking of, she might be able to help!

On the way back, Qiao Xi had been thinking about this matter. However, she had not contacted the old man for a long time. Two years ago, after he sent her to Li City, there was no more news of him.

Qiao Xi lowered her head to look at the gun in her hands. Actually, she did not think she was a warm-hearted person. She had also gotten used to seeing people die, so some of her emotional fluctuations had gradually calmed down. However, why did she want to look for the old fellow to treat Old Madam Gu even though she had only seen her for a while?

Was it because of... Gu Zheng?

She thought of Gu Zheng's reluctant look before he left and her heart tightened. For some reason, she did not want to see this man frown. She attributed all of this to her being too immersed in the act. It was Gu Zheng who asked her to act like a loving couple with him. Normal wives would definitely be worried when they saw their husbands' worried faces, right?

However, she knew that this was all an act. She did not need to take it seriously, nor did she need to spend so much effort to find this old fellow just for the sake of pretending to be husband and wife with Gu Zheng.

Qiao Xi kept finding excuses for herself. Suddenly, she heard footsteps outside the door. They were talking about Shen Ying.

"Miss Shen and Young Master are childhood sweethearts. I thought that Miss Shen would definitely be the mistress of the Gu family."

"Sigh, it's all because of the latecomer. If it weren't for Young Madam, Young Master would definitely have been touched by Miss Shen. Which man can reject a woman who loves him so wholeheartedly?"

Qiao Xi inexplicably felt slightly uncomfortable when she heard this.

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In Shen Ying's room.

Madam Gu's face was gloomy. Although Shen Ying was not her child, she had watched her grow up. Now that she saw Shen Ying being bullied by Qiao Xi, how could she stand it?

Chapter 145: Why Should I Apologize?

There was a drip attached to the back of Shen Ying's hand. She opened her eyes weakly. "It's okay, I'm fine."

Madam Wang was Madam Gu's sister-in-law, while Shen Ying was the niece of Madam Wang's husband. Shen Ying and Gu Zheng grew up together and were childhood sweethearts. Both families wanted their children to be closer when they grew up.

Madam Wang, who had no children, treated Shen Ying as her own and doted on her. Even Madam Gu doted on Shen Ying a lot. When they saw Shen Ying forcing herself to comfort them, their hearts felt like they were being stabbed by a knife.

Shen Ying bit her lip, tears streaming down her face. "Aunt, Madam Gu, I understand my body. It has nothing to do with Miss Qiao. My heart just aches for Brother Gu Zheng..."

After a pause, she seemed to have gathered her courage and said softly, "Brother Gu Zheng is such an outstanding person, but his wife is so rude and arrogant. I don't know how much trouble she'll bring to Brother Gu Zheng in the future. He's already tired from work yet has to handle things for her as well... Just the thought of it makes my heart ache..."

Madam Gu was hit where it hurt. Anger surged in her eyes. "You're right. Qiao Xi is just a country bumpkin who only knows how to cause trouble. How can she be worthy of our Gu Zheng?!"

Shen Ying coughed a few times and said weakly, "Madam Gu, I only hope that Brother Gu Zheng can be happy. No matter how Miss Qiao targets me, I won't mind."

Madam Wang cried out in heartache. "My silly child, why are you so silly?!"

Madam Gu abruptly stood up from her chair and sneered. "The matter of Qiao Xi bullying you can't be settled just like that. I'll get Qiao Xi to apologize to you right now!"

Looking at Madam Gu's angry back view, Shen Ying sighed. "Aunt, you know that I don't want to go against Miss Qiao. With the state of my body, what right do I have to compete with her?"

Madam Wang patted her back in heartache. "How are you unqualified? You're most qualified!"

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On the other side, Madam Gu ordered the servants to kick open Qiao Xi's door.

At this moment, Qiao Xi had just finished talking to her third brother on the phone. She had asked him if he knew where the old fellow was. She also wanted to study the silver needles that her teacher had given her. She had just put away the silver needles when the door was suddenly kicked open. She raised her head and met Madam Gu's angry eyes.

"Qiao Xi, you still have the mood to sit here? Shen Ying's heart is not well, and you almost caused her to die, do you know that? Or did you deliberately anger her because you know about her health? You vicious little s!t!"

Madam Gu's heart really ached for Shen Ying, but she was mostly angry at Gu Zheng for being disobedient and embarrassing her in front of so many people. This was the reason why she was so angry.

Now that Gu Zheng had grown up, she could not torture him like she did when he was young. She could only vent all her anger on Qiao Xi, who seemed to be easy to bully.

"Go and apologize to Shen Ying now. Otherwise, don't blame our Gu family for not recognizing you as our daughter-in-law for harming others unreasonably!"

Qiao Xi's tone was indifferent. "I didn't do anything wrong. Why should I apologize?"

Madam Gu shouted angrily, "You angered her to the point of fainting. Don't you need to apologize? Is this how the Qiao family educated you?"

Qiao Xi slowly explained, "Madam Gu, if you're not stupid, you should know that the person who made Shen Ying faint was Gu Zheng. It has nothing to do with me. If you want to apologize, it should be Gu Zheng who apologizes... But judging from your attitude, you probably don't dare to look for trouble with Gu Zheng, so you came to me, right?"

Madam Gu's expression froze for a moment, then she began to cry. "What sins have I committed?! I finally waited for the day Gu Zheng got married, but he ended up marrying such a woman. She doesn't dare to admit to her mistakes and even pushes all the responsibility to Gu Zheng. She brought her bad habits from the countryside to our Gu family. How are you worthy of staying in the Gu family? You're really dirtying the Gu family's reputation!"

“The countryside? We won’t cry and kick up a fuss in the countryside like you do. We find it embarrassing. Of course, more importantly, the countryside is a reasonable place. We’re not like you, who convict someone with just a few words.”

Qiao Xi spoke casually, but Madam Gu was furious. She ordered the servants, “Go, get this little s*it. If she doesn’t want to apologize, then force her to apologize!”

Qiao Xi took a few steps back and dodged the servants who were rushing up to her. She said with a mocking expression, “So you want to use force to suppress me, Madam Gu? Is this how the high society works?”

“You!” Madam Gu was flustered and exasperated. She shouted at the servants, “Useless things, can’t you handle a woman with so many of you?!”

Chapter 146: Let’s Not Pretend To Be Innocent, Alright?

The servants instantly pounced over. They grabbed Qiao Xi’s wrist and left red marks on it.

Seeing that Qiao Xi was being subdued, Madam Gu could not help but be delighted. “Drag her to Shen Ying’s room for me and get her to apologize!”

Even though she was overwhelmed, Qiao Xi’s body remained straight. She glanced indifferently at Madam Gu. When no one noticed, a silver needle as thin as a strand of hair gently penetrated Madam Gu’s wrist.

Madam Gu felt that her wrist was a little itchy, but she did not mind it too much. She glanced at the people in the room smugly. “Whoever dares to tell Gu Zheng what happened today will die.”

Qiao Xi sneered and was escorted to Shen Ying’s room by a servant.

It was really a bargain for her to be able to use the concealed weapon her teacher had given her for the first time.

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In Shen Ying’s room.

When Madam Wang saw Qiao Xi arrive, she sneered. “And here I was thinking how stubborn you were. Didn’t you still obediently come over to apologize in the end?”

Qiao Xi smiled as she looked at her and nodded. “Yes, I’m here.”

How could she drug them if she did not come?

Madam Wang felt that something was wrong. She touched her wrist and it seemed to hurt a little. She suspected that Qiao Xi was up to something, but seeing that Qiao Xi was a meter away from her, she felt that she was being paranoid.

Shen Ying heard the commotion outside and asked weakly, “Aunt, what’s going on?”

Madam Wang smiled proudly and said, “Qiao Xi has come to apologize to you.”

“Huh?” Shen Ying was surprised. “Why is Miss Qiao here? Didn’t I say that she doesn’t need to apologize?”

Qiao Xi: “...”

‘Gu Zheng isn’t here, so let’s not pretend to be innocent, alright?’

Madam Wang pushed Qiao Xi to Shen Ying and told Shen Ying to do as she pleased before leaving the room.

Shen Ying changed her gentle demeanor. “Miss Qiao, I really didn’t expect you to come and apologize to me. I thought that because you have someone backing you, you wouldn’t lower your head to anyone.”

Qiao Xi leaned leisurely on the chair. “What? You’re not going to pretend to be innocent anymore?”

Shen Ying’s eyes were filled with unwillingness. “Look at your behavior! You don’t even have a proper demeanor. No wonder you grew up in the countryside. You don’t have any manners at all. Brother Gu Zheng’s wife has to be an elegant eldest daughter of an aristocratic family like me. How is a boorish woman like you worthy of standing beside him?!”

She had long investigated Qiao Xi and knew everything about her. “Look, you’re clearly the Qiao family’s eldest daughter, yet you’re not acknowledged by your family. It doesn’t matter if your reputation is good or bad at all. What right does a woman who was abandoned by her family have to snatch Brother Gu Zheng from me?!”

Qiao Xi looked at her for a while.

It had to be said that although Shen Ying was beautiful, jealousy made her look completely different. What kind of magic did Gu Zheng have that made these women go crazy and vicious for him?

Shen Ying gritted her teeth. “Qiao Xi, I’m talking to you. Can’t you hear me?!”

Qiao Xi said indifferently, “Miss Shen, do you know what your current actions represent?”

Shen Ying frowned. “What are you trying to say?”

“From a moral standpoint, you’re the third party who is interfering in someone else’s marriage. I don’t know what Madam Gu told you, nor do I know why Madam Gu is so enthusiastic about sending women to Gu Zheng’s side. First, it was Meng Wan, then it was you... I’m guessing that it’s because Madam Gu is also a mistress, so she likes to find mistresses for her son?”

Shen Ying was so angry that her entire body was trembling. “Qiao Xi! Madam Gu is doing this for my own good! Moreover, so what if the two of you are married? I have the right to pursue true love. If Brother Gu Zheng abandons you and gets together with me, it’s because I have the ability. On that same note, you would be abandoned because you had no ability to keep a man!”

Qiao Xi smiled. Her ears were itchy from listening to these words. It was true that all the mistresses in the world liked to use true love to justify their actions, but could true love exempt everything?

“Qiao Xi, what do you have to compete with me? I’m the only heir of the Shen family. If Brother Gu Zheng marries me, it’s equivalent to marrying the entire Shen family, but what about you? You’re just a

country bumpkin. If Brother Gu Zheng is with you, what else can he get besides being mocked by the outside world?"

Shen Ying's words caused Qiao Xi to completely lose the mood to talk to her. She could not speak to such an unreasonable person.

Her fingers moved slightly, and the silver needle pierced into Shen Ying's body in an invisible area. Qiao Xi put away the silver needles and intended to leave. The reason she came here was to take revenge. These people were all treating her as a pushover... She was really unhappy about that.

Chapter 147: Love Is Too Scary

Shen Ying had an excited expression. "Qiao Xi, you're not allowed to leave. You haven't given up Mrs. Gu's position yet, so you're not allowed to leave! Do you think you can really get Brother Gu Zheng's heart? Look at you, you've been suppressed by us for so long. Has Brother Gu Zheng come to look for you? He doesn't love you at all!"

Qiao Xi's footsteps paused slightly, but it was only for a second before she took another step forward.

Shen Ying sneered. "Qiao Xi, not only am I asking you to apologize today, but I also want you to get the hell out of the Gu family!"

Suddenly, there was a loud bang behind Qiao Xi.

Qiao Xi subconsciously turned around and saw Shen Ying lying on the floor with blood flowing from her forehead. Her clothes were quickly drenched by the blood, and she stared at Qiao Xi with a pleading gaze. "Miss Qiao, can you let me off... I was wrong. I shouldn't have fought with you for Brother Gu Zheng. I shouldn't have argued with you. You said I was a mistress, so I'm a mistress. Please let me live, okay?"

The servants heard the noise and quickly broke in.

"Miss Shen, are you alright?" The servants helped Shen Ying up in a panic. She was Madam Gu's distinguished guest. If she was injured in the Gu family, wouldn't they be implicated as well?

Madam Wang rushed in as well. "Shen Ying, are you okay?! Qiao Xi, you damned woman! Are you so jealous of Shen Ying that you hurt her? How can there be such a vicious woman like you in the world?!"

Shen Ying's face was covered in blood, and her lips were extremely pale. "Aunt, I'm fine. Don't blame Miss Qiao. It's all my fault. It's all my fault..."

One of the servants, who was afraid of implicating herself, quickly berated, "Miss Qiao, Madam asked you to come over to apologize to Miss Shen, not to hurt her. Now that Miss Shen has been injured because of you, just wait. She'll definitely punish you!"

Qiao Xi looked at the wound on Shen Ying's forehead. Qiao Xi knew that this woman was framing her, but she did not even show any mercy to herself. Her wound was bleeding heavily.

Was it really worth it to torture herself like this for a man?

Before she could continue thinking about it, Madam Wang was already crying. "Capture that b*tch Qiao Xi and bring her to the Gu family for punishment! I want to take revenge for our Shen Ying!"

Qiao Xi saw the proud glow in Shen Ying's eyes, then looked at the furious Madam Wang. She had to say that Shen Ying's actions and the way Madam Wang was standing by her side and unconditionally believing her were truly vexing.

She knew that whether she had hurt Shen Ying today or not, they would try their best to pin the blame on her. Even if she explained that she was not the one who did it, these people would never listen. They only believed what they wanted to believe.

Hence, Qiao Xi simply did not explain herself as she did not want to waste her breath on them.

Most importantly, she did not know why Shen Ying would do such a thing to hurt her own body. Both Qiao Rou and Shen Ying were willing to risk their lives to get the man they liked. They did not hesitate to hurt their bodies to frame others. Could such actions be called love?

If this behavior represented love, then wasn't love too scary?

Qiao Xi was escorted to a dark room by the servants. When Madam Wang saw the wound on Shen Ying's forehead, she was about to faint from heartache. She naturally did not see the proud smile on Shen Ying's face.

In the dark room, Qiao Xi nonchalantly sized up her surroundings. A small dark room naturally could not trap her. In the dark room where she could not even see her own hands, she took out her phone and got past the blocked network signal in the dark room.

She held her phone and hesitated to contact Gu Zheng... Actually, it was fine if she did not look for Gu Zheng since she could get out of here herself. She was thinking about why she would think of Gu Zheng the moment she encountered a problem. This was a very bad habit.

Thinking about this, Qiao Xi tapped open her third brother's profile picture. She processed a few documents that had yet to be done. She needed to work to calm her mind. She must have been too free recently and had been hanging around Gu Zheng, so she would think of him no matter what happened.

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The news that Qiao Xi had pushed Shen Ying to the floor spread throughout the Gu family.

Song Shiyu's breathing trembled. "President Gu, Madam has been locked in the dark room. Madam Gu wants to punish her!"

Gu Zheng abruptly raised his hand to signal for the video conference to stop. He quickly walked out. "Qiao Xi is still in the dark room?"

"Yes, after I received the news, I got someone to bring Madam out of the dark room. President Gu, you..."

"I'll go get her myself."

Gu Zheng did not know what was going on. When he heard that Qiao Xi was locked in the dark room, he felt as if his heart was being squeezed by a large hand and he could not breathe.

Chapter 148: What Is Love

Song Shiyu was stunned. "But your eyes..."

President Gu would go blind in such a dark environment. Needless to say, the dark room was dark...

"It's okay."

Gu Zheng closed his eyes. "She'll be afraid if she's alone there."

Song Shiyu did not try to persuade him anymore. He thought that President Gu had already fallen for Madam and was willing to go to the dark room for Madam's sake.

In the dark room, Qiao Xi was leisurely talking to her third brother while silently counting the time it would take for Shen Ying's poison to take effect. Right at this moment, a ray of light came from the door of the dark room. At the same time, a man's deep voice sounded. "Qiao Xi."

It was Gu Zheng.

Qiao Xi was shocked. Was she hallucinating? She could actually hear Gu Zheng's voice? Didn't he go for a meeting? It was supposed to last for a few hours.

However, a clear voice came from the other end. "Qiao Xi, are you inside?"

After not getting an answer for a long time, the person outside lost his patience and pushed the door open. Qiao Xi was stunned for a long time as she looked at the figure who sneaked into the dark room. She was suddenly a little confused.

If she remembered correctly, Gu Zheng would lose his sight in the dark. Why did he come in, then?

Gu Zheng did not receive Qiao Xi's reply for a long time and frowned. Could it be that she was no longer here? Had she been taken away by Madam Gu to be punished?

Gu Zheng's breathing instantly quickened. "Qiao Xi!"

When she noticed that there was something wrong with his voice, Qiao Xi no longer stared blankly. She stood up and walked toward him. "Don't worry, I'm here..."

Before she could finish, she was suddenly hugged. The man's hot breath was on her neck. Gu Zheng smelled the familiar scent on her body and his rapidly beating heart slowly calmed down.

Feeling that the man's large hands were tightly wrapped around her waist, Qiao Xi wiggled her body as she was unused to this but did not struggle to break free. Helpless, she could only maintain this strange posture and ask, "Why are you here? Did you come here just to get me?"

Gu Zheng originally wanted to say, 'Why are you so stupid to be locked in this dark room by that old woman?' However, when he heard Qiao Xi's words, he very rationally swallowed what he wanted to say.

At this moment, he did not want to say anything else. As long as he had confirmed that she was safe, his heart would calm down. Qiao Xi was a little embarrassed. She could sense that Gu Zheng was worried

about her, but entering the dark room was part of her plan to harm Shen Ying and the others... It was just that she did not expect Gu Zheng to be so worried about her.

For a moment, she did not know what to say. Qiao Xi stuttered, "Aren't you supposed to be in a meeting? Don't tell me that you ran over halfway through the meeting? You don't have to worry. I'll be fine. Madam Gu won't dare to lock me up for too long. It'll only last for a few hours. She'll definitely let me out before you come back."

Gu Zheng was even angrier when he heard her words. "What if my meeting ended very late? Qiao Xi, you're my wife now. If you're in danger, as your legal husband, it's my duty to protect you."

Qiao Xi opened her mouth and wanted to say that it was not like that. They were just a married couple on the surface, so there was no need for them to be as loving as a real married couple. There was no need for them to support each other.

However, the current situation was too special. Qiao Xi felt that if she said anything, it would definitely anger Gu Zheng, so she swallowed these words.

She curled her fingers. For some reason, when she heard Gu Zheng's voice and knew that he had left his meeting to look for her, she felt happy.

Qiao Xi suddenly thought of Shen Ying's method of framing her. "Gu Zheng, for the sake of getting you, Shen Ying didn't hesitate to hurt herself to get me out of the picture. Is this love?"

Gu Zheng scoffed and said, "No."

"Then what is love?"

Gu Zheng slowly closed his eyes and felt the warmth from Qiao Xi's body. His chaotic emotions gradually calmed down. "I don't know what love is either, but Qiao Xi, remember that love isn't something that can be obtained by hurting yourself. If I love you, I'll protect myself better and not let myself be hurt. It's because I know that your heart will ache if I'm hurt.

"At the same time, if you love me, then you have to protect yourself. My heart will ache even more if you're hurt. Trying to hurt yourself to get love is not called love but selfishness."

Gu Zheng stroked Qiao Xi's hair and said in a low voice, "Qiao Xi, Shen Ying's actions are not because she loves me. And I don't love her either."

Qiao Xi's heart trembled.

Chapter 149: Seeking Justice

The environment she grew up in was different. She did not know what love was. She was a little confused when she saw Qiao Rou distorting the truth in order to get Gu Moling. Then, she saw Meng Wan destroying the banquet to frame her. This time, Shen Ying did not hesitate to hurt herself to get Gu Zheng. Hence, she was confused by all this.

If love was obtained by hurting oneself, she would rather never have love. However, Gu Zheng told her that this was not the case. When one truly loved someone, they had to protect themselves.

Gu Zheng could not see his surroundings and could only sense Qiao Xi's body temperature. "So in the future, you must protect yourself and not be injured."

Qiao Xi instinctively said, "No one can hurt me. I'm super powerful."

The dark room was silent for a while. Gu Zheng chuckled and tightened his grip on Qiao Xi's waist. "Right, you're the most powerful."

With that, Gu Zheng's hand on her waist slid down to hold her hand. "It's getting late. I'll bring you out."

Qiao Xi reckoned that the poison in Shen Ying's body was about to take effect, so she nodded and left with Gu Zheng. The group of people outside the dark room were silent like cicadas in the winter. They did not dare to stop Gu Zheng from personally coming to get Qiao Xi.

Although Madam Gu had said that she would lock Qiao Xi up for a day, Gu Zheng was the head of the Gu family and their true master. Between Gu Zheng and Madam Gu, they naturally had to listen to Gu Zheng.

Gu Zheng lowered his head to look at her. "Are you going to look for Shen Ying with me, or are you going back to rest first? I can go alone."

Qiao Xi raised her head to look at him.

"I'm going to seek justice for you."

Song Shiyu was standing at the side with a pile of documents. After hearing Gu Zheng's words, he said, "President Gu, I've already gathered the evidence you wanted."

Gu Zheng sneered. "Then let's go."

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Shen Ying's head was wrapped in a thick layer of bandages, and one could vaguely see the blood seeping through. Her forehead received a heavy blow, and the wound caused her to cry. Madam Gu frowned. "The doctor said that you have to take good care of the wound on your forehead. You'll recover if you take good care of it."

What she meant was that the wound on her forehead might leave a scar! When Madam Wang and Shen Ying heard the news, their expressions changed instantly. Shen Ying widened her eyes in disbelief.

What? Why would she be disfigured? She just wanted to teach Qiao Xi a lesson, but she never thought that she would be disfigured!

Shen Ying was so angry that her entire body was trembling. Qiao Xi, that b*tch! If Qiao Xi did not snatch Brother Gu Zheng away, she would not have deliberately hurt herself! It was all Qiao Xi's fault!

Madam Wang cried out in sorrow, "Qiao Xi! Damn that Qiao Xi! She's forcing Shen Ying to her death! Which girl doesn't want to be beautiful? Qiao Xi actually wanted to ruin Shen Ying's face because she's jealous of Shen Ying. How can there be such a vicious woman?!"

Shen Ying quickly composed herself. Now that she was already disfigured, she had to make Qiao Xi pay the price. She could not take this lying down!

“Aunt, I’m fine. I don’t care if I’m disfigured or not. It’s good enough that I’m still alive. It’s really good...”

When Madam Gu saw that Shen Ying was so sensible and was much better than that arrogant woman, Qiao Xi, she was aggrieved. “Shen Ying, don’t worry. I’ll definitely give you an explanation for this matter. Qiao Xi deliberately caused you to be disfigured. I’ll definitely make her pay you back a hundred or a thousand times more!”

Madam Wang’s eyes shifted as she hurriedly wiped her tears and advised, “Madam Gu, please don’t be like this. Gu Zheng is so protective of Qiao Xi. If he finds out that you’re deliberately targeting Qiao Xi for Shen Ying, he’ll definitely be very angry...”

After a pause, she sighed. “Of course, I’m not saying that we’re afraid of Gu Zheng. It’s just that Gu Zheng is no longer the Gu Zheng from back then. We can’t afford to offend him.”

Madam Gu narrowed her eyes as her anger skyrocketed. Now, even outsiders knew that she could not control Gu Zheng! How could the headstrong Madam Gu accept this?

Ever since Gu Zheng married Qiao Xi, Gu Zheng no longer took her seriously. The two of them had just gotten married. After a period of time and with Qiao Xi’s continuous urging, would Madam Gu still have a place in the family?

She had to teach Qiao Xi a lesson and let her know who in the Gu family called the shots!

At the thought of this, she suddenly slammed the table. “Don’t worry, I’ll definitely not let Qiao Xi off this time! Shen Ying, since you’ve woken up, we’ll go to the dark room and punish that b*tch, Qiao Xi!”

Shen Ying could not help but feel proud of herself, but she still pretended to gently persuade Madam Gu. “Madam Gu, although Miss Qiao pushed me, she definitely didn’t do it on purpose. Let’s not take such harsh actions...”

Chapter 150: What Was Wrong With Her?

“Don’t say anything anymore. You’re pure and kind-hearted. I can’t tell that Qiao Xi has wild ambitions. You’ve already been disfigured by her, yet you’re still trying to speak up for her. You...”

With that, Madam Gu was about to call a servant over to help Shen Ying get up when the door was kicked open from the outside with a bang. Song Shiyu retracted his leg elegantly and smiled at the shocked crowd before standing behind Gu Zheng.

Gu Zheng stood outside the door and said in a voice that sounded as though he was a demon from hell, “Madam Gu, who do you want to punish?”

His eyes were cold and merciless, like a venomous snake. Madam Gu broke out in a cold sweat.

“Gu... Gu Zheng...”

Madam Gu was shocked for a moment before realizing that the guilty party was Qiao Xi. What was she afraid of?!

Thus, she gnashed her teeth as she looked at Qiao Xi who was behind Gu Zheng. “Gu Zheng, Qiao Xi disfigured Shen Ying. You can’t protect such a vicious person anymore!”

Gu Zheng's gaze landed on Shen Ying indifferently as he chuckled. "Disfigured?"

Shen Ying thought that Gu Zheng was concerned about her, and tears welled up in her eyes. "Brother Gu Zheng, don't blame Miss Qiao. It's my fault. I shouldn't have resisted Miss Qiao. I should've obediently let her—"

Her words were interrupted by a cold laugh from Gu Zheng.

In just a few words, Shen Ying seemed to have told him that Qiao Xi had beaten her up for no reason. Shen Ying wanted to resist, but Qiao Xi beat her even more cruelly.

Shen Ying had fully displayed the art of speaking.

Madam Gu was flustered and exasperated. "Gu Zheng, Shen Ying is already disfigured. Why aren't you comforting her?! Are you going to protect that woman? What kind of drug did Qiao Xi, that vixen, give you that you're protecting her so much that you don't even care about your relationship with Shen Ying? You've known each other for the past 20 years!"

Madam Wang wiped her tears. "Forget it. Our Shen Ying just isn't blessed enough. All these years, Shen Ying has been thinking about Gu Zheng. She thought that she could be with Gu Zheng, but Miss Qiao interfered... Boo-hoo, it's Shen Ying's fault. She shouldn't have liked Gu Zheng, nor should she have a deep affection for him."

Shen Ying bit her lip. "Yes, it's my fault. I should have hidden my love for Brother Gu Zheng deep in my heart. I shouldn't have confessed to Brother Gu Zheng on an impulse and make Miss Qiao Xi overthink things—"

Gu Zheng interrupted her coldly. "Make Qiao Xi overthink things? So what did you tell Qiao Xi?"

Shen Ying paused for a moment. Could it be that Gu Zheng also felt that Qiao Xi is not worthy of him? Was Brother Gu Zheng also disappointed in Qiao Xi now?

At the thought of this, she sobbed softly. "Miss Qiao warned me to stay away from you, Brother Gu Zheng, but you and I are childhood sweethearts. Our friendship can't be severed just like that. I only told the truth, but Miss Qiao suddenly got angry. She said that I'm as shameless as a mistress who is interfering in someone else's marriage. Brother Gu Zheng, I don't understand why Miss Qiao is targeting me like this. Although I think she's wrong, I'm too stupid to retort—"

"She's wrong? What's wrong with what she said?" Gu Zheng sneered.

Shen Ying's expression froze.

Gu Zheng looked at her coldly. "Miss Shen, you said that you've liked me for many years and that we're childhood sweethearts?"

Shen Ying stammered, "Y-Yes."

"Why don't I know about you and me being childhood sweethearts?" Gu Zheng's tone was neither fast nor slow. "You said that you've liked me for many years, so why haven't you confessed before? Why did you have to say this in front of my wife after I got married... What's your intention behind doing this? Is it wrong for Qiao Xi to say that you're like a mistress?"

Shen Ying widened her eyes in disbelief.

“Miss Shen, you and I weren’t childhood sweethearts. You deliberately lied to drive a wedge between me and my wife. I know my wife’s character very well. If she really did warn you to stay away from me, then I’ll be very happy. It means that she knows how to cherish me and protect me.

“It’s a pity that my wife isn’t like that. If no one bullied her, she wouldn’t even know how to retort. It’s also because of her kindness that you guys are bullying her time and again. If she really did hit you today, I’ll set off firecrackers at the Gu family’s door to celebrate.”

The room was silent for a few seconds. Gu Zheng’s words were too shocking.

After an unknown period of time, Shen Ying’s tears and sobbing broke the silence. She cried noisily. “I-I’m sorry, Brother Gu Zheng. I didn’t know that I would cause you so much trouble. Boo-hoo... I just love you too much. I couldn’t control myself. It’s my fault. I shouldn’t be here. I shouldn’t have been in Miss Qiao’s way... I did something wrong, so I should be punished by Miss Qiao...”

Seeing Shen Ying cry so miserably, Madam Wang could not help but cry as well.