

## Lady Gu 181

### Chapter 181: Mother And Daughter Are Exactly The Same

All these years, the veterans of the company had always been very dissatisfied with Xu Mei because she was the third party.

That's right, Qiao Corporation belonged to Qiao Xi's mother back then.

However, that woman had been dead for so many years. The company should belong to him and Xu Mei now!

He and Qiao Xi's mother were husband and wife previously. After she died, she should have left the money and company to him. Moreover, he was with Xu Mei because he had long hated Qiao Xi's mother.

Qiao Xi originally owned some of these shares. However, with her stubborn character, even if he gave them to her, he would still lose the shares somehow.

Why were these senior figures of the company resisting him?

Qiao Zhenguo was burning with anger. Why would that Gu Corporation care about the Qiao family's matters?

"Stop arguing! Who exactly has the final say in Qiao Corporation? Rou Rou is the heir! What right do you have to chase her away?"

"Qiao Xi must have played some tricks to get the Gu Corporation to pressurize us. As long as Rou Rou and Mo Ling are married, the Gu family won't say anything. Let me put this out today—Qiao Corporation won't be given to Qiao Xi!"

Xu Mei and Qiao Rou looked at each other, smiling in satisfaction.

The veterans were helpless.

After the death of Qiao Rou's mother, the company was completely under Qiao Zhenguo and Xu Mei's control. Business was also deteriorating by the day.

Qiao Zhenguo was determined to keep Qiao Rou. Even if he had to lose the entire company, he would not chase the daughter of the mistress away. They could only get up and leave.

At this moment—

"How lively! I happen to want to talk business with you, President Qiao."

Everyone looked up.

Lu Yan was wearing a suit and looked gentle.

Qiao Zhenguo's eyes instantly lit up when he saw him. "Mr. Lu!"

When everyone heard that he was Mr. Lu, their hearts jumped.

Precious elements were rare resources that countries fought for, but such resources were only in the hands of Lu Yan and another mysterious person.

They did not know the identity of that mysterious person, so when they needed such precious elements, they could only look for Lu Yan.

Now, Lu Yan actually wanted to discuss business with the Qiao family?

Qiao Rou stared at him, deeply attracted to him...

Qiao Zhenguo and Xu Mei could tell what Qiao Rou was thinking. They hurriedly pulled Qiao Rou along to greet Lu Yan.

"Mr. Lu, let me introduce you to my daughter, Qiao Rou. She's the heir of Qiao Corporation. Will you let her talk to you about the upcoming collaboration?"

The veterans gasped. President Qiao must be crazy to pass such an important customer to Qiao Rou.

Qiao Rou pretended to be shy and went in front of Lu Yan. "Mr. Lu..."

Lu Yan quietly pulled away and smiled gently. "Qiao Corporation's heir is Qiao Rou? I'll take my leave, then."

The smile on Qiao Rou's face froze when she heard Lu Yan's words.

"I didn't hesitate to go against Gu Corporation in order to negotiate a collaboration with the Qiao family because of Qiao Xi. I think everyone knows that I've always hated mistresses and illegitimate children.

"Qiao Rou has always been going against Qiao Xi... I like Qiao Xi very much and plan to pursue her. Everyone and everything that makes Qiao Xi unhappy has to disappear. If Qiao Corporation belongs to Qiao Rou, then the Lu family won't do business with the Qiao family."

With that, Lu Yan turned around with a cold expression.

Suddenly, he stopped in her tracks. "Miss Qiao Rou."

Qiao Rou immediately looked up with tears in her eyes, looking aggrieved.

Lu Yan's voice was slightly cold. "I heard that you and Gu Moling are already engaged. Please take note of your limits. Don't stick close to a man when you see him. You're just like your mother, Xu Mei. I really hate women like you!"

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Qiao Rou's body went soft as her face turned pale.

He... He was actually belittling her!

"Rou Rou! Rou Rou!" Xu Mei's expression changed drastically. She shouted in horror, "Zhenguo, Rou Rou has fainted!"

Qiao Zhenguo was thinking about what to do when he was shocked by Xu Mei's voice. He realized that Qiao Rou had fainted and shouted, "Hurry up and call an ambulance!"

Xu Mei gnashed her teeth with hatred. It was all Qiao Xi's fault! She must make Qiao Xi pay the price!

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On the other side, Qiao Xi had already received news from Qin An. [Most of the information regarding the Lu family can't be found, but I found out what happened 20 years ago. I think you'll be interested.

[Lu Yan is not the biological son of the Lu family but a child who was thrown into the Lu family 20 years ago. Gu Zheng was born on the same day as him.]

Qiao Xi's expression was strange.

Qin An: [After that, the Lu family adopted Lu Yan. Rumor has it that Lu Yan is Lu Qingyun's biological son. Previously, Miss Lu did not have a miscarriage but gave birth to this child. She just hid him.]

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to look at Gu Zheng.

Could it be that Lu Yan was the biological son of Chairman Gu and Lu Qingyun?

### **Chapter 182: Don't Be Afraid, I'm Here**

Gu Zheng needed to go to the company. Qiao Xi got out of the car halfway and went to Black Tide's base to look up some information.

The base was in the suburbs where there were few people around. There were no surveillance cameras around, which was enough to fool people.

After getting out of the car, she turned into an alley. After she left, a few people suddenly appeared behind her.

"B\*tch! It's her!"

"Even Rou Rou fainted from anger. Let's teach her a lesson and take revenge for Rou Rou!"

Qiao Xi was just about to turn when she was suddenly bumped by someone. She supported herself against the wall and stood still, but the ring on her finger slipped off.

Then, a slap rained down.

Qiao Xi's figure flashed to avoid it, and her gaze was slightly cold.

This was a dead end. There was nowhere to run, and the five of them attacked from the front and back.

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to sweep across everyone with her gaze, then she indifferently lowered her head to pick up the ring.

"B\*tch! You're the one who harmed Rou Rou! You deserve to die!"

"Let's attack her together and kill her. There are no surveillance cameras here. Even if they find us, there's no evidence!"

Qiao Xi was about to pick up the ring when someone picked up a brick and attacked her. However, the target was not her but the ring.

It was the ring Gu Zheng gave her!

The ring was covered by the debris of the brick, and they once again attacked Qiao Xi with swinging rods.

Qiao Xi's eyes turned cold as she reached out to grab the rod and pulled it forcefully.

"Ah!

Crack!

The person holding the stick grabbed his wrist and screamed in pain.

"Damn! She still dares to fight back?! Let's attack together!"

Qiao Xi's eyes narrowed. Besides the rods, they also had two sabers in their hands that glinted coldly in the night.

One of the boys looked young. His eyes were fierce as he played with the knife in his hand. "No wonder Lu Yan likes you. You indeed have the ability to seduce men. However, you made Rou Rou faint from anger, so you have to pay the price!"

Only then did Qiao Xi know why Lu Yan and the Qiao family canceled their collaboration. She also found out that Qiao Rou had fainted. That was why they came to take revenge on her.

She silently pressed the button on her bag to record everything that was happening.

A young lady shouted excitedly, "It's too easy for her to die just like this. We should think of how to torture her. Why don't we take off all her clothes and take a few photos? Then, we can slowly torture her to death."

Qiao Xi's expression was composed. "Murder is against the law."

They instantly roared with laughter when they heard Qiao Xi's words.

"You're too funny. So what if it's against the law? If you make Rou Rou unhappy, we'll kill you. You can't escape today!"

Qiao Rou was vicious and merciless. This time, she was even using minors to kill people. She was simply crazy.

They laughed maniacally. "Before you die, I'll destroy your face and body. Who asked you to snatch Rou Rou's man and shares?!"

"Isn't it a pity to just kill her? She looks pretty to me. Why don't we have a good time together first?"

Qiao Xi endured the feeling of vomiting, and her eyes were icy cold.

These people had gone mad!

She thought that Qiao Rou was only good at pretending, but she did not expect her to come up with such a sinister plan.

Since Qiao Rou was looking for trouble, she could not blame her for being heartless.

At this moment, an older girl shouted fiercely, "Rou Rou said that no matter if it's Qiao Corporation or outstanding men, they all belong to her. If you snatch them from her, only death awaits you!"

She took out a dagger from her waist and stabbed it toward Qiao Xi.

"Ah!

A scream sounded as the girl screamed in pain.

A tall man kicked her in the stomach, and the girl fell heavily. The knife in her hand fell to the floor with a bang, making her face twist in pain.

Gu Zheng's footsteps were heavy, and he looked dignified. His deep eyes were filled with coldness as he scrutinized the five people.

A boy gritted his teeth and said, "He came alone. We can deal with him, so there's no need to be afraid of him. After we kill this man, we'll take Qiao Xi away and slowly torture her. Even if we're captured in the end, Rou Rou will save us."

As soon as he finished speaking, the boy unscrewed a bottle with a skull drawn on it. Qiao Xi immediately knew what it was.

Gu Zheng's gaze was icy cold as he quickly rushed forward. He grabbed Qiao Xi's waist before turning around to deliver a heavy blow to the boy.

The corrosive liquid spilled onto the floor with a sizzling sound.

The boy's face was splashed with the liquid. He cried loudly and kept cursing.

Qiao Xi bent down to pick up the ring, but Gu Zheng grabbed her waist tightly.

"Gu Zheng..."

"Yeah..."

Gu Zheng's eyes lowered as the two of them looked at each other, causing Qiao Xi's heart to ache. She revealed an aggrieved expression. "Gu Zheng, it was fortunate that you came. Otherwise, I would have been killed by them!"

Unexpectedly, Gu Zheng did not snort like usual. Instead, he hugged her waist tightly and said in a low voice, "Don't be afraid, I'm here."

Chapter 183: Giving Her Life For The Ring

When Gu Zheng hugged her, he was extremely glad that Mrs. Gu was not really weak. Otherwise, facing the attacks of these five people, she might not have been able to wait for him.

If he were a moment later, she would really be injured and her face would be disfigured. What should she do then?

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A terrifying chill spread out from Gu Zheng's body. He narrowed his eyes and coldly looked at the group.

"Qiao Rou incited you to come."

These words sounded very calm, but everyone was trembling in fear. The man in front of them was like a demon from hell.

Then, a group of bodyguards in black rushed out and quickly held the five people down.

Gu Zheng put his arm around Qiao Xi and said indifferently, "Song Shiyu, get rid of them."

Song Shiyu had already called the police. The five of them were caught, but they were not afraid.

This was because they thought that Rou Rou would not ignore them. She would definitely use money to free them.

Qiao Xi quickly picked up the ring and wiped the dust off it. "It's dirty now..."

Gu Zheng held her hand. "Actually, you're capable of dealing with them, right?"

Qiao Xi choked. "I guess."

Gu Zheng calmed his emotions, and his breathing gradually returned to normal.

These people were indeed not a match for Qiao Xi, but their methods were too vicious. It was difficult to guarantee that Qiao Xi would not be injured.

Gu Zheng kept his eyes fixed on the item in her hand. "For the ring?"

Qiao Xi was stunned and felt slightly guilty.

Gu Zheng reached out to take the ring. Looking at the dust-covered ring, the corners of his lips curled up. "You cherish my gift so much that you're unwilling to throw it away even though you'd get hurt?"

Qiao Xi's pupils were constricted.

When she saw the ring land on the floor, she felt like her heart was missing a piece.

Although her senior had already given her many gifts, the ring was the first gift Gu Zheng gave her.

This group of people almost destroyed it!

She concealed her thoughts and cleared her throat. "Don't think too much. I just think this ring is very expensive and my heart aches for it."

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and touched the ring. He said casually, "Then you should know what brand this ring is from?"

Qiao Xi was speechless. What did Gu Zheng mean by this? Why did he suddenly ask about the brand of the ring?

She never wore rings, so she did not know much about these things.

Gu Zheng said slowly, "You don't know?"

She looked confused. Then, she heard the man chuckle. "You don't even know what brand it is, yet you said it's expensive? You were even willing to risk your life for the ring?"

Qiao Xi's heart was instantly in a mess as she muttered softly, "I don't know what brand this is, but I think the things you give me are definitely not cheap."

Gu Zheng smiled.

His gaze was burning as he stared at her.

After a moment of silence, the man raised his hand and stroked her slightly cold cheek. His voice was gentle but filled with strength. "Qiao Xi, you really like me, don't you?"

Qiao Xi instantly gaped while her entire body trembled.

At this moment, Qin An walked over. Without even thinking, Qiao Xi rushed toward him.

Gu Zheng's expression was calm as the corners of his mouth curled up slightly.

Mrs. Gu was embarrassed!

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The five people who were arrested did not admit to their crimes, but with Qiao Xi's video as evidence, they could not defend themselves.

The news that the five hooligans were out to take revenge for the female celebrity and almost killed someone spread like wildfire on the internet. A lot of netizens were discussing it.

The netizens did not know who the mastermind was, but the news was shocking.

[I heard that those five hooligans are still minors. They think that even if they kill someone, they don't have to take responsibility. If someone hadn't saved her, that woman would've been killed by them!]

[This world is too crazy. Fans who chase after idols are really scary. I heard that woman isn't from the entertainment circle.]

Everyone expressed their thoughts. At this moment, someone sent a crucial message.

[Although the photo is a little blurry, it looks a little like Qiao Xi. Moreover, Qiao Xi is not from the entertainment circle. Which female celebrity has a grudge against her?]

A moment later, the comment disappeared without a trace. Other comments that revealed the identity of the person in the photo were all deleted.

In the Qiao family's house.

Swoosh!

The glass cup slammed onto the floor. Qiao Rou roared at the top of her voice, "That b\*tch is so lucky! The five of them attacked her but failed to kill her. She even caused a scene."

Xu Mei was flustered. "Rou Rou, what should we do?"

Qiao Rou forced herself to calm down and gritted her teeth. "Save them."

Xu Mei's expression was unsightly. "I sent someone over a long time ago but they almost killed someone, so it won't be easy to release them. Moreover, Qiao Xi has a strong backer, so the police won't dare let this matter go easily."

What?

Qiao Rou's heart skipped a beat!

Those people were all her brainless fans. Whenever she encountered trouble, she would get them to help her solve it. Even if they were caught, they would soon be released. It had never been a big deal.

Chapter 184: It's Terrifying To Be Uneducated

Qiao Rou's eyes were vicious. "They're all alive?"

Xu Mei nodded. "Some were splashed with sulfuric acid, while others had their arms dislocated. In short, they're all lightly injured and are not in life-threatening situations."

"Why didn't she die? How troublesome!" Qiao Rou gritted her teeth. "It's good that they were injured. At least, they'll have something against her. Just say that Qiao Xi harmed a few minors. Their parents will definitely look for trouble..."

"Go add fuel to the fire and chat with those parents. Tell them that their children wouldn't have attacked Qiao Xi for no reason but Qiao Xi hurt them and even caused them to be injured. We must have Qiao Xi bear the responsibility!"

Qiao Rou exhaled. "Don't expose my identity. If anything happens, I'll be sure to nip it in the bud. I'll ruin Qiao Xi's reputation and wait for the netizens to attack Qiao Xi."

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Although Qiao Xi was not injured, Qin An still dragged her to the hospital. He even checked her body to confirm that she had no internal injuries.

Gu Zheng was waiting outside.

After the check-up, it was already dark.

Song Shiyu said, "President, the Qiao family did try to save the group of hooligans, but they didn't succeed. I found out that these people have done a lot of wicked things for Qiao Rou. They were always

released not long after they were arrested, and no one knows that Qiao Rou is the one giving them the orders. I think the rest of their lives are doomed!”

Gu Zheng was not concerned about this. He played with the gun in his hand. “It’s already an act of kindness for me to not have them disappear from this world.”

Song Shiyu was shocked.

The president was too scary.

If those people fell into the president’s hands, the president would definitely make them wish they were dead.

Song Shiyu looked terrified. He was about to persuade him when he heard—

“We won’t go to jail! We’re minors!”

“Qiao Xi wasn’t injured, so why should we be punished? Moreover, we’re eliminating evil for the people!”

Gu Zheng felt chills all over his body.

Song Shiyu wanted to cover their mouths. If they did not stop talking, they would die!

Gu Zheng’s eyes were cold as he strode toward where the voices came from.

“Gu Zheng.”

Qiao Xi walked out of the ward and held Gu Zheng’s arm. “Let’s make a visit.”

Qiao Rou used some hooligans to deal with her and now she wanted to get rid of the traces? Dream on!

In front of Gu Zheng, she pressed the video button and blinked. “Gu Zheng, I’m not a woman who can be bullied.”

She was just pretending to be weak. Of course, she would not let others bully her.

She had never been weak!

At this moment, the boy in the ward had a bandage on his head while the girl had applied medicine to her stomach. The two of them were lying on the beds and looked very miserable.

As soon as they saw Qiao Xi, they instantly roared madly.

“B\*tch! I’ll kill you!”

“You caused me to be disfigured. If I get out of here, I’ll definitely kill you. You’re doomed! B\*tch!”

Qiao Xi clicked her tongue.

These children were really crazy.

Some children were children, while others were demons.

Qiao Xi sat down and smiled indifferently. “I’m afraid all of you don’t have the ability.”

The atmosphere was silent for a moment before it turned noisy.

The girl screamed, "Ah! Go to hell! You even hit me. You're abusing minors! I'm going to sue you!"

At this moment, the girl's mother rushed in and shouted, "My daughter's stomach is seriously injured. She can't get pregnant in the future. There's even a scar on her face. Her life is ruined! You have to take responsibility!"

Qiao Xi must have done something wrong for the children to team up against her.

Now that the children were all injured, Qiao Xi had to take responsibility for all of this.

As long as the children insisted that they had not hurt Qiao Xi and that Qiao Xi attacked them, they would be fine. On the other hand, Qiao Xi would be punished.

Qiao Xi swept the crowd with her gaze, then sneered. "All of you are very angry that I'm unharmed, right? You should have just rushed up to me and slashed me back then. If I had died, all of you would be successful in taking revenge for Qiao Rou... But I'm living well now while all of you are lying on hospital beds."

They gritted their teeth in anger.

Qiao Xi said casually, "You should be able to tell that I don't lack money, and it isn't difficult for me to compensate for your medical fees."

The children's parents looked greedy.

Qiao Xi changed the topic. "But why should I take responsibility? It was you who wanted to harm me! You held rods and daggers in your hands, wanting to kill me. Fortunately, I was lucky enough to be alive and unharmed, so it serves you right that you got injured. I don't have to pay for your medical expenses on the moral and legal levels. It's really terrifying to be uneducated. If you have the time, study more!"

### **Chapter 185: Revenge**

Everyone was furious. "You're not f\*cking injured, so you can't be considered a victim! You and Rou Rou are sisters. She's so gentle and kind, but you're vicious and cruel. You've completely embarrassed her!"

Qiao Xi snorted coldly. "Since Qiao Rou is gentle and kind, why would she incite you to kill people? Since it's like that, then your injuries have nothing to do with me. Qiao Rou should be the one taking responsibility."

If it were not for Qiao Rou's instigation, these people would not have walked onto the road of no return.

As soon as he finished speaking, the few of them had ferocious expressions while their eyes almost dropped.

"Shut up! I won't allow you to insult Rou Rou! We're all willing to take revenge for Rou Rou!"

"You're not worthy to be Rou Rou's sister! Go die! As long as you die, no one will stand in Rou Rou's way anymore!"

"We're honored to kill someone for Rou Rou!"

The girl struggled to sit up on the bed and screamed, "Why aren't you dead yet?! Rou Rou asked you to die, but you still dare to live!"

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth curled up. She had already obtained what she wanted.

She slowly stood up. "Everyone, wake up. You're just Qiao Rou's chess pieces. Even if you die, she won't even blink. If you don't believe me, pretend I didn't say anything."

As soon as he finished speaking, everyone let out mad roars.

B\*tch!

Shouldn't Qiao Xi be responsible for injuring and disfiguring them?

They even wanted to properly extort Qiao Xi and live carefree lives in the future.

Qiao Xi was clearly not injured, so what right did she have to have them arrested and go to jail?

Since the conversation was recorded, Qiao Xi was not in the mood to deal with them anymore. She stood up and left.

When she reached the door, she stopped in her tracks. "Why don't we see if Qiao Rou will save you in the end or if she'll break off all ties with you?"

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Outside the door, Song Shiyu said helplessly, "President, it's just a ring. We'll buy a new one."

With the president's financial resources, he could easily buy a gold mine, much less a ring.

Gu Zheng did not even raise his head. "It's her ring."

It was the first time he had given Qiao Xi a present as Gu Zheng...

He was in high spirits, and his eyes were shining like stars. "Moreover, she likes the gift I gave her. She didn't bear to throw it away even though she would get injured."

Song Shiyu agreed. "Indeed, this is a token of love!"

He thought about it again. "President, there's a scratch on this ring. It's also dirty. The token of love has been damaged. Does this mean that the two of you might quarrel or even divorce?"

Gu Zheng frowned. "Song Shiyu."

"Here, President."

Gu Zheng said slowly, "You must not want your salary anymore."

Song Shiyu: "..."

The president was too petty to deduct his salary at the slightest disagreement! No wonder Young Madam said he was a bastard. He was really a bastard!

At night, Qiao Xi went upstairs to take a shower. Then, she posted on Weibo: [Instigating a minor to do bad things. Such an idol is the scum of society @ Qiao Rou.]

Qiao Rou was trying her best to cover up this matter, but Qiao Xi just publicized it and let everyone see Qiao Rou's true colors!

She would settle the old and new debts together!

Qiao Xi did not care how big of a commotion it was causing online at this moment and just went to sleep.

After she fell asleep, Mo Yuan released the news that the five people who attacked Qiao Xi were Qiao Rou's fans on the internet.

The news released by Mo Yuan was always accurate. The netizens were sure that those five people were Qiao Rou's diehard fans.

[Why would Mo Yuan release such news?]

[Could it be for Qiao Xi? Such a cold man like Mo Yuan would actually stand up for a woman! I'm envious!]

[Rumor has it that Mo Yuan is a handsome and rich man. Ah, I'm dead!]

Countless girls expressed their love for Mo Yuan.

That night, the news that Qiao Rou's fans had attacked her sister, Qiao Xi, on the streets spread throughout the internet. It was extremely hot news.

Immediately after, all the major companies canceled their collaboration with the Qiao family and Gu Moling.

Qiao Rou also received several termination contracts overnight.

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Qiao Xi woke up feeling refreshed, but Qiao Rou had experienced a night of torture. Her eyes were blood red, and her face was pale. She looked neither human nor like a ghost.

"Rou Rou, you need to take care of your body!" Xu Mei's heart ached.

Qiao Rou's eyes almost dropped as she gnashed her teeth. "Qiao Xi, that sl\*t!

"Why would she expose it?"

"Now that all the contracts have been canceled and the company is implicated, she wants to ruin me? I want to kill her!

"I wasn't the one who went to kill her. It was clearly the fans who were too rash. Could it be that the behavior of fans reflects the idols as well?"

B\*tch! B\*tch!

Last night, she kept receiving news that her contracts were canceled because of Qiao Xi.

If she knew earlier, she would have dealt with Qiao Xi as soon as possible. She shouldn't have left this scourge alive to block her way.

That b\*tch should go to hell and join her mother!

Chapter 186: Young Madam Is Too Kind

“Rou Rou, Mo Ling is here. His company has also been implicated. He doesn’t look too good,” Xu Mei reminded her in a low voice.

Qiao Rou looked ferocious and forced herself to calm down. She said hatefully, “Okay, I know what to do.”

After that, Gu Moling walked in dejectedly. “Rou Rou, what exactly is going on? Why would your fans try to kill Qiao Xi? I heard that they brought daggers and Qiao Xi almost died!”

Qiao Rou’s gaze was vicious, but in front of Gu Moling, she had to pretend to be weak and aggrieved.

She said with an innocent look, “I don’t understand why my fans would want to kill my sister either. They’re simply too crazy. Fortunately, my sister is fine.”

Gu Moling looked at Qiao Rou suspiciously. Seeing that she was full of worry, he heaved a sigh of relief.

“Even if Qiao Xi is in the wrong, we can’t harm her. These fans are too arrogant!”

Qiao Rou bit her lip. “Previously, my sister tried to harm me multiple times but I didn’t blame her. Of course, I won’t blame her this time, nor will I let my fans kill her.

“I didn’t expect my fans to be so scary... Brother Mo Ling, I’m so scared. If my sister is really injured, I can only apologize with my life...”

“Rou Rou, you’re too kind. Why are you worried about that rebellious daughter?!” Old Madam Qiao walked over with her walking stick.

“Mo Ling, you still don’t understand that woman, Qiao Xi. She must have deliberately framed Rou Rou. Those fans were probably just trying to scare her. How could they really hurt her? Qiao Xi set her up on purpose! You must believe in Rou Rou!”

The news of Qiao Rou’s fans attempting to kill her biological sister spread like wildfire on the internet. Netizens were all denouncing Qiao Rou.

If she did not instigate it, why would those fans want to hurt Qiao Xi?

Apart from Qiao Rou, Qiao Corporation and Gu Moling’s companies were all boycotted by the industry.

Gu Moling returned to the company and had a splitting headache when he saw the termination contract. He said helplessly, “Rou Rou said that she doesn’t know anything.”

Mr. Gu frowned. “How could Qiao Rou not know anything? She even teamed up with Fan Wenyuan to accuse Qiao Xi of cheating. In the end, Qiao Xi proved herself with her strength!

“Now, such a thing has happened. Everyone knows about it and the company has been affected. But she just said that she doesn’t know? If it were Qiao Xi, she wouldn’t have done this. She...”

Mrs. Gu's expression darkened. "Stop talking. Mo Ling and Rou Rou are already engaged, so we should share our joys and sorrows. Besides, Qiao Xi isn't a good person either. If it weren't for her, would we have ended up like this?"

Mr. Gu was not too satisfied with Gu Moling and Qiao Rou being together. He snorted. "Qiao Rou only knows how to create trouble while Qiao Xi previously helped us negotiate so many deals!"

Mrs. Gu choked. After a moment of silence, she shouted loudly, "Qiao Xi is a jinx! Qiao Rou is obedient and sensible. She's the better choice! Qiao Xi is jealous of Rou Rou, so she came up with this method to deal with her. Don't be deceived by her!"

"Rou Rou is in trouble now. It's all because of that jinx, Qiao Xi!"

Mr. Gu frowned. "Gu Moling, I don't care what the outcome of this matter is. It can't affect the company. As the son of the Gu family, you have to minimize the losses. Immediately go to the public relations department and salvage the company's reputation! As for Qiao Xi, go persuade her not to make things too ugly."

Gu Moling agreed helplessly and rubbed his furrowed eyebrows.

Rou Rou would not incite her fans to kill people!

She was so gentle and kind-hearted...

He had been with Rou Rou for so long. He knew very well what kind of person Rou Rou was. He could not misunderstand Rou Rou because of Qiao Xi.

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Song Shiyu had also seen the news online.

Countless netizens were cursing Qiao Rou and Gu Moling. Song Shiyu asked in confusion, "President, doesn't Young Madam have a recording? Why didn't she post it?"

As long as she played the recording, Qiao Rou would be known for instigating her fans to kill people.

Qiao Rou instigated minors to kill someone for her. It was simply a heinous crime.

However, Young Madam did not upload the recording. Could it be that she still cared about their relationship as sisters?

Gu Zheng smirked.

Qiao Xi did not post the recording and just sent a warning instead.

In this way, the Qiao family would think that Qiao Xi did not have any substantial evidence and was just accusing Qiao Rou without any evidence.

The Qiao family would take the opportunity to clear their names and even bite back, saying that Qiao Xi slandered them.

Qiao Xi did not need to argue. She just needed to release the recording after they tried their best to explain themselves so that the Qiao family would not have any chance to retort.

By then, no matter what Qiao Rou said, the truth would be out in front of everyone.

Gu Zheng said casually, "She's doing a good job..."

Song Shiyu was suddenly agitated. "Young Madam is too kind. Qiao Rou did this to her, but she's not taking her down!"

### **Chapter 187: Gu Zheng Was Poisoned**

Song Shiyu continued, "She didn't release the recording because she wants to give Qiao Rou a chance to correct herself so that she can be a good person again. After all, she's a public figure. If such a scandal is exposed, her future will be ruined! They're really close!"

Gu Zheng: "..."

Had water entered this person's brain?! Gu Zheng should consider changing assistants.

Just then, the butler knocked on the door. "President, Young Madam says she's going to look for Young Master Qin. She won't be coming back tonight."

Swoosh!

Gu Zheng's expression darkened, and the cup in his hand shattered into countless pieces.

She actually dared to stay out all night?

Furthermore, she was with Qin An?

Gu Zheng's face darkened. Song Shiyu rolled his eyes and tried to please the president in order to raise his salary.

"President, I think..."

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Qin An frowned. "Who has night blindness? Is it necessary for you to come looking for me in such a rush?"

Qiao Xi was slightly guilty. "Just tell me if it can be treated."

Qin An held his chin and pondered. He had stopped working with the Qiao family and got the company's founding members to pressure Qiao Zhenguo. He thought that Little Six was here to thank him, but who knew that she rushed over in a hurry to ask why a person would lose his eyesight at night?

Qin An looked at her in confusion. "Little Six, from what you described, I don't think that person has ordinary night-blindness. Although night-blindness reduces one's vision at night, it doesn't mean that one is completely blind."

"Perhaps this isn't an illness but the effects of a poison."

Qiao Xi's expression changed. Was this really the case?

She immediately asked, "Could it be a psychological illness? Because he was always locked in a small dark room when he was young, could it be that the trauma of his childhood caused him to lose his eyesight?"

Qin An fell into deep thought. "That's also possible, but I don't think the possibility of a psychological illness causing him to completely lose his eyesight is high. This is because I've heard of someone who has the same symptoms as your friend."

Qin An's expression turned serious. "She'll lose her eyesight at night but she'll recover if it's light out, so even when she sleeps, she has to switch on the lights. However, she couldn't take the torture and died."

Qiao Xi asked, "Who is she?"

"Lu Qingyun," Qin An said word by word.

Qiao Xi's heart skipped a beat!

If that was the case, it meant that Gu Zheng and Lu Qingyun were both poisoned by the same poison!

"Miss Lu was poisoned for many years, so even the old man was helpless about it."

Qin An frowned. The old man was a divine doctor who could save the dying.

However, he could not save Lu Qingyun. He could only watch as she took her last breath.

"After Miss Lu passed away, the old man started researching the antidote to this poison. Perhaps he has already found a way to cure it. Your friend may still be saved."

Qiao Xi's head was heavy. She remembered Grandpa saying he had saved many people in his life, but there was one who could not be saved even after he tried his best.

Was Gu Zheng incurable as well?

Just then, her phone rang, interrupting her thoughts.

Song Shiyu's trembling voice was heard. "Young Madam, President, he..."

Qiao Xi instantly became nervous. "What's wrong with Gu Zheng?"

Song Shiyu sobbed and said helplessly, "When the president saved you, his arm was injured and his wound is now infected. Sob..."

Qiao Xi's pupils constricted. "Quickly send him to the hospital!"

"Young Madam, he refuses to go. Why don't you persuade him?" Song Shiyu sounded sad as he continued acting. "The president refuses to go to the hospital or take medication. I can't do anything about it. Only you can control him..."

Qiao Xi hurriedly stood up and left.

Qin An was stunned.

Could it be that the friend Little Six was talking about was Gu Zheng?

He had to admit that Gu Zheng was a good man who was very good to Little Six.

However...

The old man might not agree. After all, Miss Lu...

Little Six respected the old man the most. It would be difficult for him to make a decision.

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Longwan Residential.

Song Shiyu beamed. "President, Young Madam will be back soon!"

Gu Zheng replied indifferently with a trace of fatigue in his eyes.

It was almost evening and the sun had not set. However, he felt a stinging pain in his eyes.

When he opened his eyes again, they were extremely dull.

He could only see Song Shiyu's outline but not his expression.

Gu Zheng closed his eyes. It seemed to have gotten worse.

Qiao Xi hurriedly returned to Longwan Residential. The sun had set. Gu Zheng was sitting on the sofa with his eyes closed and his brows furrowed. The lights in the living room were all switched on, but Song Shiyu and the butler were not around.

Qiao Xi's footsteps were light as she walked over to Gu Zheng.

Although he was injured, there were no wounds on Gu Zheng's body.

However, he looked tired and weak...

Qiao Xi suddenly recalled Qin An's words and her heart trembled. Could it be that the poison in Gu Zheng's body was acting up?

### **Chapter 188: Such A Self-Defying Man**

Qiao Xi hurriedly tugged on Gu Zheng, her face filled with worry. "Gu Zheng, are you injured?"

The man said slowly, "Mrs. Gu, you're back. I heard you weren't coming home tonight?"

Qiao Xi: "..."

'Damn man! What are you talking about?'

Gu Zheng slowly opened his eyes. They were cold. He did not seem to be sleeping earlier.

He rubbed his eyes and frowned.

Gu Zheng's eyes looked a little lost. Even though the living room was bright, he could not see clearly.

He lowered his eyes and did not show anything in front of Qiao Xi. He said in a low voice, "Pass me the phone."

He had to call the doctor, but he could not see his phone clearly. Song Shiyu and the butler were not around either, so he could only ask Qiao Xi to help him.

Qiao Xi had a puzzled expression.

The phone was beside Gu Zheng. He could get it as long as he stretched out his hand.

After waiting for a moment, Qiao Xi remained silent. Gu Zheng's eyes grew deeper as he slowly closed his eyes as if this was the only way to relieve the pain. "Where's my phone?"

"Gu Zheng, what's wrong? Are you..." Qiao Xi asked softly.

She stroked Gu Zheng's cheek and finally met his eyes. "Gu Zheng, your eyes..."

"I'm not blind. Can't I ask you to help me get my phone?" Gu Zheng said nonchalantly. He did not want Qiao Xi to know that his illness was serious.

Qiao Xi was helpless. "The phone is right beside your hand, yet you're insisting that I give it to you."

The atmosphere instantly fell into embarrassment, and Qiao Xi stared fixedly at him.

Gu Zheng opened his eyes and said with a trace of grievance, "Qiao Xi, didn't you say that you like me the most? You won't even do such a small thing for me?"

"...?"

It's happening again! She could not move on from the words she uttered last time!

Qiao Xi's face flushed red as she tossed the phone to him and distanced herself from him. She said with a trembling voice, "That was a misunderstanding the last time. I was just joking. Besides, our marriage is only an agreement. We don't really have any feelings for each other!"

He held his phone and found the doctor's number. He did not call it.

He raised his eyes to look at Qiao Xi. "It's late, go rest."

Qiao Xi: "..."

There was something wrong with this bastard today!

When Song Shiyu called, he said that he was injured and would not go to the hospital. However, he was not injured at all.

Only then did Qiao Xi understand that Song Shiyu had lied to her. Furthermore, Gu Zheng had not been kind to her since she came back home. She was angry. "I won't care about you anymore! Have fun by yourself!"

'I can't be bothered with you!'

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes. After Qiao Xi left, he hesitated for a moment before calling Song Shiyu.

"Stop the power in the villa."

Song Shiyu was confused, but he knew that there was a reason for everything the president did. “Huh? Okay. President, about that...”

As someone who shipped President and Young Madam, he was a little excited.

“When did Young Madam say that she likes you the most? Why didn’t I know about this?”

Gu Zheng said impatiently, “She liked me before we got married. Otherwise, how could we have gotten married? Does this have to do with you?”

Song Shiyu: “...”

Perhaps, the president was too narcissistic.

How could Song Shiyu not know that Young Madam and President’s marriage was an agreement? Moreover, Young Madam had never said such things.

The president was probably thinking too much!

Unexpectedly, the president, who had always been cold, was also a big boaster!

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Song Shiyu turned off the power switch, and the bright Longwan Residential fell into darkness.

Qiao Xi had just returned to her room when the lights in the bedroom suddenly went out. It turned out that the power supply had been cut.

Fortunately, her phone and laptop were both charged, so it did not affect her, but...

The blackout would make Gu Zheng blind!

He would not be able to see anything!

Qiao Xi’s heart trembled as she hurriedly rushed out the door, wanting to find Gu Zheng.

The butler and Song Shiyu were not by his side. The electricity had suddenly stopped working and Gu Zheng could not see. As his wife, she had to take care of him.

Qiao Xi had just left the bedroom when she suddenly stopped in her tracks.

Gu Zheng was the one who chased her away just now. It was too embarrassing for her to run over as soon as the power went out!

Qiao Xi stood at the staircase and was slightly hesitant.

Screw it!

However, it was too dark. Gu Zheng could not see anything. He should be very helpless, right?

What if it did come back on soon?

Gu Zheng was blind. He was alone... Gu Zheng...

Her heart was filled with Gu Zheng and she could not be indifferent!

At this moment, her heart was in a mess. She was worried that he would be afraid and think of those unhappy memories from his childhood.

Just then, there was a sudden bang downstairs as if someone had fallen. There was also a man's voice.

Gu Zheng fell?

Her heart jumped. Without thinking, she hurriedly rushed out.

Gu Zheng, this bastard, really made one worry!

Chapter 189: You're Finally Here

The moment the lights were switched off, Gu Zheng heaved a sigh of relief and sat quietly on the sofa.

The surroundings were deathly silent as he waited for Qiao Xi.

However, even after a long time, he did not hear Qiao Xi's footsteps.

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes, revealing a trace of disappointment in the darkness.

Qiao Xi's words still echoed in his ears. In her eyes, their marriage was an agreement. They were only pretending to be husband and wife in front of others. When no one was around, they were just strangers.

"Heh."

Gu Zheng smirked, realizing that he was thinking too much. He was about to call Song Shiyu to ask him to switch on the lights when he heard footsteps...

"Gu Zheng, are you there?"

Gu Zheng's heart trembled, and his phone fell to the floor.

His eyes were completely dark, but he still looked over in the direction of Qiao Xi's voice.

Qiao Xi's footsteps were slightly chaotic, and her voice trembled slightly. "Don't move around. I'm here."

The man's lips curled up slightly.

If she really did not care about him, then their marriage would just really be based on an agreement.

However, she appeared at this moment...

She had him in her heart, so she could forget about escaping.

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Qiao Xi turned on the flashlight and only relaxed when she saw Gu Zheng sitting quietly on the sofa. She hurriedly walked over. "Gu Zheng, you..."

Gu Zheng reached out to hug her waist and pulled her into his arms.

Earlier, he was unable to see anything and accidentally touched something. He did not expect that Qiao Xi would really come down.

Qiao Xi was tightly embraced by him, and their bodies were pressed together.

Even if Gu Zheng was blind, he could still pull her into his arms.

“You’re finally here.”

Qiao Xi’s face flushed red as she struggled to leave.

Gu Zheng gasped slightly. His voice carried boundless delight as he said in a low voice, “Qiao Xi, since you came, then you can’t escape!”

He then pressed his cold and soft lips against hers, finding her lips precisely.

Qiao Xi’s entire body was tense while her hands grabbed tightly onto his clothes.

Thump! Thump!

Her heart was pounding furiously.

Whenever she kissed Gu Zheng before this, it was to recover her taste buds, so there were no emotions involved.

However, the kiss this time caused Qiao Xi to indulge in it as if she had forgotten about the time.

Seizing the opportunity, Qiao Xi hurriedly said, “Gu Zheng, don’t...”

Before she could finish, her voice vanished due to the deep kiss. Qiao Xi’s head felt heavy.

“This is... the living room. Let’s go... Go upstairs!”

Gu Zheng let go of her and curled his lips. His voice was soft and tempting as he said, “Mrs. Gu, I can’t go back.”

His voice was hoarse, causing Qiao Xi’s entire body to tremble as she stammered, “Don’t you still have me?! I’ll lead you back.”

Gu Zheng chuckled.

In the darkness, Qiao Xi’s face was dyed red and even her ears were slightly pink.

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Qiao Xi carefully helped Gu Zheng to the bedroom and covered him with the blanket before turning to leave.

When night fell, he would not be able to see anything. The poison might have already seeped into his body.

Furthermore, Gu Zheng had many enemies outside. If others were to know about this, they would definitely take advantage of the nighttime to attack him.

Back then, although Grandpa did not save Miss Lu, more than 20 years had passed. Maybe he could cure the poison now.

Moreover, Gu Zheng's situation was not as serious as Miss Lu's.

If she were to perform acupuncture on Gu Zheng daily, she might be able to expel the toxin.

She could only take a gamble.

As long as the poison had yet to fully flare up, everything would be fine.

Qiao Xi returned to the room to think of a way to cure the poison while Gu Zheng stayed up the entire night.

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At dawn, Qiao Xi slowly opened her eyes. After washing up, she took her tool bag and went to look for Gu Zheng.

The man's eyes were clear as he stared at the tool bag in her hand.

Qiao Xi went straight to the point. "Gu Zheng, take off your clothes!"

Song Shiyu had just reached the door when he heard such shocking words.

Damn! The president and Young Madam made rapid progress last night. She wanted to take his clothes off so early in the morning?

Gu Zheng was wearing black pajamas. His hair was slightly messy, but he looked even more handsome like this. He also exuded an invisible pressure.

Qiao Xi opened the tool bag, revealing silver needles and some bottles. The man smirked. "Take off my clothes?"

"Yes, I need to give you acupuncture."

Qiao Xi looked up and met his thin lips. Her mind instantly exploded as the sentimental scene from the night before appeared in front of her eyes.

Gu Zheng's kiss was too aggressive and possessive. Even though she was struggling, he did not care...

"Mrs. Gu."

After a few seconds of silence, Gu Zheng said slowly, "You have a malicious look in your eyes?"

Wait! What did he mean by 'malicious'?

Qiao Xi glared fiercely at him. She instantly understood.

"..."

This bastard was thinking astray!

However, the scene could not be erased from her mind and always appeared in Qiao Xi's eyes.

## Chapter 190: Treatment With Acupuncture

Qiao Xi's ears were red, and she looked embarrassed. She could only hide her thoughts with a smile. "President, don't think too much. I'm here to treat your illness."

Gu Zheng chuckled and lowered his eyes. "Mrs. Gu, there's no need."

Qiao Xi's face instantly sank. "Gu Zheng, you go blind at night because you were poisoned!"

Gu Zheng had a calm expression and was not surprised at all. "I know."

Qiao Xi was surprised. "You actually know? Then you..."

Gu Zheng's eyes were cold. "This poison is incurable, so acupuncture is useless."

He looked at the needles with a dark expression. "So there's no need."

When he knew that he was poisoned, he had already foreseen the future. Hence, he did not even struggle anymore.

Qiao Xi's heart trembled. She seemed to find Gu Zheng a little unfamiliar at this moment. His eyes were filled with desolation and indifference as if his blindness had nothing to do with him.

She was silent for a moment, then sighed helplessly.

The man turned around, and his gaze landed on her.

Qiao Xi pouted. "Gu Zheng, we're married now. If you lose your eyesight, it'll be too much trouble for me!"

Gu Zheng raised an eyebrow.

Qiao Xi had an aggrieved expression. "I'm such a weak woman, so you won't be able to protect me anymore after that. You still have so many enemies. At that time, they'll definitely make a move on me!"

"..."

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and looked away. His voice carried a hint of helplessness as he said, "... I'll take my clothes off. You can treat me."

Qiao Xi only pretended to be weak in order to treat his illness. Although her treatment would most likely be useless, he could not bear to see Qiao Xi sad.

It was just acupuncture. She could do it as long as she was happy.

Qiao Xi took off Gu Zheng's pajamas, causing her pupils to constrict. It was because his back was full of injuries, ranging from old to new.

There were whip marks and traces of acupuncture, causing Qiao Xi's heart to ache.

He must have already sought treatment but it was useless. That was why he had given up.

Her heart constricted, and Qiao Xi felt the pain sweep through her entire body.

Gu Zheng...

It turned out that the all-powerful Gu Zheng, the head of the Gu family who was admired by countless people, and the man who stood at the top of the pyramid had experienced endless pain. Perhaps no one knew about this.

Qiao Xi forced herself to calm down. She held the silver needle in her hand and slowly stabbed it into his skin.

An hour later, the acupuncture session ended. Gu Zheng's forehead was covered in sweat, and his eyes were closed. His breathing was heavy.

Qiao Xi put away the acupuncture bag and said with a gentle tone, "I studied the medical books yesterday and planted medicinal herbs in the backyard. In the future, you'll have to drink medicine every day. It'll be helpful."

Those were not ordinary herbs but wondrous herbs left to her by Grandpa. Although they could not completely cure the poison, they could at least suppress the effects of the poison. They were also very effective on the eyes.

Gu Zheng had seen her plant something in the courtyard before. It turned out to be herbs for treating illnesses. He nodded. "I'll tell the butler."

"Young Madam! Young Madam!"

The butler's footsteps were messy as he rushed in while looking anxious. "Madam Meng and Miss Meng are here. Their car drove straight into the backyard. Those herbs are all..."

Qiao Xi's expression was calm as she indifferently put away the acupuncture bag, but she still held a needle in her hand.

Her expression was cold. Meng Wan ruined the herbs she used to treat Gu Zheng's illness?

Medicines were hard to come by. She finally managed to keep some seeds and they were about to be used as medicine. However, the herbs were all destroyed by Meng Wan?

"Where's Meng Wan?" asked Qiao Xi.

"I saw them destroy your herbs, so I sent someone to stop them and hurried over to report to you. They're still in the backyard, but those herbs are probably destroyed..."

The butler's heart trembled when he saw Qiao Xi's expression turning colder and colder. "Young Madam, calm down. You can replant the herbs but it's against the law to kill!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes slightly. "Did I say I wanted to kill someone?"

The butler: "... 'Your gaze tells me that you want to kill someone right now.'

Qiao Xi handed the acupuncture bag to the butler. "I'll go take a look. Gu Zheng, go rest."

After she finished speaking, Qiao Xi turned around and left. The butler instructed the servants to put away the things and hurriedly followed Qiao Xi to the backyard.

The bedroom was silent.

Song Shiyu walked in, looking worried. "President, you don't look too good. Why didn't you tell Young Madam?"

The poison in the president's body was no ordinary poison. Acupuncture could not treat this, and it would only speed up the relapse.

Only the divine physician or his descendants could suppress the relapse of the poison with their unique acupuncture technique.

Gu Zheng's expression was calm as he slowly put on his pajamas. "It doesn't matter if I'm treated or not. The poison will flare up sooner or later."

Song Shiyu frowned. "But..."

"Don't let her know." Gu Zheng closed his eyes tiredly. "She thinks there's still hope. At least, she can be happier this way."

Qiao Xi was worried for him, and he was already very satisfied with her acupuncture treatment. In any case, he could not keep his eyes anymore.