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Chapter 231: Severing Relations?

Qiao Zhenguo gritted his teeth and decided to uphold justice.

“My eldest daughter has always been naughty and mischievous. She has caused trouble again this time. I’ll take her away now and go home to discipline her! However, President Qin, can you come with me? After all, I’ve disturbed you when I can’t afford to. I just want to save my daughter!”

Qin An sneered in his heart. If he had not known about the Qiao family’s scheme, he would have really thought that Qiao Zhenguo was a good father.

Thinking of the scene later, Qin An could not wait any longer. However, he said calmly, “Alright.”

Qiao Rou and Xu Mei were extremely excited.

They would see how Qiao Xi was thinking of escaping this time. If this matter blew up, the Qiao family’s shareholders would definitely not support her anymore.

Everyone hurried to the door of the suite. There seemed to be voices of a man and a woman inside the suite, making everyone gasp.

Xu Mei tugged on Qiao Zhenguo and seemed to be in a dilemma. “Old Qiao, Xi Xi must really like President Qian, which is why she lost her cool. It’s reasonable for them to be in a relationship. Don’t teach Xi Xi a lesson in front of everyone...”

“If I don’t teach her a lesson, how can she learn? Think about it! My entire life has been ruined by this daughter of mine. This time, she actually dares to seduce a man at a banquet. She’s simply throwing our Qiao family’s reputation to the ground!

“I’ll call my lawyer now and cut all ties with her!”

Everyone quickly tried to persuade him. Qiao Zhenguo held his chest and looked disappointed. “Her mother was like this back then. I wanted to teach her a good lesson, but I didn’t expect...”

“Dad! You’re cutting ties with me?”

At this moment, Qiao Xi suddenly pushed open the door of the suite and slowly stuck her head out, feeling slightly surprised. “Oh! Everyone’s here! What’s with the commotion?”

Everyone sized up Qiao Xi and scoffed when they saw that she only opened the door by a crack. They also heard a man’s voice inside.

Qiao Zhenguo was angry as he shouted, “Qiao Xi! What are you doing here? Open the door!”

Qiao Xi looked at everyone innocently with a helpless expression. “I don’t think so.”

Her nonchalant look infuriated Qiao Zhenguo.

Everyone also started criticizing her. “Miss Qiao, your parents are doing this for your own good. You did such an embarrassing thing at a banquet. Hurry up and admit your mistake.”

“Even if it’s for money, you can’t degrade yourself like this. You’re really embarrassing the Qiao family!”

Xu Mei was overjoyed.

Qiao Xi was bound to be her daughter’s stepping stone. She would never be able to make a comeback.

It would not be long before Qiao Xi was tortured to death by President Qian and went to hell to see her mother.

Xu Mei pretended to be sad and wiped her tears. “Forget it. Although Xi Xi isn’t my biological daughter, I’ve always treated her as such. Even so...”

Qiao Zhenguo’s expression was gloomy. “Qiao Xi, why aren’t you opening the door? What are you doing?”

The corners of Qiao Xi’s mouth curled up. “Are you sure you want me to open the door?”

Qiao Zhenguo was afraid that President Qian would not admit that he had slept with Qiao Xi, so he brought everyone here to catch them in the act. After the matter blew up, for the sake of his reputation, President Qian could only admit his relationship with Qiao Xi and marry her.

At this moment, he was a little impatient. “What’s wrong? You’ve done something shameful, so why are you afraid of others finding out? Hurry up and come out!”

Qiao Xi frowned. “But...”

Xu Mei’s scoundrel friend snorted. “Miss Qiao, don’t you want us to see what’s in the room? You’re just a child without a mother. How dare you mess around on such an important occasion?!”

“Her reputation has always been bad, so it’s not strange for her to do such a thing!”

“President Qiao! You have a clean family background. How did you give birth to such a daughter? You should educate her. If news of this gets out, it’ll ruin the Qiao family’s reputation.”

Qiao Zhenguo burned with rage. Even though this was all his plan, flames of rage arose in his heart when he thought of Qiao Xi ruining the Qiao family’s reputation.

At the thought of this, Qiao Zhenguo could not suppress his anger anymore and pulled the door open fiercely.

“What exactly have you done? You’re still hiding—”

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Qiao Zhenguo immediately choked and was dumbfounded.

Everyone rushed in and looked at the bed in the bedroom. The bed was empty and neat. There were no special traces at all.

In the living area, three people were sitting together with poker cards on the table.

Chapter 232: Disturbing Three Major Figures

Gu Yao was holding the poker card, his eyes filled with excitement. "I'll definitely win this round, just admit defeat!"

However, Gu Yao turned around and looked at everyone in confusion. "Qiao Xi, what's going on? Why did they rush in?"

The other two people were clearly aware of Qiao Xi's plan, and they were smiling.

One of them was Zhou Guanjin. Qiao Xi had long notified him and asked him to bring a friend over to set this up.

They were having fun when they were interrupted. Hence, they stood up and said unhappily, "President Qiao, what are you doing? Why does it feel like you're here to catch us in the act or something?"

Among the four of them, Gu Yao was the only one who did not know anything. He asked in confusion, "Are you guys crazy?! What does it have to do with you if I'm playing cards in the suite? We're playing cards with Qiao Xi, but you're not happy with that? You're crazy!"

Qiao Zhenguo looked embarrassed, and his heart was in a mess.

Where was President Qian?

Gu Yao and Zhou Guanjin were in the room. Where did President Qian go?

Everyone looked at each other in confusion.

Xu Mei and Qiao Rou panicked as they looked for President Qian.

Xu Mei had seen President Qian enter with her own eyes. How did he disappear so suddenly?

President Qian should have started torturing this b*tch, Qiao Xi, the moment he entered the door. Why was Qiao Xi playing cards with Gu Yao instead?

Everyone laughed awkwardly. They did not dare to offend Second Young Master Gu, so they all lowered their heads.

Gu Yao was the second young master of the Gu family, and Zhou Guanjin was the heir to the Zhou family. The other person was not ordinary either. She was Qin Shuwan, the daughter of the Qin family.

Any one of these three people could arouse reverence in the hearts of everyone. Why were they suddenly gathered here together to play cards? Moreover, they were sitting together with Qiao Xi?

At this moment, Qiao Xi should be sleeping with President Qian. Moreover, President Qian's secretary had said that he saw Qiao Xi and President Qian enter the room together. The two of them were very close.

Zhou Guanjin put down his cards with a disappointed look on his face. He swept his cold gaze across the crowd.

“President Qiao, can’t we play cards with our friends? Qiao Xi is just playing cards with us. She didn’t commit any crime. Why did I hear that you want to cut ties with her?”

Gu Yao frowned as well. “I’m really impressed! I’m having a good time here but why did you rush in? I paid for the room, but you’re still calling the shots here? You’re so free, huh?”

Qin Shuwan was Zhou Guanjin’s friend and was only dragged over to play along with him.

Although Zhou Guanjin did not tell her what was going on, she immediately understood what was going on.

The Qiao family had come up with a scheme and wanted to catch Qiao Xi in the act. They wanted to ruin Qiao Xi’s reputation and force her to leave the company.

She stood up slowly and said casually, “President Qiao, you seemed to be looking for someone when you rushed in. Don’t tell me you think Xi Xi did something wrong?”

Qiao Zhenguo trembled in fear.

He really did not expect to see these three big shots instead of President Qian when he rushed in.

Xu Mei was angered to the point of stomping her feet. Not only had she not embarrassed Qiao Xi this time, but she had even caused trouble for herself.

She smiled obsequiously. “You’re thinking too much. We were just afraid that she would be in danger, so we came to look for her. Our Old Qiao is a little impatient, but he’s also worried about Xi Xi.”

Xu Mei’s words were reasonable, and everyone heaved a sigh of relief. They felt that the three of them would not pursue the matter.

However, Qin Shuwan sneered in front of her and glanced at her. “Who are you?”

The smile on Xu Mei’s face froze. “I’m from Zhenguo...”

“Oh, you’re President Qiao’s mistress, right?” Qin Shuwan suddenly realized what was going on and chuckled. “You’re just a mistress. You have no right to speak on such an occasion. Qiao Xi is the eldest daughter of the Qiao family and the daughter of the legitimate wife. You should call her Miss Qiao.”

Xu Mei immediately choked as her expression darkened.

Qiao Rou bit her lip tightly. She knew that these three great figures were all on Qiao Xi’s side, and their faces were filled with resentment.

In the future, after she married Brother Moling and became the mistress of the Gu family, she would see how arrogant they could be!

Qiao Zhenguo’s face was livid but he still forced an awkward smile.

“I-I saw that Qiao Xi went missing, so I was afraid that she would get lost. Hence, I brought some people over to look for her. It’s nothing serious.

“It seems Xi Xi is very safe now, so we won’t disturb you anymore. Please continue.”

Qiao Zhenguo cursed Qiao Xi in his heart, but he did not dare show it on his face..

Chapter 233: Madam Xu Sure Has Good Tricks

Qiao Zhenguo's expression was gloomy. Qiao Xi had clearly called these three people over to make him look bad.

He thought that it would end like this, but Zhou Guanjin suddenly stood up. "Wait! President Qiao, don't leave yet!"

"This matter won't end so easily!"

Everyone gasped.

Zhou Guanjin's expression was serious. "I just heard President Qiao, Madam Qiao, and Miss Qiao Rou say that Qiao Xi did something shameful. They say that her reputation is bad and she has ruined the Qiao family's image. Is the Qiao family worthy of having Qiao Xi ruin your image?"

Qiao Zhenguo's face was livid, and his body was trembling slightly.

Zhou Guanjin's voice was cold. "Qiao Xi was only playing cards with us yet she got scolded. Since that's the case, we naturally won't feel good about it. Am I wrong, President Qiao?"

Qin Shuwan sneered. "Why don't you guys just say that I'm Qiao Xi's sugar mommy?"

Qiao Zhenguo broke out in a cold sweat. "Y-You've misunderstood. I only listened to others..."

"In other words, all of you suspect that Qiao Xi is being kept by someone and went upstairs to get a room with that guy?"

Zhou Guanjin smiled sinisterly, then looked at Qiao Xi. "Xi Xi, you're the Qiao family's eldest daughter! A mistress is about to climb all over your head and she even brought people here to catch you in the act! She's so anxious to frame you. Madam Xu sure has good tricks!"

Qiao Xi lowered her eyes, her face filled with grievances. "Sigh, I can't do anything about it. Dad only has eyes for Aunt and Sister. I thought that everything would be fine after I left home, but I never expected that they would still not let me off!"

Xu Mei and Qiao Rou widened their eyes with a trace of ruthlessness.

Qiao Zhenguo's mind was blank. He did not dare to retort Zhou Guanjin and could only listen obediently.

However, he could not allow Qiao Xi to exaggerate the situation!

Qiao Zhenguo watched his wife and daughter silently cry. He was instantly infuriated. "Qiao Xi! I misunderstood you this time, but this matter has nothing to do with your aunt and sister. How can you say that? They didn't believe that you would do such a thing!"

Qiao Xi sneered in her heart. "Oh?"

Qiao Zhenguo suppressed his anger. "Young Master Zhou, Young Master Gu, Miss Qin, it was actually President Qian's secretary who misled us. That's why I said I wanted to sever ties with Xi Xi."

"Earlier, Xu Mei and Rou Rou had been speaking up for Xi Xi. Xu Mei even begged for leniency for Xi Xi, but she slandered Xu Mei. Everyone says that it's difficult to be a stepmother. That's indeed the case. Xu Mei has done so much for her, but she doesn't know how to be grateful at all. She even slandered her stepmother! She's really vicious!"

Qin An was speechless.

Qiao Zhenguo was really good at distorting the facts.

In his eyes, no matter how much Little Six had been bullied and slandered, she should just let the matter rest. If she said anything, it would mean that she did not know how to be grateful.

Xu Mei sobbed. "Xi Xi, I know you hate me. I understand, but I..."

"Haven't I been good enough to you? In order not to make you sad, I never held a wedding with your father. Rou Rou has been called an illegitimate daughter since she was young. Whenever there's anything good in the family, she always thinks of you. Rou Rou can only pick up your leftovers. Rou Rou and I are like your servants. We serve you tea, respect you, and love you, but you're still not satisfied!"

"I really didn't do this. It was President Qian's secretary who said that he saw you getting a room with President Qian. I even said that you wouldn't do such a thing, but... You actually think that I've wronged you! Boo-hoo... I really can't clear my name!"

Just then, President Qian's secretary was escorted over by the bodyguards. His face was pale from fear. "I saw Miss Qiao and President Qian get a room together with my own eyes. What I said... is true. It was not... instructed by Madam Xu."

Xu Mei sighed. "Xi Xi, now you know. This has nothing to do with me."

"If you think that I'm framing you, I have nothing to say. I'm used to you holding a grudge against me..."

Qiao Rou, who was at the side, cried out in grievance.

Everyone tried to persuade Qiao Xi. "Miss Qiao, it's just a misunderstanding. It has nothing to do with Madam Qiao."

"You can't malign her just because she's your stepmother!"

Chapter 234: You Booked The Suite!

Xu Mei hurriedly stopped them. "Forget it, don't say anymore. It doesn't matter what Xi Xi thinks, so all of you don't have to blame her anymore."

"Only Madam Xu can take it lying down. She's too kind!"

"If it weren't for the fear that Qiao Xi would be sad, it would be impossible for her to not hold a wedding for so many years. This Eldest Miss Qiao is too willful!"

Xu Mei was overjoyed when she heard everyone's criticisms. Although she had not seen Qiao Xi and President Qian getting intimate with each other with her own eyes, this incident still gave Qiao Xi the reputation of being willful, naughty, and callous.

Her acting was not in vain.

She smiled bitterly. "Everyone, disperse. Hurry up and attend the banquet. We can't delay President Qian's work because of our Qiao family's private matters."

"Madam Xu."

Meanwhile, Qiao Xi, who was being criticized by everyone, spoke slowly.

Her eyes were cold. "I'm sorry, but this matter won't end so easily."

Xu Mei had an innocent look on her face. "Xi Xi, what exactly do you want?"

"You're right. Actually, President Qian was indeed in this suite before this."

Qiao Xi's words surprised everyone. She said slowly, "President Qian said that my parents sold me to him!"

Qiao Zhenguo: "!!"

Everyone was dumbfounded. What was going on?

In that case, President Qian's secretary was not lying?

Qiao Xi continued, "After that, Young Master Gu, Young Master Zhou, and Miss Qin rushed over to save me. Only then did I escape. Dad, did you sell me to President Qian?"

Qiao Zhenguo abruptly looked up and found everyone's disgusted gazes on him.

"Xi Xi, don't listen to President Qian's nonsense. I'm your biological father. How could I sell you to him? He must have found a random reason!"

"Ah! You must be right." Qiao Xi had a helpless expression.

"But how did President Qian know that I was here? He even had the card to this suite. Who on earth gave him one?"

"And I'm here to attend the banquet. Dad and Madam Xu, you guys said that the banquet wouldn't be starting for a long time, so you pulled me upstairs to rest. That's why I was waiting here.

"However, the moment I entered, the room was locked. After a while, President Qian pushed the door open and came in. He even wanted to do something to me. So after I was saved, I went to investigate..."

Xu Mei instantly became nervous when she heard Qiao Xi's words.

She hurriedly interrupted Qiao Xi and said agitatedly, "Xi Xi, I saw that you were a little weak earlier, so I asked you to go upstairs and rest..."

She shifted her eyes. "You must have accidentally lost your room card. President Qian happened to pick it up and followed you in."

Qiao Xi neither agreed nor disagreed. "You may be right, but..."

She dragged her last word and glanced at Xu Mei coldly. It was too fun to see her nervous and guilty expression.

"Madam Xu, have you forgotten that you booked this suite?!"

Xu Mei's face turned pale!

"You brought me here, gave President Qian a room card, and brought everyone here to catch us in the act. How exciting, huh?"

Clap! Clap!

Qiao Xi slowly clapped.

Xu Mei's expression was extremely ugly.

Zhou Guanjin sneered. "So the person who booked the suite is Madam Xu!"

"Xi Xi was brought to the room by Madam Xu and President Qiao before she was locked up. Even the cameras have captured it. Later, President Qian took the room card and came to this suite. It's really puzzling!"

Qiao Xi said aggrievedly, "Madam Xu, you said that this has nothing to do with you, but why did you force me to go upstairs? President Qian happened to come in soon after that. Isn't this too much of a coincidence..."

"Did you sell me to President Qian and use me to exchange for his resources? Did you want me to get lost from the Qiao family forever so that I won't appear in front of you and your daughter again?"

Xu Mei's face was pale. She was so nervous that her entire body was trembling.

Qiao Xi was talking nonsense!

She was slandering her stepmother by saying these things in public!

Everyone looked at Xu Mei suspiciously. She lowered her head guiltily.

"Stop talking!"

Qiao Zhenguo spoke abruptly, his expression terrifyingly dark.

"You're my daughter! How could Xu Mei and I do such a thing? This is the end of the matter.. It's fine that you've wronged Xu Mei, but don't let our Qiao family's private matters interfere with the banquet."

Chapter 235: Pretending To Be Unconscious Again

Qiao Rou shed tears aggrievedly. "Sister, how can you say that about Mom? Don't you know how she has treated you all these years? If you frame her like this, how is she going to face others in the future? Just take it as I'm begging you, alright?"

Xu Mei nodded.

Qiao Xi's eyes were filled with coldness.

All these years, even when Xu Mei's evil plan was exposed, Qiao Zhenguo would unconditionally side with that woman and even ask her to let the matter rest.

Was someone like him worthy of being a father?

At this moment, Gu Yao slowly spoke.

"The surveillance cameras won't lie. Since you insist on saying the same thing, let's check the surveillance cameras and see if it was Xu Mei who gave the room card to President Qian."

Qiao Zhenguo's heart trembled as he hurriedly said, "Forget it, I don't want to pursue the matter anymore. The Qiao family is the one who blew up the matter and embarrassed themselves. Moreover, it's impossible for Xu Mei to have done this. Xi Xi, what do you think?"

Xu Mei's scoundrel friend chimed in, "That's right, how could Xu Mei do such a thing? It's Qiao Xi who wrongly accused her and fabricated the story!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows. There was a new lackey now?

She clapped her hands as a staff member walked in and turned on the computer in the suite.

"Miss Qiao, it's ready."

Qiao Zhenguo's heart suddenly thumped. He was just about to talk when Qiao Xi slowly spoke.

"Everyone thinks that I'm in the wrong, and even my dad thinks so. In that case, I have to prove my innocence, lest you wrongly accuse a good person! Let's begin!"

As soon as she finished speaking, the staff member played the surveillance video.

Xu Mei clenched her fists nervously, her heart thumping. She quickly rushed over to stop the staff member. "Stop! Stop right now! Who allowed you to play the video?!"

A few bodyguards quickly subdued her, letting her scream.

The staff member played the video of the surveillance footage.

The person in the video was Xu Mei. She was talking on the phone with a flattering smile on her face.

"President Qian, she's waiting for you in the suite. She'll definitely serve you well. I'll send the room card over later.

"This eldest daughter of mine doesn't have any other merit except that she's good-looking and knows how to serve others..."

"I'll give Qiao Xi to you. In the future, the Qiao family's business will depend on you. Take good care of Rou Rou!"

Xu Mei had a sinister look on her face.

She was using Qiao Xi as a stepping stone to pave the way for Qiao Rou. Her expression was truly nauseating.

One could hear a pin drop.

Xu Mei stopped struggling. Her eyes were empty as her legs went limp.

How did Qiao Xi have this surveillance footage?

How could they let outsiders see the surveillance footage of Fragrance Hotel?

Xu Mei forced herself to calm down. She would not confess until the last moment.

She pinched her thigh and squeezed out a few tears. She said very sorrowfully, "Xi Xi, in order to accuse me, you actually fabricated the truth! I did make a call, but I didn't say those words. You must have gotten someone to dub the voice recording!

"Xi Xi, I've been tolerating you for so many years, so why won't you let me off? What have I done to you?"

Xu Mei clutched her chest in sorrow. Then, her body went limp and she collapsed onto the floor.

She insisted that Qiao Xi had fabricated the truth before fainting from grief. No matter how Qiao Xi tried to explain herself, it would all be in vain.

Qiao Rou rushed over anxiously. "Mom! Wake up! Sister, you know that Mom's health isn't good, yet you still want to malign her. Are you trying to anger her to death?"

Qiao Xi was so angry that she laughed. Xu Mei's act of pretending to be unconscious was really effective every time!

"Hey! Call an ambulance if she's fainted. Why are you shouting at me?"

The staff member immediately took out their phone and called the ambulance.

Qiao Zhenguo's expression was gloomy as he roared, "Qiao Xi! Are you done?"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to sweep him with her gaze but did not say anything.

Qiao Zhenguo roared. "You fabricated the surveillance footage to frame your stepmother. She has already fainted. What else do you want? Even if you were framed today, you can't anger your stepmother like this. You're being unfilial!"

Ignoring the fact that everyone was present, he berated loudly, "You've simply disgraced our Qiao family! Hurry up and get lost!"

Chapter 236: Repeat What You Just Said

They came to attend the banquet today because they wanted Qiao Rou to take this opportunity to build a good relationship with the eldest miss of Fragrance Hotel, yet Qiao Xi had ruined this opportunity!

The entire venue was silent.

At this moment, Qiao Rou's eyes were filled with tears. "Dad, since Sister doesn't welcome us, I'll take Mom and we'll leave the family!"

Qiao Zhenguo looked at his daughter who had been wronged and was instantly infuriated. "Qiao Xi! You edited this video! Are you going to force your sister and stepmother to die? You're really vicious!"

"You scourge! You're a jinx! Why can't you be as sensible and gentle as your younger sister? Get out of the Qiao family immediately!"

"President Qiao."

Suddenly, Qin An said with a sneer, "I've been listening for a long time. Why are you getting more and more confused?"

He slowly walked in front of Qiao Zhenguo and said in a cold tone, "It seems that Qiao Xi was framed. Why did you ask her to swallow her anger? And why are you scolding her so fiercely?"

"President Qin, don't blame my dad. He's just..." Qiao Rou explained hurriedly. Her eyes were red and she looked very aggrieved.

Qin An waved his hand. "Miss Qiao Rou, I'm not talking to you. Please shut up, but what you just said makes sense."

Qiao Rou was originally disappointed. However, when she heard the last sentence, her eyes lit up.

Qin An was affirming her words. From the looks of it, there was a chance. Had he taken a liking to her?

Qiao Rou showed a shy expression. "President Qin, actually, I..."

"You said that you should leave the Qiao family with Xu Mei immediately. That makes sense, so I think it's a good idea."

Qin An said slowly, "Xu Mei is a mistress who destroyed someone else's family. You have also inherited my mother's bad habit. You stole someone else's boyfriend. You should indeed get lost."

Qiao Rou's lips were pale as her body trembled. Her face was filled with disbelief.

Qiao Zhenguo hurriedly explained, "President Qin, Xu Mei was framed. Qiao Rou only said that for the sake of her health. They shouldn't be the ones leaving. They're too gentle and kind-hearted..."

"Qiao Xi is putting painstaking efforts to chase them away. This is all her fault and has nothing to do with Xu Mei and her daughter!"

Qiao Zhenguo was making things worse. Everyone looked at him suspiciously.

Qiao Xi crossed her arms. "Dad, do you really think so? So it turns out that I'm such a person in your eyes!"

"Traitor! How dare you lie about the truth?! Shut up! Go home--"

Qiao Zhenguo was still roaring angrily, but before he could finish, Qin An interrupted him.

“President Qiao, I think it’s necessary for me to tell you that I was the one who gave the video to Qiao Xi.”

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Qiao Zhenguo instantly choked, and his face turned livid.

His eyes were filled with shock, and his entire body was trembling. It was as if he had been struck by lightning.

“President Qin, you... Impossible...”

“Why? Are you saying that I lied?” Qin An raised his eyebrows. “If you don’t believe me, we can call the police. I believe someone can prove that the video is real.”

“Impossible! This... It must be fake...” The corners of Qiao Zhenguo’s mouth twitched as he stammered, “Xu Mei is gentle and kind. She, she...”

“Do you mean to say that you don’t believe in President Qin? If Second Young Master Gu and the other two hadn’t appeared, my life would’ve been ruined. You didn’t say anything to stand up for me but were helping Xu Mei escape punishment. Could it be that you were also involved in the framing this time? You wanted to ruin your own daughter?”

Qiao Xi’s words made Qiao Zhenguo’s face grow paler and paler when he heard them.

He never expected that Qiao Xi would be able to say such words, and he was instantly infuriated to the point of stomping his feet. “Bastard! Shut up! You still dare to slander me? You’re as heartless as that damned mother of yours!”

Qiao Xi’s gaze turned cold.

Qiao Zhenguo was infuriated and said without thinking, “This matter ends here. Don’t pursue the matter anymore, otherwise...”

“President Qiao, are you threatening me?” Qin An’s eyes were deep.

Qiao Zhenguo instantly choked and swallowed the words in his mouth. The next second, a cold weapon appeared above his head with the muzzle of the pistol pressed against his forehead.

Everyone screamed in shock and fled in all directions.

Qiao Zhenguo was so scared that he broke out in a cold sweat. “P-President Qin...”

“President Qiao, why don’t you repeat what you just said?” Qin An’s voice was low.

Chapter 237: Pushed Into A Dead-end

Qiao Zhenguo was so scared that his face was pale. His voice was trembling. “President Qiao, I’m sorry. I... I shouldn’t have disturbed your dinner, but this incident happened because of Qiao Xi. I...”

“Heh.”

Qin An sneered and played with the pistol. His finger was on the trigger. "It seems that only a bullet can make you understand!"

"P-President Qin, calm down. How did I offend you? Please tell me."

Qin An smirked. "You're probably here to meet Fragrance Hotel's eldest miss, right?"

"Do you know who Eldest Miss is?"

Qiao Zhenguo shook his head in confusion.

In fact, he had never heard of such a person before, but since Qin An had said so, he must have seen her before.

Who could it be?

Their family had indeed come to see the eldest miss, but why did Qin An mention it at this moment?

If it weren't for that bastard Qiao Xi, how could things have ended up like this?

She would rather die than sleep with President Qian!

Qiao Zhenguo's body trembled as an idea suddenly appeared in his mind.

He widened his eyes and looked at Qiao Xi in horror.

Qiao Xi crossed her arms across her chest with a calm expression. She was not shocked at all when she saw Qin An take out a pistol.

Everyone was scared out of their wits when they saw the pistol. She was the only one who looked calm as if she was not surprised at all.

Thoughts crept into Qiao Zhenguo's mind like vines.

"President Qiao, do you understand now?"

Qin An put down the pistol in his hand. "In that case, why did you allow Xu Mei to frame her? Are you looking down on Fragrance Hotel?"

Everyone carefully ruminated over Qin An's words. Xu Mei framed Qiao Xi while Qin An was standing up for Qiao Xi.

In other words, Qiao Xi was Qin An's younger sister, the eldest miss of Fragrance Hotel?

"Qiao Xi went missing when she was young. She might have been adopted by the Qin family, so..."

"The Qiao family abandoned Qiao Xi back then. Who would have thought that she would benefit from a disaster and become the daughter of the Qin family?!"

Qiao Zhenguo broke out in a cold sweat when he heard everyone's words.

His legs turned weak as he staggered and knelt on the floor. He looked up in horror—

Qiao Xi was actually Qin An's younger sister? The eldest miss of Fragrance Hotel?

However, Qiao Xi grew up in the countryside. She did not have enough to eat, had no clothes, and didn't even have warmth. How did she meet the Qin family?

Qiao Rou and Xu Mei's faces turned deathly pale.

How could Qiao Xi be so lucky to have actually become the eldest miss of the Qin family?

Everyone discussed in low voices. "In that case, President Qiao brought Qiao Rou here to apologize but they offended Eldest Miss again!"

"In order to compete for the Qiao family's assets, Xu Mei plotted to frame Qiao Xi. Unexpectedly, Qiao Xi has Qin An as her backer..."

"I heard that Qiao Rou is very favored in the Qiao family as though she's the true daughter of a rich family. Qiao Xi is worse than a servant in the Qiao family."

"Now it would seem that Qiao Xi is countless times stronger than Qiao Rou. She's the daughter of the Qin family, so the Qiao family is nothing in her eyes!"

"Qiao Rou has been pretending all this time. Look at her, she finally can't pretend anymore. Her expression is so ugly!"

Instantly, everyone kicked the people who were down!

Qiao Xi had the Qin family to back her up. Even if she made a mistake today, no one would say anything about it.

Qin An's tone was gentle. "Little Six... Xi Xi, what do you want to do with them?"

Qiao Zhenguo was about to speak when he was interrupted by Qiao Xi. "Dad, you don't think that I'll let this matter go, do you? You've been wrongly accusing me all this while, and Xu Mei even schemed to frame me. Could it be that you want me to swallow my anger?"

Qin An instantly understood. "If one does something wrong, one will be punished. Why don't I kill you?"

"All of you have repeatedly made things difficult for Xi Xi. I think there's no need for any of you to be around any longer."

With that said, Qin An raised his pistol and aimed it at Qiao Zhenguo's forehead.

"President Qin, please let me off! I was blind! Xu Mei... Xu Mei! Apologize quickly!"

Qiao Zhenguo was so scared that he pissed his pants.

At that moment, he no longer had any dignity. He knelt on the floor and begged for Qin An's forgiveness.

This was because he knew very well that this was Qin An's territory. Killing him would be like crushing an ant.

Qiao Zhenguo rushed to Xu Mei's side and shook her crazily.. Seeing that she did not react, he grabbed her hair and forced her to kowtow to Qin An.

Chapter 238: Every Dog Has Its Day

Bang! Bang! Xu Mei instantly felt dizzy and she gritted her teeth in hatred.

It was all Qiao Xi's fault!

Who would have thought that she would be so lucky? She had even climbed up the ladder by clinging to Qin An. In the future, wouldn't Qiao Xi trample on the two of them?

"A mistress still dares to frame the legitimate daughter? Qiao Zhenguo is really muddle-headed. He actually helped his mistress harm his own daughter?"

"President Qian is an old hoodlum. Xu Mei sold Qiao Xi to him to torture her to death!"

The crowd's criticisms reached Xu Mei's ears. She could no longer pretend and abruptly opened her eyes.

Qiao Xi slowly walked in front of Xu Mei, bent down, and said softly in her ear, "You hate me to death, right? But you don't dare to touch me. You even have to kowtow and apologize to me because Qin An is protecting me!"

Xu Mei and Qiao Rou glared at her fiercely.

A scene suddenly flashed past their minds.

More than ten years ago, when Qiao Xi was chased out by them, Xu Mei had stood in front of her and forced her to kneel.

'Little b*tch! You hate me to death, right? Unfortunately, the Qiao family will belong to me and my daughter in the future, while you have to stay in the countryside for the rest of your life. You might die there before you reach adulthood!

'Don't waste your effort. No one in the Qiao family can save you. Your father knows everything that I've done. The old madam loves Rou Rou and won't care about you. You'd better die outside and never return to the Qiao family again!'

Qiao Xi had knelt on the ground and silently swore in her heart that sooner or later, she would make Xu Mei and her daughter kneel in front of her and beg for mercy.

After Xu Mei drove her away, she took Qiao Rou to enjoy everything that should rightfully belong to her and her mother. They even occupied all of her assets.

She did not care about returning to the Qiao family, but only by taking back everything that belonged to the Qiao family could she make Xu Mei and her daughter suffer.

The scene from more than ten years ago was still vivid in her mind. Qiao Xi's eyes were deep. "Aunt Xu, every dog has its day. It has only been ten years but I've already made you guys kneel in front of me and beg me for mercy. Moreover, from today onward, all of you have to humble yourselves when you see me.

“All of you, remember to be more polite when you see me in the future. Otherwise, I can destroy you with just my finger!”

Xu Mei’s eyes widened in anger as her body trembled. Her breathing quickened, and she convulsed twice before fainting.

“Mom!”

“Xu Mei!” Qiao Zhenguo’s face was filled with sorrow. However, he could not do anything because Qin An’s pistol was still pressed against his forehead.

Qin An glanced at him in disdain and put down the pistol in his hand. “Carry her out! Don’t dirty my territory!”

Little Six had said that he did not want the Qiao family to die so easily, that she wanted them to suffer pain and torture, so he would spare their lives first.

There was still time...

In any case, since the Qiao family had found out about her identity, they would no longer dare to be disrespectful toward her. Whenever they saw her, they would have to kneel and kowtow to her.

How did they feel when they saw Qiao Xi, the person they had once looked down on, suddenly become the daughter of the Qin family?

Qiao Rou looked at the high and mighty Qiao Xi and gnashed her teeth in hatred.

No! It was not over yet!

She still had a chance!

Qin An was nothing. Her fiancé was the young master of the Gu family!

The Gu family was an existence that even Qin An did not dare to touch!

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After the Qiao family was chased out of Fragrance Hotel, everyone dispersed.

Qiao Xi bade farewell to the others before leaving through the back door of Fragrance Hotel.

She was in a good mood today and definitely wanted to eat barbecue. Although she had not recovered her taste buds, she salivated when she thought about the sizzling meat.

Just as she was about to leave, she bumped into a hard chest.

Qiao Xi raised her eyes. “...”

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes, his gaze deep. There was a cigarette between his fingers, and he extinguished it in one smooth action. He said softly, “Mrs. Gu, I’ve wronged you.”

At this moment, Qiao Xi’s thoughts vaguely sounded.

'Why is this bastard Gu Zheng here? It must be Zhou Guanjin who told him! I want to eat barbecue! How can I eat if he's here? Isn't he the president? Why is he so free every day? Does Gu Corporation have nothing to do? At this rate, they'll go bankrupt sooner or later! If they go bankrupt, I won't have money to eat barbecue anymore!'

Qiao Xi was silent for a moment before she said slowly, "Ah Zheng, you're here to pick me up, right? I'm so happy you're here!"

Chapter 239: There's Something Wrong With Mrs. Gu

Gu Zheng remained composed as the corners of his mouth twitched lazily.

Qiao Xi instantly felt her hair stand on end.

'What is this bastard smiling about?! He's scaring me to death!'

Gu Zheng put an arm around her waist and went to the lounge. He sat on the sofa and asked casually, "Are you hungry?"

Qiao Xi nodded abruptly. She wanted to eat barbecue and spicy food, but Gu Zheng would definitely not let her. Moreover, he might not even let her kiss him. Hence, she smiled obsequiously and said, "Ah Zheng, you decide. I'll listen to you!"

Gu Zheng chuckled. "Then... let's have a barbecue."

Qiao Xi nodded lightly, then her entire body suddenly froze.

Wait, did she hear wrongly?

How did Gu Zheng know that she wanted to eat barbecue? Even in her dreams, she had been dreaming of eating barbecue.

She even wondered if Gu Zheng could read her mind. How could he guess what she wanted to eat?

Qiao Xi was excited to the point of almost jumping up and down. She was on the verge of crying from joy.

Gu Zheng's eyes were full of smiles.

Mrs. Gu was so cute. It was actually very easy to make her happy!

The man straightened his body and cleared his throat, waiting for Mrs. Gu's response.

After calming down, Qiao Xi found it a little strange. Gu Zheng had never liked barbecue. Why would he suddenly say he wanted to eat barbecue?

Gu Zheng sat there with his eyes narrowed.

'He doesn't like smoky environments and finds it very unhygienic. Previously when I said that I wanted to eat barbecue, he would always refuse without hesitation.'

She propped her chin and thought about it carefully. Suddenly, she came to a realization.

'Could it be...'

Gu Zheng curled his lips. Was Mrs. Gu very touched? She knew that he did not like barbecue, but he was still willing to go for her sake.

The president, who had always been cold, felt that he was making his feelings very obvious. Mrs. Gu would definitely love him more.

Qiao Xi suddenly looked at him.

'Could it be that he has bought over a barbecue chain and wants to bring me to taste the food? Is Gu Corporation involved in such a wide range of businesses nowadays? He even wants to venture into barbecue restaurants?'

Gu Zheng: "..."

He was speechless.

Mrs. Gu was indeed crazy. He would have to bring her to the hospital someday.

However, no matter what the reason was, she was already thankful that she could eat barbecue.

She pulled Gu Zheng along and was about to leave when Gu Zheng suddenly stopped in his tracks. "Mrs. Gu."

"What's wrong?"

His expression was calm as he slowly lowered his head, his hot breath spraying on her face.

His cold voice was exceptionally gentle at this moment. "I almost forgot to kiss you."

As soon as he finished speaking, he placed a hand on the back of her head and planted a gentle kiss on her soft lips.

Qiao Xi's eyes widened as her mind went blank and her heart pounded violently.

What did this man mean? Was he kissing her to let her recover her taste buds, or was it just a kiss?

Why did he suddenly want to kiss her?

'Holy sh*t! Is this bastard trying to seduce me?'

Hiss!

Gu Zheng bit her lip, and the stinging pain made her collect her thoughts.

At this moment, Gu Zheng's eyes were burning. His hair fell across his forehead and hung lazily in front of his eyes, adding a trace of lingering and ambiguity.

Qiao Xi's entire body was wobbly and soft. Her body leaned weakly against Gu Zheng's body as if she could only steady herself by hugging him.

Gu Zheng was not satisfied with a single kiss. From being gentle at the start, he started becoming wanton and forceful. It was not until Qiao Xi began to struggle that the kiss ended.

A gentle kiss landed on her forehead and neck.

Qiao Xi's thoughts were in a mess and she had completely lost her mind. She even forgot to breathe.

She gasped for breath and said, "Gu..."

Just then, an inappropriate voice interrupted her.

"Gu Zheng, I want to eat barbecue too! Bring me along!"

Gu Yao barged in and pushed open the door, smiling like a silly prodigal son of a rich family.

Gu Zheng: "..."

'Tell me, how do you want to die?'

Although Gu Yao often fooled around outside, he was still an innocent boy. He had never been in a relationship and did not know what the two of them were doing just now.

The first thing he saw was Gu Zheng hugging Qiao Xi tightly. Qiao Xi's eyes were like spring water, her lips were red, and her eyes even carried a trace of confusion?

Gu Yao said, "Qiao Xi, your lips are so red. You're wearing lipstick? Don't bother putting on makeup anymore, I'm starving. Let's go eat barbecue!"

Qiao Xi: "..."

Gu Yao suddenly thought of something and frowned..

Chapter 240: The Innocent Second Young Master Gu

Gu Zheng thought that this child was not too stupid. He knew that he had disturbed the couple, so he felt very sorry.

He had just been engrossed in kissing Mrs. Gu when he interrupted them. Now, he really wanted to beat this brat up!

Gu Zheng looked at Gu Yao coldly, waiting for him to get out of the lounge.

Unexpectedly, Gu Yao suddenly rushed over, pulled the two of them apart, and said earnestly, "It's normal for couples to have conflicts. Gu Zheng, as a man, you should let her have things her way. You're a good man, how could you hit her? Just look at how red her face is! Even her lips are red!"

Qiao Xi: "??"

It was really not easy for Gu Yao to have lived for so long.

Gu Zheng frowned.

Facing Gu Yao, he was really speechless!

He had always been cold and heartless. With just one look, everyone around him would tremble in fear. However, he could not do anything to these two people in front of him.

One of them was Qiao Xi, who was often stupid.

The other was the extremely naive Gu Yao.

Gu Yao sized up the two of them. Could it be that Gu Zheng was jealous because Qiao Xi had played cards with him, so they ended up fighting?

He was suddenly afraid and could not help but take a few steps back.

Gu Zheng was such a volatile person. Would he be jealous and beat him up?

He could not help it! He was indeed handsome and easy to misunderstand, but he would not lay a hand on Sister-in-law.

However, it seemed that the two of them were no longer angry and would not quarrel. He finally heaved a sigh of relief.

Gu Zheng asked Qiao Xi in a light voice, "Are we bringing him along?"

Although her first meeting with Gu Yao was not pleasant, Qiao Xi knew that although Gu Yao looked willful, he was not a bad person.

Back then, Gu Yao and Yao Mengqing went to Longwan Residential to find trouble with her because they thought that Gu Zheng was treating his childhood friend so coldly after getting married. Hence, they could not stand his behavior.

In his eyes, he had always thought that since Yao Mengqing was his good friend, he should stand up for her.

Hence, Second Young Master Gu was just too naive and silly. He was still very kind-hearted.

Qiao Xi replied, "Let's go together."

Gu Yao looked at them in confusion. Why did he suddenly feel so humble?

He was a ferocious profligate son in front of outsiders, but in the eyes of the couple, he was like a pet!

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Gu Corporation was involved in a wide range of activities. They did have a chain barbecue shop, and the interior was luxuriously decorated.

The three of them had just gotten out of the car when Gu Yao saw a familiar person. He swallowed the words that were about to come out of his mouth.

Qiao Xi looked at him with slight doubt.

The familiar face was Yao Mengqing, but she and his sister-in-law were not on good terms, so the situation would be awkward.

Hence, he hesitated for a moment and shook his head. "It's fine."

It was better for Sister Mengqing to meet Gu Zheng less often. Otherwise, Sister-in-law and Gu Zheng would start fighting again.

Gu Yao retracted his gaze and followed Qiao Xi into the shop.

Yao Mengqing, who was in a corner, had already seen the three of them. She gritted her teeth in hatred.

At this moment, a man walked over. "Wasn't Gu Yao very close to you previously?"

Yao Mengqing smiled bitterly. "That's right, but not anymore. I don't know what charm Qiao Xi has to make Gu Yao so close to her in just a few days!"

This b*tch had snatched Gu Zheng away and even roped Gu Yao in!

The fact that Gu Yao was her friend had helped make Yao Mengqing extremely successful in high society.

But now... Gu Yao even pretended not to see her and deliberately turned his face away. He took her as a stranger.

No! This could not go on!

The man snorted. "Who does she think she is? If you don't like her, I'll finish her off!"

She pretended to be sad. "Never mind, Cousin."

"Then are you just going to let her be so arrogant?"

Yao Mengqing was helpless. "As long as she's good to Gu Zheng, it's alright even if I suffer."

The man glared fiercely at Qiao Xi's back view and gnashed his teeth. "Why should I let you suffer? I'll take care of her for you!"

Yao Mengqing shook her head, and the two of them entered the shop as well.

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Although Qiao Xi had lost the function of her taste buds, just the sight of barbecued meat was enough to whet her appetite.

However, it was Gu Zheng's first time in a barbecue shop. Looking at the food covered with seasoning, he could not help but frown.

Gu Yao and Qiao Xi were eating happily, their faces full of happiness.