

## Lady gu 261

Chapter 261: President Qiao Is Truly Loyal!

Gu Zheng frowned and secretly clenched his fists.

Hah! It turned out that this was what Mrs. Gu thought of him in her heart.

Gu Zheng said casually, "I'll send you there."

Qiao Xi sat on the sofa beside him and said slowly, "Wait a little longer."

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At eight in the evening.

The students had all arrived at the Qiao family's house, but the main character of the party was not here yet. Qiao Rou stomped her feet anxiously. "Is Sister not coming?"

Xu Mei sighed. "I think Xi Xi must have something urgent to attend to, so she couldn't arrive in time. She didn't mean for everyone to wait."

Everyone frowned and complained, "Qiao Xi is really rude! She invited us to participate in the banquet but she's late herself."

Qiao Rou bit her lip and advised softly, "Don't be anxious. My sister will definitely come. Let's wait a little longer..."

A student snorted. "As the Qiao family's eldest daughter, she doesn't know any etiquette at all. It's indeed different to have grown up in the countryside!"

"Rou Rou, don't defend her. She won't appreciate your kindness at all."

Qiao Rou's face turned red. "Don't say that. She definitely isn't doing it on purpose. Let me explain..."

Bang!

Someone slammed the wine glass down, causing the alcohol to spill onto the table.

Xu Mei's eyes turned cold. Who was so insensible to not give Rou Rou face? When she saw that the other party was Xue Yi, she could only swallow her words.

Behind Xue Yi was the Xue family of the capital, so she naturally did not dare to offend them. Furthermore, Xue Yi was a musical genius herself. Li City University had invited her to join them so that she could bring honor to the university back then.

Qiao Rou invited her over because of her special identity. With her around, it would be easier to deal with Qiao Xi. Then, she would not have to be afraid of Qin An anymore.

Hence, Xu Mei could only smile and did not dare to say anything bad to Xue Yi.

Qiao Rou was stunned for a moment. Xue Yi and Xue Liang were both surnamed Xue. Could it be that both of them shared a relationship?

No, impossible!

Xue Yi was from the Xue family in the capital, while Xue Liang had always been overseas. It should be a coincidence and they shouldn't be related at all!

Everyone was silent. Xue Yi said slowly, "This glass is nice."

Qiao Zhenguo had a smile on his face. He did not expect that the glass would catch Xue Yi's eye. He said obsequiously, "This glass was bought by me for 500,000 yuan. The glass in your hand matches the glass in Rou Rou's hand."

Xu Mei smiled and said, "Yes, this was my birthday gift from Zhenguo 20 years ago. I thought that since we were having important guests today, I should bring them out."

Everyone sighed. The Qiao couple was really loving. They bought a pair of glasses for 500,000 yuan. It was really too extravagant.

Unexpectedly, Xue Yi said indifferently, "This white porcelain is exquisitely carved and has a clear color. It's indeed worth 500,000 yuan. However, President Qiao didn't have a family business to run 20 years ago, so how could you afford such expensive glasses?"

"..."

The venue was silent.

Xue Yi looked calm and said indifferently, "I think the glasses must be a treasure previously bid by Qiao Xi's mother, President Qiao's first wife, right? Since you still have these glasses, it means that President Qiao is still thinking about his first wife. How loyal!"

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Everyone looked awkward and could not help but look at Xu Mei.

She remembered that Xu Mei had just said that these glasses were a birthday gift from Qiao Zhenguo.

The people who attended the banquet were all ordinary students. Be it the Qiao family or Xue Yi, they did not dare to offend either of them. Hence, they lowered their heads and drank their beverages, not daring to say a word.

Qiao Zhenguo hurriedly looked at Old Madam Qiao. The old woman was, after all, a wily old woman. She sighed softly. "I'm old and my body can't take it anymore. Why isn't Xi Xi back yet? We agreed to meet at 7: 30 pm. It's already past 8 pm, but she's still nowhere to be seen..."

Old Madam Qiao targeted Qiao Xi with her words.

Qiao Rou's eyes lit up. It did not matter whose glasses they were. The important thing was why Qiao Xi had not appeared yet. Letting a group of people wait for her was really rude!

Old Madam Qiao was helpless.. "Looks like Xi Xi still blames me... Sigh! Zhenguo called to beg her. I thought she would come back, but judging from the situation, it's hard to say..."

Chapter 262: The Host Appears

Xu Mei quickly went over to calm her down. “Mom, watch out for your health. Although Xi Xi is a little willful, there are so many people here today. She won’t do such a thing. Moreover, she hasn’t been home for so long. She’ll definitely come back to see you.”

Xue Yi swept a cold glance over at Xu Mei. This mistress was indeed capable. She pretended to persuade the old madam, but in reality, she was saying that Qiao Xi was unfilial, reckless, and willful.

It seemed that Xue Liang was right. The Qiao family was really detestable.

Xue Yi did not say anything else because she knew that Little Six would definitely come and not let this group of people off easily.

After a while, everyone complained loudly.

They could not interfere with the Qiao family’s matters, but Qiao Xi being late meant that she did not take them seriously!

Qiao Zhenguo looked at the time, his eyes filling with anger. He gritted his teeth and said, “I’ll call and ask if she’s still coming. In order to celebrate her return, I invited so many people over, but she made us wait so long without saying anything!”

Xu Mei had an apologetic look on her face as she bent down to the crowd. “Students, I think Xi Xi won’t be coming anymore. I’m really sorry for taking up so much of your time.”

Qiao Rou pretended to be lonely. Actually, it was a good thing that Qiao Xi did not come. It caused Qiao Xi to have the reputation of being disrespectful to her elders and willful.

Immediately after, she slowly stepped forward and was at a loss. “There must be a reason why my sister isn’t here. Maybe... she’s still unwilling to forgive me. If you want to blame someone... blame me. It’s all my fault. It has nothing to do with my sister!

“I’ve let everyone down. Please forgive me!”

Qiao Rou’s tears fell. Her pitiful appearance made the male students’ hearts ache, so they comforted her softly. “Rou Rou, it’s not your fault.”

“Yeah, it’s clearly Qiao Xi’s fault. What does it have to do with you?”

“Qiao Xi is too much! Does she think we’re monkeys?”

“When we get back to the university, I’ll write a thread and attack her. I’ll let everyone see what kind of person she is! She lets her elders and students wait for her without the intention of appearing—”

“Dad, I’m sorry I’m late.”

At this moment, a weak and trembling voice was heard. It sounded as if she would cry the next second.

Qiao Xi was wearing a plain dress and looked frail like a flower that was swaying in the wind.

Her eyes were lonely. “A-Are all of you leaving?”

Qiao Zhenguo could not suppress his anger and shouted, "You still have the cheek to come? If you didn't want to come, you should've given me a call to let me know. You made everyone wait so long for nothing. What do you mean by this?"

Qiao Rou cried out, "Sister, you must hate me, so you didn't want to come. But since you agreed, why did you still do this? Grandma's health isn't good, and Dad is sick. They had been waiting for you."

The label of being unfilial fell heavily on Qiao Xi.

Qiao Rou was well aware that with Qiao Xi's character, she would absolutely retort.

If Qiao Xi dared to retort, she would cry. At that time, everyone would attack Qiao Xi and Qiao Xi would not be able to explain herself.

Qiao Rou lowered her head and secretly revealed a proud smile.

Unexpectedly, as soon as she finished speaking, Qiao Xi's entire body trembled as her eyes turned red.

"Sister, I'm sorry. I didn't do it on purpose. The security guards at the door didn't let me in.

"They said that the Qiao family has only one young miss, and that's you. I'm just a wild girl. They even told me to get lost! I... They refused to let me in no matter what, so I was late. I'm sorry, everyone."

Xue Yi: "..."

Qiao Rou choked, and her face turned pale.

What was going on? Was Qiao Xi pretending to be weak?

Qiao Xi sighed helplessly, but she sneered in her heart. Qiao Rou was stunned just like that? Yet she still dared to fight her?

She scanned the crowd indifferently. Indeed, the Qiao family's expressions were extremely ugly as if they were constipated.

Qiao Xi said again, "Dad, please forgive me. I didn't know that the security guards at the door didn't know who I was. I called you, but you didn't pick up. After that, it was the bodyguard Third Brother sent who subdued the security guards outside, which is how I managed to come in..."

"Who knew that you would scold me the moment I came in? Boo-hoo..."

Chapter 263: Ruining Qiao Xi For An Illegitimate Daughter?

Qiao Xi covered her face and cried. "All of you don't like me. I'm an outsider, and the Qiao family is unwilling to accept me. Even when I came back, the security guards wouldn't let me in. Dad kept saying that he hoped I would come back, but he refused to pick up the phone. He even complained that I was late!"

Gu Zheng, who was pretending to be a bodyguard at the side: "..."

Mrs. Gu's ability to act weak had improved again.

If he had not heard Mrs. Gu's thoughts, he would have been deceived by her acting skills.

Half an hour ago, the two of them had already arrived at the Qiao family's villa.

Gu Zheng looked at his watch. "It's supposed to start at 7:30 pm. It's already 8 pm."

Qiao Xi had an indifferent expression. "Even if I arrive on time, Qiao Zhenguo will still send people to stop me. He just wants me to be late so that everyone will think I'm unfilial and rude."

"Do you see those security guards? I bet they'll stop me."

As expected, Qiao Xi had just taken a few steps when the security guards stopped her. They even said that the Qiao family only had one daughter, which was Qiao Rou. They told her to scam as far as she could.

Qiao Xi retreated unhurriedly, took out a mirror and a blush from her bag. She carefully touched up her makeup. "I already guessed it. They want me to be unable to raise my head in Li City University once this banquet is over."

Gu Zheng's eyes were slightly cold. "Those students will naturally be angry after waiting for so long. At that time, the people you'll have to face won't just be the Qiao family."

These students were young and rash. They might do something later.

They would not think about why Qiao Xi was late at all. They only knew that it was her fault for being late, and she had to pay the price.

Qiao Xi smiled. "What are you afraid of? These people can't cause trouble because my people are among them!"

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At this moment, Gu Zheng's gaze was on Xue Yi. It must be her.

She was a daughter of the Xue family and a musical genius.

Was this who Qiao Xi was talking about?

The faces of the Qiao family members turned livid. They did not expect that Qiao Xi would actually expose them in front of everyone.

The little b\*tch had learned her lesson. She knew how to tolerate things now?

Qiao Rou cursed in her heart. Previously, when Qiao Xi was innocent, she had never explained herself. Hence, she would try her best to slander Qiao Xi and ruin her reputation. She thought that Qiao Xi would quietly endure it, but she never expected that she would actually cry at the banquet.

Qiao Xi ran away while crying, but Xue Yi grabbed her first.

Xue Yi's expression was cold as her gaze landed on Qiao Zhenguo. "So it's not that Qiao Xi was unfilial that she was late but President Qiao got the security guards to stop her and deliberately did not pick up her calls?"

“I’ve been in the university for so long. I heard that Qiao Xi is gentle, polite, and very talented. How could she possibly be late on purpose?”

“So President Qiao was the one who forbade Qiao Xi from entering and even scolded her when she entered. This was your plan all along, wasn’t it? What right do you have to scold her?”

Xue Yi looked at Qiao Rou and sighed.

“I understand. You must be doing this for your illegitimate daughter. If Qiao Xi is too outstanding, your illegitimate daughter will be suppressed. However, if you make it seem that Qiao Xi has a bad character, then your illegitimate daughter will be praised.

“So for Qiao Rou, you have to destroy Qiao Xi first. President Qiao, you’re a good player!”

The entire venue was silent, and even everyone’s breathing could be heard. Everyone was extremely anxious.

If it were anyone else, they would have retorted long ago, but the person who spoke was Xue Yi. Whoever dared to speak out would be going against the Xue family in the capital.

The Qiao family also knew Xue Yi’s background and naturally did not dare to offend her, so they remained silent.

Qiao Rou’s face turned ashen as she bit her lip.

This Xue Yi actually... reprimanded her for being an illegitimate daughter?

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If it were not for Qiao Xi and her sl\*tty mother blocking the way, she would be the legitimate eldest daughter of the Qiao family.

Qiao Xi was mischievous and unqualified to be the Qiao family’s eldest daughter. She should have died a long time ago.

At this moment, Old Madam Qiao coughed and pulled Qiao Rou to her side. She patted her hand to comfort her, then looked coldly at the crowd.

“Since we invited Qiao Xi back, we couldn’t have sent the security guards to stop her. She was late and found a random reason to malign Zhenguo and Rou Rou. Quickly apologize!”

Xue Yi’s expression turned cold.. She was about to retort when she was stopped by Qiao Xi.

Chapter 264: I Want To Stay In My Original Room

Qiao Xi gave a small smile before putting on an aggrieved expression. She pinched her fingers uneasily as if a gust of wind could blow her over.

“Grandma, since you’ve said so, then I was in the wrong! If I knew this would happen, I wouldn’t have come. The security guards didn’t stop me. I was late. I’m sorry, everyone!”

Old Madam Qiao's expression softened a little. "At least you're sensible! You shameless thing!"

Not long after, a group of students gathered together and muttered while glancing at Old Madam Qiao from time to time.

"Madam Qiao is too much. It's obvious that Qiao Xi was stopped by the security guards, which is why she's late. She didn't do it on purpose, yet she's still talking about her like this."

"Why is Qiao Rou pretending to be aggrieved? Qiao Xi is clearly the innocent one. If Xue Yi hadn't said anything, I would really have misunderstood Qiao Xi!"

Xu Mei had sharp ears and heard the crowd's discussion, so she hurriedly interrupted. "It's good that you're here, Xi Xi. In order to invite you back, your father specially held a banquet and even got someone to tidy up your room. He wanted to give you a surprise."

Qiao Rou also hurriedly said, "Sister, I helped you clean your room. I hope you'll like it."

Xu Mei suppressed the anger in her heart and squeezed out a smile. "Xi Xi, although you're not my biological daughter, I've always treated you as my own. You should come back home. Your father and I are very worried about you. Living with those men isn't a long-term solution."

Everyone instantly opened their eyes wide and pricked up their ears to listen. Qiao Xi had been living with men recently, and there was more than one?

Xu Mei said earnestly, "I know you're close to President Qin, but there's a difference between a man and a woman. It won't be pleasant if news of this gets out..."

Qiao Zhenguo also said, "Xi Xi, I think so too. Your grandmother and I both want you to come back. You should move back as soon as possible and cut off all contact with those men."

The scene fell silent again.

Everyone in high society knew about the incident at Fragrance Hotel, but the students of Li City University were not aware of it. Hence, they did not know who President Qin was. Immediately, they imagined a bald and greasy uncle who was providing for Qiao Xi.

Immediately after, Old Madam Qiao spoke coldly and added another stab—

"Qiao Xi! You're shameless, but our Qiao family still cares about our reputation!"

These words pushed Qiao Xi into the abyss.

The students had surprised expressions as they looked at Qiao Xi in disbelief. Soon, their eyes were filled with disdain.

Qiao Xi took a sip of tea unhurriedly and smiled indifferently. "Sure, I'll move back."

Qiao Zhenguo's expression softened. He did not expect that this little b\*tch would not resist this time.

As long as she severed ties with Qin An, Qin An would probably not stand up for her. Then, he would get Rou Rou to curry favor with Qin An. Rou Rou was gentler and more understanding than Qiao Xi. She

would definitely capture Qin An's heart and he would not make things difficult for the Qiao family anymore.

Qiao Zhenguo nodded in satisfaction. "Xi Xi, since you've agreed, don't leave tonight."

"It's just that I can't sleep after changing beds. I think..."

Qiao Xi paused for a moment and looked at Qiao Rou with a smile. "I want to stay in my original room."

Qiao Rou's face turned pale as she trembled.

Qiao Zhenguo's expression darkened as he said impatiently, "Rou Rou is staying in that room now. Don't look for trouble!"

Xu Mei smiled awkwardly. "Xi Xi, Rou Rou has already gotten used to staying there after so long. You should choose another room."

Wang Qing had also come to the Qiao family's house. After quitting university, she had always held resentment against Qiao Xi and finally found a chance to deal with her. Hence, she shouted, "Qiao Xi! You're really shameless! It's fine if you're living with different men, but the Qiao family wants you to stay at home now. However, you even want to snatch Rou Rou's room? Rou Rou has already cleaned a room for you, but you just can't accept it! Why are you so petty?!"

"If you ask me, Rou Rou shouldn't have helped you clean your room. You're really vicious!"

At this moment, a young man who liked Qiao Rou said, "Qiao Xi, you're Rou Rou's elder sister. How can you snatch her room? Shouldn't you give in to your younger sister?"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes indifferently. "I'm snatching her room?"

She curled her lips and sighed helplessly. "But I really want to sleep on the same bed as I did back then. The basement is cold and dark. Aunt Xu said that she has let my younger sister stay in my room.. The Qiao family doesn't have any other rooms, so I can only stay in the basement. But I'm so scared!"

Chapter 265: Common Language Between Illegitimate Daughters

"There are cockroaches in the basement, and it's very humid. I won't be able to sleep. If you want me to sleep in the basement, I'll just sleep in my adoptive mother's house. Although we're not related by blood, at least I have my own room. I don't have to step on eggshells around the servants either..."

Every single word of Qiao Xi's seemed to be a blade as she voiced out all the grievances and unwillingness she had felt all these years.

The young man who spoke up for Qiao Rou earlier immediately looked embarrassed and retreated.

Xue Yi sneered. "I've learned something today. The illegitimate daughter stole the eldest miss' room while the eldest miss was forced to sleep in the basement... Madam Xu, you're really capable!"

Xu Mei's mind buzzed. "No, it's not like that..."



Xue Yi's words were sharp. "Although the Qiao family's house isn't big, it's still a villa. The servants all have their own rooms, but they're letting Qiao Xi sleep in the basement? As expected of a mistress. Her reputation isn't good and she's also vicious!"

Everyone nodded.

Qiao Rou shed tears aggrievedly. "Boo-hoo... Sister, I didn't mean to. I'm sorry, I'll give up my room right now. I don't deserve to stay in your room... Boo-hoo..."

"Since you know that you're not worthy, how did you still have the gall to stay in that room for so long? You've been living with a clear conscience for so many years. Why are you talking nonsense now?"

Xue Yi berated coldly, "You even had the cheek to clean a room for Qiao Xi? Just give up your room. Why are you acting pitiful here?"

Qiao Xi sighed in her heart. Sister Yi was indeed the daughter of the Xue family. With her around, there was no need for her to speak at all.

Qiao Rou's face was pale as she clenched her fists. Her nails dug into her palms as her body swayed.

"Qiao Xi! Don't accuse Rou Rou!"

Wang Qing shouted, "When you went missing, no one was staying in that room, which was why Rou Rou moved in. She's also a daughter of the Qiao family, so why can't she stay there?"

"She has been staying there for so many years, yet you want to snatch it away. She's a little reluctant to part with it. Isn't this normal? Don't be so unforgiving!"

Qiao Xi calmly listened to Wang Qing's angry roar and said unhurriedly, "That room was decorated by me and my deceased mother. My mother designed it according to my preferences. Moreover, the room also has my mother's jewelry, precious antiques, and paintings."

Her tone was gentle, but every word was sonorous. Xu Mei's face was as pale as paper.

Qiao Xi slowly said, "I didn't mind if Qiao Rou stayed in my room when I wasn't around, but after I returned to the Qiao family, I was made to stay in the basement."

"Wang Qing, I heard that your Wang family has an illegitimate daughter who's about your age. Can you let the illegitimate daughter stay in your room and occupy the jewelry, clothes, and shoes in your room? What do you think?"

"No." Xue Yi smiled and said, "Qiao Xi, you're wrong about something. Wang Qing is not the daughter of the first wife. She's also an illegitimate daughter, so it's reasonable for her to speak up for Qiao Rou. After all, they share a common language."

Everyone immediately looked at Wang Qing with disdain.

"She's also an illegitimate daughter!"

Qiao Xi pretended to be surprised. "So that's how it is! No wonder you're so close to Qiao Rou. I understand now."

Wang Qing gritted her teeth in anger but could not say anything.

Qiao Rou lowered her head and swayed.

This b\*tch! She actually dared to mock her in front of so many people!

Qiao Xi had not even returned home and she was already going to occupy her room. If she really came back, how could she live a good life in the future?!

“Rou Rou has been staying in that room for so many years. She must already be used to it. It’s too troublesome to swap rooms. As her sister, can’t you just let her have her way? Why must you be so overbearing?”

Old Madam Qiao’s face was tense. “The Qiao family is already treating you well by ignoring the past and bringing you back. Don’t go too far!”

Qiao Zhenguo suddenly squeezed out a smile. “Xi Xi, I’ve arranged a room for you and even renovated it. If you’re not satisfied, we can discuss it again, but we still have something important to discuss.”

Oh! They were finally getting to the main topic.

Qiao Zhenguo cleared his throat and seemed to be in a dilemma. “The Qiao family is in trouble now, and the company isn’t doing too well. Besides, your adoptive mother thinks that the Qiao family isn’t good to you.. In order to stand up for you, she attacked the Qiao family’s company.”

### **Chapter 266: Shocking! The Innocent Goddess Qiao Rou Is An Illegitimate Daughter!**

“We’re all your family. Are you going to watch the company go bankrupt and leave us with nowhere to go? You’re the Qiao family’s eldest daughter. If you sit by and do nothing, others will say that you’re heartless,” Qiao Zhenguo said loudly.

Xue Yi glanced at him disdainfully.

Qiao Xi nodded. “Then what do you think I should do?”

Qiao Zhenguo looked at everyone and started pretending to behave like an elder. “Xi Xi, you’re a member of the Qiao family, so you must not be able to bear to see the company go bankrupt. Quickly get your third brother to stop.

“Besides, he’s not related to you by blood. We’re your family!

“In order to invite you back, I’ve gathered so many people to make you happy. Haven’t I treated you well enough?”

Everyone kept quiet.

Qiao Xi calmly said, “So this banquet is held for me? Or for Third Brother?”

Qiao Zhenguo frowned. “You can’t say that. I do miss you. I was worried that it wouldn’t be safe for a girl like you to stay outside, so I’m asking you to come home.”

“I remember you telling me to get out of the Qiao family two days ago. It turns out that you suddenly told me to come home because you want Third Brother to let you off!” Qiao Xi pretended to be surprised, but there was a trace of a smile in her eyes.

Qiao Zhenguo’s face darkened. This little b\*tch didn’t want to give him any respect!

Silence filled the air.

“Heh!” Xue Yi sneered. “I know now. It turns out that the Qiao family specially invited Qiao Xi back to attend this banquet for the sake of the company’s interests. They’re not sincere about letting Qiao Xi come back home at all.”

Qiao Xi lowered her eyes as her body trembled slightly, her face filled with sorrow.

“I thought my dad really missed me, but it turns out it’s just for Qiao Rou and Xu Mei. He wants me to forgive them!”

“After that incident, I begged Third Brother, but he insisted on helping me take revenge. He said that it’s because Xu Mei sold me to President Qian and almost killed me. He canceled Qiao Rou’s contract to teach you a lesson. He’s not deliberately hurting the Qiao family’s interests...”

Everyone was enlightened when they heard this.

These students didn’t harbor complicated thoughts. They could tell right from wrong. They looked at Qiao Xi with eyes filled with heartache, and they decided that they must help Qiao Xi.

These people immediately took out their phones, logged into Li City University’s forum, and created a few posts—

[You can’t judge a book by its cover. The pure goddess Qiao Rou’s heart is as vicious as a snake!]

In the post, everyone criticized Qiao Rou for being an illegitimate daughter. She was occupying Qiao Xi’s room and even pretended to be pitiful to frame her sister. She was a two-faced b\*tch.

Qiao Rou’s mother, Xu Mei, was even more ruthless. When she chased Qiao Xi out of the Qiao family, Qiao Xi would’ve died if she wasn’t adopted. Now, Xu Mei even sold Qiao Xi to the old hooligan, President Qian. If it wasn’t for Qiao Xi’s third brother, she wouldn’t have been able to escape from the tiger’s den.

The mother and daughter had done so many dirty things, yet they still had the cheek to ask Qiao Xi to forgive them?

At this time, there were many students on the forum. When they saw this post, they reposted it crazily. They even took photos of Xu Mei and her mother and posted them online.

All the students present said the same thing, once again proving the authenticity of this matter.

[Oh... Qiao Rou is an illegitimate daughter! I remember she said that Qiao Xi was an adopted daughter from the countryside. In the end, Qiao Xi is the real Qiao family’s eldest daughter while Qiao Rou is a mistress!]

[Qiao Rou is so shameless! An illegitimate daughter dares to snatch the eldest miss's room? She even let Qiao Xi sleep in the basement! The daughter of a mistress is so vicious!]

[Everyone knows President Qian, right? He's a famous old hooligan in the industry. If Qiao Xi had fallen into his hands, who knows what kind of abuse she'd have to suffer?! Qiao Rou and Xu Mei still have the nerve to force Qiao Xi to forgive them?]

[Qiao Zhenguo is not fit to be a father! Qiao Xi is his daughter, yet he tolerates Xu Mei framing Qiao Xi time and time again. What a scumbag father!]

Originally, only a small group of people knew about the incident in Fragrance Hotel, but now, the news had spread all over Li City University.

Li City University's forum was abuzz, so someone posted about it on Weibo.

Twenty minutes later, Qiao Rou's manager anxiously called her.

"What? Say that again? Why should we terminate the contract?"

Following that, Qiao Zhenguo also received a message. It was Qin An's assistant who had sent him a few words..

#### **Chapter 267: I'm Smashing My Own House**

Qin An said: [I wanted the Qiao family to beg my sister, but you took the opportunity to bully her. Since that's the case, don't blame me for being heartless!]

Not long after, the Qiao family's business partners called to cancel their contracts. Qiao Zhenguo's phone was exploding with calls.

Qiao Zhenguo's entire body went limp as he collapsed onto the sofa weakly. He glared at Qiao Xi furiously. "Qiao Xi! You..."

Seeing this, everyone immediately found an excuse to leave. Before long, only Xue Yi, Qiao Xi, and the Qiao family were left in the house.

As soon as Xu Mei heard that Qiao Rou's contract was terminated and the Qiao family's company was being suppressed, she couldn't hide her hypocritical side anymore.

"Qiao Xi, it's fine if you're unwilling, but what are you doing? Are you trying to kill the Qiao family?"

Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully. "Yes, I'm happy to see all of you so anxious!"

When Old Madam Qiao heard this, she was so angry that her vision blurred.

She raised the cup at the side and threw it at Qiao Xi. "Qiao Xi! Go die! You bastard! Why are you still alive?"

"You jinx! You should have died with your mother a long time ago!"

Song Shijing stood in front of Qiao Xi and caught the cup.

When Qiao Xi heard the old woman's angry roar, she stopped in her tracks as her eyes turned cold. "I'm afraid I'll have to disappoint you.

"Because you will definitely die before me!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Song Shijing threw the cup back and smashed it right next to Old Madam Qiao. His eyes were cold. "Destroy everything!"

Once the order was given, the bodyguards attacked one after another. The living room of the Qiao family was instantly in chaos.

Qiao Zhenguo wanted to make a move to stop them, but he was sent flying with a kick. He could only roar helplessly, "Bastards! Quickly make them stop!"

Qiao Rou hid at the side and shivered. "Sister, this is your home too! You, how can you..."

Qiao Xi stood at the yard with her arms crossed and a roguish smile on her face. "Yeah, this is my house. I can do whatever I want, can't I? Song Shijing."

Qiao Xi said indifferently, "Someone cursed me to death. I want to see her die with my own eyes today!"  
"Yes!"

Song Shijing rushed up to the Qiao family with a murderous look on his face. The old madam was so scared that she trembled and twitched a few times before fainting on the chair.

Qiao Rou's eyes were filled with fear. "Sister! This is your grandma! Are you going to kill Grandma? You're unfilial!"

Qiao Xi sneered as she turned around and walked out of the door. She paid no further attention to them.

That was the old madam of the Qiao family. She had nothing to do with her.

That old madam had hated her since she was young and even asked Xu Mei to throw her to the countryside. She didn't treat her as her granddaughter at all. Since that was the case, she didn't have to treat the old madam as her grandmother.

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Gu Zheng waited at the door.

Xue Yi and Qiao Xi went out together and saw Gu Zheng at the side. Was this Little Six's bodyguard?

No! This person was...

"I didn't expect President Gu to be so free and even pretend to be a bodyguard to accompany me?"

Gu Zheng glanced at her indifferently. "It looks like the eldest daughter of the Xue family is very free to attend such a banquet."

Xue Yi snorted coldly. "Since you're here, why aren't you willing to show yourself? If you did, would that bunch of trash from the Qiao family still dare to bully Qiao Xi? You're not a good bodyguard at all! You came for nothing!"

Qiao Xi said, "Wait..."

"You just watched her get bullied. As her bodyguard, you have to protect her closely, but you hid here alone."

Qiao Xi tried to interrupt, "Listen to me..."

"That old lady even wanted to hit Qiao Xi. Aren't you going to avenge Qiao Xi?"

Qiao Xi said again, "Xue..."

"Little Six, you don't have to explain for him!"

Qiao Xi said awkwardly, "Sister, he went to avenge me just now."

Xue Yi: "???"

Qiao Xi explained, "Apart from Xu Mei and Qiao Rou, the servants in the Qiao family also often bullied me..."

Xue Yi was stunned for a moment. She asked in disbelief, "He went to beat them up?"

Qiao Xi initially wanted to do it herself, but she was unable to leave then, so she let Gu Zheng do it.

Gu Zheng dealt with all the servants who had bullied her and her mother.

Xue Yi was a little surprised. Little Six was still so simple and crude, but wouldn't it be bad if Gu Zheng knew that she was so violent?

### **Chapter 268: Illegitimate Children Are Not Qualified To Come To Qingyuan Pavilion**

Then, Xue Yi asked curiously, "President Gu, you did it yourself? Aren't you afraid of being gossiped about?"

Gu Zheng smiled meaningfully. "The Qiao family's company owes a lot of money."

Xue Yi was enlightened.

Gu Zheng had brought those angry creditors here, and they coincidentally met the Qiao family's servants who were trying to intimidate them. Hence, these people started fighting in a fit of anger.

Gu Zheng wiped the blood off his hands and asked casually, "Are you hungry?"

"Mm, let's go eat dinner!" Qiao Xi chuckled and asked, "Sister Yi, are you coming with?"

Xue Yi looked up and sized up Gu Zheng. She suddenly thought of something and shook her head.

She felt that Gu Zheng's face looked familiar, as if she had seen him somewhere before.

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Gu Zheng personally drove Qiao Xi into a remote alley.

“Where are we going?” Qiao Xi asked.

“Qingyuan Pavilion.”

Qiao Xi thought for a moment, then asked with a smile, “Is it the same Qingyuan Pavilion that only receives three tables of guests every day and the dishes are already determined every day? They don’t follow set operating hours either, do they?”

“Yeah.”

At this hour, Qingyuan Pavilion would probably have closed their doors for the day long ago. However, who was Gu Zheng? As long as he said he wanted to eat it, he would definitely be able to eat it.

If Gu Zheng wanted to eat their food, even if it was early in the morning, the chef of Qingyuan Pavilion would have to get up and cook for him.

Qingyuan Pavilion was a very famous private restaurant, but it was located in a deep alley. The road on both sides was very narrow. After walking for a while, it suddenly became clear that there was a whole new world here.

“I heard that Qingyuan Pavilion closes at seven every day. Why is it still open now?”

Gu Zheng did not say a word. He held her hand as they walked through a small path and arrived at an elegant private room.

On the other side of Qingyuan’s private room, there was a room filled with people. They spoke loudly and stubbornly—

“Back then, that mistress of the Gu family brought Gu Zheng back to acknowledge his ancestors. Now, Gu Zheng is even the head of the Gu family. Are we just going to let this go? This position should have been Lu Yan’s!”

“I think I saw Gu Zheng coming to the Qingyuan Pavilion as well. What right does an illegitimate son like him have to come here?”

Qiao Xi’s heart thumped.

She wished she could rush up and argue with these people. Gu Zheng was clearly the legitimate young master of the Gu family, but he had always been accused of being an illegitimate child.

What was even more heartbreaking was that these people all knew the inside story, but none of them were willing to stand up for Gu Zheng. Instead, they let him suffer from Madam Gu’s abuse when he was young.

Now that Gu Zheng had grown up and become the head of the Gu family, they were still unwilling to face the truth for the sake of benefits. They insisted that he was an illegitimate child, making him unable to raise his head for the rest of his life.

“Stop looking.”

Gu Zheng held her hand gently. “Aren’t you hungry? Let’s eat.”

Qiao Xi bit her lip. “Gu Zheng, they...”

Those people didn’t know they were there, and the more they spoke, the more agitated they became. Qiao Xi felt as if her heart was bleeding as she listened. “They’re too much!”

Gu Zheng’s expression was calm as he gently smoothed her hair. “I’m fine.”

It did not matter what they said. He did not care about those people, much less their words.

The two of them entered the private room. There was clearly a table full of delicious food, yet Qiao Xi had no appetite.

Although she could taste food now, she had no appetite at all.

The current head of the Lu family was Madam Lu’s biological father. He never cared about Madam Lu because she was the daughter of his first wife. Now that he had his second wife by his side and a sensible and obedient daughter, he had probably forgotten about his other daughter, Lu Qingyun.

Back then, Old Master Lu knew that Chairman Gu was not a good person and couldn’t bear for his younger daughter to lose her life’s happiness, so he married Lu Qingyun instead.

After Lu Qingyun married into the Gu family, she spent half her life in misery.

The Lu family knew that Lu Qingyun was humiliated and bullied in the Gu family, but they never stood up for her.

She married into the Gu family and earned endless wealth for the Lu family, allowing the Lu family to have their current status. However, no one in the Lu family remembered her kindness. They only cared about benefits and did not care about her life or death.

No one cared about Lu Qingyun when she was alive. After she died, the Lu family hypocritically came to attack the Gu family and transferred all their hatred to Mrs. Gu and Gu Zheng.

However, Gu Zheng was innocent.. He was Lu Qingyun’s child, but he had to suffer baseless criticisms!

### **Chapter 269: The Two-faced Lu Family**

When Qiao Xi thought about this, she felt her nose turning sore. She was unable to swallow even the most delicious food.

At this moment, there was the sound of footsteps, and a man outside snorted. “Hey! The Gu family’s illegitimate son is here for a meal too?”

Qiao Xi’s face sank.



The few of them laughed. “Gu Zheng, you’re an illegitimate child. Are you worthy to eat in the same restaurant as us? Your dad doesn’t even have the dignity to come, yet you have the nerve to show your face here?”

Gu Zheng was composed.

Seeing that he was silent, those people kicked the door open.

“Are you deaf?! I’m talking to you! Gu family head, what bullsh\*t? You’re nothing!”

The Lu family members walked in one after another, staring at him with disdain.

Qiao Xi swept her gaze over coldly. There was only a middle-aged woman among these people, and the rest were all young men. There was also a familiar face—Lu Yan.

The person who shouted was a junior from the Lu family. He was extremely arrogant. “You can’t accept it? Tsk, remember this. Your Gu family owes our Lu family a life. So what if I scold you? You even deserve to be hit!

“The eldest daughter of the Lu family died in the Gu family because of you, an illegitimate son, and your mother!”

Qiao Xi really wanted to sew this person’s mouth shut.

However, Gu Zheng’s expression remained calm as he picked up his chopsticks and ate elegantly.

Seeing that Gu Zheng did not take him seriously at all, the man’s face flushed with anger. “Gu Zheng, I’m talking to you! Say something!”

He was seething with anger as he glared fiercely at Gu Zheng. Only then did he realize that Qiao Xi was sitting opposite him.

“Ha! Where did this woman come from? I thought you didn’t like women? Looks like the rumors are fake. As expected of an illegitimate child, you’re so casual when it comes to finding women...”

Bang!

Before he could finish speaking, a cup flew past his ear and smashed into the wall, almost shattering into powder.

One could hear a pin drop.

Gu Zheng took another cup and said slowly, “If you want to die, I don’t mind sending you to death’s door.”

“You...” The man was so frightened that his face turned pale. He stammered, “Y-You’re crazy. You want to kill me? How can an illegitimate son be so arrogant?”

“Keep bragging! Do you dare to touch me? I’ll teach you a lesson today and let you know what it means to be respected! It’s a good chance to take revenge for Aunt Qingyun!”

After he finished speaking, he raised his fist and attacked Gu Zheng. Qiao Xi kicked the chair, causing it to slam into his leg. He grimaced in pain.

Qiao Xi's gaze was cold as she scanned the Lu family's faces. "You want to avenge Madam Lu?"

"Indeed! We want revenge..."

"Oh?" Qiao Xi smiled lightly and looked at the man with contempt.

"I heard that the person who was supposed to marry Chairman Gu was the second miss of the Lu family. However, the second miss of the Lu family insisted on not marrying him, so she was replaced by the first miss. The Lu family knew that the Gu family was dangerous, but they still married off the first miss."

The Lu family gasped.

The middle-aged woman in the crowd turned pale, looking extremely awkward.

Qiao Xi continued, "The eldest miss was married off for the sake of the second young miss, but when she was bullied in the Gu family, why didn't the second young miss stand up for her sister and bring her back from the Gu family?"

"When Chairman Gu cheated on her, did the second young miss ask for an explanation on behalf of the eldest miss? If the second young miss had been willing to help, would Madam Gu have suffered so much?"

"When she was still alive, none of you said a word when you saw her being bullied. You pretended not to see it. Now that she's gone, you're all talking about revenge!"

"The Lu family is really two-faced when it comes to doing things. Your Lu family's wealth and status were all attained by your eldest miss. Will you really still be so shameless?"

Qiao Xi cursed, then her gaze landed on the middle-aged woman. "What do you think, Second Miss Lu? Or should I call you Madam Jiang?"

The woman was livid.

At first, Qiao Xi was curious why there was only one elder in this group of juniors. It didn't look like a family banquet. Later on, this group of people came to find trouble with Gu Zheng and used the excuse of 'taking revenge for Lu Qingyun'. That was when she suddenly understood.

This woman was Lu Qingyun's sister, Lu Xiang.

Initially, she was supposed to marry Chairman Gu, and Lu Qingyun was supposed to marry into the Jiang family. However, because Lu Xiang was unwilling, the sisters swapped places and their fates changed..

Chapter 270: Is There Something Wrong With The Lu Family?

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth twitched. "Madam Jiang, I heard that you stole Eldest Miss' fiance back then. Looking at how proud you are, you must be very happy about that, right?"

Gu Zheng raised an eyebrow.

Lu Xiang looked awkward, but she had experienced a lot and quickly calmed down. Without changing her expression, she said, "Miss Qiao, where did you hear the rumors? Mr. Jiang and I fell in love a long time ago."

"Why would a mistress admit to being a mistress?"

Qiao Xi sneered. "The Madam Gu who you all look down on has always been unwilling to admit that she's the third party. However, when she came to the Gu family, Eldest Miss Lu was clearly still alive. If she's not the third party, what is she?"

When she said this, Qiao Xi paused for a moment. "Right, Madam Jiang, you and Madam Gu both used Eldest Miss Lu to get to where you are today. Since both of you are the same, doesn't scolding her remind you of yourself?"

"You've always been the third party. Are you more special than others?"

The room was eerily quiet. The air seemed to have frozen.

Lu Xiang's body trembled. After so many years of history were exposed on the spot, she could not wait to find a hole to crawl into.

"Shut up! That's not true at all. Besides, Eldest Miss Lu didn't marry into the Jiang family back then. Can't my aunt marry into the Jiang family?"

"Gu Zheng is an illegitimate child! His mother is a mistress! She destroyed someone else's family, so how can she compare to Aunt?"

A junior of the Lu family shouted angrily.

Qiao Xi sneered. "According to you, only those who interfere in marriages are considered mistresses, so it doesn't matter if the couple wasn't married? Is there something wrong with your Lu family's values? Eldest Miss Lu is really unlucky to have encountered a group of weirdos from your Lu family!"

"You!" The Lu family's junior instantly choked up.

He had only blurted it out without thinking too much about it. If news of this got out, he would not be able to raise his head again.

Back then, it was true that Eldest Miss Lu and Young Master Jiang were engaged, but it was a marriage between the two families, so they had no relationship with each other.

Moreover, his aunt had been married for so many years and had been living a happy life. This meant that the Jiang family liked her more. She was not a mistress at all!

Lu Xiang forced herself to calm down. "Miss Qiao, I was very sad about my sister's death as well. Because of that, the Lu family and the Gu family have not been in contact for many years. We've been in a deadlock. The Lu family bears a grudge against the Gu family for causing my sister's death. At the same time, we're also very guilty. Back then, we didn't protect my sister well and caused her to suffer so much... However, we've found her child now. The child is in the Lu family."

She waved her hand. "Lu Yan, come over. This is President Qin's sister, Qiao Xi."

Lu Yan was dressed in light colors, making him look clean and clear. His voice was gentle. "Miss Qiao, long time no see."

Qiao Xi raised her eyes. "..."

Lu Xiang had a sad look on her face. "It's a pity that Lu Yan lost his mother when he was young. He refused to acknowledge the Gu family and decided to stay in the Lu family. If it were not for that mistress... my sister would not have passed away. She would have raised Lu Yan herself."

She was undoubtedly saying that Gu Zheng had snatched what originally belonged to Lu Yan.

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows. "Isn't it very good for you to be able to raise Lu Yan yourself?"

"Although the person raising him is his mother's former fiancée and his aunt who's a mistress, it's fortunate that Lu Yan doesn't hate you guys. It seems that his feelings for his mother aren't too deep either. People who live together will grow to have the same temperament. You're all quite heartless."

Qiao Xi looked gentle on the surface but she had already cursed them thousands of times in her heart.

"You..." Lu Xiang's face turned red and white. Tears were about to fall from her eyes.

Miss Qiao, I've already said that my husband and I..."

"You're right. You and your husband are very loving. Even though you were once a mistress, you're very happy now! You don't care if your sister is dead or alive. You're such a good sister. You're not wrong at all! You should be happy for the rest of your life!"

No way!

Qiao Xi muttered in her heart. Even she felt disgusted saying these words.

"Madam Jiang, you're living a happy life now, while Eldest Miss Lu is no longer alive. You're right about everything!"

Lu Xiang's eyes widened, but she could not say a word. "..."