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Chapter 281: Miss Yao Is An Outsider

When Yao Mengqing saw this scene, she immediately cried out in surprise, "Xi Xi, Ah Zheng doesn't like to eat carrots, let alone the other food that you're putting in his bowl. Why are you forcing him to eat? As his wife, why don't you know how to take care of your husband?!"

Qiao Xi's movements froze. This woman really returned!

Yao Mengqing rushed up to him and looked at him worriedly. "Ah Zheng, stop eating."

Then, she looked at Qiao Xi and frowned as she educated her, "Xi Xi, don't you know that Ah Zheng never eats carrots?"

"Besides, he doesn't like it when others take food for him. How can he eat it if you used your own chopsticks to take the food for him? Why are you so inconsiderate of him?"

As soon as she finished speaking, Gu Zheng picked up the carrot in his bowl and ate it elegantly.

Yao Mengqing's lips twitched in disbelief.

Qiao Xi smiled lightly as well. "Miss Yao, didn't you leave? Why did you return?"

Yao Mengqing stared at Gu Zheng as if she was going to cry the next second.

Why?! Why would such a high and mighty person like him have to endure it for Qiao Xi's sake and even eat carrots, something that he did not like?

He was a serious clean freak and did not like anyone approaching him. However, he could eat the food Qiao Xi took for him with her chopsticks.

Lin Jie frowned. "Ah Zheng! If you don't want to eat, then don't. Why make things difficult for yourself because of her? Previously, when Mengqing put food in your bowl, you wouldn't even eat a bite. Now, you..."

"I'm indeed a clean freak, but that's only for outsiders."

Gu Zheng's voice was calm. Yao Mengqing's face was ashen, and her entire body was trembling.

She was an outsider?

They had grown up together since they were young. They had been good friends for so many years, but now, they were outsiders?

It was all Qiao Xi's fault!

Ah Zheng definitely did not know that Qiao Xi was faking it. She was just an idiot. He had to know that she got into Li City University through the back door. He would definitely hate her.

Yao Mengqing gradually calmed down and looked at Qiao Xi with an apologetic expression. “Xi Xi, I’m sorry. I just wanted to remind you that Ah Zheng doesn’t like to eat carrots, so I was a little agitated. You mustn’t take it to heart.”

Qiao Xi sneered in her heart. Miss Yao was really quick at changing her words!

Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully when she saw Yao Mengqing’s humble appearance.

“Thank you, Miss Yao, but I think Gu Zheng likes eating carrots. He eats whatever dishes I put in his bowl because I’m Mrs. Gu while you’re an outsider!”

In their house, she pretended to be close to Gu Zheng and pointed at Yao Mengqing. Was there something wrong with Yao Mengqing’s brain?

If Gu Zheng did not like to eat something, he would say it himself. He did not need to get an outsider to remind Qiao Xi about it.

Qiao Xi had been putting food that she did not like into Gu Zheng’s bowl, but he had never refused. He would even finish everything.

Yao Mengqing was so angry that her body was trembling. She suppressed the anger and viciousness in her heart.

She took a deep breath and forced a gentle smile. “I just think that Ah Zheng is my good friend. I hope he can lead a better life. I forgot that he’s already married.

“Xi Xi, you won’t blame me, right?”

Lin Jie saw that Yao Mengqing was trembling but was still forcing herself to apologize to Qiao Xi. He was instantly infuriated.

He wanted Gu Zheng to see what kind of trash Qiao Xi was! He wanted her to be hated and abandoned!

Lin Jie sneered. “Ah Zheng, something happened at Li City University today. A woman got in through the back door and the university announced that they would fire her.”

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows. She really could not endure it any longer.

Gu Zheng was composed.

Lin Jie looked at Qiao Xi and continued, “If I remember correctly, the person who got in through the back door is Mrs. Gu.”

Qiao Xi glanced at him and sneered. Gu Zheng happened to be holding a piece of meat for her, so she opened her mouth to take it.

She was still eating as if she had not heard what Lin Jie just said. It made Lin Jie angry. “How shameless. I heard that it was her sugar daddy who helped her.”

Gu Zheng put down his chopsticks, and his eyes turned cold.

Yao Mengqing asked probingly, “Xi Xi, there are rumors that you didn’t take the college entrance examination and got into Li University through the back door. This should just be a rumor, right? I believe you wouldn’t have done such a thing..”

Chapter 282: Her Achievements Are Beyond Your Reach

Lin Jie had a face full of disdain. “Mengqing, you’re really kind. That’s not a rumor at all but the truth. Look at Qiao Xi, she doesn’t even dare to say anything. She must be tacitly agreeing to it!”

Yao Mengqing pretended to be kind and said, “Xi Xi, don’t blame Ah Jie. He’s just too straightforward... If you’re not willing to talk about this, then I won’t ask you any further.

“Ah Jie and I will pretend not to know about this.”

Qiao Xi sneered. These words were so magnanimous!

Pretending not to know about this matter meant that it did exist. It meant that Qiao Xi had indeed used the back door. Seemingly for Qiao Xi’s sake, Yao Mengqing said she would forget about it, making her seem gentle and considerate.

Qiao Xi asked casually, “Who did you hear it from?”

Yao Mengqing still said gently, “Xi Xi, they’re just rumors from the students in the university. Don’t take them to heart. We all know that you worked hard to enter Li City University. That’s enough. With Ah Zheng around, you won’t be fired.”

“I’m afraid the two of you are mistaken.” Qiao Xi raised her eyes, and her gaze was filled with ridicule. She was already tired of looking at Yao Mengqing’s hypocritical face.

“I don’t know where you heard the rumors, Miss Yao, but it seems you haven’t found out that the person who’s removed from Li City University isn’t me.”

The smile on Yao Mengqing’s face vanished instantly.

Qiao Xi slowly said, “I was the champion of the International Real-time Translation Competition for five consecutive years and received the top international design award. That’s why the previous chancellor of Li City University specially recruited me into this university. At that time, more than ten famous universities in the country and abroad had extended invitations to me.

“But I’m from Li City, so I chose Li University in the end.”

Yao Mengqing’s expression changed. She was specially recruited?

The top international design award? And the champion of the International Real-time Translation Competition?

She blurted out, “Xi Xi, you can’t make up countless lies one after another. Even if you didn’t take the college entrance examination, I wouldn’t look down on you...”

“Why does Miss Yao think that I’m lying? Could it be that you think I’m not worthy of being the champion and receiving the design award?”

Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully and said, “Miss Yao, you’ll never be able to catch up to my accomplishments. It’s understandable that you find it difficult to believe.”

Yao Mengqing immediately choked. She felt like a huge rock was pressing on her heart.

Qiao Xi’s accomplishments would forever be beyond her reach?

This b*tch dared to mock her?

Yao Mengqing looked at Lin Jie pleadingly. Lin Jie snorted. “More than ten famous universities invited you to join them? Don’t lie!”

“If you think I’m lying to you, you can go and check. Young Master Lin, you should have that ability. Among the more than ten famous universities, one of them is the one Miss Yao wanted to enter back then but failed.”

Qiao Xi’s lips curled up.

Yao Mengqing was embarrassed and bit her lip.

Qiao Xi’s brows raised. “Young Master Lin, if you still don’t believe me, do you want me to help you investigate? Right, I also want to ask which university you graduated from? I wonder if you have the qualifications to speak to me?”

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The atmosphere became awkward.

Lin Jie was uneducated. Although he had gone to a decent university, it was only because his family had spent a fortune on him. If he had relied on his own strength, he would not have been able to enter a university.

Seeing that the two of them were silent, Qiao Xi spoke first, “Young Master Lin, aren’t you embarrassed for not saying anything? Let me remind you not to spread rumors in the future. Wang Qing, who spread rumors before this, has already been expelled. Could it be that you haven’t heard about it?”

Lin Jie’s face turned green. He wanted to retort, but he was so angry that he could not say anything.

He was silent for a long time before he slowly stood up. He was strong and calm. “Mengqing and I are just reminding you not to throw Ah Zheng’s reputation around. Since you don’t appreciate our gesture, then forget it! Mengqing, let’s go!”

Yao Mengqing smiled helplessly. “Xi Xi, Ah Jie is doing this for Ah Zheng’s sake. He’s afraid that it won’t be good for Ah Zheng’s reputation. Since the misunderstanding has been resolved, don’t be angry anymore... I-I’ll leave with Ah Jie!”

She followed closely behind and was about to leave with Lin Jie.

Qiao Xi smiled lightly. Were they in such a rush to leave because they were afraid she would look for trouble?

“Song Shijing,” Gu Zheng suddenly said.

Song Shijing walked over immediately and stopped them.. He said coldly, “I’m sorry, but you can’t leave yet.”

Chapter 283: Only A Righteous Person Has Nothing To Be Afraid Of

Lin Jie turned around in disbelief. “Ah Zheng, what are you doing?”

Gu Zheng took a sip of wine and slowly looked up. “Who exactly reported my wife? Young Master Lin, shouldn’t you explain?”

The two of them instantly turned pale. Lin Jie pretended to be calm. “What do I have to explain? Do you think I was the one who reported her? How could I have done such a thing?”

Gu Zheng looked calm. Song Shijing took out his laptop and said in a cold, distant voice, “Young Master Lin, the surveillance video of you going to the vice chancellor’s office is on this computer. It’s enough to prove that you reported Young Madam. What else do you have to say?”

After Song Shijing finished speaking, Lin Jie widened his eyes and stared at the computer on the table. He gritted his teeth and shouted, “Fine! You’re good!”

“You don’t want to explain?”

Gu Zheng casually replied, “Alright.”

Although he only said one word, it meant that Lin Jie’s death had been determined.

Yao Mengqing’s heart trembled. She looked at Gu Zheng in horror. She knew that Gu Zheng was really angry this time.

She bit her lip tightly, and her voice trembled. “Ah Zheng, don’t blame Ah Jie. Ah Jie did report Xi Xi and made her suffer, but when he did, he didn’t know that Xi Xi was the one who took the back door. It was only for the sake of Li City University’s reputation. Moreover, you’re the director of Li City University. This kind of news is slanderous to you. He did it all for you!”

Qiao Xi nodded. “Young Master Lin is really good to Ah Zheng.”

Gu Zheng said unhurriedly, “You didn’t even investigate it clearly yet you just casually reported it. Young Master Lin, don’t you have a brain?”

Lin Jie felt humiliated.

Yao Mengqing explained awkwardly, “Ah Zheng, don’t blame Ah Jie. If you want to blame someone, blame me.”

“Actually, he thought that we had always been close when we were young. He thought that you would marry me, but who would have thought that you would marry Xi Xi instead. Hence, he stood up for me...”

Qiao Xi was so angry that she laughed. “Miss Yao, didn’t you say that Lin Jie reported someone? Now, you’re saying that he was defending you. Are you stupid?”

Yao Mengqing’s lips froze.

Lin Jie protected Yao Mengqing and said indignantly, “Mengqing doesn’t know that I reported you. I admit that I reported you. I thought that you got into Li City University through the back door because you didn’t take the college entrance examination, so I reported you. It isn’t in line with the university’s values, after all. What did I do wrong?”

“Qiao Xi, a clear conscience won’t have to be afraid of anything. Since you didn’t get in through the back door, what are you afraid of?”

Qiao Xi had really learned something today. People who made mistakes could still be so self-righteous?

She was about to speak when Gu Zheng beat her to it. “Song Shijing, report the Lin family’s food factory immediately!”

Lin Jie’s face instantly turned pale as he shouted, “Ah Zheng, why is our food factory not up to standard? You’re simply taking revenge!”

Gu Zheng said unhurriedly, “This is for your own good. Reporting the Lin family will allow you to improve yourself.”

Qiao Xi: “...” Amazing!

Lin Jie’s face looked as if he was constipated. He looked ferocious but there was also some forbearance. Even though there was nothing wrong with the Lin family’s food factory, as it was Gu Zheng who reported it, everyone would think that they had missed out on something and start to go against the Lin family’s products.

Lin Jie felt a sharp pain in his heart. “Ah Zheng, stop fooling around. Business in the food factory is not good. If you report us, we’ll be doomed!”

Gu Zheng sneered. “What does this have to do with me? Didn’t you say that a righteous person has nothing to be afraid of? If there’s nothing wrong with your Lin family’s food products, why would you be afraid of being reported?”

Lin Jie immediately choked.

Gu Zheng had said everything he just said. This was clearly revenge.

For that b*tch, he could even harm his own brother?

It was not the same thing for him to report Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng to report the Lin family.

After Qiao Xi was reported, everything was clarified. However, after the Lin family was reported, their shares would plunge and it would affect the company’s reputation. They would lose a lot of money!

Yao Mengqing forced out a smile. “Ah Zheng, don’t say things out of anger. Moreover, the misunderstanding has been resolved. The person who spread the rumors has been expelled, so it won’t affect Xi Xi at all.. Why don’t you just ask Ah Jie to apologize and forget about this matter?”

Chapter 284: Taking Revenge For Mrs. Gu

“It affected Xi Xi.”

Gu Zheng’s voice was low as he said word by word, “My wife is unhappy.

“I want to take revenge for her!”

Yao Mengqing’s expression froze.

Take revenge for Qiao Xi?

Gu Zheng said indifferently, “If Lin Jie makes my wife unhappy, he has to pay the price. If my wife is not appeased, the Lin family’s food factory’s operations will continue to be suspended.

“Yao Mengqing, I’ve warned you long ago that Mrs. Gu is my bottom line. I hope you’ll remember this.”

Yao Mengqing’s body went soft, and her breathing trembled.

No! Impossible!

How could Ah Zheng... attack the Lin family for Qiao Xi?

Qiao Xi held Gu Zheng’s hand and said arrogantly, “You’re not apologizing, right? Then wait for the Lin family to go bankrupt!”

Lin Jie gritted his teeth. “Qiao Xi! Do you have the ability to make my family go bankrupt?”

“I don’t, but Gu Zheng can do it. He already said that if I’m not appeased, your factory will be suspended!”

Qiao Xi pretended to be surprised. “You’re not possibly thinking that Gu Zheng is just scaring you, right?”

Lin Jie’s throat tightened. “Gu Zheng, are you breaking off all ties with me because of this woman? Are you going to make the entire Lin family pay the price? I’ve been your friend for so many years, and this is how you’re going to treat me?”

Qiao Xi was speechless. If he really treated Gu Zheng as a friend, why would he ruin their relationship?

Actually, Lin Jie only treated Gu Zheng as a money tree because the title of being Gu Zheng’s friend could let him succeed in high society.

Lin Jie was so scared that his whole body was trembling. He was afraid that if Gu Zheng gave the order, the Lin family would be doomed.

In his panic, he blurted out, “What spell did this b*tch cast on you?! She’s—”

“Ah Jie!” Yao Mengqing interrupted him with a loud voice. If he insulted Qiao Xi in front of her, it would only make the situation worse.

Yao Mengqing walked in front of Qiao Xi and bowed deeply. “Xi Xi, I’m sorry. I apologize on behalf of Ah Jie. After Ah Jie reported you, he regretted it very much and wanted to clarify the matter.

“I didn’t expect you to explain yourself so quickly. You also got Wang Qing expelled. I’m glad that you weren’t affected. You’re so gentle and kind. Can you forgive Ah Jie? He did it for Ah Zheng and doesn’t have any ill intention against you.”

Qiao Xi took a sip of tea. The warm taste made her frown ease.

Yao Mengqing was such a two-faced b*tch.

“Miss Yao, I’m not a gentle and kind person. On the contrary, I’m vengeful. If someone doesn’t apologize, I’ll be unhappy. If I’m unhappy, Gu Zheng will attack the Lin family.

“Even if he apologizes, I might not forgive him. If apologizing is useful, why would we need the police?”

Yao Mengqing bit her lip. This Qiao Xi was really too difficult to deal with.

It was just a misunderstanding. Why could she not forgive Ah Jie?

“I...”

“If I slapped Miss Yao and immediately apologized to you, would you forgive me?” Qiao Xi asked.

Yao Mengqing looked at Gu Zheng helplessly. She was about to cry.

How could Ah Zheng like such a petty woman like Qiao Xi?

He should like those kinds of young misses who were aloof from worldly affairs and gentle like water.

Hence, Yao Mengqing had always been gentle to make Gu Zheng think that she was the most suitable woman for him.

Yao Mengqing choked softly. “Xi Xi... You’re Ah Zheng’s wife. No matter what you’ve done, as long as you apologize, I’ll forgive you.”

The atmosphere was silent.

Qiao Xi smiled lightly and walked straight to the kitchen. When she appeared again, she was holding a shiny kitchen knife.

Without saying anything, she raised the kitchen knife and threw it at Yao Mengqing. The knife spun in the air a few times and pierced into Yao Mengqing’s side.

“Ah!”

Yao Mengqing shouted loudly, her face pale from fright. Her body could not help but tremble. “Xi Xi, have you gone mad?”

“Qiao Xi! You want to kill someone?” Lin Jie hurriedly stood in front of Yao Mengqing and shouted.

Qiao Xi slowly walked to the side and picked up the kitchen knife. She said with a calm voice, "I'm sorry!"

"You think apologizing is enough? Are you trying to kill someone? I was the one who reported you. If you have any problems, come at me.. Why are you making things difficult for Meng Qing? If the Yao family finds out about this, they won't let you off!"

Chapter 285: Giving Them A Taste Of Their Own Medicine

Qiao Xi calmly looked at the infuriated Young Master Lin with an indifferent expression.

"Miss Yao, I wanted to kill you, but I've already apologized. You said that no matter what I do, you'll forgive me. You even wanted to force me to forgive Lin Jie, so you can forgive me, right?"

Lin Jie and Yao Mengqing were so angry that they were trembling.

Yao Mengqing could not say anything.

Qiao Xi threw the knife to the table and said with an aggrieved expression, "Gu Zheng, I'm so angry. Lin Jie reported me, and Miss Yao even forced me to forgive him. If I don't forgive him, that would make me cruel and heartless. I feel so wronged!"

"I just wanted to tell Miss Yao that even if one apologizes, one might not be forgiven. You're already a married man, yet she still keeps pestering you. If others see this, they'll definitely say that she's a mistress. I'm doing this for her sake!"

Yao Mengqing was so angry that she almost vomited blood.

Gu Zheng said casually, "Song Shijing, the second young master of the Yao family was drunk and caused a scene before this. He beat up his girlfriend in public. The Yao family's biggest rival should be very happy to learn about this."

"Yes, President. I'll get it done right away."

Yao Mengqing's face darkened. "Ah Zheng, wait, don't..."

Gu Zheng said indifferently, "I'm sorry, I'll apologize. Please forgive me."

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Qiao Xi: "..."

Gu Zheng was of a higher status. One sentence from him could anger someone to death!

Yao Mengqing's legs went weak as she fell onto the sofa. If the Yao family found out that she had offended Gu Zheng and affected the family, they would definitely not let her off!

What right did Qiao Xi have to be protected by Gu Zheng like this?!

Lin Jie saw Yao Mengqing crying and said unwillingly, "Gu Zheng, are you crazy? Are you going to kill Mengqing because of her?"

At this moment, the phone suddenly rang. Lin Jie looked at the caller ID and his heart skipped a beat. When the call connected, he heard an anxious voice from the other end. "Lin Jie! The food factory has been reported to have failed to meet the requirements. An excessive amount of toxic substances have been found. Now that the factory has been closed, the company has also been affected!"

'It's over! I wonder how much money I'll lose this time?!

"Fine! Gu Zheng, you're actually so heartless. I won't let this go! Qiao Xi, just you wait!"

Lin Jie roared and left, but Qiao Xi said loudly, "Young Master Lin, think carefully. Who caused you to become like this?"

Yao Mengqing's face turned pale.

Lin Jie could not help but look at Yao Mengqing. Seeing that she was crying pitifully, his heart ached very much. He said fiercely, "It's you! It's all because of you, Qiao Xi!"

Qiao Xi: "..."

Alright, she would not say anything more.

She looked at Yao Mengqing coldly. "In order to help you, your friend's company was greatly affected. Why are you still standing here instead of comforting him?"

Yao Mengqing's face was filled with sorrow. "Ah Zheng, you're too much. Ah Jie did it for your own good. Moreover, Qiao Xi..."

"Scram!" Gu Zheng said.

"Yao Mengqing, I hope you'll disappear from my sight immediately. Don't make me repeat myself."

"Ah Zheng, you've misunderstood me. I'm just..."

Gu Zheng's eyes were cold. "I've already given you a chance. This time, Lin Jie stood up for you. Before that, it was your cousin. What about in the future? Who else do you think can shoulder the responsibility for you?"

The Lin family had suffered heavy losses this time. If they stood up for her again, the entire family would be doomed.

Yao Mengqing's expression darkened.

She originally thought that by coming to Longwan Residential this time, she could let Gu Zheng see Qiao Xi's true colors clearly. Unexpectedly, she harmed herself instead.

Yao Mengqing's head was heavy. She tried her best to squeeze out a smile. "Ah Zheng, I'm sorry. I didn't do it on purpose. I just treat you as a friend. You... Don't misunderstand me. I-I'll... go first."

Qiao Xi was really helpless. The entire Longwan Residential knew what this woman wanted to do, yet she just had to pretend to be a good friend. Did she think that everyone else was a fool?

"Are you happy now?"

Gu Zheng suddenly said.

Qiao Xi nodded with a smile. "I'm happy, extremely happy!"

Reporting the Lin family's food factory must not have been a last-minute idea.. Gu Zheng must have long ago prepared to give Lin Jie a taste of his own medicine.

Chapter 286: Confronting Fear

Gu Zheng nodded in satisfaction, and his tightly furrowed brows relaxed. He said in a domineering voice, "If you're happy, what should you do?"

Qiao Xi: "...?"

She looked puzzled. "Thank you?" she asked tentatively.

Gu Zheng frowned.

Before this, Song Shiyu had said that a woman's way of expressing her gratitude to her lover was through a kiss. Hence, Young Madam would definitely give him a kiss in excitement, so he had to be more reserved now.

Gu Zheng said, "Yes, and then?"

And then?

Qiao Xi pondered for a moment, and her voice trembled slightly. "Then... Then I'll kiss you?"

'Gu Zheng doesn't look right. Has he been influenced by Song Shiyu? What's on his mind?'

Gu Zheng frowned when he heard what she was thinking.

Qiao Xi did not seem to like Song Shiyu's idea.

Immediately after, he heard something again.

'What does he mean? He can't be asking me to kiss him, right? When did Senior become so lustful?'

Gu Zheng could not help but cough to hide the blush on his face. He pretended to be calm and said, "What do you think?"

Qiao Xi grunted coldly in her heart.

'Hah! Just say it if you want me to kiss you. Why are you beating around the bush?'

Gu Zheng smiled. Not bad. Mrs. Gu was also willing to kiss him. It was just that he did not manage to react in time at first.

'That's not right. Why should I thank him?'

Qiao Xi suddenly paused and frowned.

'If it weren't for him, how would I have been reported? Yao Mengqing did it for him, and Lin Jie did it for Yao Mengqing. That's why such a thing happened. The culprit is this bastard, Gu Zheng!'

'It's only right for him to take revenge for me!'

The smile on Gu Zheng's face vanished abruptly as he felt disappointed.

After that, the gratitude in Qiao Xi's heart instantly vanished like smoke. When she was about to turn gentle, she stopped herself in time and hurriedly ran away.

"I suddenly feel like swimming. I'm going to change!"

Song Shiyu, who was hiding in the corner, was speechless.

'Holy sh*t! I feel embarrassed for the president.' "President, why don't you chase after her? After you chase after her, just pull her along and kiss her forcefully. Young Madam will definitely fall under your ferocious attacks! Why are you standing there in such an awkward position?... President, President, where are you going? You're going the wrong way!"

Gu Zheng walked upstairs.

He pushed open the cloakroom and looked at the bathing suit he had bought for Qiao Xi.

Song Shiyu caught up with him. "President, what are you doing? Why are you..."

"Shut up. Be careful if you want to keep your salary." Song Shijing stopped him.

Song Shiyu said, "I'm doing this for the president. It doesn't matter if my salary is deducted. He'll understand how good I am sooner or later."

Song Shijing: "... Fine, forget it.

Just then, Gu Zheng took out the bathing suit. His eyes darkened when he saw the pitiful amount of fabric on it.

At this moment, Qiao Xi was looking for a bathing suit when a male voice came from the door. "Are you sure you want to swim?"

Qiao Xi asked without turning her head, "What's wrong?"

There was a large pool in the backyard of Longwan Residential. She had always wanted to try it out and it was a good day today.

Gu Zheng's eyes darkened. "I remember you're afraid of water."

Qiao Xi's body abruptly froze.

That's right, she was indeed afraid of water. It was because Qiao Rou had pushed her into the lake and she almost drowned, so she had always been afraid of water.

That suffocating feeling had haunted her for many years. She would even wake up from nightmares.

Due to her fear of water, she could not use too much water when bathing. Furthermore, she would feel afraid when walking near a lake or a pool.

When her grandfather and brothers asked her about it, she only said that she did not want to learn to swim. However, she once told her senior that it was because of her childhood trauma.

As long as she saw deep water, the image of her sinking into the water and not being able to even struggle would appear in her mind. Meanwhile, she would see Qiao Rou standing on the shore and laughing out loud. Hence, Qiao Xi hated swimming.

During that time in the countryside, it was her senior who had always been by her side. It was her senior who told her that the only way to defeat fear was to face it head-on.

From then on, she began trying to face it. Even though she was so scared that her body would tremble, she forced herself to adapt. Gradually, she could enter the water and swim. She even enjoyed it.

Seeing that she was silent, Gu Zheng stroked her head.

After that, he handed two exquisite bags to Qiao Xi. His ears were slightly red, and he silently looked away so that Qiao Xi could not see his expression..

Chapter 287: A Present After Many Years

Qiao Xi accepted the bags. They seemed to contain clothes.

She opened one of the bags and looked at them with a subtle expression.

There was a bathing suit inside. It was a pink and white one. The sleeves were made of muslin and were light and elegant. There was a butterfly knot on the chest and a pure-white short skirt.

She could not find a bathing suit, so Gu Zheng brought one over. The size was just right too. It was too sweet.

Qiao Xi's face was filled with excitement as she hurriedly looked at the other bag. The bag was covered in dust, and it seemed to have been there for a long time.

She took out the clothes inside and took a look. This bathing suit...

Did he buy a size too small?

Song Shiyu hid at the door and stuck his head out quietly. He was dumbfounded when he saw the bathing suit. "Damn! That's a children's bathing suit! What kind of hobby does the president have?

"How shocking!"

Qiao Xi's face was filled with shock as she held the swimsuit. She sized up Gu Zheng and said helplessly, "Did you buy the wrong one?"

Gu Zheng was calm as he said gently, "No, I bought it for you."

Qiao Xi was puzzled.

Gu Zheng's ears were red, but his face remained calm. "The first time you went into the water, I bought you this bathing suit. I hoped you could wear it to face your fears."

Qiao Xi sank into her memories. When she was young, she got into the water for the first time under Gu Zheng's encouragement. Her third brother was so scared that he directly carried her.

After that, she excitedly told her senior about it but he had only replied with an 'okay'. He seemed to be very busy during those few days. Sometimes, he would only reply after a long time. However, she never got tired of texting him.

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to look at Gu Zheng, a wave of bitterness surging in her heart while her eyes were heavy.

"You... You still remember?"

Gu Zheng's eyes were gentle. "It's just that I never had the chance to give it to you after I bought it."

At that time, Qiao Xi was especially happy to tell him that she had entered the water. Mo Yuan had only replied with an 'okay' and said that he would reward her. After that, they lost contact. It was only later that she found out that he had been injured.

After that, Qiao Xi forgot about this reward.

It turned out that he had already bought a gift many years ago.

Gu Zheng said gently, "After I bought the gift, I ran into some trouble and got injured. After a while, when I wanted to give you the gift again, the bathing suit didn't fit you anymore.

"And you seemed to have forgotten about it, so I didn't mention it."

Qiao Xi was slightly puzzled. "You didn't even know if I could swim or not, so why did you buy me a new one?"

She looked at the pink bathing suit. She had to admit that Gu Zheng had good taste.

Gu Zheng smiled. "The present I promised you doesn't fit anymore, so I should give you a new one."

Qiao Xi was almost moved to tears.

Her senior was too kind. It was just a casual remark, but he remembered it.

Qiao Xi picked up the pink bathing suit and rushed into the bathroom, shouting, "Gu Zheng, quickly change your clothes. Let's go swim!"

In next to no time, Qiao Xi pushed open the door of the bathroom and casually put on a towel before rushing to the backyard.

Gu Zheng took a deep breath. Although it was only for a moment, he could still see her slender waist and long legs clearly.

Her skin was fair, and her figure was well-proportioned. Every part of her body was perfect. She was like a fairy who had fallen into the mortal world.

Qiao Xi did not realize how beautiful she was at this moment.

Gu Zheng grabbed her hand and covered his blushing cheeks. He waved his hand to signal Song Shiyu and Song Shijing to leave before he felt relieved again.

After Song Shiyu and Song Shijing left, Gu Zheng opened the door and held her hand as they prepared to go to the backyard.

Qiao Xi pushed the door open and was about to leave when a male voice sounded—

“Gu Zheng, are you going for a swim?”

Gu Yao rushed over like a silly boy and chuckled. “Bring me along! I haven’t been swimming for a long time too!”

Gu Zheng’s expression darkened as he picked Qiao Xi up and wrapped her tightly with a towel. He turned around coldly and closed the door with a bang.

Gu Yao had just rushed to the door when he was rejected. He looked innocent..

Chapter 288: Do You Want To Be Beaten?

Gu Yao scratched his head, muttering, “Gu Zheng, why are you hiding from me? I think I saw a naked woman just now?”

Naked?

Gu Zheng’s Adam’s apple moved.

Qiao Xi was stunned, suddenly realizing that the woman Gu Yao was talking about was her.

She looked down at her bathing suit and shouted in a hoarse voice, “You call this naked?”

Gu Zheng: “...”

He helped Qiao Xi put on a towel again and after confirming that her body was not exposed, he opened the door with relief and grabbed Gu Yao’s collar.

Gu Yao was still confused when he felt something gripping his neck. He was so scared that he panicked.

“Brother, Brother, what are you doing? I just saw Qiao Xi wearing a towel.”

He only saw a towel. It was alright.

Actually, Gu Yao had wanted to come to Longwan Residential to swim a long time ago, but Gu Zheng did not let him. He finally had a chance this time.

“Qiao Xi, do you want to swim?”

Gu Zheng looked at him coldly.

Gu Yao said, “Let’s swim together. We’ll compete, and the loser can promise the other party something.”

Qiao Xi was instantly interested when she heard about the competition. She pulled Gu Yao along and was about to leave.

Seeing that the towel on her body was about to fall, Gu Zheng hurriedly pulled her back, then looked at the other person. "Gu Yao, when is your birthday?"

Gu Yao was stunned, then smiled. "April 1st. You don't even remember it? It's April Fool's Day! It's still too early for my birthday, but you can prepare a gift for me in advance! I won't ask for much, just buy me the latest sports car."

Gu Zheng said, "I know it's April 1st, I just wanted to remind you."

Gu Yao looked at him in disdain. "Are you crazy? How could I forget my own birthday?"

With Qiao Xi's understanding of Gu Zheng, this bastard was absolutely not good at holding back his anger.

Gu Zheng sneered. "Looks like you forgot that I gave you a beating on your birthday last time."

"Oh, it's this. What's the matter..."

Gu Yao was suddenly shocked. "It's fine if you don't agree to let me swim in your house, but why do you have to hit me? I'm your younger brother. You're too heartless!"

Gu Yao then ran to the backyard and jumped into the pool with a splash. He smiled very annoyingly.

'I'm not leaving. Hit me if you can!'

Gu Yao swam freely in the water, then waved at Qiao Xi. "Qiao Xi! Come quickly! Let's compete!"

Qiao Xi was eager to give it a try. Although her swimming skills were not as good as Gu Yao's, she was still very happy to play in the water.

She turned to look at the man beside her and said in a warning tone, "Gu Zheng, I'm going for a swim!"

Gu Zheng: "..."

If he had known earlier, he would have bought a more conservative bathing suit. Who knew that Gu Yao would come? Wearing such a thin layer of clothes to swim with Gu Yao?

Couldn't she tell that he was already unhappy?

She did not care about him at all!

Gu Zheng's heart ached. Seeing Qiao Xi and Gu Yao being so close and talking about everything, he was extremely annoyed and had the urge to hit someone.

The pool was not big. Gu Zheng's eyes turned cold when he thought about the possibility of the two of them leaning against each other while swimming.

Gu Zheng grabbed Qiao Xi tightly. "No."

The smile on Qiao Xi's face vanished abruptly.

Gu Zheng's expression was serious as he pulled her away.

Seeing that he was so determined, Qiao Xi did not resist. She returned to her room in a huff and abruptly closed the door.

Gu Zheng looked at her angry expression and could not help but smile.

“Butler.”

The butler walked over and waited for instructions.

“After Gu Yao leaves, go clean up the pool.”

The water in the pool that Gu Yao had swum in would definitely be very dirty, so he could not let Mrs. Gu use it after this.

He continued, “Place two foldable beds and umbrellas beside the pool, as well as a few towels.”

Qiao Xi was so afraid of water previously, but her eyes lit up when she heard that she could swim. It was really miraculous.

At this moment, in the bedroom.

Qiao Xi lay on the bed angrily, then picked up her phone and made a call.

“I want to swim! There’s a pool at home but Gu Zheng doesn’t even let me swim! Sister Xue Yi, quickly check if Gu Zheng has gone bankrupt. He doesn’t even let me play in the pool!”

Xue Yi was having afternoon tea and eating a bite of cake. “Little Six, what’s wrong?”

Chapter 289: Why Are You Lying On My Bed?

Qiao Xi told her what had just happened and said angrily, “I just thought that the weather was good and wanted to play in the water. He even gave me a bathing suit. Although the bathing suit is a little revealing, it’s still quite pretty!”

“Wait!” Xue Yi was alarmed as she spat out a mouthful of coffee. It splashed onto Qin An’s face, and he slammed the table in anger.

Xue Yi hurriedly lowered her voice. “Qiao Xi, say that again? The bathing suit Gu Zheng gave you is very revealing?”

Qiao Xi had not taken off her bathing suit. She walked to the bathroom and looked at herself in the mirror. Her cheeks were slightly red.

“Who knew that Gu Zheng would be so lustful? He gave me such revealing clothes.”

Xue Yi picked up a tissue and wiped her mouth. “Little Six, have you ever thought that Gu Zheng might not let you swim because he’s jealous?”

Qiao Xi was stunned.

Huh? Jealous?

“You’re wearing such revealing clothes, so of course, you can only show it to him. All men are like this. Seeing you so close to Gu Yao, of course, he’d be jealous. Moreover, you’re wearing so little. Would he feel good if other men looked at you?”

Qiao Xi’s expression eased up slightly, but she was still slightly depressed.

She picked up the strawberry from the table and took a bite, but it tasted like nothing.

Right, only by kissing Gu Zheng could she recover her taste buds. This was too troublesome.

When Xue Yi heard that she was eating, she was a little puzzled. “What are you eating? Have your taste buds recovered?”

Qiao Xi looked at the strawberry in her hand. Her taste buds did not work before, so she would not have any snacks and would just eat to fill her stomach. Since she couldn’t taste anything, she just ate to fill up her stomach.

However, now... fruits and snacks would appear in her room from time to time. The dining table would be full too.

It was because Gu Zheng was around, and this man was her husband. Whenever she wanted to recover her taste buds, she would run to kiss Gu Zheng before returning to her room to eat snacks and fruits.

However, she could not tell Xue Yi about this!

Xue Yi did not hear her reply and found it a little strange. “Qiao Xi, did you hear me? Did Gu Zheng help you recover your taste buds?”

Qiao Xi’s face turned red. After thinking for a moment, she still decided to tell Xue Yi how she could recover her taste buds.

There was silence on the other end of the phone. The air seemed to have frozen.

Xue Yi was shocked and said excitedly, “Little Six, you mean to say that kissing Gu Zheng can briefly restore your taste buds? Then don’t you want to recover forever?”

Qiao Xi hurriedly said, “Of course I do, but...”

“I think...” Xue Yi paused for a moment. “There’s a method that you can try. Your taste buds might be permanently recovered then. ”

Qiao Xi had a serious expression as she waited for her to continue.

Xue Yi chuckled. “You’ll probably recover after you sleep with him.”

Qiao Xi’s body abruptly froze, then her face turned red as she shouted, “Sister Xue Yi! You...”

Sleep with Gu Zheng?

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When night fell, Qiao Xi tossed and turned in bed, unable to sleep.

Xue Yi’s words echoed in her mind. Sleep with him!

At this moment, Gu Zheng's footsteps came from outside the door, and Qiao Xi felt her entire body heat up.

'Should I seduce him again?'

Gu Zheng walked to the door, pushed it open, and slowly walked in. His eyes were full of smiles.

"Why is Mrs. Gu lying on my bed instead of returning to her own room?"

Qiao Xi's body trembled as the corners of her mouth curled into a crafty smile.

She lay there quietly with the blanket wrapped around her body. Gu Zheng's charming scent filled her nose, and her palms were full of sweat.

Should she be more reserved?

However, that was what Sister Xue Yi had taught her.

Her grandfather and brothers had tried treating her taste buds but it was to no avail. She thought that she would never taste food again.

However, Gu Zheng's kiss could let her recover her taste buds for a short period of time. This meant that Gu Zheng was her savior.

A kiss could restore her taste buds for a few minutes. If she did that, would it increase the recovery time?

They were husband and wife, so they had to do it sooner or later.

Qiao Xi was slightly shy as she slowly turned around and lifted the blanket.

Gu Zheng's expression froze as his body tensed.

Chapter 290: Save Me, Senior!

At this moment, Qiao Xi was still wearing the pink bathing suit, which made her skin look delicate.

Qiao Xi said shyly, "Gu Zheng, I, I..."

Looking at her helpless look and flushed cheeks, Gu Zheng immediately understood. He looked up and smiled. "Mrs. Gu, do you know what you're doing? Do you want it?"

The blush on Qiao Xi's face spread to the back of her ears.

She lowered her eyes and gritted her teeth. This man was not being nice at all.

Hence, she retorted, "No!"

If she admitted that she was thinking about that, would Gu Zheng dislike her?

Gu Zheng smirked. "Why don't you tell me what you're going to do in a bathing suit, then, Mrs. Gu?"

Qiao Xi wished for nothing more than to find a hole in the ground and crawl into it.

What was she doing here?

Of course, she would not tell Gu Zheng her motive so easily, but she was already here. She could not just leave like this, right?

Qiao Xi stared at Gu Zheng's face, feeling very conflicted.

'How awkward. If I had known earlier, I wouldn't have said so much. I would've just pounced on him. Does he dislike me? If my taste buds don't recover even after we do that, what if he beats me up?

'Does this bastard even want to sleep with me? What does this smile mean? He must know what I mean. He thinks I'm shy and is playing with me!'

Gu Zheng smirked.

She was shy? Would a shy person take the initiative to come over?

'I'm going to sleep with you today. Come on! Take off your clothes!

'This is a little too bold and unrestrained. I'd better change my method. Otherwise, I'm afraid Gu Zheng won't be able to accept it.'

After thinking for a long time, a bright light flashed in Qiao Xi's mind as she stood up.

Gu Zheng looked at her fair skin and curvy figure, gulping.

Qiao Xi walked in front of him and revealed a crafty smile. "Mr. Gu, don't you know what I want to do?"

Gu Zheng raised an eyebrow. "Mrs. Gu, you..."

"I want to swim!" Qiao Xi interrupted him. "I'm wearing a bathing suit, so of course, I have to swim! Could it be that I want to sleep with you?! I'm not that bored!"

Gu Zheng retracted his words and smiled calmly. "Are we going for a swim now?"

Qiao Xi nodded and said, "Yes, I just want to swim. Can't I?"

She could not tell Gu Zheng that she was here to sleep with him. Would that not be embarrassing?

After thinking about it, she thought that it would be better to let Gu Zheng accompany her to swim. When they were in the pool, their skin would be against each other and Gu Zheng would reveal his strong upper body. She would then seduce him from time to time. After that, it would be logical...

She was such a charming beauty. How could Gu Zheng not be tempted?

Then, Qiao Xi said with certainty, "I want to swim!"

Gu Zheng looked at her indifferently, then leaned against her ear and said gently, "Alright, I'll go with you."

Qiao Xi instantly felt her body go limp and numb.

Oh my God! Was Gu Zheng flirting with her?

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At this moment, the pool in the backyard had already been cleaned up. Furthermore, the pool had a temperature change system that could be adjusted accordingly. Even at night, the temperature of the water would not go cold.

Qiao Xi took off the towel and jumped into the water. She did not feel cold at all.

She swam leisurely for a while before looking up at Gu Zheng who was above the pool. She asked shyly, "Gu... Ah Zheng, come down!"

Gu Zheng knew what she was thinking and nodded. The corners of his lips curled up as he tossed the towel aside and jumped into the water in an elegant posture.

His body proportions could be said to be perfect, and his strong upper body was even more perfect than a model's. It caused Qiao Xi to blush.

The next second, she was stunned.

... Was this bastard going to swim by himself? Did he not care about her anymore?

That was not right. Shouldn't he be embracing her, kissing her, hugging her, and raising her up high?

She watched Gu Zheng swim around and suddenly thought of an idea. She pretended to lose her balance and cried out in surprise before sinking into the water.

Of course, Gu Zheng saw this scene.

Qiao Xi struggled helplessly and gradually swam to Gu Zheng's side.. She stretched out her hand with the intention of approaching him and shouted from time to time, "Senior, save me..."