

## Lady gu 291

### Chapter 291: Turns Out Gu Zheng Has A Hidden Disease

Qiao Xi flailed about violently, but Gu Zheng did not react in the slightest.

‘Why isn’t the bastard saving me? I’m about to drown. Isn’t he worried at all?’

‘Although I’m here to swim, I can’t be too proactive. I have to pretend to be drowning and get Gu Zheng to save me. Then, he’ll carry me and perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on me. Our skin will touch, and we’ll kiss and hug. It’ll be like a fire burning!’

Gu Zheng glanced sideways at the woman who was acting and curled his lips.

She was still thinking about this while struggling. It seemed that she was really unafraid of water now.

Gu Zheng watched her act calmly and asked slowly, “Mrs. Gu, don’t you know how to swim?”

Qiao Xi struggled weakly. “I... don’t. Gulp, gulp.”

In order to perform well, she even blew a few bubbles on purpose.

“Mrs. Gu.”

He said softly, “Why don’t you try standing up? The water level here seems to only reach your chest.”

Qiao Xi’s body instantly stiffened, and she stood up with an embarrassed expression.

“...” She was mercilessly exposed. She wiped the water from her face and smiled helplessly. “Er, is that so?”

Qiao Xi sighed in her heart. This damn man was really difficult to deceive. He saw through her trick with a single glance, so there was no need to continue acting. In any case, her intention was already very obvious.

She gritted her teeth and pounced into Gu Zheng’s arms, hugging him tightly with both hands. She said shyly, “Ah Zheng, teach me how to swim!”

Gu Zheng’s expression froze.

He could clearly feel their skin touching.

Qiao Xi was playing with fire. She was wearing a bathing suit and still dared to tease him like this?

Gu Zheng’s body was burning hot. His voice was hoarse. “Let go.”

She slowly looked up and smiled shyly. “Ah Zheng, although I’m not afraid of water anymore, I still don’t know how to swim. Can you teach me?”

Her breathing sprayed onto his chest, tickling and driving him crazy.

Gu Zheng’s hand landed on her back. Feeling the smoothness of her skin, his cheeks turned slightly red. “Okay.”

Qiao Xi secretly revealed a crafty smile. It was very easy to seduce a man like this.

She held onto the edge of the pool and slowly floated up. Her fair legs moved a few times as she said softly, "Ah Zheng, are we going to swim like this?"

Gu Zheng's Adam's apple bobbed. "Stop fooling around."

He knew very well in his heart that Qiao Xi did not really want to have sex with him but just wanted to recover her taste buds. Besides, this was the pool. It was too casual.

Gu Zheng took a deep breath, placed his hands on her waist, and slowly turned his face away. "Your posture is wrong."

With that, he showed her his professional posture and said seriously, "Give it a try."

Qiao Xi's face was filled with disappointment. She could only imitate him and swim a few times.

Wait, how did it become an actual swimming lesson?

Hearing her heartfelt thoughts, Gu Zheng smiled. "Don't you want to learn how to swim? Swim for me."

Qiao Xi obeyed and swam one round.

However, she immediately realized that the plot was not right!

Qiao Xi immediately rushed in front of Gu Zheng and said coyly, "I'm so scared. Ah Zheng, can you hug me and we'll swim together?"

This bathing suit was in two separate garments, so her slender waist was revealed. If he hugged her, he would be touching her bare skin there.

Qiao Xi looked pitiful. "Ah Zheng, I'm so scared."

Gu Zheng smiled, lowered his head, and abruptly approached. "Alright."

Qiao Xi felt her heart skip a beat. This man was too tempting.

His hot palm was on her waist like a small stove.

Gu Zheng caressed her smooth skin, his heart thumping furiously.

He still maintained his calm. "Qiao Xi."

Qiao Xi was just thinking about what to do next and how to seduce Gu Zheng when she heard him suddenly call out to her.

Immediately after, Gu Zheng said slowly, "I'm teaching you how to swim, so swim. Why are you struggling on the spot?"

Qiao Xi: "..."

Ah! She was going crazy!

She was trying so hard to seduce him, but this wretched man did not bite the bait and even poured cold water on her.

Qiao Xi stood in the water with a gloomy expression and silently pondered.

Could it be that Gu Zheng really had a hidden disease?

A beauty like her was taking the initiative to seduce him. She even tried her best but to no avail. Perhaps it was really because Gu Zheng could not do it..

Chapter 292: Bastard, Just You Wait!

If that was the case, she could only rely on kissing to recover her taste buds.

Qiao Xi looked at the calm water surface. It was already midnight.

Not only did she not succeed, but she also proved that Gu Zheng had an underlying disease.

After thinking about it, she realized that all her efforts had been in vain. Hence, she turned red with anger.

Gu Zheng went out of the pool and turned around to say gently, "Let's go. We should rest."

Qiao Xi smiled lightly and pretended to be gentle.

[Bastard, just you wait!]

The corners of Gu Zheng's mouth twitched.

After the two of them were done washing up, she returned to the villa and went straight into Gu Zheng's room.

Gu Zheng was stunned. "You're sleeping here?"

Qiao Xi frowned and sighed. "Ah Zheng, don't be sad. I won't look down on you."

Gu Zheng looked confused, not understanding what she meant. Then, he heard her say earnestly, "If I don't accompany you, how are you going to survive this painful and long night alone?"

Why would it be painful?

Qiao Xi continued, "The world says that you're cold, but you were willing to swim with me and even gave me a gift..."

Gu Zheng frowned.

Qiao Xi was slightly sad. "I know that you have me in your heart. Otherwise, why would you be so good to me? It's just that... A beauty like me is standing in front of you, yet you can't do anything. I understand the pain in your heart."

Gu Zheng seemed to understand something.

Qiao Xi's tone was helpless. "Men won't tell others about their hidden illness, much less let their partners know about it. But it's fine, I won't despise you. Since I've married you, I'll accompany you. We won't do anything tonight. We'll just hug each other and sleep."

“That’s why I’ve decided not to leave tonight. I’ll be by your side. Don’t be sad!”

Gu Zheng: “...”

Qiao Xi started giving a long speech. “Senior, we’ve shared a relationship for ten years, so I won’t mind. Even if you can’t do that forever, I won’t mind.

“I like you, so it doesn’t matter whether you can do that or not. Don’t feel inferior. Besides, medical technology is so advanced nowadays. You’ll definitely be able to recover. I can also treat you. Don’t be afraid of treatment. This isn’t a big problem.

“If it really can’t be cured, you’ll still be handsome, rich, and better than other men.”

Gu Zheng’s expression was gloomy like ink. “Qiao Xi!”

Qiao Xi quickly rushed into the bed. “Come on, Senior! Come into my arms. Don’t be afraid!”

Gu Zheng: “...”

This woman was definitely doing this on purpose!

Qiao Xi ignored the man standing by the bed. She fell asleep not long after closing her eyes.

The lights in the room were dim, and there was only a weak ray of light. The scattered ray of light was better than nothing to Gu Zheng.

His vision was gray, and he could only rely on his memory to move closer to the bed. He stroked her face gently before kissing her soft lips.

Mrs. Gu was too naughty today and he almost could not control himself.

He was lying on the bed when his phone rang. Gu Zheng unlocked his phone and heard Gu Yao’s voice.

“Gu Zheng, someone from the Lu family... came to the Gu family’s old mansion because of the heir.”

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Late at night, the lights were still switched on in the Gu family’s old residence.

Gu Yao was awakened by the noise downstairs. When he came out, he saw that the Lu family had arrived.

He was about to leave when someone stopped him. “Are you Gu Yao?”

Gu Yao was stunned. The person in front of him looked a little familiar.

Madam Gu hurriedly introduced them. “Ah Yao, quickly come and greet him. This is Lu Yan.”

Lu Yan?

Gu Yao reacted for a while. Lu Yan was the adopted son of the Lu family?

Rumor had it that Lu Yan was Lu Qingyun’s biological son and was also a descendant of the Gu family.

Madam Gu greeted him warmly. “Lu Yan, what would you like to drink? I’ll go prepare it now.”

Lu Yan gently replied, "It's fine, no need to trouble yourself."

Gu Yao: "..."

Why did this scene feel a little wrong? The mistress seemed to be quite enthusiastic about the first wife's son?

It was as though Lu Yan was her child while Gu Zheng was Lu Qingyun's child.

Chairman Gu, Gu Weiming, was sitting on the sofa in the living room with Madam Gu and Huang Lilan beside him.

Chapter 293: The Gu Family's Successor

Gu Weiming and Huang Lilan doted on Gu Yao very much, so they hurriedly waved at him to come downstairs. "Ah Yao, quickly call him 'Brother'!"

Gu Yao: "...?"

In terms of bloodline, he should indeed call Lu Yan 'elder brother', but was there a mistake? Was it normal for a mistress to be so passionate about her first wife's son?

Gu Yao was in a dilemma. In the end, he suppressed the doubts in his heart and called out obediently, "Brother."

Gu Weiming immediately broke into a smile and said to Lu Xiang, "Please take care of Ah Yan."

Lu Xiang sized up Gu Weiming and Huang Lilan. Lu Qingyun's life was ruined by these two people, so she was grateful to them.

"Brother-in-law, it's only right I take care of Ah Yan."

Gu Yao was enlightened. "This is Eldest Miss Lu's younger sister?"

Lu Xiang said warmly, "Ah Yao is really talented. I'm really envious of Madam Gu for having such an outstanding child."

Huang Lilan was overjoyed. "Yes, Ah Yao has always been very sensible."

Gu Yao thought that the atmosphere was very strange. He could not help it anymore. Who did not know how to act crazy?

"Miss Lu, you're Eldest Miss Lu's younger sister. You clearly know that my mother is the third party here, so why are you still so passionate? I remember that your Lu family can't wait to kill Gu Zheng. I thought you couldn't wait to kill my mother as well. My mother became the third party and indirectly caused Eldest Miss Lu's death. Shouldn't you hate her?"

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It was so quiet that one could hear a pin drop in the living room.

Huang Lilan's expression was ashen as she clenched her fists.

However, Lu Xiang remained calm. "That's all in the past. Besides, my sister was a little boring. It's normal for Brother-in-law not to like her. Since they don't have any feelings for each other, how were they supposed to maintain their marriage? It's reasonable for Madam Gu to marry Brother-in-law."

Huang Lilan quickly said, "That's right, Miss Lu is so sensible."

Gu Yao widened his eyes in disbelief.

Was Lu Xiang Eldest Miss Lu's biological sister?

She did not feel sorry for Eldest Miss Lu at all and even thought that it was only right for his mother to be the third party. Was she even blaming her sister for not being able to control her man?

"Lu Yan has something important to discuss with the Gu family. Ah Yao, listen to it as well." Gu Weiming changed the topic.

Gu Yao looked at Gu Weiming, equally shocked.

Gu Weiming said, "It's the old master's birthday in a few days. At that time, I'll announce that Lu Yan is my son and the heir of the Gu family. Gu Corporation will be handed to him to manage."

"Ah Yao..." Gu Weiming was stunned for a moment. "You're still a child. You can't manage the family's business well, but you can inherit 20% of the family's shares. It's enough for you to live a carefree life."

"Lu Yan, as Ah Yao's elder brother, you must take care of your younger brother in the future."

Lu Yan curled his lips. "Okay."

Sweat broke out on Gu Yao's forehead. He had never thought of inheriting the family business because he was an illegitimate child. He also did not want to be tied down by the family's affairs, but the sudden 20% of shares was enough to shock him.

Never mind living a carefree life, even his son and grandson would probably be able to squander away that money.

Gu Yao hesitated for a moment before suddenly breaking the harmonious atmosphere. "Um... If the Gu family's heir is Lu Yan, then what about Gu Zheng?"

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The living room was eerily quiet.

Huang Lilan and Lu Xiang's expressions darkened.

Gu Weiming frowned. "Gu Zheng is an illegitimate child. He has no right to be the heir!"

Huang Lilan chimed in, "Ah Yao, it's good that you're close to Gu Zheng, but the Gu family has to be handed to Sister Qingyun's son to inherit. How could we hand it to an illegitimate child?"

Gu Weiming nodded. "Ah Yao, your mother is right. Lu Yan is the child of Qingyun and me. The Gu family should be handed to him to inherit. This way, the entire Gu family will accept it. Gu Zheng is just an illegitimate child. He has no right to inherit the Gu family. Moreover, Lu Yan has already forgotten about the past and is willing to return to the Gu family. I have to compensate him!"

Hearing his father's words, Gu Yao muttered softly, "Gu Zheng is the one who made the Gu Corporation so prosperous today. Leaving it to Lu Yan..."

"Gu Corporation belongs to the Gu family! Gu Zheng has only contributed a little to the original foundation. He has already received enough.. Next, the corporation should be handed to Lu Yan to manage!"

Chapter 294: I'll Always Be Your Brother

Huang Lilan was a little angry. "Ah Yao, children shouldn't care so much. The company's matters have nothing to do with you. Go back to your room and rest."

Even though Gu Yao was simple-minded, he still felt that Gu Zheng was not his mother's biological child.

Back then, when Gu Zheng managed Gu Corporation, he relied on his own strength to build it bit by bit. He did not use any of the Gu family's resources. Now, they actually wanted to snatch it away from him?

He was weak and words were useless, so he went upstairs.

After Gu Yao left, Gu Weiming said obsequiously, "Ah Yan, Gu Yao has always thought of Gu Zheng as his biological brother, so he's a little closer to him. However, you know very well that Ah Yao is your younger brother. You have to take good care of him in the future."

Lu Yan nodded with a warm smile.

The group of people was extremely satisfied, but Lu Xiang was still thinking about Gu Zheng.

They all knew Lu Yan's true identity and why they were gathered here today, but they all had a tacit understanding and did not point it out.

To the outside world, it seemed logical for Lu Yan to inherit the Gu family. He was the child of Gu Weiming and Lu Qingyun, who were previously married. He was the most qualified to inherit everything in the Gu family.

As an illegitimate child, Gu Zheng was despised and hated by everyone. He was not qualified to be the head of the Gu family.

If the Gu family let Lu Yan be the heir, everyone would definitely say that Chairman Gu and Madam Gu were kind-hearted.

Everyone would think that although the Gu family had let Lu Qingyun and her child down, this was considered compensation. There was no need to pursue the events of the past anymore.

However, no one would investigate if Lu Yan was really Lu Qingyun's child.

Lu Xiang smiled smugly.

If Lu Qingyun saw this scene, how would she feel? Whether it was the Lu family or the Gu family, no one cared about her. They were all using her.

So what if she was the eldest daughter of the Lu family? In the end, her son was still played by them.

Both families knew of Lu Yan and Gu Zheng's identities. They even pretended to pass off the pauper for the prince. This way, the Lu and Gu families' reputation would be preserved. From now on, the two families would not have to go against each other.

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At this moment, Gu Yao was calling Gu Zheng to tell him about the situation just now. However, he realized that Gu Zheng was not replying. He asked hurriedly, "Gu Zheng, what exactly is going on? Don't tell me you're Eldest Miss Lu's..."

"None of your business."

Gu Yao was anxious. "I'm just concerned about you! If you're not my mother's son, then you're not an illegitimate child. Lu Yan is. You're Eldest Miss Lu's son!"

"Whether I'm Huang Lilan's son or not, I'm still your elder brother."

Gu Zheng sneered. "The Lu and Gu families don't matter to me. You're the only one who's my younger brother. Don't worry. Hurry up and rest."

Gu Yao's heart skipped a beat.

That's right. Gu Zheng had never cared about this because he did not care about the Lu family or the Gu family at all.

In Gu Zheng's eyes, these two families were like clowns, but Gu Yao could not take it lying down.

Gu Yao gritted his teeth. It was all because of Gu Zheng's blood, sweat, and tears that the Gu family could enjoy their riches now. Why should he hand over everything to Lu Yan?

If Gu Zheng really handed it to Lu Yan, he would use his power as a hedonistic son to destroy the entire Gu family!

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The next morning, Qiao Xi was awakened by the ringing of her phone. "Are you participating in the auction?"

Qiao Xi knew that Li City was going to hold a grand auction. She liked one of the violins very much, and Xue Liang had promised to give it to her.

This auction was for charity. The violin was donated by a mysterious madam. It was extremely valuable as a collector's item.

After hanging up, Gu Zheng asked, "Do you want to go?"

Before Qiao Xi could answer, Gu Zheng interrupted her. "I'll go with you."

She opened her mouth. Gu Zheng was the one who wanted to go, yet he said it as though he was only going to accompany her. What a wretched man!

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At eight in the evening.

Everyone was already seated. The people present were all big shots of Li City.

These rich and powerful elites not only had successful careers but also good reputations. Hence, they had to attend such a charity auction.

Even if they did not like it, they would have to buy at least two pieces.. Then, they could say that they were doing charity.

Chapter 295: Mysterious Item

The staff member handed out the auction booklet to everyone present and introduced the items for auction today.

Inside the lounge, Qiao Xi flipped it open and took a glance. It was mostly jewelry and some famous paintings, ornaments, and musical instruments.

However...

“Why is there another mysterious item here? What exactly is it?” she asked Gu Zheng in confusion.

Gu Zheng swept a glance over and said indifferently, “You’ll know in a bit.”

When he put it that way, the more curious Qiao Xi became.

After a while, she suddenly received a message on her phone. It was from Xue Liang.

“Gu Zheng, Fourth Brother is here too. I’m going to look for him. I’ll be back in a while.”

“Alright.” The man nodded.

Qiao Xi had just left when Gu Zheng said coldly, “Since you’re here, then stop hiding.”

At this moment, someone walked in.

Lu Yan had a smile on the corner of his mouth as he walked in naturally without any awkwardness or restraint. “President Gu, you’re really alert!”

Gu Zheng sneered.

Lu Yan gently said, “Gu Zheng, do you not want to see me so much?”

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and did not want to care at all. “Even if that’s the case, won’t you still come, Mr. Lu?”

Lu Yan was not angry but smiled indifferently.

The two of them knew very well about the grudge between them. Lu Yan was very glad that his family had paved the way for him back then. Otherwise, he would have to bear the reputation of an illegitimate child for the rest of his life.

Their fates had completely changed. He had become the eldest young master of the Gu family, while Gu Zheng was an illegitimate child.

Lu Yan was calm. "Rumor has it that President Gu is arrogant and doesn't take anyone seriously. It's my honor to be someone you hate!

"I know why you don't want to see me. You're afraid that I'll hit on Qiao Xi, right? And your younger brother, Gu Yao. They're the most important people to you. You don't want me to get close to them, right?"

Gu Zheng's eyes were deep.

To be able to say these words so indifferently, Lu Yan's skin was really thick.

Gu Zheng raised his eyes and glanced at him. Lu Yan looked gentle like jade on the surface, but he was actually a vicious snake.

"Scram!"

Lu Yan's smile gradually vanished. "Gu Zheng."

Gu Zheng exuded a murderous aura.

Lu Yan did not expect that even after 20 years of scheming and Gu Zheng becoming an illegitimate child that Gu Zheng would not care at all.

He removed all pretenses. "President Gu, you're skilled, so you're naturally not afraid of me. But don't you want to think about Qiao Xi and Gu Yao?"

Gu Zheng looked at him indifferently. After a long time, he sneered.

"Lu Yan, you don't have to threaten me. Gu Yao is your younger brother, so you won't do anything to him. As for Qiao Xi, you don't dare!"

Lu Yan's expression darkened.

Gu Zheng said slowly, "Get lost! Don't make me do it myself!"

Lu Yan was slightly stunned. He did not understand why Gu Zheng was still so arrogant. At this moment, should he not be feeling uneasy in his heart? Should he not be afraid that his inheritance would be taken away by others?

However, Gu Zheng was very calm as if he had long been prepared for this.

He indeed could not touch Gu Yao and Qiao Xi, because if he wanted to take Gu Zheng's position, he could not hurt those two people.

He wanted to snatch Qiao Xi away and become Gu Yao's most respected elder brother.

Lu Yan smiled again and said meaningfully, "The auction is about to start. I'll leave first. I heard that today's auction will be very exciting!"

Gu Zheng had never cared about reputation, so he rarely participated in such auctions. However, he was here for that mysterious item this time.

If he did not guess wrong, it was the same for Lu Yan.

In that case, they would have to see who the winner would be.

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Qiao Xi walked around but did not find Xue Liang. She casually found a seat and sent a message to Xue Liang.

Qiao Xi: [Fourth Brother, where are you?]

Xue Liang: [Little Six, I have something urgent to attend to. I'll be back as soon as possible. If I don't make it back, you can bid for that violin. I'll make the payment later.]

Qiao Xi was extremely excited. [Alright! Don't blame me if the price is too high!]

Xue Liang did not mind at all. [It doesn't matter how much it is. As long as you're happy, it's fine. I can even spend 100 million. Raise the price!]

Qiao Xi smiled with satisfaction. She was just about to stand up and leave when she heard a voice not far away.

"Mengqing, no matter what, we have to get that violin today!"

Chapter 296: Why Can't My Wife Come?

At this moment, Madam Yao reminded her in a low voice, "Our Yao family offended Xue Liang previously. After all, he has a lot of influence in the country and he might cause problems for the Yao family's business. Therefore, we have to earn his forgiveness.

"I heard that he has wanted this violin for a long time. We'll get it and give it to Xue Liang as an apology."

Yao Mengqing nodded. "What if others snatch it from me?"

"I don't think so. No one else should know about Xue Liang wanting this violin."

Madam Yao smiled and said, "Moreover, Xue Liang has something to attend to and left at the last minute. He doesn't have time to come. We can bid for it and give it to him. He'll definitely forgive us."

Yao Mengqing said, "Mom, don't worry. I'll definitely get it."

Qiao Xi smiled and left.

Ever since Xue Liang chased the Yao family out of the art exhibition, there were rumors in high society that the elders of the Yao family had done something shameless.

This matter started because of Xue Liang, so they naturally had to make amends with him.

Hence, the Yao family had targeted Xue Liang. They knew that he wanted this violin, so they specially came to the auction house to bid for it and beg for Xue Liang's forgiveness.

However...

Fourth Brother wanted the violin because he wanted to give it to her!

Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully. How would Yao Mengqing feel if she found out that she was the one who wanted this violin?

She returned to Gu Zheng's side and looked at the violin in the auction book with interest.

Gu Zheng looked up. "You like this?"

Qiao Xi replied, "Yes."

Gu Zheng said, "I'll get it for you."

Qiao Xi smiled thoughtfully. "No rush, you don't have to spend your money. Someone will bid for it and give it to me."

Gu Zheng raised an eyebrow. "Xue Liang?"

"Fourth Brother did say that he would give me the violin, but he's not going to be the one spending the money."

Qiao Xi chuckled. "This violin will be mine sooner or later. Why should I trouble myself? Let's look at something else."

Seeing how confident she was, Gu Zheng did not ask anymore.

After a while, Qiao Xi asked curiously, "Gu Zheng, do you think all these noble families gathered together to participate in the auction just for the sake of getting a good reputation? But is it worth it to spend so much money for one's reputation?"

He said indifferently, "These people don't lack money. They care very much about their reputation. Furthermore, when someone donates, there'll be a lot of people who'll follow. This is how charity auctions started."

Qiao Xi understood what was going on. Actually, they were all done for the sake of the outside world, and there were probably not many people who were truly doing charity.

Everyone was gathered here today to display the strength of their family. It would definitely be something to look forward to.

Qiao Xi flipped through the auction book. "This necklace is inlaid with ten-carat diamonds. It looks good. They're even auctioning this painting of Mr. Qi's? So many..."

Before she could finish, she heard a woman's mocking voice.

"I advise you not to look anymore. You don't have the money to buy it anyway!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes and watched the two women slowly walk over.

Yao Mengqi looked at her in disdain. Yao Mengqing stood at the side, expressionless.

“What kind of place is this? How is it that just anyone has the right to enter? Since you don’t have money to buy anything, why are you here? How laughable!”

Qiao Xi was instantly speechless.

Did she look very poor?

Gu Zheng slowly looked up with cold eyes. “If the Yao family has the right to come, why can’t my wife?”

Yao Mengqi was shocked when she met his cold eyes.

She thought that Gu Zheng did not like Qiao Xi, so he would not stand up for this woman. It was rumored in high society that Gu Zheng only married Qiao Xi on an impulse and did not like her at all.

Yao Mengqing stopped Yao Mengqi in time and said gently, “Ah Zheng, don’t be angry. Mengqi is young and insensible. She’s a little straightforward. She must have forgotten that Xi Xi married you.”

“Moreover, today’s auction is very important. Many big shots from Li City are attending. She’s just afraid that Xi Xi will be too reckless and offend some noble gentleman or madam.”

“Yao Mengqing, let me remind you again.” Gu Zheng did not even raise his eyes as impatience filled his face..

Chapter 297: Miss Yao, Can’t You Understand Human Language?

Yao Mengqing’s expression changed. “Ah Zheng, I...”

“I told you that only people I’m close with can call me ‘Ah Zheng’. You’re not worthy!” Gu Zheng showed no mercy.

Yao Mengqing’s face was ghastly pale as she looked at Qiao Xi with grievances.

“I’m your friend, Ah Zheng.

“Does Xi Xi not like me calling you that? But all these years, I...” Yao Mengqing choked and said, “Ah Zheng...”

Gu Zheng narrowed his eyes.

Qiao Xi’s face was filled with ridicule. “Miss Yao, Gu Zheng has already stopped you from calling him that. Do you not understand human language?”

Gu Zheng did not let her call him ‘Ah Zheng’ but she kept doing it. Yao Mengqing was still acting pitiful. She was so annoying!

Qiao Xi sneered. “Only his grandma and I can call him that. Do you think you’re qualified?”

There was silence. Yao Mengqing bit her lip.

She lowered her head and was about to cry. Her voice was trembling. “Xi Xi, I... I really didn’t do it on purpose. I’ve always called him that in the past, so I’m just used to it.”

“Qiao Xi! Aren’t you going too far? It’s just a greeting. Meng Qing has called him that for many years. Do you have to be so unforgiving?”

Not far away, Lin Jie saw that Yao Mengqing was aggrieved. He took a big stride forward and shouted at Qiao Xi.

He snorted. “Ah Zheng, you and Mengqing are childhood sweethearts. Why can’t you be a little kinder? Besides...”

“I’ve already warned Miss Yao a long time ago and she has agreed not to call me that again. Furthermore, we’re not close, so calling me that so affectionately will cause misunderstandings.”

Gu Zheng waved his hand and gestured to Song Shiyu. “If she still can’t remember, you have to remind her.”

“Yes!” Song Shiyu replied without hesitation.

The corners of Yao Mengqing’s lips twitched as she forced out a smile.

“Mengqing, let’s go! Why should we be angry with them?”

Lin Jie pulled Yao Mengqing and was about to leave. “Qiao Xi! Just you wait. It’s such an important occasion today, so I won’t bicker with you!”

Yao Mengqing said humbly, “Xi Xi, we’re leaving. If you like something, you can tell me. I’ll get it and give it to you as an apology.”

After saying that, Lin Jie pulled Yao Mengqing and left angrily.

Qiao Xi rolled her eyes. What an adulterous pair!

Yao Mengqing was not that kind-hearted. Although she was just saying it, she took it seriously. It just so happened that those few sets of jewelry were decent.

Since Yao Mengqing said so, Qiao Xi would reluctantly accept her offer, then!

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Yao Mengqing and Lin Jie had just sat down. Lin Jie was filled with righteous indignation. “Mengqing, you shouldn’t have been so gentle with her. Otherwise, she’ll always bully you! What right does she have to participate in the auction? Does she have money?”

Everyone looked over. Although the Yao family had offended Xue Liang, the Yao family was still part of the high society. Who were they mocking?

Who dared to bully Miss Yao? Had they gone mad?!

Yao Mengqing said helplessly, “Ah Jie, it’s better to avoid trouble.”

“Isn’t this a charity auction? Why is she here if she doesn’t have money? She’s merely occupying a position that doesn’t belong to her! Why isn’t she getting lost?!”

Yao Mengqing looked at the gazes of the people around her and pretended to stop him. "How could Xi Xi be poor? The jewelry on her is expensive. She definitely doesn't lack money..."

"She bought luxury goods with that bit of money she had, but she doesn't have the money to donate! Meng Qing, don't speak up for her!"

Lin Jie said boldly, "She doesn't even donate her money! She's just a greedy, selfish b\*tch!"

These words had completely ruined Qiao Xi's image.

Everyone looked at her with disdain. Since they were already at the charity auction, they had to donate a little even if they had to pretend. Being able to donate to the children who were fighting against illnesses was also a good thing to do.

Since she was unwilling to donate anything, why did she come to the charity auction?

Yao Mengqing heard the discussions around her and secretly revealed a proud smile. "Ah Jie, Xi Xi isn't someone like that. She must be facing some trouble.

"She has her own difficulties. Maybe it's just that she doesn't want to talk about it. Xi Xi grew up in the countryside when she was young. It's reasonable for her to be reluctant to donate.."

Chapter 298: Worlds Apart

Lin Jie's face was full of disdain. "Qiao Xi is really too unpresentable. She hid all her savings just like that. You're busy donating money to charity, so why can't she learn from you?"

Yao Mengqing smiled smugly.

A moment later, the auction officially began.

The first item was a calligraphy piece, but it was not a master's work, so no one raised their placards.

Even if one wanted to donate, one had to buy something useful. They could not just casually spend money.

At this moment, a sweet female voice sounded. "200,000."

No one liked this painting, so the 200,000 yuan was wasted.

"Miss Yao, you're so sensible. Only a person like her would spend money to get this piece."

"Although 200,000 yuan is just a drop in the ocean for the Yao family, spending 200,000 yuan for nothing is too much of a loss. Compared to Miss Yao, some people are simply unbearable to look at. Yet they still have the cheek to come?"

Everyone looked at Qiao Xi in unison and muttered in a low voice, "Young Master Lin is right. Even if she doesn't have any money, she can still fork out 200,000 yuan, right? If she doesn't even bid for such a cheap thing, then the rest of the items won't even be auctioned off!"

Gu Zheng's expression turned cold.

The auctioneer put down the mallet. The final winner of the first item was Yao Mengqing. No one wanted to compete with her.

The venue erupted in applause. Everyone was praising her for her beauty and kind heart.

The next item was a jade pendant. Mr. Song had carved it himself and the starting price was two million.

Qiao Xi was instantly interested.

Sister Xue Yi had recently taken a liking to these things and had been looking for a jade pendant. Qiao Xi knew with a glance that this jade pendant was of good quality and Sister Xue Yi would probably like it.

Everyone also had their eyes on this item and gradually raised their hands.

Before long, the price of the jade pendant increased to 3.5 million.

In the end, only Yao Mengqing and a madam were bidding for it. The price kept rising. In the end, Yao Mengqing bid 5 million before the madam gave up.

Everyone gasped.

Although this jade pendant was expensive, it was not worth 5 million yuan. If Eldest Miss Yao spent 5 million yuan on it, was she not planning to bid for the rest of the items?

Yao Mengqi said proudly, "My sister is kind-hearted. She doesn't care about this small amount of money for a donation. Look at some other people. They're really shameless!"

Everyone muttered in low voices. Even though Qiao Xi was not as rich as Yao Mengqing, since she was here, she should do her best to bid for something.

Yao Mengqi mocked, "This is a charity auction. It's for the medical treatment of children from poor families. If some people don't have the ability and compassion, they should just quickly get lost. Don't just sit here and pretend to be rich! How disgusting!"

As soon as she finished speaking, the crowd fell silent.

Soon, everyone was discussing.

"Miss Yao spent five million without batting an eye. I heard that she has taken a liking to a few things. She'll probably donate tens of millions tonight."

"Also, I heard that President Gu's female partner for such events previously was Miss Yao. After that, it suddenly became Qiao Xi. Who knows what's fishy about this?"

"Miss Yao is beautiful and a daughter of a noble family. How can Qiao Xi compare to Miss Yao? Could it be that President Gu really likes Qiao Xi?"

Everyone nodded, and they felt that Qiao Xi would definitely lose all her reputation today.

If Yao Mengqing became the person who donated the most, the foundation would be named after her. This was another honor.



Qiao Xi was just a toy next to President Gu, while Yao Mengqing was the woman who was truly worthy of President Gu. The two of them were worlds apart.

The auctioneer knocked on the auction mallet. "5 million going once!"

"5 million going twice..."

Yao Mengqing was filled with confidence when she heard the praise from her surroundings. She would completely crush Qiao Xi and become the most suitable woman for Gu Zheng.

Right at the last moment, when the gavel was about to land, Qiao Xi slowly raised the bid. "8 million!"

8 million?

Yao Mengqing's expression changed and her smile vanished.

Everyone stared at her in shock.

Normally, the auction process involved increases of 100,000 yuan or 1,000,000 yuan. They had never seen someone like her who directly raised the price to 8 million yuan. Even the auctioneer was stunned..

### **Chapter 299: The Highest Bidder**

At this moment, Qiao Xi spoke out in reminder, "Isn't 8 million enough?"

The auctioneer nodded hurriedly. "8, 8 million. Yes, yes! Miss Qiao is offering 8 million. Is there a higher bid?"

A few passers-by who were mocking Qiao Xi for not spending money just earlier immediately lowered their heads with awkward expressions.

No way? Didn't Miss Yao say that Qiao Xi had no money at all? Why would she fork out 8 million to buy a jade pendant?

Although this jade pendant was not cheap, it was at most 3 million. 8 million was a sky-high price.

Had Qiao Xi gone mad? Was she mistaken to spend so much money?

Yao Mengqing's face was livid. Her nails dug into her palms.

Looking at the current situation, Yao Mengqi shouted angrily, "Qiao Xi! You did it on purpose, right?! My sister has already offered 5 million yuan! Why are you still fighting for it?"

"I'm also doing this for the sake of those sick children." Qiao Xi smiled indifferently and continued, "Actually, it doesn't matter how much money I spend. For the sake of treating the children, so what if I spend a little money? The highest bidder will obtain the item being auctioned. Could it be that I can't bid for what your sister has taken a liking to?"

"You..." Yao Mengqi's face instantly turned red.

Qiao Xi's words actually caused her to be unable to retort, but Qiao Xi was clearly pretending. She even said that she did it for the sake of the sick children.

Yao Mengqing's eyes were vicious. When she looked up again, she revealed a gentle smile. "It's okay. If Xi Xi wants it, I'll give it to her."

The auctioneer slammed the gavel, and everyone could not help but look at Qiao Xi.

Most of them only brought 5 million yuan with them when they attended the auction. They only wanted to bid for a few small items, but Qiao Xi spent 8 million yuan on a jade pendant!

That was money!

It would seem that Qiao Xi was not as selfish as Young Master Lin had said?

"Miss Qiao is quite generous. Young Master Lin even said that she wouldn't donate. He must have misunderstood her."

"She just spent 8 million yuan. She's definitely not a greedy and selfish woman. We were wrong this time."

"It's all because of Yao Mengqing. She slandered Qiao Xi's reputation together with Lin Jie. Qiao Xi doesn't lack money at all. Not just anyone can fork out 8 million!"

Yao Mengqi heard the discussion around her and stomped her feet in anger.

"Sister, don't be angry. Qiao Xi's limelight is temporary. She'll only be able to bid on this one item. Moreover, it's uncertain if she can even fork out the 8 million!"

Yao Mengqing smiled with difficulty. "Xi Xi is doing this for those poor children. Xi Xi, thank you. Your donation will be greatly appreciated."

The next second, the auctioneer took out the next item.

Yao Mengqi immediately broke into a smile. "Sister, Qiao Xi will definitely not have any money left so you can bid for this."

The auctioneer said, "This is a 10-carat diamond necklace from South Africa. Rumor has it that this is the work of the jewelry master, Ella. It represents unwavering love. I believe all the ladies here will like it very much."

Everyone's eyes lit up when they heard that. A few noblewomen immediately begged the man beside them to raise the placard.

Although 10-carat diamonds were not considered rare, this necklace was embedded with many precious gems. Under the illumination of the lights, it was dazzling and shot out five colors.

Someone had once estimated that this diamond necklace was worth about 10 million yuan.

Such things were worth collecting. It was worth it even if it was 15 million.

Yao Mengqing was not in a rush to raise her placard. She only started raising the price in the end. The price soon soared to 15 million.

She could not help but glance at Qiao Xi. The other party had her head lowered as if she was not interested in this.

Yao Mengqing's expression softened. Fortunately, Qiao Xi was not bidding for this.

"Sister, I knew that she could only fork out 8 million yuan. She doesn't have the money to buy anything else. She didn't even raise her placard for this necklace. She must be broke!"

Yao Mengqi's voice was heard by everyone. Her tone was very arrogant.

Yao Mengqing advised her gently, "Qi Qi, you can't say that. Perhaps Xi Xi doesn't like diamonds?"

Yao Mengqi retorted, "Which woman doesn't like diamonds? I think she just doesn't have any money! Didn't she say she wanted to donate? If she has the ability, she should continue raising the price!

"Some people are just good at talking but in reality, they can only afford to spend 8 million yuan.."

Chapter 300: 20 Million, I Want It

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The auctioneer said, "15 million going once, 15 million going twice—"

Yao Mengqi was extremely proud and became even more arrogant. "Sister! Do you think she doesn't dare? She only knows how to puff herself up at her own expense! Why is she pretending to be rich when she doesn't have any money? How laughable..."

"20 million!" Qiao Xi suddenly said.

Yao Mengqi immediately swallowed her words.

Qiao Xi took a sip of tea and said indifferently, "20 million, I want this necklace."

Hearing Qiao Xi's nonchalant voice, Yao Mengqi felt that she had been deeply mocked, so she roared in exasperation, "Qiao Xi! Are you crazy?! Are you going to bid for whatever my sister is bidding?"

"Can't I donate? Miss Yao, you're so nosy. Are you only allowing your sister to donate?"

Yao Mengqi choked.

Qiao Xi said slowly, "Miss Yao, if you're unwilling, you can continue to increase the price. I have no objections. The highest bidder wins!"

Yao Mengqing's expression froze. She said with difficulty, "... Forget it, forget it. I'll take the next one."

Qiao Xi's expression was composed as she smiled indifferently.

Qiao Xi remained calm and collected throughout the auction. As long as Yao Mengqing managed to bid for something till the end, she would definitely raise the price and intercept it. Moreover, Qiao Xi would bid at a high price and not give Yao Mengqing a chance to further raise it.

Yao Mengqi instantly cursed, "Qiao Xi! You're despicable! Why are you snatching all of my sister's bids? Even if you're jealous that my sister and President Gu were childhood sweethearts, you can't keep targeting her!"

Everyone raised their eyes in surprise, and their gazes fell on Qiao Xi.

Qiao Xi said lightly, "I'm jealous of Miss Yao? Your Yao family really knows how to flatter yourselves."

Just then, Madam Yao said, "Miss Qiao, mind your words. Qi Qi is right. You're just jealous of President Gu and Mengqing—"

Qiao Xi interrupted her words. "I'm bidding for these things because I want to donate money. After all, Miss Yao has been mocking me for being selfish and unwilling to donate just now. I just want to give a little help to those sick children. Is there anything wrong with that?"

Qiao Xi smiled lightly. "Miss Yao, you called me cheap just now. I don't understand. How am I cheap after donating so much money? You mean to say that I shouldn't donate?"

"Or is it that only the Yao family can donate but no one else can? Why don't we hold this charity auction exclusively for the Yao family to participate, then? The rest of us don't have to waste time here anymore, right?"

Everyone immediately reacted and looked at the Yao family angrily.

No matter who was the one bidding, the money gathered today was to treat sick children. A portion of the money would also be donated to the villages in the mountainous areas.

Qiao Xi had done a good deed by bidding so many times, so why was the Yao family calling her cheap now?

Miss Qiao was right. The Yao family thought that Qiao Xi had stolen Yao Mengqing's limelight, so they kept scolding her.

The Yao family's upbringing was really questionable. One moment, they said that Miss Qiao was going through troubles. The next moment, they said that she was cheap. In the beginning, they even mocked Miss Qiao for being poor.

Moreover, how was this matter related to President Gu?

Yao Mengqi could not explain herself. "You..."

"Miss Yao, you have nothing to say, right? If the Yao family really wants to donate so much, then don't waste any more time. Just buy something."

Yao Mengqi was so angry that her whole body was trembling. Qiao Xi, this b\*tch, was jealous of her sister's relationship with President Gu. That was why she kept bidding for these items.

Yao Mengqing, who was at the side, shed tears out of grievances and sobbed softly. "Qi Qi, Ah Jie, don't say anymore."

Qiao Xi sneered with an indifferent expression.

She had intercepted so many times not because she wanted to act on impulse but because she wanted to set a trap for Yao Mengqing.

There were a total of 20 items. Qiao Xi had bid for eight and spent over 100 million.

She would take everything that Yao Mengqing liked.

At this moment, Yao Mengqing's face was livid. She listened to the mocking words that were uttered from time to time and bit her lip.

The most powerful people in today's auction were the Gu family and the Yao family.

Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng, who were sitting together, naturally represented the Gu family. The Yao family, who kept saying that they would donate, only managed to bid for a painting worth 200,000 yuan. If news of this were to spread, where would they put their dignity?

Before entering the auction, Yao Mengqing had even said in an interview that she would do her best to help the sick children recover from their illness.

Yet, she had only spent 200,000 yuan? That was too shabby.