

Lady gu 301

Chapter 301: Spend A Billion Yuan First!

Madam Yao's face darkened. "Mengqing, the violin! It's going to be auctioned soon. You have to take it. Otherwise, not only will our Yao family not be able to give that out as a gift but we'll also lose all our reputation!"

Yao Mengqi also became serious. "Yes, we have to. We've already said that we'll give Xue Liang a gift. If we don't get it, Xue Liang will definitely be angry!"

Yao Mengqing was instantly on guard. Her mind was filled with the violin.

Her expression was gloomy. "Qiao Xi is obviously going against me. As long as I make a bid, she'll definitely bid higher. She has Gu Zheng behind her, so it doesn't matter how much she spends. But how can the Yao family's wealth compare to Ah Zheng's?"

Madam Yao's face turned pale. She did not expect her gentle daughter to look so vicious.

Yao Mengqing could tell that Madam Yao was shocked. She took a deep breath and forced herself to calm down. "Mom, it looks like I won't be able to bid for the violin anymore. I can only donate 20 million yuan in the name of the Yao family after the auction."

"No matter what the next auction item is, Qiao Xi will definitely compete with me. Of course, our wealth can't compare to the Gu family's financial resources, but I can't let others think that we're not bidding because we can't bear to part with the money. If we donate 20 million yuan after this, it won't be embarrassing even if news of this gets out. However, we'll have no chance of compensating Xue Liang."

Yao Mengqing's gaze was vicious as she said in a low voice, "However, I'll make Qiao Xi pay a painful price this time!"

Qiao Xi targeted her in public and caused her to lose all her dignity. How could she swallow this?

Didn't that b*tch like to snatch her things? Then she would let Qiao Xi snatch them!

Over 100 million was nothing to Gu Zheng. He would help Qiao Xi pay.

What about 200 million and 300 million, then? Would Gu Zheng be willing to be a spendthrift?

If Qiao Xi spent 200 million on this 5 million yuan violin, Gu Zheng would definitely think that she was stupid and start to hate her.

Yao Mengqing curled her lips and smiled coldly.

'Qiao Xi, just wait and see! Our game has just begun!'

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On the other side, Gu Yao muttered softly, "Gu Zheng said you like this violin? You even have such a hobby?"

Qiao Xi glanced indifferently at him. "..."

Gu Yao said, "Wow, do you really know how to play? You look uneducated, but you can even play the violin?"

Qiao Xi rolled her eyes at him. "I'm not bidding for this violin."

Gu Yao was a little stunned as he asked in surprise, "Why? I heard that the Yao family is going to bid for this violin to give to Xue Liang. If he accepts it, it'll mean that he has forgiven the Yao family and the others will look up to the Yao family as well."

Gu Yao frowned. "You've already snatched everything else. Why miss out on this one? You have to snatch it!"

Gu Zheng glanced at Gu Yao casually.

Qiao Xi said slowly, "I've spent all my money."

Gu Yao immediately shouted, "Gu Zheng! Your wife likes this violin. Aren't you going to buy it for her? It turns out that she's been spending her own money. You're too petty!"

Without waiting for Gu Zheng's reply, Gu Yao said righteously, "Qiao Xi! Just raise the placard and I'll pay! Just take it as a gift from me. No matter how much the Yao family bids, snatch it from them! I'm so rich, so why should I be afraid of the Yao family?"

Qiao Xi looked at him in surprise.

"Are you sure?"

Gu Yao was stunned. He initially did not have any money, but his scumbag father had asked Lu Yan to inherit the Gu family's shares. When the time came, he would inherit the shares of Gu Corporation.

However, if that was the case, the Gu family would no longer belong to Gu Zheng. The Gu family would chase Gu Zheng out and not leave him with a single cent.

Hence, Gu Yao decided that from now on, he would be a spendthrift. He would squander all the Gu family's money and not leave anything for Lu Yan. He would first spend a billion yuan to liven things up!

Gu Yao was silent. After a moment, he said, "Don't worry about spending it! I have money! Don't worry!"

Gu Zheng sneered.

Gu Yao was about to retort when he suddenly held back, his heart aching.

Sob, sob, sob. Gu Zheng was so pitiful. The family business that he had worked hard for all these years was going to be snatched away by someone else. He was still so calm as if everything had nothing to do with him.

This fool!

Chapter 302: Crazy Increase In Price

Gu Zheng was calm. He hated Huang Lilan very much, but at this moment, he was glad that Huang Lilan was around because she had given birth to Gu Yao.

Gu Zheng asked, "You don't want the violin?"

Qiao Xi had an indifferent expression. "I do want to bid for it, but I won't pay for it. In the end, this violin will still belong to me."

Gu Zheng's expression was amused. Qiao Xi had said that she would not pay, so the person paying would probably not be Xue Liang. In that case, it could only be Yao Mengqing.

Yao Mengqing would pay for it, but the violin would be given to Qiao Xi in the end?

Gu Zheng was sure that Yao Mengqing was not that kind-hearted. He had already understood the situation.

The starting bid for the violin was 5 million. Everyone was uninterested, but they still successfully increased the bid to 10 million.

At this moment, Yao Mengqing started raising her placard.

Qiao Xi specially raised her eyes to stare at Yao Mengqing. Everyone knew that Miss Qiao and Miss Yao were in conflict.

In next to no time, Qiao Xi started bidding as well. "20 million!"

The entire venue was silent.

As expected, the bid went up to 20 million!

Did Qiao Xi think that saying a few more numbers would tire everyone else out? Did she really have to increase the number by that much?

Violin was indeed a priceless treasure for musicians, but for ordinary people, it was just a decoration.

Although the violin was worth collecting, be it the materials or the meaning, it was at most worth 15 million yuan. 20 million was already beyond expectations.

Furthermore... if the two of them were to compete, the price would be even higher.

Everyone put down their placards and stared fixedly at Yao Mengqing and Qiao Xi.

Qiao Xi had an indifferent expression but the corners of her mouth were curled up into a smile. She seemed as if she was determined to succeed.

Everyone thought that Yao Mengqing had given up because she thought that the price was too high, just like before.

The next second...

Yao Mengqing said, "30 million!"

Everyone was dumbfounded!

Unexpectedly, Yao Mengqing was willing to spend so much money for a violin?

Qiao Xi was stunned for a moment as well, and her face was filled with disbelief.

Immediately after, Yao Mengqi said loudly, "My sister is bidding for this violin because she wants to give it to Xue Liang! Hence, she definitely won't give it up!"

Yao Mengqing said gently, "Qi Qi, don't be like this. If Xi Xi likes it, we'll continue bidding. The highest bidder will get it. It's just that there's a misunderstanding between Xue Liang and me. I heard that he likes this violin, so I want to bid for it to give it to him."

Yao Mengqi snorted. "It's all because of Qiao Xi that we offended Xue Liang. It was she and that man who harmed our Yao family!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to glance at them and paid no attention to them at all as she continued bidding. "40 million!"

50 million?

Yao Mengqing revealed a sinister smile.

As expected, Qiao Xi continued to raise the price. She wanted to get this violin at all costs.

Anyway, she was spending Gu Zheng's money, so she would not care about the gains or losses.

Yao Mengqing narrowed her eyes. She was not in a rush to raise the bid. She was thinking about how to increase the price.

It was because everything Qiao Xi bid for was originally hers. She was deliberately targeting her!

Yao Mengqing smiled. Even if she directly called out a price of 300 million, Qiao Xi would continue to raise the price. Then, she would withdraw safely. As a result, Qiao Xi would have to get the violin at an astronomical price.

Seeing how stupid she was, Ah Zheng would definitely loathe her. He might not even pay for her anymore.

Yao Mengqing pretended to be troubled. "50 million."

She looked apologetic. "Xi Xi, I'm sorry. I really need this violin."

Qiao Xi's brows raised. "Then it depends on who's more capable. 60 million."

Everyone widened their eyes at this scene. Following that, Yao Mengqing increased the bid to 70 million.

Qiao Xi frowned. "100 million."

Damn! This woman had gone mad!

Qiao Xi must be crazy to directly increase the bid by 30 million!

Yao Mengqing looked at the situation before her and was extremely proud in her heart. She wanted Qiao Xi to faint.

Her tone was gentle. “Xi Xi, in that case, I can only risk my life to play this game with you. 120 million!”

Utter shock!

So much money? Just for a violin?

Immediately after, Qiao Xi raised her bid again. “200 million..”

Chapter 303: Sky-high Price Of 300 Million

Gu Yao could not sit still anymore.

Earlier, didn't Qiao Xi say that she was not interested? Now, the bid had increased to 200 million.

Yao Mengqing curled the corners of her lips. She was sure that Qiao Xi had gone mad. In her eyes, money was just a number. She wanted to get this violin no matter what the price was!

Since that was the case, then she would increase the price one last time and push Qiao Xi to the edge of the abyss before she stopped.

At that time, if Qiao Xi said no, it would mean that she was disrespecting the charity auction. She would also be mocked by the entire upper-class society. She would not be able to raise her head in Li City.

If Qiao Xi was smart, she could only grit her teeth and endure it. She would have to obediently take out this enormous sum of money.

Seeing that the gavel was about to fall, Yao Mengqing raised her placard. “300 million!”

At this moment, everyone held their breaths as their gazes moved between Qiao Xi and Yao Mengqing.

Yao Mengqing also looked at Qiao Xi. She did not raise her placard but smiled meaningfully.

The venue was silent. The exclamation of ‘300 million’ was still reverberating in the hall.

The competition between Yao Mengqing and Qiao Xi was truly astounding.

Although both families were not short of money, it was really scary for them to raise the price to 300 million just for a violin.

Everyone felt that 300 million was not the end. According to Qiao Xi's performance earlier, she would continue to increase the bid. Yao Mengqing thought so too.

The auctioneer even forgot to hit the gavel as he stared at Qiao Xi, waiting for her to raise the bid.

She remained silent and sat there quietly, ignoring the burning gazes of the crowd.

Everyone was anxious. Why was Miss Qiao not raising her placard?

Yao Mengqing's heart thumped as if she had fallen into an ice cellar.

She looked at Qiao Xi's nonchalant appearance and felt very uneasy.

After a while, Qiao Xi still did not speak.

Yao Mengqi immediately reacted and questioned loudly, "Qiao Xi! You're not bidding anymore?"

Everyone's gaze landed on the Yao family again. Yao Mengqing's face was pale, and her heart was beating furiously.

Qiao Xi calmly took a sip of tea and said unhurriedly, "Of course, I want it..."

Yao Mengqing's expression eased up for a moment. She knew that Qiao Xi would continue to increase the bid. So long as Qiao Xi increased the bid, she would immediately give up and show a regretful expression.

However, Qiao Xi's next words caused her hair to stand on end!

"But the price is too high. I... don't have that kind of money."

Qiao Xi seemed to be very regretful and sighed. "I already spent a lot of money earlier, so I can't spend more than 300 million this time. I originally thought that I would get it at 200 million, but who knew that Miss Yao would raise it to 300 million?"

"You must really want this violin, Miss Yao. I'll give it to you, then."

Yao Mengqing felt her mind buzz and she instantly went blank.

Her mind was filled with the words, 'She's not bidding for it anymore?'

If Qiao Xi really did not want to continue, then she had to fork out 300 million to buy this violin!

That was 300 million!

The Yao family was already in a precarious situation now. They could not fork out 300 million yuan at all. Even if they could, the Yao family would definitely suffer.

Yao Mengqing's body trembled uncontrollably. Her eyes were empty.

Qiao Xi smiled indifferently. Yao Mengqing was still too inexperienced to play tricks with her.

Did she really think she was stupid and could not tell what Yao Mengqing was thinking?

This 300 million yuan blow on the Yao family would be enough to make Yao Mengqing stop bothering her for a period of time.

Everyone's eyes were on the Yao family. Madam Yao also realized the seriousness of the matter.

No! They could not take this 300 million!

Madam Yao suddenly stood up. "No! I don't—"

Before she could finish, Qiao Xi stood up and applauded loudly. "Miss Yao, you're really a beautiful and kind person. In order to donate to the children, you didn't hesitate to spend 300 million on a violin. It's really touching! I'm really unable to compare to you in terms of magnanimity. Miss Yao, you're the model among the daughters of rich families! I hope everyone can be as selfless as you, Miss Yao!"

She even kicked Gu Yao. "Hurry up and clap!"

Gu Yao quickly stood up and shouted, "You're right! The Yao family is really a role model for the rich!" With the Gu family taking the lead, the others also stood up and applauded as well.

Chapter 304: Giving It To Someone Else

"Miss Yao, you're really kind-hearted. You donated 300 million yuan. I'm really ashamed of my inferiority."

"Miss Qiao has already donated more than 100 million. I'm sure Miss Yao won't shirk her responsibility. They're both so kind!"

At this moment, Gu Yao finally realized that Yao Mengqing was deliberately fighting with Qiao Xi for this bid.

If Qiao Xi had continued to raise the price, then she would have to spend over 300 million.

Gu Yao's tone was cold. "Qiao Xi donated more than 100 million, while Sister Mengqing donated 300 million. Those children who are going to be saved will definitely remember your kind deeds."

Yao Mengqing's body was limp. She did not even have the strength to stand up.

If she went back on her word in public, she would definitely be mocked by everyone and her reputation in the upper-class society would be ruined.

No! She could not be hated!

300 million was indeed a very huge figure, but the Yao family's reputation was also very important.

Yao Mengqing's heart ached. However, she still forced out a smile and said with difficulty, "I'm very happy to be able to help the sick children."

However, she was extremely regretful. This violin was worth 20 million at most, but she had spent 300 million to buy it. It was equivalent to throwing away 200 million for nothing!

Yao Mengqing never expected that Qiao Xi would trick her instead.

At this moment, she finally realized that this was all Qiao Xi's scheme!

Yao Mengqing was so anxious that she was going crazy. She thought that she had to find someone to fork out this sum of money for her. She would pay as much as she could. The Yao family could not shoulder this huge sum of money alone.

At this moment, there was a commotion outside.

Everyone looked in the direction of the voice. The door was pushed open and a group of bodyguards rushed in. A man in a suit slowly walked in.

"It's Xue Liang!" someone exclaimed.

"Painter Xue! I heard that he really wanted that violin! Unfortunately, it has already been taken by Miss Yao."

Everyone said helplessly, but Gu Yao said loudly, "What's there to pity? Sister Mengqing bought that violin for Xue Liang. Didn't Yao Mengqi say so just now?"

Yao Mengqi had indeed said that they would give this violin to Xue Liang, but were they really going to spend 300 million to buy it for someone else?

Yao Mengqing's expression was stiff and ugly.

Gu Yao continued to watch the show as he said, "Sister Mengqing said she likes Mr. Xue and his paintings very much. She knows that he likes this violin, so she bid for it at all costs just to give it to Mr. Xue."

Gu Yao hurriedly walked forward and greeted Xue Liang. "Mr. Xue, you're here at the right time."

Yao Mengqing gritted her teeth with a ferocious expression.

Words were like water that had been poured out. If she denied it just like that, wouldn't everyone laugh their heads off?

If she were mocked by the people of the upper-class society, how could she marry Gu Zheng in the future? She was the future Mrs. Gu and had to take care of her image. Otherwise, the Gu family and Gu Zheng would not accept her.

Yao Mengqing suppressed the anger in her heart and walked forward calmly. She smiled gently and said, "Hello, Mr. Xue."

Xue Liang glanced at her and did not say anything.

At this point, Yao Mengqing had no way out. She could only use this 300 million to buy her reputation and let the entire Li City know that she was kind-hearted. She wanted to pretend to be a big shot.

Hence, she smiled. "Mr. Xue, the Yao family offended you in the past. I heard that you like this violin very much, so I took the initiative to bid for it and want to give it to you..."

Xue Liang had a calm expression. "Miss Yao, I can't accept this violin that costs 300 million. If news of this gets out, they'll think that I have a special relationship with the Yao family."

Yao Mengqing looked at her surroundings. She had to give this violin away no matter what. It would not only earn her a good reputation but also make Xue Liang the backer of the Yao family.

This was the only way she could recover the Yao family's losses.

Yao Mengqing gritted her teeth. "Mr. Xue, please accept it as a token of our Yao family's appreciation. My younger sister offended your family previously, so we have to compensate you.

"Furthermore, we spent 300 million yuan to donate the money to the sick children, not for you. Please don't feel pressured and accept this violin. Our Yao family has already apologized."

Xue Liang smiled.. "Miss Yao, you're really kind-hearted!"

Chapter 305: You Know Qiao Xi?

At this moment, Gu Yao said loudly, "Actually, Sister Mengqing just wanted to donate some money and bought a violin. There's no need to feel pressured. Just take it as a toy and accept it! Sister Mengqing, those sick children will definitely remember you!"

From the beginning till the end, Gu Zheng, who was by his side, remained silent and expressionless.

Qiao Xi glanced at him and thought.

'Gu Yao is really a quick-witted person! He knows how to praise Yao Mengqing. In this way, Yao Mengqing wanting to gift the violin is just an excuse. He made it seem as if her real motive is to donate, so Fourth Brother will naturally accept it. There would be no burden.

'Gu Yao is so obedient! They're both brothers, why isn't this one saying anything?

'The Yao family has been mocking me time and again. If Gu Zheng bought a few things and gave them to me in public, he would immediately shut them up!

'But it doesn't matter now. After all, I've dealt with the Yao family myself!

Gu Zheng smirked.

It was not that he did not want to give these things to her, but he had been waiting.

The items auctioned were all arranged from low to high. The more valuable and rarer the items were, the more interested everyone was.

Moreover, he was here today for that mysterious item.

At this moment, Xue Liang nodded. "To be honest, I really want this violin. In that case, thank you, Miss Yao."

Yao Mengqing was relieved.

Although she had lost a lot of money today, she could at least get Xue Liang's forgiveness. It could be said that she had not made a wasted trip here. In the future, the Yao family's future would be brighter, and it might even involve the arts.

The 300 million was not wasted after all. She would definitely be able to make up for it with Xue Liang.

As Yao Mengqing was thinking, Xue Liang suddenly said, "Miss Yao, if I may ask, can I give this violin to someone else?"

Yao Mengqing replied without hesitation, "No problem. Since I've given it to you, Mr. Xue, it's yours. You can decide who you want to give it to. I heard that you're giving it to your younger sister, right?"

Xue Liang's eyes were filled with mockery. "Yes."

At this moment, everyone was praising Yao Mengqing for being generous, selfless, and sincere. They even lamented how powerful the Yao family was. Even though they had spent 300 million to buy a violin, their expressions remained unchanged.

Hearing everyone's praise, Madam Yao and Yao Mengqi finally smiled.

Although the family would definitely scold her when they got home tonight, they did not spend the 300 million yuan in vain. At least, they had gained something.

Yao Mengqi started feeling proud again and mocked loudly, "Qiao Xi! My sister won this violin at all costs to give it to Mr. Xue. What were your efforts for?"

Qiao Xi said unhurriedly, "I just like it. I'm indeed not as generous as you, Miss Yao. You gave away the violin you got for 300 million just like that."

Yao Mengqing had a proud expression. It looked like Qiao Xi was ashamed of her inferiority as well.

However, the next second, Xue Liang said in surprise, "You know Qiao Xi?"

Previously, during the incident in the mall, Yao Mengqi thought that Qiao Xi was being kept as a mistress by Liang Pingchuan. Then, Xue Liang stood up for Liang Pingchuan and chased the Yao family out of the art exhibition.

At that time, Yao Mengqing did not believe that Xue Liang was Qiao Xi's elder brother. She thought that Xue Liang only said that to defend Liang Pingchuan's reputation.

Now that she was Xue Liang's friend, if she could step on Qiao Xi, perhaps...

Yao Mengqing had a subtle expression. "Yes, but..."

Xue Liang's eyes were calm. "Miss Yao, feel free to speak your mind. Just say what you're thinking."

When Yao Mengqi heard this, she was sure that Xue Liang definitely had a grudge against Qiao Xi.

Yao Mengqi finally found a chance to take revenge on Qiao Xi. Without thinking, she said, "Mr. Xue, Qiao Xi is not a good person! She's always targeting my sister!"

"Qi Qi, don't spout nonsense. Xi Xi..." Yao Mengqing pretended to stop her.

"Mr. Xue, Qi Qi is a straightforward person. Don't mind her. Xi Xi is indeed a little wilful and naughty, but as the older one, it's only right for me to give in to her."

Xue Liang nodded, his expression unreadable..

Chapter 306: Gift Ceremony

Yao Mengqi was secretly delighted. Now that the Yao family had connections with Xue Liang, it meant that they had become allies with Imperial Capital's Xue family. She was immediately confident.

"Qiao Xi! You're extremely jealous, right? My sister and Xue Liang are friends! What about you?"

Qiao Xi said calmly, "Xue Liang and I are indeed not friends."

Yao Mengqi looked proud. "It's good that you know your own limits. Be more polite when you see my sister in the future and know your place!"

"Sister, we'll go to the Gu family later and tell Uncle Gu and Aunt Lan about what happened today. We'll let everyone see that you're the one who's most qualified to be Mrs. Gu!"

Yao Mengqing pouted playfully. "Qi Qi, don't spout nonsense. Xi Xi will misunderstand. It's also reasonable that she doesn't know Painter Xue. She might not like paintings."

Everyone nodded. They heard that Qiao Xi grew up in the countryside, so she was definitely not very classy.

With Xue Liang's support, it was really hard to say who would be Mrs. Gu in the future.

"Mr. Xue, please take a seat. There's another item being auctioned later," Yao Mengqing said gently.

"No rush." Xue Liang shook his head. "Since you don't mind, I'll give the violin to my sister now."

Yao Mengqing froze abruptly, her face filled with disbelief.

Xue Liang's thin lips moved. "My sister is here at the auction. I want to give this to her now."

He paused for a moment and asked again, "You won't mind, right?"

The entire venue was silent, and even the sounds of breathing had stopped.

Xue Liang's younger sister was also present? They had not heard that the Xue family's eldest daughter was here, though?

Yao Mengqing's body was cold. Her heart was pounding furiously, and her voice was trembling. "Y-Your sister... is here?"

Earlier, only Qiao Xi was competing with her for the violin. Could it be that it was really Qiao Xi?

Impossible! Qiao Xi had already admitted that she and Xue Liang were not friends. Moreover, Xue Liang did not retort. Since they were not related, why would he give such a valuable gift to Qiao Xi?

That person was absolutely not Qiao Xi!

Yao Mengqing was relieved, and her expression returned to normal. "Of course not, Mr. Xue. This violin belongs to you. You can decide who to give it to."

Xue Liang smiled. "Thank you, Miss Yao. I'll bring her over to thank you later."

Yao Mengqing nodded generously. "Originally, I wanted to give this violin to you to apologize. It's fine as long as you don't blame me. There's no need to thank me."

The nearby Qiao Xi could not help but laugh because she was truly unable to hold it in anymore.

Yao Mengqing looked up aggrievedly, and Lin Jie immediately glared at Qiao Xi. "What do you mean by that? Mengqing is kind and generous, so why are you laughing? Do you think the violin will be given to you?"

Madam Yao assumed the posture of an elder. "Miss Qiao, it's fine that you've targeted my daughter time and again, but it's too much to mock her in public now. Are you laughing at my Yao family for spending 300 million on a violin and giving it to someone else? How can someone like you understand my daughter? She doesn't care about this bit of money at all as long as Mr. Xue is happy."

Yao Mengqi also roared, "What's there to laugh about? I think you're just jealous of my sister!"

Yao Mengqing had an innocent face and said weakly, “Xi Xi, if you want to get to know Mr. Xue, I can introduce you.”

As soon as she finished speaking, she turned around and said, “Mr. Xue, this is Qiao Xi.”

Xue Liang’s expression was subtle. He turned around and whispered something to his assistant, who understood and walked to the staff to say something.

After a while, the person in charge walked out. “Miss Yao, Mr. Xue said that it would be best if we held a ceremony to give away such a valuable violin. What do you think?”

Yao Mengqing nodded without hesitation.

Of course, she would not refuse. The bigger this matter was, the more beneficial it would be for her. She wanted to let more people know that she was kind and generous. She even got herself acquainted with a big figure like Xue Liang.

What made her even prouder was that after she introduced Qiao Xi, Xue Liang completely ignored her.. This meant that he did not like Qiao Xi at all.

Chapter 307: In the End, It Still Belongs To Me

Then, Xue Liang and Yao Mengqing went on stage with the staff escorting them. Yao Mengqing stood in front of the stage and said in a sweet voice, “I’m very happy to be able to bid for this precious violin. I’m also very honored to be able to donate 300 million to charity.”

She turned her head and looked at Xue Liang gently. “I’ll take this opportunity to give this violin to Mr. Xue. I hope that the Golden Foundation can also include Mr. Xue’s name. After all, I’m giving this violin to Mr. Xue as a gift.”

The person who donated the most to this charity auction would receive the naming rights. Now that Yao Mengqing had already donated 300 million, naturally, no one would be donating more than her. Hence, the naming rights of the foundation would go to her. She wanted to add Xue Liang’s name because she wanted to rope him in.

This way, everyone would know that she was close to Xue Liang.

Xue Liang smiled. “Thank you, Miss Yao, for your violin. I’ll take this opportunity to give you two things.”

At this moment, Qiao Xi was sitting on a chair and lazily sipping her tea, looking extremely indifferent.

Yao Mengqi had a face full of disdain. “Tsk! You want to compete with my sister? You’ve overestimated yourself!”

Madam Yao’s tone was gentle. “Miss Qiao, Mengqing can give you anything else but she must have this violin. After all, it’s for Mr. Xue. I hope you don’t mind.”

Qiao Xi glanced at them with an indifferent expression. “Sure.”

Her nonchalant reply infuriated Madam Yao and Yao Mengqi.

The Yao family had spent over 200 million yuan for nothing this time because of Qiao Xi's schemes. At this moment, Qiao Xi still had a nonchalant expression.

Madam Yao glared at her viciously and roared, "Qiao Xi, you just said that the highest bidder wins! Mengqing spent 300 million on that violin. Could it be that you're unconvinced?"

At this moment, Xue Liang's voice came from the microphone. "The violin will be gifted to..."

When everyone heard Madam Yao's angry roar, they could not help but look over.

The anger that Madam Yao had been suppressing finally erupted. "No matter how much you want the violin, Mengqing has already gotten it. You're the one who has no money, so you can't blame anyone else. What's with your cold face?"

Yao Mengqi chimed in, "Do you even need to ask? She's jealous of my sister. Some people just can't stand to see others doing well. She already snatched a few of the things that my sister liked, but my sister only snatched the violin. Even so, she's pulling a long face."

Madam Yao snorted. "Now that Mengqing has already given the violin to Mr. Xue, it's useless even if you hold a grudge. Are you going to hold a grudge against Mr. Xue too?"

Xue Liang's words slowly sounded. "It'll be given to..."

Madam Yao paid no attention to him at all and was anxious to vent the flames of rage in her heart. "Qiao Xi, you must apologize to Mengqing and let this matter go. Otherwise, if news of this spreads, everyone will say that you're petty and seek revenge for the smallest grievance. You—"

Before she could say anything more, Xue Liang said the person's name.

"Qiao Xi."

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth curled up.

Madam Yao was instantly stunned. Who called out Qiao Xi? Was she hallucinating?

That voice seemed to be Xue Liang's voice?

The people who were originally watching the fight all came back to their senses and looked at Xue Liang in shock before looking at Qiao Xi.

Wait!

Had they heard wrongly?

Xue Liang... wanted to give the violin to... Qiao Xi?

Everyone was dumbfounded.

Qiao Xi put down the teacup and slowly stood up, then she smiled meaningfully. "Madam Yao, please repeat what you just said."

"You... are jealous of Meng Qing, so..."

Madam Yao was instantly speechless. Her body went limp, and she took a few steps back.

She looked at Qiao Xi in horror, her voice trembling. "You... Impossible! Xue Liang... Impossible..."

At this moment, the person in charge of the auction repeated Qiao Xi's name, shattering Madam Yao's final doubt.

"Mr. Xue has decided to give the violin to Miss Qiao Xi. Let's invite her to the stage."

Madam Yao instantly felt weak and fell onto the chair.

Xue Liang was giving the violin to Qiao Xi?

That b*tch!

Qiao Xi straightened her skirt and glanced at the Yao family.

"Madam Yao, I'm really sorry. The violin... still belongs to me in the end."

Qiao Xi walked past everyone and walked up to the stage with her head held high..

Chapter 308: We Are Siblings!

Qiao Xi stood by Yao Mengqing's side and said softly in her ear, "I'm worried that you didn't hear it clearly just now. Let me repeat it for you. He wants to give the violin to me."

When Xue Liang said that name, Yao Mengqing was stunned on the spot. The expression on her face gradually stiffened, and her blood seemed to have frozen.

Xue Liang rubbed Qiao Xi's head with a gentle expression. "Don't be naughty. You've liked this violin for a long time. Now that you've finally gotten it, aren't you going to thank Miss Yao?"

Qiao Xi revealed a sweet smile and said in a gentle voice, "Thank you, Miss Yao."

Yao Mengqing felt as if she had been struck by lightning. Her mind was buzzing. She could not believe what she had just heard.

How could he possibly give it to Qiao Xi?

She clenched her fists tightly, and her long nails dug into her palms. If there were not so many people at the auction, she would definitely strangle this b*tch, Qiao Xi, to death!

Why did Xue Liang give this violin to her? He even seemed to be very close to her.

Originally, everyone had praised her for being kind and generous, but now, she had become the biggest fool in the auction. She was mocked by everyone.

She spent 300 million yuan only to give the violin to her competitor?

Qiao Xi looked at Xue Liang with a helpless expression. "I initially wanted to rely on my own strength to bid for the violin, but Miss Yao, you insisted on spending the money yourself. Unfortunately, you ended up spending 300 million yuan on this.

"I thought that I wouldn't be able to get this violin. I didn't expect Miss Yao to give it to you, Brother.

“Looks like this violin is destined to be mine.”

Xue Liang smiled meaningfully.

At this moment, Yao Mengqing finally understood that it was Qiao Xi’s scheme from the beginning until the end. It was for the sake of watching her make a fool of herself.

She was so angry that she was about to vomit blood. She wanted to reach out and slap Qiao Xi a few times. It would be best if she could beat this b*tch to death.

That was 300 million!

She paid a bloody price only to help this b*tch Qiao Xi succeed!

What made her even angrier was that Qiao Xi was even deliberately angering her. She had a wretched smile on her face and was definitely laughing at her in her heart. ‘Miss Yao, you spent 300 million on the violin but still gave it to me in the end. Thank you so much.’

Yao Mengqing felt like she had fallen into an ice cellar. Her body trembled uncontrollably. The unwillingness and anger in her heart gathered together and filled her mind.

She suppressed the emotions in her heart and bit her lip tightly.

After calming down for a moment, she gritted her teeth and asked, “Qiao... Xi Xi, you clearly said that you and Xue Liang are not friends.”

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone stared at Qiao Xi.

If Qiao Xi and Xue Liang were not friends, why would he give such a valuable gift to Qiao Xi?

Xue Liang had accepted Yao Mengqing’s violin but gave it to Qiao Xi. He was clearly pushing Yao Mengqing’s face against the floor!

Yao Mengqing’s eyes were filled with resentment. “Since you’re not his friend, what right do you have to accept such a valuable gift from him?”

Gu Zheng’s expression was cold.

Qiao Xi said slowly, “Why don’t I have the right? We’re indeed not friends, but that doesn’t mean our relationship can only be friendship!”

Everyone had puzzled expressions when they saw Qiao Xi holding Xue Liang’s hand intimately. “We’re...”

“We’re siblings!”

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After a few seconds of silence, everyone could not help but exclaim.

Was she kidding? The sister Xue Liang was talking about was Qiao Xi?

Yao Mengqing looked at Xue Liang and Qiao Xi in confusion.

Siblings?

Qiao Xi was amused. "Miss Yao, do you still remember how the Yao family offended Xue Liang?"

Yao Mengqing suddenly looked up, her eyes bulging.

Qiao Xi curled the corners of her lips. "Looks like you understand now, Miss Yao! Previously, the Yao family publicly slandered my relationship with Uncle, making me out to be a mistress. After Xue Liang found out about this, he chased you all out of the art exhibition.

"I remember that Xue Liang had long said that the Yao family had offended his uncle and sister. Why didn't you believe him? You even asked foolishly about my relationship with Xue Liang."

Yao Mengqing was dumbfounded.

Impossible!

At that time, the Yao family had only offended Liang Pingchuan. It had nothing to do with Qiao Xi!

"Miss Yao, you're really stubborn. Fourth Brother, tell her." Qiao Xi spread her hands helplessly.

Xue Liang held Qiao Xi's hand and said indifferently, "Miss Yao, Madam Yao, I had already said that you offended my sister and uncle, but you didn't take it to heart and even continued to make things difficult for my sister."

Chapter 309: Spitting Blood From Anger?

"If you're unwilling to give me this violin, I don't mind. I'll spend 300 million to buy this violin. My assistant will transfer the money to your account later."

Xue Liang shot a glance at the assistant, who nodded and said, "Fourth Young Master, I'll do it now. 300 million will be transferred to Miss Yao's account in two hours."

As soon as she finished speaking, everyone looked at Yao Mengqing in disdain.

At this moment, Gu Yao pretended to be shocked. "Oh my God! I've really learned something today. You just held the gifting ceremony, yet you still have the cheek to ask others for money?"

Everyone scoffed and discussed loudly.

"Mr. Xue has already asked Miss Yao twice if he could give it to someone else. Miss Yao agreed readily at that time but she's unwilling now. What kind of character is this?!"

"Moreover, Yao Mengqing originally gave the violin to Xue Liang because the Yao family offended Liang Pingchuan and Qiao Xi, so they wanted to use the violin to apologize."

"Miss Qiao wanted to bid for it herself, but Yao Mengqing insisted on raising the price. Even now, she's still unwilling to give the violin to Miss Qiao! How exactly does the Yao family raise their children?"

"They said it's for donation but I think Yao Mengqing just doesn't want to spend money and wants a good reputation."

Hearing everyone's curses, Yao Mengqing's body swayed and she almost fell on the stage.

No! They absolutely could not accept this 300 million. Otherwise, the Yao family would be mocked for the rest of their lives.

However... She really could not stand Qiao Xi's vile character.

Yao Mengqing took a deep breath and forced herself to calm down. Forget it, she would endure it this time. She would not let Qiao Xi off next time!

She was the eldest daughter of the Yao family and the future Mrs. Gu. She would not fight with a bastard from the countryside.

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Yao Mengqing gritted her teeth and gulped. She squeezed out a smile. "Mr. Xue... You've misunderstood. How could I not be willing? The violin... I'll give it to Xi Xi. Mr. Xue, you don't have to pay.

"Xi Xi, this violin is very precious. You must take care of it well."

As soon as she finished speaking, Yao Mengqing's eyes rolled back, and she collapsed.

"Mengqing! Mengqing!"

Madam Yao cried out in surprise and hurriedly rushed onto the stage. "Qiao Xi! You made my daughter faint from anger!"

She hugged Yao Mengqing and shook her.

Yao Mengqing slowly opened her eyes and said weakly, "Mom... Don't scold Xi Xi. I..."

Immediately after, she spat out a mouthful of blood. Yao Mengqing's face was as pale as paper. "Mom, Xi Xi is Ah Zheng's... She's President Gu's woman. No matter what she does, I won't blame her. Mom, don't say anymore..."

After saying those words with difficulty, she closed her eyes and fainted.

Madam Yao was so scared that she screamed, "Mengqing! We're going to the hospital right now!"

"Qiao Xi! Just you wait!"

The Yao family swarmed over and hurriedly carried Yao Mengqing out.

Lin Jie's face was ferocious. "Qiao Xi! I'll remember what happened today. I'll take revenge for Mengqing!"

With that, Lin Jie left with the Yao family.

At this moment, the atmosphere in the auction house was very awkward. Everyone did not know what to say.

Qiao Xi held Xue Liang's arm and cried. "Fourth Brother, I'm so scared! Why don't I just give up on this violin? Miss Yao probably doesn't want to give it to me. Look, she even fainted."

Xue Liang said, "Don't be afraid. Keep the violin. She humiliated you and Uncle in public previously. I thought that she already knew her mistake. Unexpectedly, the Yao family even cursed you in public this time, so you deserve this apology gift."

A voice suddenly sounded from the crowd. "Is there something wrong with Yao Mengqing's brain? She was clearly the one who took the initiative to give the violin to Xue Liang. She also agreed to let Xue Liang give it to Qiao Xi. How is Qiao Xi to blame here?"

"This incident started because Yao Mengqing publicly humiliated Qiao Xi for being a mistress. She hasn't admitted her mistake yet, so why did she faint first?"

"It couldn't be that she was pretending, right? Does she want to use everyone's sympathy to deal with Qiao Xi? Yao Mengqing looks weak but she's so scheming!"

When Madam Yao reached the door, she heard the crowd's discussion and gritted her teeth in anger.

Her daughter was vomiting blood, yet these people still said that she was pretending?

It was all because of that b*tch, Qiao Xi. What good methods!

She would let this b*tch laugh for a few days first. Sooner or later, she would make Qiao Xi kneel in front of her daughter and kowtow to apologize to her!

Chapter 310: The Real Fight Between The Wealthy!

"Ah!" Madam Yao felt a sharp pain in her back. "Who... Who pricked me?"

Everyone rolled their eyes. Madam Yao was still acting?

There was no one beside her at all. Who could prick her? Did she not think before coming up with lies?

The person in charge quickly got the staff to close the door so that the Yao family would not disturb the auction anymore.

Qiao Xi put the silver needles back into her sleeve, and the corners of her mouth curled into a smile.

Xue Liang lowered his eyes. "Little Six, there are so many people here. You should restrain yourself."

Qiao Xi was filled with confidence. "No one saw it at all. Don't panic!"

Below the stage, Gu Zheng looked at her cufflinks with deep eyes.

Xue Liang: "..."

She still could not escape his eyes.

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After the Yao family left, the entire auction venue instantly fell silent.

Qiao Xi returned to her seat. "Gu Zheng, what's the last item? I'm very curious."

Everyone was also very curious about what the last item would be because there was no information on it at all.

However, Qiao Xi was sure that Gu Zheng knew what it was. Moreover, he didn't say anything throughout the entire auction. He was probably here for the mysterious item, right?

Gu Zheng curled his finger. "Come closer, I'll tell you."

Qiao Xi immediately leaned forward and pressed her little head into his embrace.

Gu Zheng's voice was low. "Qiao Xi."

"Yes?"

"Don't use concealed weapons in public." Gu Zheng gently stroked her hair. "If others see it, there'll be trouble."

Fourth Brother's strange expression from earlier suddenly appeared in Qiao Xi's mind. It turned out that Gu Zheng had noticed it.

She had been practicing using concealed weapons since she was young and was confident that she would not be seen by outsiders. Unexpectedly, Gu Zheng spotted it at a glance.

Qiao Xi was unwilling to give up. This man must have spotted her by chance.

Hence, she took out a silver needle and was about to flick it out—

"Gu Zheng!"

Gu Zheng grabbed her wrist and pulled her into his arms.

His other hand moved to her palm and the silver needle fell into his hand in the blink of an eye.

Qiao Xi leaned against his chest as his hot breath sprayed over her. "Little girl? You want to use your concealed weapons on me, huh?"

She struggled hard, but Gu Zheng did not move. For the first time, she felt the difference between her and Gu Zheng.

Gu Zheng controlled her effortlessly, but in the eyes of outsiders, Gu Zheng was just supporting her.

However, she knew very well that her life was in Gu Zheng's hands right now.

Gu Zheng hugged her waist and gently lifted her back to the chair. "Do you want to know what the mysterious item is?"

Qiao Xi: "..."

'Bastard! You're having fun, huh?'

Gu Zheng's expression did not change as the corners of his mouth twitched. "I think you'll like it."

Hearing this, Qiao Xi was even more curious.

'He's not going to give me the last item, is he?'

'Tsk! Don't think that you can bribe me just by giving me a gift. Just now, you even humiliated me for being weak! Do you think that if you give me something I'll forgive you? Impossible!'

Qiao Xi thought arrogantly. She would not lower her head so easily.

Gu Zheng turned his head, his eyes smiling.

At this moment, the door of the auction house opened again and a man walked in while surrounded by people.

Gu Yao gasped.

Someone exclaimed, "Lu Yan! He's here too. I thought that the Lu family wouldn't come!"

"President Gu didn't raise his placard just now. He must be waiting for the last item. Lu Yan is probably here for this item as well. If they want to compete, that'll be the true fight between the wealthy!"

Another person asked in confusion, "I heard that Lu Yan is going to acknowledge his elders. If that's the case, he doesn't represent the Lu family anymore. He represents... the Gu family."

With that said, everyone lowered their heads, not daring to look at Gu Zheng's cold face.

Most of the people in the upper circle knew Lu Yan's identity. He was the legitimate eldest young master of the Gu family, while Gu Zheng was just an illegitimate child brought by Madam Gu.

Gu Weiming's first wife was Lu Qingyun from the Lu family.

Back then, Lu Qingyun gave birth to a son. The son went missing. A month later, Lu Yan was abandoned at the Lu family's door.

Hence, everyone thought that Lu Yan was Lu Qingyun's child. It was just that the Lu family had already cut ties with the Gu family, so Lu Yan had never returned to the Gu family..