

## Lady gu 311

### Chapter 311: Your Competitor Is Gu Zheng

Now that Lu Qingyun's son, Lu Yan, had grown up, should he take revenge for his biological mother? Should he return to the Gu family and take revenge on the mistress and illegitimate child?

No matter what, Lu Yan was the true heir of the Gu family.

Among the two of them, one was the eldest son of the Gu family, while the other was an illegitimate child with immense power. Who would be the final winner?

If the two of them were to fight, it would be like heaven and earth exploding!

Lu Yan slowly walked in front of Qiao Xi and asked gently, "Miss Qiao, do you know what the last item is?"

He had a smile on his face and looked very gentle. "If you don't mind, I'd like to bid for the last item. How about I give it to you?"

Everyone gasped.

Qiao Xi frowned.

Gu Zheng also looked at her.

Everyone present knew the relationship between Gu Zheng and Lu Yan.

Although they did not know who Qiao Xi was to Gu Zheng, she was, after all, a woman brought here by President Gu. It would be awkward if she accepted Lu Yan's gift.

Qiao Xi cursed Lu Yan in her heart. Was this person crazy? Did he think that Gu Zheng was easy to bully? He was clearly provoking Gu Zheng by wanting to give her a gift.

She did not care about Gu Zheng's reaction. She couldn't take it anymore.

Lu Yan said gently again, "Miss Qiao."

Gu Zheng narrowed his eyes. Those who knew him well knew that he was already unhappy.

President Gu usually did not lose his temper. If he really lost his temper, the consequences would be very serious.

The person in charge of the auction was just about to step forward when Gu Zheng heard the words in Qiao Xi's heart.

'Are you crazy? You want me to accept the things you give me? Do I know you?

'Gu Zheng has a good temper and won't scold him, but I can't let Gu Zheng suffer!'

Gu Zheng turned to look at Qiao Xi with a slightly puzzled gaze.

Qiao Xi... Why did she think he had a good temper?

Her expression was gloomy, and her voice was cold and distant. "Mr. Lu, do you know what the final item is?"

Lu Yan did not hesitate. "Of course. President Gu knows as well."

Qiao Xi sneered. "Mr. Lu, you said you want to give me a gift?"

Everyone widened their eyes.

Could it be that... Qiao Xi really wanted to accept it?

Then wouldn't Gu Zheng lose his reputation?

The air around Gu Zheng was cold. Everyone held their breaths, afraid to anger this God of Death.

Song Shiyu was the only one who looked calm. Why would Young Madam side with outsiders?

Lu Yan was interested. "If you're willing to accept my gift, I'll be very happy, of course."

Qiao Xi turned to look at the person in charge behind her. "What's the final item?"

The person in charge originally wanted to reveal it later to arouse everyone's interest, but judging from the current situation, he could not hide it anymore.

He could only say in a trembling voice, "The final item is the sovereignty of an island. It's surrounded by the sea, and the scenery is pleasant. It's pure and natural."

As soon as the person in charge finished speaking, there was a commotion.

It turned out that the final item was not an item but the ownership of an island.

Buying this island was equivalent to having one's own territory and a space that completely belonged to one. The scenery and climate there were definitely good. If a man gave this island to any woman, they would probably be very tempted.

The women present all looked at Qiao Xi with envy.

However, Qiao Xi was not surprised in the slightest. "So it's an island. I really want it."

Lu Yan smiled. "Miss Qiao... are you willing to accept it?"

Gu Zheng's expression was dark, and his eyes were deep. They exuded waves of coldness.

Qiao Xi stroked her hair with a sweet smile on her face.

"Of course, why wouldn't I want a free gift?"

She smiled evilly. "But Gu Zheng said that he'll bid for the last item for me just now. He hasn't even raised his placard today. He must've been waiting for the last item.

"Gu Zheng said that he wants to give it to me. Mr. Lu, you also said that you want to give it to me. Who between you can bid for it in the end?"

Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully. "I do want to accept your gift, Mr. Lu! But... are you sure you can win?"

“After all, your competitor is Gu Zheng!”

The smile on Lu Yan’s face gradually vanished.

Everyone also understood that this island was dispensable to Qiao Xi.. She was deliberately making things difficult for Lu Yan.

Chapter 312: Lu Yan’s Psychological Quality Is Not Bad

Everyone present knew very well that the Gu family’s current glory was all because of Gu Zheng. It had nothing to do with Gu Weiming and Lu Yan.

Although Lu Yan was Lu Qingyun’s son, he could not destroy everything that others had worked hard for just because he was the first wife’s son.

Gu Yao also could not stand Lu Yan’s pretentious appearance, but because of his identity, he could only persuade him in a low voice. “Brother... Lu, if Qiao Xi accepts your gift, Gu Zheng will be very angry. He’ll definitely do his best to compete with you. He has so much money that he has nowhere to spend it. Are you sure you can beat him?”

Veins popped out on Lu Yan’s forehead.

Gu Yao said, “If Qiao Xi doesn’t accept your gift, it’s also because she’s thinking about you. If she really wants it, it’ll be really embarrassing if you can’t get it!”

Lu Yan gritted his teeth.

Gu Zheng’s expression was indifferent as if this had nothing to do with him. It made Lu Yan angry.

Why was Gu Zheng so lucky? He did not need to say anything, yet so many people were standing up for him?

Whether it was Gu Yao or Qiao Xi, they should belong to him!

Although Gu Yao’s voice was not loud, everyone heard him and nodded.

It was absolutely wishful thinking for Lu Yan to want to snatch it from Gu Zheng!

He calmed down and said gently, “Miss Qiao.”

Qiao Xi raised her eyes and arched her brows.

“Since you like it, I’ll do my best.”

Qiao Xi sighed in her heart.

‘Lu Yan’s psychological quality is quite good! At this time, he’s still so calm like a noble.

‘Actually, he should know very well whose territory this is. As long as Gu Zheng gives him a look, no matter if Lu Yan is the young master of the Lu family or not, he’ll be immediately chased out. No matter how powerful the Lu family is, they don’t have as much power as Gu Zheng.

'The people around him are all mocking him, but he can still remain calm. People who achieve great things don't care about trivial matters!'

Gu Zheng's gaze turned cold.

Was this woman praising Lu Yan in her heart?

It was just a few mocking laughs. He had been used to it since he was young.

After all, he had suffered thousands of times more pain when he was young.

'How much effort did Gu Zheng put in to have his career where it is today? What right does Lu Yan have to snatch everything away with just his identity?

'Poor Gu Zheng. Sigh! Why are they doing this to him?'

Gu Zheng's heart ached, and a trace of warmth seemed to flow into his dark and cold heart.

Soon, Lu Yan sat down. He was calm as if nothing had happened.

Everyone knew in their hearts that the competitors for the last item were Lu Yan and Gu Zheng, so they all gave up on competing.

The starting price of this island was 1 billion.

Gu Zheng raised his placard, and Lu Yan followed closely behind.

Unknowingly, it had reached 3 billion. Lu Yan was a little hesitant as he looked at Gu Zheng. "President Gu, why don't you ask if she's even willing to accept your gift?"

Qiao Xi's face sank. Nonsense! Was he trying to sow discord between her and Gu Zheng?

Gu Zheng did not even raise his eyes, regarding Lu Yan as invisible.

Lu Yan was calm enough as he muttered to himself, "If she's unwilling, will you do it by force just like back then?"

Back then? What did that mean?

Qiao Xi was slightly bewildered.

However, Lu Yan did not say anything else and continued to raise the bid to 5 billion.

At this moment, everyone was nervous. They were all curious about who would be the winner of this island.

The only people present who could fork out 5 billion and not go bankrupt were the two of them.

Gu Zheng's net worth was immeasurable, while Lu Yan held the precious elements of the world. Of course, he was not lacking in money.

When everyone saw this scene, they muttered softly, "From the looks of it, this island must be worth more than 10 billion. We don't understand the world of the rich."

“President Gu’s net worth is hundreds of billions. To him, this is just a small amount of money. Moreover, after he bids for that island, he can develop it into a tourist attraction. He’ll be able to recover his capital sooner or later.”

When Gu Zheng called for 7 billion, Lu Yan paused for a moment. “President Gu, you’re richer than I thought!”

Chapter 313: 9.3 Billion Is Enough

Qiao Xi’s face instantly turned cold.

What did he mean? Was he saying that the money would be his in the future? Was he deliberately provoking Gu Zheng?

Qiao Xi was just about to speak when Gu Zheng said indifferently, “Mr. Lu, perhaps your thoughts are too limited.”

Qiao Xi: “...”

She was so angry that she was about to faint. Gu Zheng had a vicious tongue. How could he be bullied?

Lu Yan’s expression was calm as he directly increased the price to 8 billion. “It seems that President Gu is determined to win this island?”

Gu Zheng sneered and raised the placard again.

It was about to reach 10 billion. As expected.

Unexpectedly...

Gu Zheng said, “9.3 billion.”

Everyone: “???”

What was going on? What was with the decimal point? This was not Gu Zheng’s character at all!

Lu Yan’s expression darkened.

Qiao Xi was slightly puzzled as well. She thought that Gu Zheng would directly raise it to 10 billion. What was up with this 9.3 billion?

However, when she saw Lu Yan’s ugly expression, Qiao Xi knew that Gu Zheng had won.

It did not need to be raised to 10 billion. It only needed to be 9.3 billion.

Lu Yan suppressed the emotions in his heart and sighed helplessly. “President Gu, since you like this island so much, I won’t compete anymore.”

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief. This battle had finally come to an end.

“It’s not that you don’t want to compete anymore.” However, Gu Zheng suddenly said, “It’s because you can’t win.”

Lu Yan could not win?

A trace of mockery flashed past Gu Zheng's eyes.

Lu Yan was not his match at all. This was the truth.

"You only have 9.2 billion yuan in assets, so 9.3 billion is enough for you to admit defeat."

Gu Zheng's expression was indifferent as he said slowly, "You still want to give her a gift?"

Lu Yan's expression was calm, but his eyes were filled with coldness.

Everyone could not help but sigh. "Lu Yan only has 9.2 billion yuan in assets, but President Gu..."

The person paused for a moment and continued, "9.3 billion is nothing to President Gu."

Indeed, it was nothing.

Looking at Gu Zheng's indifferent expression, they knew that this money was just a number to him.

Lu Yan suppressed the anger in his heart. He had taken out all his assets but they were not even half of Gu Zheng's.

This difference made Lu Yan feel powerless. His eyes were filled with gloom.

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After Gu Zheng bought the island, Song Shiyu went to pay for it.

Song Shiyu suddenly said, "Our president has also paid for Miss Qiao's 100 million yuan. The president said that the name of the foundation should be 'Xi Zheng' or 'Gu Qiao'. We have to choose between these two names."

Everyone: "???"

Xi Zheng?

This was clearly a combination of Gu Zheng and Qiao Xi's names! So what was their relationship?

At this moment, Xue Liang happened to walk over. The few of them muttered softly, "Do you know Qiao Xi and Qin An's relationship?"

"I don't."

"I heard that after Qiao Xi was chased out of the family when she was young, she was adopted by the Qin family. She's known as Qin An's sister. Qin An and Xue Liang are brothers with different surnames, so it's reasonable for Xue Liang to treat Qin An's sister as his own."

Everyone was enlightened.

The person continued, "So President Gu and Qiao Xi are so close because of Qin An?"

The others echoed, "That's right! Qin An is Qiao Xi's elder brother, so he has always been protecting her. Xue Liang also takes good care of Qiao Xi and is her elder brother, so it must be the same with President Gu!"

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After paying, Song Shiyu returned to the auction house. "President, it's done."

Gu Zheng nodded, took out his phone, and showed Qiao Xi a few photos of the island before introducing the surrounding scenery to her.

Suddenly, a few people walked over with obsequious expressions. "President Gu, I didn't know about your relationship with Miss Qiao before this. Please don't take offense."

Gu Zheng looked up, and the few of them said one after another, "Miss Qiao, we were confused by Yao Mengqing before this and misunderstood you. If we had known about your relationship with President Gu, we definitely wouldn't have thought too much about it."

Qiao Xi widened her eyes.

Oh no! Had their marriage been exposed?

Qiao Xi's heart turned cold when she saw their hypocritical expressions..

### **Chapter 314: Guess Which Brother I Like Most?**

At that time, the Yao family mocked her for being a plaything and they lost the qualification to enter the auction house. These people knew now that she was Mrs. Gu, so they immediately rushed over to apologize?

Seeing that Qiao Xi wasn't saying anything, the women looked embarrassed. "Miss Qiao, it's not our fault for not knowing. We didn't expect you and President Gu to..."

They leaned over slightly. "It's also because of what the Yao family said that we thought like that."

Qiao Xi's face was slightly red as she hurriedly waved her hand. "It's fine, but how did all of you find out?"

Hearing Qiao Xi's words, everyone was even more certain of her relationship with Gu Zheng.

Their expressions were solemn. They had to get Qiao Xi to forgive them today. Otherwise, it would bring a devastating blow to their respective families.

The few of them wanted to kneel on the floor. "We guessed it. If you and President Gu had told us earlier, we wouldn't have dared to offend you. Miss Qiao, if you don't want outsiders to know, we won't say a word!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to look at Gu Zheng.

He sat beside her with one hand on the chair, looking very lazy yet domineering.

Everyone saw that President Gu wasn't saying anything, which meant that he had tacitly acknowledged the two's relationship. They had to build a good relationship with Qiao Xi in the future!

President Gu's younger sister... That meant she was the daughter of a truly wealthy family! It was the greatest honor.

Even though Yao Mengqing was President Gu's childhood friend, for the sake of his younger sister, he wouldn't care about his friend.

It was obvious who was closer between a sister and a friend.

The ladies started fawning over them. "President Gu is so nice to Miss Qiao!"

Qiao Xi blushed and lowered her head shyly.

How did this matter get out? How embarrassing!

Qiao Xi said shyly, "We just got married..." They hadn't been married for long, so they had yet to make any official announcements. She hoped nobody would spread the news.

Before she could finish his sentence, she heard a woman's voice—

"Although the two of you aren't biological siblings, President Gu only has you as his sister. He's really good to you. It's such a blessing to have an older brother like President Gu!"

Qiao Xi: "..."

She swallowed the words that came out of her mouth, then coughed violently as her cheeks started flushing.

She looked at her in shock and asked in disbelief, "What? Gu Zheng and I are siblings?"

Everyone exclaimed, "Yes! We all know that President Gu is your brother. Miss Qiao, you don't have to hide it anymore. Qin An is your brother and Xue Liang is your brother. So of course, President Gu is also your brother!"

"..."

Qiao Xi gulped and was forced to nod under the confident gazes of everyone. "Right... We're... siblings."

After everyone left, Qiao Xi's heart that was hanging in the air finally relaxed.

Unexpectedly, a faint voice came from beside her. "Siblings?"

Qiao Xi's heart thumped as she slowly turned around.

Gu Zheng smirked. "You have quite a number of brothers."

Qiao Xi instantly felt a chill run down her spine. Gu Zheng was truly too terrifying. He seemed to be smiling, but in reality, his smile didn't reach his eyes.

Yes, she had many brothers. There was nothing wrong with that!

No!

Qiao Xi looked at him with slight bewilderment.

'Is Gu Zheng jealous? Why is he so jealous?'

'Are you jealous of my brothers?'

Gu Zheng blushed and turned his face away.

Qiao Xi squeezed out a fawning smile and moved in front of him, speaking in a coquettish voice, "Gu Zheng, you're my older brother as well, but you're different from them."

Gu Zheng's body instantly heated up as he suppressed the restlessness in his heart.

Her elegant breath landed on him, while her delicate body was pressed against his. She even spoke in such a soft voice. What was she trying to do?

Gu Zheng's eyes darkened as his voice turned hoarse. "I'm not your brother."

Qiao Xi pouted shyly, her eyes filled with temptation. "Actually, I have a favorite brother. Do you want to know who he is?"

Gu Zheng felt a wave of anger rush to his head.

Those brothers of hers grew up with her. Thinking of those men who were not related to her by blood but spent time with her, Gu Zheng felt frustrated.

Qiao Xi sighed.. "I thought you'd surely know the answer to that!"

Chapter 315: President Gu Has Good Luck With Women!

Gu Zheng pursed his thin lips and was about to leave.

If Qiao Xi said that man's name, he would not be able to control himself and might end up killing that man.

Qiao Xi was stunned. She didn't expect Gu Zheng's temper to be so bad. He was behaving like a wife who had been bullied.

She hurriedly got up and chased after him. "Gu Zheng, you really don't know?"

"Then don't you want to know which brother I like the most?"

The man furrowed his brows as his breathing became heavier.

Although they had known each other since ten years ago, they had always contacted each other through the internet. They had never met before. Whenever she was in trouble, he could not be by her side.

Meanwhile, those brothers were all there for her and always kind to her.

Gu Zheng did not know who she liked the most, but no matter who it was, he would be jealous.

The man closed his eyes and said indifferently, "Which brother you like the most has nothing to do with me."

Qiao Xi had an innocent expression.

'This man is so amusing. Does he think that I'll say it's one of the four brothers?'

Gu Zheng suddenly opened his eyes.

Did she have other brothers besides those four?

Gu Zheng felt his heart ache. He didn't want to know who that man was.

'Hey! Wait for me! Why is he walking so fast?

'Of course, he's my best brother. Senior is also my brother!'

Gu Zheng suddenly stopped in his tracks. Qiao Xi couldn't react in time and crashed into his back.

Qiao Xi's nose hurt from the collision, and she was instantly infuriated.

She just wanted to express her love. If Gu Zheng didn't want to hear it, he could just say it. Why was he leaving her behind?

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What a wretched man!

The words 'Senior is also my brother' were still echoing in Gu Zheng's ears. The anger in his heart was swept away, and a warm current surged into his heart.

He turned around, wanting to pull Qiao Xi toward him.

Qiao Xi grunted coldly. "Don't touch me. Leave by yourself. I'll go look for Big Brother!"

'Hmph! If you don't try to get me back, I'll ignore you forever.'

Gu Zheng chuckled as he held her wrist and pulled her into his embrace.

The little girl was angry.

Gu Zheng's voice was gentle. "Go and look for him."

Qiao Xi instantly choked. What was Gu Zheng laughing about?

Wasn't he jealous just now? Why did his mood suddenly recover and he was even asking her to look for her brother?

What move was this?

Qiao Xi didn't care what he wanted to do. She grunted angrily. "I'll go look for him right now. I'll go look for my favorite older brother and infuriate you to death! If you have the ability, you should go look for a younger sister!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Gu Zheng loosened his grip slightly and stared at her deeply.

Qiao Xi instantly became nervous.

'Damn! Does Gu Zheng really have a younger sister he likes?

'Gu Zheng, I'm warning you. If you say that you have a younger sister you like, I'll divorce you! That just won't do!'

Qiao Xi stared at him, only to hear Gu Zheng say slowly, "Mm."

“??”

Did Gu Zheng respond just now, or did she hear wrongly?

Afraid that Qiao Xi didn't hear him, Gu Zheng repeated, "I have a younger sister too."

Qiao Xi's expression stiffened, and the calmness she took pride in instantly vanished.

'He has a younger sister? He actually has another woman! Which little b\*tch is it? Is it Yao Mengqing? Or Meng Wan? No, there must be other women too!

'He has a fiancée, a childhood sweetheart, and a younger sister. President Gu's luck with women is quite good!

'Gu Zheng doesn't have a biological sister, and the Gu family doesn't even interact with him. Where did he get a younger sister? I'm going to ask Gu Yao. He definitely knows!

Gu Zheng could clearly hear her inner thoughts, and his lips curled up slightly.

He didn't expect Mrs. Gu to be so jealous!

Qiao Xi was burning with anxiety, but she still remained calm. "So be it. What does it have to do with me?"

"Ah ah ah! I'm going to die! Who is his younger sister? I'm going crazy!"

Gu Zheng: "..."

He chuckled and hugged her tightly. He lowered his head and whispered into her ear, "I'll go look for her now?"

Qiao Xi felt sad, and her eyes stung.

However, she still refused to admit that she cared. Her tone was full of grievances.

"Go! You're showing off that you have a younger sister, huh?! Well, I have an older brother!"

Gu Zheng guided her slowly. "Guess who my sister is?"

Chapter 316: Birthday Present For Qiao Xi's 10th Birthday

Qiao Xi was exasperated. "I won't guess! It has nothing to do with me no matter who it is. Just go look for her!"

Xue Liang, who was standing at the side, was speechless. 'Little Six, your brain is useless!'

Gu Zheng hugged her tightly, making her entire body lean into his embrace. "I only have one younger sister."

Qiao Xi's head was filled with sour thoughts when she heard this.

Gu Zheng even emphasized that he only had one younger sister? He did not care about her feelings at all!

Tears welled up in Qiao Xi's eyes, and the more she thought about it, the more aggrieved she felt. "Let's go! I'll go look for her with you! I want to see exactly who she is!"

"Okay."

The man had only said a faint 'okay', but he held onto her body and didn't let her leave.

Qiao Xi raised her eyes. "Let go of me! You've already agreed to go look for your younger sister, haven't you? Could it be that you intend to go back on your word?"

Gu Zheng's eyes were deep as he stared fixedly at her, causing Qiao Xi's entire body to tremble.

The man suddenly approached her, his voice gentle and low. "She's right in front of me."

Qiao Xi blurted out, "Where is she?"

"In my arms."

In his arms?

Qiao Xi instantly came to an understanding, and her mind went blank.

Wait! Gu Zheng said that his sister was in his arms. Wasn't that her, then?

"My junior is also my younger sister. I only have one younger sister."

The jealousy and rage in Qiao Xi's heart instantly vanished into thin air, and waves of happiness surged into her heart.

She lowered her head shyly. "Senior... Gu Zheng..."

"I'm here."

Qiao Xi opened her mouth and felt her nose sting. She almost cried.

The two of them looked at each other and only had each other in their eyes. Lu Yan, on the other hand, stood not far away. His eyes were vicious as he clenched his fists.

Qiao Xi leaned against him obediently. Gu Zheng picked up his phone and found a few photos of the island. "Do you like this gift?"

The island was completely natural and free of pollution. It had clear waters and a blue sky. The environment was beautiful. Any woman would be tempted.

Qiao Xi nodded shyly. "Yes, I like it! I'll turn it into a tourist attraction in the future. I'll be able to earn back the 9.3 billion sooner or later!"

Developing an island would require several billion dollars, and the initial investment would definitely be larger. However, with Gu Zheng's methods, she believed that it wouldn't be long before he could make this island a well-known tourist spot.

Qiao Xi was already thinking about how to construct it in her heart, yet Gu Zheng smiled lightly. "I won't develop it."

Qiao Xi was puzzled. "Why? Could it be that this island has other values? Mineral resources or oil?"

"No."

Gu Zheng put down his phone and looked at her affectionately. "This is your island. No one else is allowed to come here."

Qiao Xi's heart shook.

Gu Zheng said slowly, "I don't need this 10 billion, nor do I need to earn this money back. From now on, this island will belong to you alone."

As he spoke, Gu Zheng passed a document to her. It clearly stated the transfer of this island, and her name appeared on it, stating that she was the owner.

"You spent 9.3 billion just to give it to me?"

Gu Zheng nodded.

Qiao Xi was shocked. It was a gift to her, but she couldn't figure it out.

Gu Zheng suddenly said, "I'll fulfill whatever requests you want."

Qiao Xi suddenly thought of something. When she was ten years old, Xu Mei had brought her to attend the birthday banquet of a rich young lady.

The daughter of a wealthy family was a year younger than her, but they had the same birthday. She wore a cheap dress with a cheap hair clip, while the daughter wore a dress that cost more than 10,000 dollars with a diamond crown. Her parents had given her an island on that day.

At that time, Qiao Xi wiped her tears when no one was looking and told her senior brother about it.

It turned out... he had always remembered.

While she was still in a daze, Gu Zheng gently put a diamond crown on her.

His voice was gentle. "I was going to give it to you on your birthday, but I was afraid..." He was afraid that he wouldn't be able to be around on that day, so he gave it to her in advance.

"Little Qiao Xi, happy 10th birthday. I've been absent for so many years, so I'll make up for it now."

As soon as he finished speaking, Qiao Xi's vision instantly turned blurry.

It had been ten years, not ten days or ten months. She had forgotten all about it, but he had not.

It was not that she envied the rich girl for having the island and the crown. She was just sad that no one remembered her birthday and her family didn't give her presents. She could only hide in a corner and cry silently.

It was painful to be born and not be cared for.

### **Chapter 317: Gu Zheng Isn't Her Senior**

Qiao Xi took down the diamond crown and held it in her hand. She was choked up. "Thank you."

She did not expect to receive her birthday present meant for when she turned 10 years old when she was 20 years old.

Gu Zheng went to attend the donation ceremony while Qiao Xi stood there holding the diamond crown.

“Miss Qiao.”

At this moment, a gentle male voice sounded.

Lu Yan walked over in a light-colored suit with a warm smile on his face. He handed the box to her. “Miss Qiao, this is for you.”

Qiao Xi’s brows were knitted together tightly.

Another gift?

She really could not understand why Lu Yan would take the initiative to approach her when he knew that she and Gu Zheng were husband and wife.

“Mr. Lu, there’s no need.”

Lu Yan was not angry. His expression remained indifferent. “Qiao Xi, you know my identity.”

Qiao Xi’s heart tightened.

Lu Yan smiled. “Your brother should have told you who I am.”

Qiao Xi choked. Third Brother did tell her that she had a fiancé, and that person was Lu Yan.

Lu Yan smiled deeply. “Miss Qiao, to be honest, I really like you and won’t hurt you, so there’s no need for you to keep a distance from me.”

Qiao Xi’s face was filled with vigilance. “No matter what your objective is, I shouldn’t have any contact with you!”

Lu Yan was silent for a moment. His eyes were filled with disappointment, but he still insisted on handing the box to her. His voice carried a hint of pleading. “Open it and take a look.”

Seeing that Qiao Xi didn’t do anything, Lu Yan opened the box for her. A diamond crown was quietly placed in the box. It was decorated with gold foil and gems that glittered under the light.

Qiao Xi was a designer herself, so she understood the value of this crown. This crown was the work of a famous designer, Wright. He had only designed this piece, and it disappeared after an auction a few years ago. Its value was immeasurable.

Lu Yan smiled bitterly. “This crown has been left there for ten years as I hadn’t found its owner. It’s a little old now. You might not like it anymore, but I still hope that you’ll accept it. If you can’t accept it, then you can throw it away.”

As soon as he finished speaking, he passed the box to Qiao Xi before turning around and leaving resolutely.

Qiao Xi’s face was covered in shock while her heart was filled with bewilderment.

Why did Lu Yan give her this crown that he said had been left alone for ten years? Did it mean that Lu Yan had kept it for ten years after buying it?

Lu Yan stopped in his tracks and turned around slightly. "I'm sorry I didn't manage to bid for the island. I originally decided to give it to you even if I had to go bankrupt. Unfortunately... my ability is limited. I'll definitely work hard next time. I'll do my best to give you whatever you like."

Qiao Xi's heart twitched. "Lu Yan, how did you know?"

How could Lu Yan be so clear about her birthday wish as a ten-year-old back then?

Lu Yan's eyes were filled with loneliness. "I know everything, but all of this is meaningless. I only hope that I can do my best to treat you well in the future."

He sighed sadly and strode away.

Qiao Xi stood silently on the spot, yet her heart was in chaos.

She had only told her senior about her wish back when she was ten years old. Even her brother and grandfather did not know, so how did Lu Yan know?

Moreover, Lu Yan bought this crown ten years ago. What kind of secret was this?

Who was Lu Yan?

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Gu Zheng told Song Shiyu to return to the Longwan Residential first. When Qiao Xi got into the car, she realized that Gu Zheng was already waiting in the car.

Qiao Xi was unable to calm down for a long time, and she lowered her head.

"What did Lu Yan say?"

Gu Zheng's voice was cold as if he was suppressing something.

Qiao Xi silently held the box Lu Yan gave her.

As Gu Zheng looked at the box, anger gradually rose in his heart.

Lu Yan was good at scheming. He must have said something to make Qiao Xi so unhappy.

With Qiao Xi's attitude, did she believe Lu Yan and was now suspecting Gu Zheng?

Qiao Xi was slightly hesitant. "He gave me a diamond crown and said... He said many things that confused me."

Gu Zheng clenched his fists tightly, his expression dark.

Qiao Xi took a deep breath. "He seems to be reminding me that he's my senior."

When Lu Yan was competing for the island, he had laid the groundwork. Now, he even gave her a crown. She had only told her senior about these things. How did Lu Yan know?

Everything Lu Yan did was to remind her that Gu Zheng was not her senior..

## Chapter 318: Never Forgive You!

Qiao Xi started to understand Lu Yan's methods after calming down. Could it be that in Lu Yan's eyes, she was a fool? Did he think she would believe in anyone's words?

The only thing that puzzled her was who told Lu Yan about these past events? She did not believe that there was such a coincidence in the world.

Qiao Xi played with the diamond crown. "How did he know about what happened ten years ago?"

Gu Zheng did not utter a word as he drove with a dark expression.

How did Lu Yan know about these past events? Lu Yan also gave her a diamond crown that he had bought ten years ago. Lu Yan was gentler than him. Could it be that she liked Lu Yan more?

Qiao Xi looked at him curiously. Why was Gu Zheng's face so gloomy? Hence, she asked, "Gu Zheng, I'm asking you a question. You..."

Screech—

The car braked and Qiao Xi's body leaned forward uncontrollably.

Just as she was about to flare up, she saw Gu Zheng gripping the steering wheel tightly. The veins on the back of his hands were bulging, and his body was trembling slightly.

Qiao Xi's eyes sank. "Gu Zheng, you don't believe me?"

He took a few breaths and asked, "You took the crown."

Qiao Xi's heart ached as she looked at him with disbelief.

She did not know where Lu Yan got this news from that allowed him to put on such an act. His motive was obvious. It was to sow discord between her and Gu Zheng.

However, she did not expect Gu Zheng to take the bait. He really thought that she would believe Lu Yan!

A wave of rage instantly gushed out of Qiao Xi's heart. They had known each other for 10 years, and even though they'd never met before, this sort of intimate feeling couldn't be replaced. How could she doubt Gu Zheng?

But he did not believe her!

The image of Lu Yan and her standing together appeared in Gu Zheng's mind. Lu Yan had once said that he wanted to snatch everything that belonged to him, including Qiao Xi.

Right when he was feeling confused, Qiao Xi unlocked the door and was about to get out of the car.

'Gu Zheng actually doesn't believe me! He doesn't even trust me? Bastard! I'll beat you to death!

'Lu Yan is nothing! Does he think that I'll believe Lu Yan just because he gave me a crown and put on a show of affection? I must be crazy if I believe that!

'This is infuriating! Gu Zheng is such a jerk!'

After cursing in her heart, Qiao Xi snorted coldly and slammed the car door before storming into the villa.

She ran in a hurry as if her whole body was filled with anger.

Sitting in the car, Gu Zheng seemed to have heard something—

'I won't forgive you even if you try to coax me today!'

Gu Zheng sat there in a daze.

She did not believe Lu Yan's words and was not suspecting Gu Zheng?

The anger and unease in Gu Zheng's heart instantly vanished. A wave of wild joy surged into his heart. His body was trembling, clearly displaying his excitement.

A moment later, he reacted and hurriedly got out of the car to chase after her.

Just as he was about to enter, he realized that there was a flash of light in the grass by the roadside. The diamond crown that Lu Yan had given her was mercilessly thrown to the grass.

Gu Zheng was stunned for a moment before the butler walked over. "Sir, is this Young Madam's?"

The man did not hesitate. "Throw it away."

The butler was puzzled, but he still followed the instructions.

After entering, Qiao Xi was fuming. She had never thought that Gu Zheng would not believe her.

Coincidentally, she bumped into Song Shiyu. He quickly greeted, "Young Madam, you..."

Before he could finish, Qiao Xi walked past him and went upstairs angrily.

Song Shiyu was confused.

Who made Young Madam angry? How scary!

Then, Gu Zheng hurried in as well. Song Shiyu went up to greet him again. "President, um..."

However, Gu Zheng acted as if he did not see him and walked past him to go upstairs.

By the time Song Shiyu realized what had happened, Gu Zheng was gone.

Song Shiyu: "... Did I master the art of invisibility? Am I that inconspicuous?"

On the other side, after Qiao Xi returned to her room, she lay on the bed and hid under the covers.

Gu Zheng knocked on the door and said in a gentle voice, "Qiao Xi, open the door."

Qiao Xi was even angrier when she heard this. The man didn't trust her earlier and even lost his temper at her. Now, he was ordering her to open the door?

She would not? She covered herself with the blanket, put on her headphones, and turned the volume to the maximum.

### **Chapter 319: My Husband Is Furious**

Even so, the knocking sounds still penetrated her ears.

She lifted the blanket in frustration and suddenly thought of something. She picked up her phone and clicked on an application.

Outside the door.

Gu Zheng waited anxiously, but there was still no movement inside. It seemed like Mrs. Gu was really angry.

He knew that he was in the wrong. Mrs. Gu had never believed in Lu Yan, but he did not trust Mrs. Gu. He should know that no matter what, his little junior would trust him unconditionally.

However, the most important thing now was how to appease Mrs. Gu.

His eyes were filled with loneliness. Just as he was about to speak, he heard a piercing sound from inside.

Beep—

Gu Zheng was slightly nervous. “Qiao Xi, what’s wrong?”

Feeling uneasy, he knocked on the door anxiously.

Immediately after, a familiar female voice came from inside. It said without any emotions, “After interacting with you for a long time, I’ve come to like dogs more and more.”

Gu Zheng: “...”

These words sounded a little familiar!

Gu Zheng explained, “I was wrong. I shouldn’t have doubted you. There won’t be a next time. Please forgive...”

Before he could finish speaking, a mechanical female voice sounded from inside.

“I don’t believe you!”

Gu Zheng felt helpless.

He was very familiar with this thing. It was an automatic arguing application that Qiao Xi had asked him to help develop.

However, Qiao Xi was actually using the application he had developed for her.

The veins on his forehead twitched as he said helplessly, “Turn it off first. We...”

The robotic female voice spoke again, “You’re telling me to turn it off, but I won’t. It can’t be switched off in the first 20 minutes.”

Gu Zheng pursed his lips.

As long as this application was activated, it could not be switched off within 20 minutes. He had indeed set it up like this.

Qiao Xi lay on the bed and sent Gu Zheng a message in an extremely pleased manner.

The moment the man's phone rang, he immediately took it out.

[Senior, you developed a very good arguing application. My husband is fuming!]

Gu Zheng smiled helplessly.

Even at dinner time, Qiao Xi had yet to open the door. Hence, the butler sent some food over.

When the butler went out, he bumped into Song Shijing.

Qiao Xi was hungry and was about to eat when she heard the butler and Song Shijing whispering at the door.

"Assistant Song, what happened?"

Qiao Xi thought that the two of them were going to talk about her, so she instantly became interested and leaned against the door to eavesdrop.

Song Shijing said helplessly, "Lu Yan went to the Gu family's residence again."

The butler asked again, "What did he do this time?"

Song Shijing's face darkened. "He accused the president in front of the elders of the Gu family. He's the best at pretending to be innocent. Everyone believed him, but in truth, he was the one who provoked Gu Zheng first!"

The butler was furious as well. "It's all because those people are biased toward him. Even if he does something wrong, they won't blame him. As long as our president makes the slightest mistake, they'll obsess over it. Our poor president..."

Qiao Xi's heart ached.

Song Shijing and the butler said that Lu Yan had always been good at putting on airs and using the Gu family to deal with Gu Zheng. The Gu family would also believe him unconditionally, so their relationship with Gu Zheng was getting worse.

When Gu Zheng saw that Lu Yan had given Qiao Xi a gift, Gu Zheng was afraid that their relationship would be affected. He was afraid that Qiao Xi would be bewitched by Lu Yan like the rest of the Gu family.

It was because he had always been abandoned and criticized, that was why...

Qiao Xi leaned against the door and slid down softly. Was she being too unreasonable? Actually, Gu Zheng didn't lose his temper at all. He just felt uneasy, but she was unwilling to forgive him.

Gu Zheng had that thought because too many similar things had happened before.

After the noise outside the door disappeared, Qiao Xi quietly pushed the door open and bumped into Song Shiyu who was passing by.

Qiao Xi asked, "Song Shiyu, where's Gu Zheng?"

Song Shiyu hesitated, his eyes flickering. "In... In the dining room."

Qiao Xi rushed downstairs and Song Shiyu said hurriedly, "Wait, Young Madam..."

He smiled awkwardly and hinted by saying, "Don't trust men so easily."

Unexpectedly! The all-powerful President Gu, in order to beg his wife for forgiveness, even got someone to put on a show..

Chapter 320: Men Are Creatures Who Lie

Song Shiyu had listened to the conversation between the butler and his brother from the side. They were speaking the truth, but it was a little too deliberate to say it out loud in front of Young Madam's room.

This must have been the president's order to make Young Madam worry.

Song Shiyu didn't dare to say anything for fear that the president would take it out on him, so he said meaningfully, "Anyway, don't believe what men say so easily. All men are liars and only know how to act pitiful to gain sympathy! Young Madam, you understand what I mean, right?"

Qiao Xi: "?"

'Aren't you a man too?'

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When Qiao Xi arrived at the dining room, she saw several lit candles on the table. Dim lighting was better than nothing to Gu Zheng.

The man's vision was dark, and his eyes were lifeless. He sat quietly on the chair.

Qiao Xi's heart ached, and it hurt to the point her entire body trembled.

She hurried forward. "Where's the butler? Gu Zheng, why didn't you switch on the lights?"

The man looked up and followed the voice, but his eyes were unfocused. His face was pale as he frowned in pain.

"There you are."

Qiao Xi pursed her lips tightly. "Why aren't you eating? Gu Zheng, I'm actually not angry anymore. I..."

"It's fine."

The corners of Gu Zheng's lips twitched. He said indifferently but with a hint of sadness, "I'm used to it."

Song Shiyu: "..."

'F\*ck! The president is so scheming! He's trying to gain sympathy!'

Gu Zheng was so fragile at this moment that it made Qiao Xi's heart ache. Qiao Xi said gently, "I'll turn on the lights and eat with you."

The instant Qiao Xi turned around, the corners of Gu Zheng's mouth curled up.

Song Shiyu saw this and understood that one should be more shameless. There were not many men as honest as him.

When he married a wife in the future, he had to be as thick-skinned as the president!

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Gu Zheng ate a few mouthfuls of food with difficulty. His eyes were empty and weak. "When I was young... Grandma was the only one who cared about me. After that, she fell sick and couldn't help me anymore. But when she was lucid, she would hug me and coax me to sleep."

Qiao Xi felt a dull pain in her heart.

Gu Zheng's face was filled with sorrow. "Other than Grandma, everyone else bullied me, tortured me, and even wanted to kill me."

Qiao Xi was overflowing with sympathy and said without even thinking, "I'll coax you to sleep."

After she said that, she was surprised by her own words and felt that they were inappropriate. Just as she was about to correct herself, she saw Gu Zheng suddenly looking up.

There was finally a ripple in his eyes. "Really?"

Gu Zheng had always been domineering and cold, exuding the aura of a king. But right now, he was so fragile that it made one's heart ache.

If she went back on her words, Gu Zheng would probably be very disappointed, right? He would feel that there was no one in this world who cared about him.

After hesitating for a moment, Qiao Xi nodded. "Yes."

Song Shiyu was petrified by what he saw. How could this be?

After Qiao Xi helped Gu Zheng upstairs, he rushed to Song Shijing. "The president is acting a little weird!"

Song Shijing looked at him indifferently.

Song Shiyu was curious. "The president doesn't know how to date at all. Why would he come up with such a method to beg for Young Madam's forgiveness? There must be someone behind this! Brother, do you know who it is? Tell me, who is it?"

Song Shijing looked away and said unhurriedly, "I got a raise."

"What?" Song Shiyu was furious. "Why am I having my salary deducted every day while you get a raise?! This is injustice!"

Song Shijing smiled. "Why? Because in the president's eyes, you and I are of different values to him."

Song Shiyu always came up with bad ideas, but his suggestions had helped the president coax Young Madam.

They were both brothers. Why were their IQs so different?!

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The next morning.

Qiao Xi slowly woke up. As she looked at the slightly unfamiliar environment before her, she recalled that she'd slept in Gu Zheng's room last night.

It was unknown when Gu Zheng had left, but Qiao Xi sat on the bed with a dumbfounded expression.

That wasn't right!

It was clearly Gu Zheng who made her angry. Why was she the one who coaxed him to sleep in the end?

Did Gu Zheng have an expert guiding him?

Suddenly, her phone rang. It was Xue Yi.

After Qiao Xi answered the call, Xue Yi said anxiously, "Little Six, do you know that someone donated a school building to Li City University?"

"I know." This matter had long spread throughout Li City University.. Of course, she knew about it too.