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Chapter 371: Encounter

Qiao Rou smiled gently. "Moling, look. Do you think it looks good?"

Gu Moling's expression was serious. His eyes were dark, and he looked tired.

He was uninterested and replied perfunctorily, "Yes."

At this moment, Li Xing'er turned around and asked, "You're getting married soon?"

They both looked up.

These few days, Qiao Rou had been in a very bad mood. When she heard someone interrupt them, she was instantly angry. However, when she saw Li Xing'er's face, she suppressed the anger in her heart.

It was the eldest daughter of the Li family!

Didn't this woman push Qiao Xi before? Back then, she had only broken a toy but it caused Li Xing'er to push Qiao Xi down in public. She should hate Qiao Xi very much!

Qiao Rou walked forward warmly. "Miss Li."

Li Xing'er curled her lips. "Qiao Rou, what a coincidence!"

Qiao Rou said gently, "I didn't expect to meet you here, Miss Li. It's really my honor."

Li Xing'er raised her eyebrows and said with a face full of mockery, "Since you're getting married, send me an invitation too. I'll go and support you."

Before Qiao Rou could answer, Gu Moling became overjoyed. "It's our honor."

Although the Li family was not the richest family in high society, Old Master Li was a big shot in the business world decades ago. He could be said to be the mentor of many famous people and had connections all over Li City. Now that Moling Corporation was in a slump, if the Li family could help him...

From what Miss Li said, she was very close to Rou Rou?

Li Xing'er did not say much. She instructed the designer a few words and stood up to leave.

Watching her leave, Qiao Rou smiled proudly. "Brother Moling, although my sister is smarter than me and can help you manage the company, I'm not bad either. I can help you expand your network and help you when you're in trouble..."

Gu Moling's expression softened a little.

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On the other side, Qiao Xi returned to Longwan Residential. The moment she returned, she took out the diamond crown and admired the dazzling lights.

Gu Zheng was sitting in the study reading documents. Just as he was about to flip the page, Qiao Xi rushed in with a face full of joy and almost tripped.

The man looked up. "Be careful."

She ran excitedly to Gu Zheng and forgot about the strange feeling in her stomach. She kissed him on the cheek and smiled slyly.

Gu Zheng's body stiffened.

Qiao Xi held the diamond crown in her hand. "Gu Zheng, thank you for the gift. I like it very much."

Diamond crown? Hadn't she already thanked him? Why was she still so excited?

However, how could Gu Zheng miss this opportunity? His voice was low and magnetic. "You're thanking me just like this?"

Qiao Xi smiled shyly and swayed her body. She recalled that the two of them had not eaten dinner yet, so she stammered, "Why don't I-I..."

Gu Zheng smiled.

He did not care that Qiao Xi treated kisses as an antidote, but he did not expect that every kiss from her would have a purpose. For the sake of various delicacies, she would just give him a simple kiss.

The man reached out and pulled her into his embrace, his thin lips landing on hers. Qiao Xi moaned, and all her words were drowned in this intense kiss.

Suddenly, Qiao Xi's body froze as an intense pain came from her abdomen. Her eyes abruptly widened.

Before Gu Zheng could notice anything unusual, his scorching kiss landed on her lips. He gasped slightly and hugged her tightly with both hands. However, the next second, Qiao Xi abruptly pushed him away...

"Wait!"

Her face was pale as she abruptly stood up and rushed into the bathroom.

Gu Zheng looked at his empty embrace, then at the bathroom. He heard the door close, which was followed by her retching.

After a moment.

Gu Zheng frowned and walked toward the bathroom.

What was wrong with her? She was kissing him just now, so why was she suddenly nauseous? Had she caught a cold?

Gu Zheng was a little worried.

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At this moment, in the bathroom, Qiao Xi was sitting on the toilet while panting.

No wonder...

Her stomach had been aching today. It turned out that she was on her period. It was just that she did not expect the pain to be so sudden and intense.. Logically speaking, there were still a few days left, so she did not pay much attention to it.

Chapter 372: Not That Aunt

It was just that the lychee ice wine at the banquet today was too delicious, so she drank a few more glasses of it. Unexpectedly, her stomach started aching and her entire body was trembling from the pain. Her stomach was also uncomfortable, and she vomited everything she had just eaten.

Most importantly, this was Gu Zheng's study. Usually, only Gu Zheng went in and out of the bathroom here. There were no sanitary towels here at all!!!

Qiao Xi sat on the toilet bowl with a dispirited expression and thought about what to do.

Her period this time was very heavy. If she did not have a sanitary pad, she would not be able to walk out of this door. However, there were no sanitary pads here...

Qiao Xi gritted her teeth and called out tentatively, "Gu Zheng~"

"..." When Gu Zheng heard her voice, his heart skipped a beat. He could sense that Qiao Xi was slightly nervous and her voice was trembling a little, which made her sound slightly weak.

Qiao Xi cleared her throat and said gently, "Senior, can you do me a favor?"

The man was a little puzzled.

He was supposed to attend an important meeting today, but for the sake of attending the birthday banquet, he temporarily canceled it. However, he still had to do what he had to do. Hence, Gu Zheng had been working since he came back. He had just written down the last line when he heard Qiao Xi's strange voice.

He thought about it for a few seconds, but the person in the bathroom could not wait anymore. A shy and trembling voice sounded.

"Gu Zheng~"

"..." The corners of the man's mouth twitched slightly. "Mrs. Gu, you don't have to be so... polite with me."

Qiao Xi whimpered. "Ah Zheng, I'm your junior and also your wife. If I beg you for help, you won't refuse, right?"

Gu Zheng was worried. What was wrong with her? Was she really sick? Or did she encounter some trouble in her job at the university?

Even if she encountered something, there was no need to say it through the bathroom door. As long as she said it, he could help her solve it.

He was just about to ask when he heard Qiao Xi say in a hesitant voice, "My... My relative is here."

Gu Zheng asked in confusion, "Which relative?"

Qiao Xi said shyly, "Ah! It's... Aunt Flo."

Gu Zheng was puzzled. What was there to be embarrassed about when her aunt came?

That was not right! Where did she get an aunt? Her mother had already passed away many years ago, and she did not have any other siblings. Could it be that someone from Xue Liang's family had come? It was possible for that person to be her aunt.

Gu Zheng said, "Alright, I understand."

Qiao Xi instantly heaved a sigh of relief. Gu Zheng had indeed figured it out with just a few words. There was no need to say anything else, so she asked happily, "Gu Zheng, have you really agreed to help me? Do you know what to do?"

Gu Zheng smiled.

What kind of favor was this? There was no need to beg him for such a small matter considering they were husband and wife. As long as she said a word, he could go and pick up her aunt himself.

The man nodded. "No problem."

Senior was really good!

Qiao Xi was extremely excited and said anxiously, "Then, go quickly!"

Gu Zheng asked casually, "Where is she?"

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Qiao Xi instantly choked, and the smile on her face instantly vanished. Her doubts carried a trace of confusion as she asked in disbelief, "What are you talking about? Who are you referring to?"

Gu Zheng's expression did not change as he replied indifferently, "Didn't you say that your aunt is here? Where is she now? I'll go get her."

Qiao Xi: "..."

Damn! She had forgotten that Gu Zheng never came into contact with women. How could he know what Aunt Flo referred to?

Could it be that Gu Zheng did not understand her at all and thought that her aunt was here?

She just wanted a sanitary pad. Why was it so difficult?!

Gu Zheng put on his jacket swiftly. "You're not feeling well, so just wait at home. Since she's your aunt, it'll be better if I pick her up myself. It won't look good if the chauffeur goes. You—"

"Gu Zheng!" Qiao Xi hurriedly interrupted him as waves of helplessness arose in her heart. "My aunt isn't here. Argh! You don't understand what I mean."

The man's face was filled with confusion, then he heard Qiao Xi say shyly, "The aunt I'm talking about isn't a real person... It's the Aunt Flo that visits women once every month..."

Gu Zheng stood on the spot and was instantly petrified.

Chapter 373: How Many Girlfriends Do You Have?

Before Gu Zheng could speak, Qiao Xi said with a trembling and shy voice, "Do you understand now? I'm asking you for a favor because I want to ask if you can help me get... sanitary pads?"

Gu Zheng: "..."

The corners of the man's mouth twitched. "Where?"

Qiao Xi replied anxiously, "There's a pink box under the cabinet in my room. Just take one."

Gu Zheng did not hesitate at all and went to her room. A few minutes later, he returned to the study. "There's none left."

"Huh?" Qiao Xi was instantly stunned! It couldn't be so coincidental, right?!

"Really? I usually put them in that box? Not a single one is left? Why are they all gone? What a coincidence, haha..."

She laughed dryly, looking very awkward. Gu Zheng also realized that things were troublesome now.

However, before he could speak, Qiao Xi begged. "Gu Zheng..."

The corners of the man's mouth twitched slightly. He felt the veins on his forehead jump. He suddenly had a bad feeling.

Immediately after, Qiao Xi suddenly said in a flirtatious tone, "Dear Senior" Cutie Ah Zheng, can you help me buy some? There's a supermarket nearby. You can drive there and come back. It'll be quick!"

Gu Zheng thought for a moment. "Why don't we get Song—"

"No! We can't get Song Shiyu to go!" Qiao Xi interrupted in horror.

"It won't be good for him to do this kind of thing! Besides, Song Shiyu is too talkative. If news of this gets out, I won't be able to live in Longwan Residential anymore! I'll be very embarrassed as Mrs. Gu!"

Qiao Xi retorted righteously, "If you get Song Shiyu to buy it, I'll ignore you! I want you to buy it! Are you going or not?!"

Gu Zheng was stunned for a few seconds before sighing helplessly. "..."

He knocked on the bathroom door, then pushed the door open a crack. He closed his eyes and walked in, then placed a box on the sink beside him.

The man turned his face away to hide his red cheeks. His voice was hoarse. "Wait, I'll be back soon."

Qiao Xi's face was red as she hummed softly. After he left, Qiao Xi reached out to take the box. She opened it to see that it was her phone and some wet tissues.

He was probably afraid that she would be afraid alone. She would feel more at ease with her phone.

Qiao Xi was slightly touched.

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Longwan Residential was surrounded by high-end supermarkets. They needed membership cards, and the prices were high, so there were not many customers.

After Gu Zheng entered, he walked straight to the sanitary pad section and encountered difficulties.

President Gu, who could guide the way in business wars, was now stumped by the issue of choosing sanitary napkins.

W-Which one should he buy?

At this moment, the shop assistant walked over. "Hello, Sir. May I help you? This is for night use and also for day use. What's the length you're looking for? If you're not too sure, why don't you buy one of all kinds? Using them up shouldn't be a problem."

Gu Zheng nodded and looked at the shelves in front of him. He then said a shocking statement, "Then get them all for me."

The shop assistant was stunned for a few seconds before her eyes widened. Buy them all?

She looked terrified and asked in confusion, "How many girlfriends do you have?"

He was living in Longwan Residential and was so handsome. He was really a domineering president in real life. He must have many women by his side!

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Ten minutes later, Qiao Xi tidied herself up and walked out of the bathroom.

Gu Zheng had already instructed the butler to boil chicken soup and prepare red date ginger water. She felt warm after drinking a cup.

When Qiao Xi saw Gu Zheng, her face instantly flushed red as she said with embarrassment, "Gu Zheng, when you went to buy that, no one laughed at you, right?"

Gu Zheng suddenly recalled the shop assistant's words and was stunned for a few seconds. He replied indifferently, "No."

Qiao Xi observed his expression and asked probingly, "You won't be unhappy, right? I didn't have a choice either! I can't let others buy it for me!"

Actually, she was a little pleased when she ordered Gu Zheng to buy sanitary pads. She had always thought that it was very amusing to have a guy do that, but after thinking about it, this matter might be unprecedented for Gu Zheng. It was more troublesome than any business war.

Chapter 374: Who Said That President Gu Doesn't Know How To Be Romantic?

Qiao Xi smiled in embarrassment. She did not expect Gu Zheng to raise his eyes in confusion. "Why would I be unhappy?"

"I... I told you to buy that..."

"I was just doing you a small favor. What's there to be unhappy about?" Gu Zheng said casually, "But there's something I don't understand."

Qiao Xi raised her eyes. "Hmm?"

"You weren't feeling well. You should have known that your period had arrived when you were going to the bathroom. Why didn't you tell me immediately?" Gu Zheng asked.

Qiao Xi's face flushed red as she stammered, "I-I was thinking of another way to deal with it. I didn't want to trouble you."

The man turned his face away. "Let me know if something like this happens again in the future."

His expression was unnatural, and his ears turned red. "We're husband and wife. You don't have to be shy. I'll help you. I won't be unhappy."

Qiao Xi muttered to herself, "But I asked you to buy that, and you..."

"We're both adults. We're husband and wife. There's nothing to hide. Besides, menstruation is a normal physiological phenomenon in a woman's body. I don't think it's embarrassing to buy sanitary pads for you. As long as you need something, I'll get it for you."

Gu Zheng looked at his watch and said indifferently, "It's getting late. You should rest early."

Qiao Xi's lips trembled slightly, and her heart was moved.

Who said that President Gu did not know how to be romantic? Just a few words were enough to make a woman fall for him1 Moreover, he had a handsome face and was so passionate. Which woman could take it?!

Many chauvinistic men hated buying sanitary pads for women. They even thought that women on their period were dirty, but Gu Zheng was different. He thought that everything was normal and even very considerately prepared red date water for her. He gently told her to rest as well.

Qiao Xi returned to her senses from being touched and was about to return to her room when she saw the empty room beside her filled with a few large boxes.

She looked at the words on the boxes and was silent for a moment. Her eyes widened.

"..." Damn! Could it be that Gu Zheng bought all the sanitary napkins from the supermarket?

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The next day.

Gu Zheng was sitting on the sofa and reading some documents. It was about the bid.

Everyone in Li City knew that this plot of land would belong to either Gu Zheng or Lu Yan in the end. According to the estimates of the professionals, the development of this plot of land would bring about huge benefits, so the starting price was as high as two billion.

Song Shiyu handed the documents he had prepared to Gu Zheng and asked curiously, "President, when I came out of Longwan Residential this morning, I saw several boxes in a room. What's in them?"

Without thinking, Gu Zheng blurted out, "Sanitary pads."

Song Shiyu: "?"

He asked in horror, "What? The boxes are filled with sanitary pads? President, when did our company start such a business? Are you selling sanitary pads?"

Gu Zheng frowned and said impatiently, "I went to the supermarket to buy them."

Song Shiyu was dumbfounded.

Did he hear wrongly? Why did the president buy so many sanitary pads?

Since his salary had already been deducted multiple times, Song Shiyu had nothing to worry about. He immediately asked slyly, "President, are you... crazy?"

Actually, the manager of the finance department knew very well that although the president said he would deduct Assistant Song's salary, he would never really do so. That was why Assistant Song was so arrogant.

Gu Zheng paused for a moment, and a smile appeared in his eyes.

Song Shiyu's heart skipped a beat, and he could not help but take a step back. "President, that's not what I mean. I just want to ask why you bought so many sanitary pads. Are they all for Young Madam?"

Gu Zheng took a deep breath and felt annoyed. He suddenly regretted making Song Shiyu his assistant.

He snorted. "You can use them!"

Song Shiyu's mouth fell open. "..."

"President... let me off this once. I don't need... sanitary pads!"

After a while, Song Shijing walked in.. Seeing Song Shiyu who was on the verge of tears, he ignored him and reported respectfully, "President, Lu Yan has raised the price to three billion."

Chapter 375: The Winner Is Still Unknown

Gu Zheng smiled indifferently. "Release the news and let them know that I'm also bidding for this plot of land."

Song Shijing nodded. "The news has spread, so the Lu family is the only one competing with you now."

Gu Zheng had a good reputation in Li City. Gu Zheng had his own principles when it came to doing things. He never violated other people's interests. When everyone heard that President Gu liked this plot of land, they initially wanted to bid for it to give to him.

However, now that Lu Yan was also competing for this plot of land, everyone naturally did not dare to participate in the competition between these two big shots.

Gu Zheng said casually, "Add another billion."

Song Shijing was shocked. "Four billion? If Lu Yan gives up, then we..."

"He won't."

Gu Zheng was certain. "Hasn't he always liked to snatch things from me? He won't give up this time and continue bidding."

"Yes!" Song Shijing nodded.

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Two days later.

Qiao Xi did not leave the house and had also heard about Gu Zheng and Lu Yan bidding for a plot of land. In just a few days, it went from two billion to six billion.

The entire Li City was talking about this. Everyone was very curious about who this plot of land would eventually belong to.

The Lu family knew very well that the location and environment of this plot of land were very good. Even though the price had already increased to six billion, it was still a guaranteed win. That was why they insisted on fighting for it.

More importantly, if Lu Yan could take over this plot of land and build a tourist resort, Lu Yan would completely stabilize his position in Li City. His status would definitely not be lower than Gu Zheng's. He could also return to the Gu family in a justifiable manner and become the head of the Gu family.

Now, all the wealthy families in Li City knew about the relationship between Lu Yan and the Gu family, but no one had confirmed it. Everything was just a guess.

Unexpectedly, the price soared to eight billion—

"Young Madam." The butler walked over. "The chairman called to invite you and the president back."

Qiao Xi chuckled. The Gu family finally could not sit still anymore.

When she arrived at the Gu family's old residence, Qiao Xi had just entered when she bumped into someone she did not want to see.

Lu Yan was gentle like jade. "Miss Qiao."

Qiao Xi's expression was distant. "Mr. Lu, aren't you going to work? Why are you always guarding the Gu family's old residence? Could it be that you think you can get that plot of land just by asking the Gu family to step forward?"

Before Lu Yan could say anything, the Lu family said arrogantly, "No matter what, that plot of land belongs to our Lu family! Tell Gu Zheng to stop embarrassing himself!"

Qiao Xi glanced coldly at them and replied with disdain, "Heh! We'll see about that!"

Lu Yan's face was still gentle. He smiled and did not say anything.

Qiao Xi said slowly, "There's nothing Ah Zheng can't get. Previously, when Mr. Lu and Gu Zheng were bidding for that island, you also lost to him. This time, it won't be an exception."

At the mention of that island, Lu Yan's smiling face instantly cracked.

At first, the Lu family wanted to use that opportunity to attack Gu Zheng, but they did not expect Gu Zheng to be too powerful. They were not his match.

Lu Yan calmed down and said indifferently, "Miss Qiao, it's still unknown who'll win. Don't jump to conclusions."

Qiao Xi raised her eyes proudly. "It's already eight billion now. If the Lu family has the ability, then continue to raise the price. In short, Ah Zheng has a lot of money. He has enough to play with you for a few days."

Lu Yan narrowed his eyes.

Qiao Xi walked past the crowd and directly entered the door. The butler at the side lowered his voice and said, "Young Madam, the chairman seems to have invited you over regarding that plot of land."

Qiao Xi's voice was indifferent. "I know."

The butler was furious. "It's really unfair. Since it's a bid, they should just rely on their own ability. He's inviting the president back just to force him to give up on the plot of land!"

Qiao Xi asked, "In that case, Chairman Gu has already sent someone to tell Gu Zheng to give up on bidding for it?"

"Yes! Actually, the Gu family had already called to warn the president not to compete anymore, but the president never agreed. I didn't expect that even you, Young Madam, had to come. The chairman must be using his identity as the president's father to stop the president from bidding in front of the elders of the Gu family!"

Qiao Xi sneered. "No wonder Lu Yan is so confident!"

Chapter 376: A Child Learns From His Father

Although Qiao Xi already knew Gu Zheng's plan, her heart still ached when she saw how determined Gu Weiming was about forcing Gu Zheng.

Gu Zheng was clearly Lu Qingyun's biological son, but he was abandoned by everyone. In order to pave the way for Lu Yan, they completely ignored Gu Zheng's feelings.

No matter what, Gu Zheng was Gu Weiming's biological son. He was his first son, but in order to give Huang Lilan a formal status, he made the Gu family's legitimate child become an illegitimate child. Gu Zheng had been cursed his entire life.

Now, he was still unwilling to let Gu Zheng off and wanted to use him to the extreme.

Qiao Xi's expression was icy-cold, and her eyes were filled with rage.

Just then, her phone rang. Song Shijing said anxiously, "Young Madam, come over at once!"

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20 minutes ago.

In the study of the Gu family's old residence.

Gu Zheng sat lazily on the sofa. The butler reminded him while trembling, "President Gu, the chairman will be here soon. Y-You..."

'You're a junior, after all. You can't just sit on the sofa leisurely when your father is here, right?'

"Huh?" Gu Zheng raised an eyebrow, his face calm.

The butler's hair stood on end as he said carefully, "Please get up and welcome him."

Gu Zheng looked indifferent. "Why should I welcome him? Doesn't he know the way?"

The butler broke out in a cold sweat and stammered, "The chairman... This..."

"If I don't pick him up, can't he come over?"

As soon as he finished speaking, there was a rush of footsteps from outside. Gu Weiming roared and casually raised the vase beside him to smash it at Gu Zheng.

"Bastard!"

Gu Zheng turned around nimbly and the vase fell to the floor, shattering into countless pieces.

Gu Weiming roared, "Traitor!"

Gu Zheng sneered. "Father, you still like smashing things so much. Why don't I send a few more vases over so that you can smash everything?"

The butler lowered his head in fear.

Gu Weiming clutched his chest and roared, "I'm your father! Are you really talking to me like this? As my son, it's fine if you don't welcome me. But I've already entered the house and you're still sitting there. You have no manners at all!"

Gu Zheng leaned lazily against the sofa and did not even look at him. "Everyone says that a child learns from his father. If my father says that I have no upbringing, shouldn't he reflect on himself?"

Gu Weiming choked: "..."

He was so angry that his entire body was trembling. He did not know when this son of his had completely escaped his control.

He had originally planned to give Gu Zheng a small slice of the pie. The assets of the family had nothing to do with him at all, but Gu Zheng had taken away the power of the Gu family. He even became a famous business magnate in Li City.

Although the Gu family was deeply rooted in Li City, they would definitely have to pay a painful price if they became enemies with Gu Zheng.

No matter what, the Gu family belonged to Lu Yan!

Gu Zheng had occupied his time here long enough. It was time to return it to Lu Yan!

Gu Weiming sat opposite Gu Zheng and said in a commanding tone, "I called you over because I have something serious to tell you. Quickly give up the bid and give that plot of land to Lu Yan!"

The air instantly fell silent.

Gu Zheng's slender fingers tapped on the table. His expression was calm, and his eyes were slightly gloomy. It was impossible to tell if he was happy or angry. Then, his thin lips parted slightly. "Why should I?"

Gu Weiming frowned. "You're unwilling?"

Gu Zheng sneered. "Heh, the son you like is really as useless as you."

"Gu Zheng! Are you crazy? How dare you talk to me like this?" Gu Weiming slammed the table and roared crazily.

"I don't care how all-powerful you are outside! I'm your father! Everything you have now belongs to the Gu family! You have to do whatever I ask you to do! You have no right to refuse! Even if you have any dissatisfaction, you have to bear with it!"

"Heh."

Gu Zheng looked up with eyes filled with ridicule. "Father? Are you worthy?"

"You..."

"Do you want to tell me that because I'm an illegitimate child, I have to give everything to Lu Yan?" Gu Zheng took a sip of tea, his eyes calm.

"Chairman Gu, do you think I don't know the truth? I just want to see what the Gu and Lu families are up to. Do you think I'm easy to bully?"

Chapter 377: Gu Zheng Was Beaten Up?

Looking at Gu Zheng's gaze, Gu Weiming's back broke out in a cold sweat. He was actually afraid! Impossible!

How could Gu Zheng know about this?

However, it did not matter. Even if he knew, there was no evidence to prove his identity. He could only watch helplessly as Lu Yan became the head of the Gu family.

Now that the entire Li City knew that he was the illegitimate child, as long as the Gu family and the Lu family were on the same page, they would naturally be able to keep it a secret.

The Lu family did not care about Lu Qingyun's life or death, nor did they care who Lu Qingyun's child was. No one would believe what Gu Zheng said.

Gu Weiming cleared his throat and calmed down. "Listen to me! You have to give that plot of land to Lu Yan!"

Gu Zheng's face was filled with mockery as he slowly curled his lips. "Father, have you forgotten that I'm the head of the Gu family? If I give up the bid, the entire Gu family's reputation will fall. Do you think it's appropriate?"

"You can't represent the Gu family, so why would you implicate the Gu family?"

Gu Weiming pretended to be dignified. "Moreover, you're already the head of the Gu family. You don't lack money, so it doesn't matter if you give some to Lu Yan."

Gu Zheng raised an eyebrow. "What if I'm unwilling?"

"Bastard!" Gu Weiming was burning with anger. He raised the walking cane beside him and hit Gu Zheng hard.

"Do you dare to not agree? Gu Zheng, don't think that I can't do anything to you just because you're the person in charge! You're just an illegitimate child. In terms of status, you're not worthy to be the head of the family!"

Gu Zheng's expression was calm as he gritted his teeth. "I'm afraid I can't let you have your wish."

Gu Weiming was instantly infuriated when he heard that. Even though the Lu family was here, Gu Zheng was still so stubborn. He was so angry that he threw his walking cane on the floor and left in anger.

After Gu Weiming left, an elder of the Gu family, Jiang Feng, came forward and sighed helplessly. "President Gu, you know that the chairman has a bad temper, but you still insist on going against him. Why are you doing this for a plot of land?"

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes.

Seeing that he was silent, Jiang Feng could only turn around and leave.

After he left, Gu Zheng slowly looked up. "Song Shijing."

Looking at the wound on Gu Zheng's back, Song Shijing's heart ached. He knew that the president did it on purpose, but he did not expect the president to be so hard on himself.

Gu Zheng was calm. This pain was nothing to him. He had already experienced it when he was young.

He curled his lips. "It's just eight billion, and it seems Lu Yan won't be able to endure it anymore. In that case, let's continue bidding. I really want to see him go crazy."

Song Shijing nodded. He was about to leave when Gu Zheng called out to him.

"Come here, help me up."

Song Shijing looked at the man in front of him in confusion. He was tall and upright. If he had not heard how badly the president was scolded just now, he would have suspected that the president was not beaten up at all.

Gu Zheng gritted his teeth and said, "This old fellow is quite vicious!"

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At this moment, Qiao Xi received a call from Song Shijing. "Madam, come over quickly! President was beaten up by the chairman. His old injuries are acting up again, and his back is bleeding!"

When Qiao Xi picked up the call, she casually pressed the speaker button. Immediately after, Song Shijing's words echoed in the entire Gu family's living room. Hence, everyone in the Gu family knew that Gu Zheng had been beaten up.

Qiao Xi was anxious. "How's Ah Zheng? I'll go over right now!"

Song Shijing said in a sad tone, "His back is bleeding. The president is very sad. The chairman is his father, after all. However, the chairman is forcing him to give up that plot of land for someone else. I really don't understand what kind of spell the young master of the Lu family has cast on the chairman."

Qiao Xi was also very cooperative. She hugged her phone and cried. "My husband! You're so pitiful! Even your biological father doesn't care about you! Everyone knows that Gu Corporation can venture into tourism and expand their territory if they get that land, but Chairman Gu insists on letting Lu Yan have it. If Gu Zheng really gives it to Lu Yan, how will he answer to the company?!"

Song Shijing: "..."

He admitted that he could not compare to Young Madam in terms of acting.. He almost believed her words.

Chapter 378: Mrs. Gu, You Don't Have To Work So Hard In The Future

Hence, the two of them started a scene while over the phone. "Young Madam! The president is already injured. Now that he was beaten up by the chairman, his injuries are even more serious. Moreover, the chairman won't let the president off. Quickly come and see him!"

Immediately after, everyone saw Qiao Xi's body go weak. She almost fell to the ground, and surging tears flowed from her eyes.

She shed tears aggrievedly and rushed over as if she was going to die. It was as if she was going to see her husband for the last time.

At this moment, a group of businessmen was gathered in the living room to discuss business with the Gu family. When they heard Qiao Xi's cries, they could not help but be surprised. "Did I hear wrongly? Chairman Gu asked President Gu to give that plot of land to Lu Yan?"

"Everyone knows that if we give up this plot of land, all of Gu Corporation's previous investments will be in vain. As the president of Gu Corporation, of course, President Gu wouldn't do anything to harm the company's interests1"

"President Gu is unwilling to yield, so Chairman Gu hit him? This... Isn't this too much?! President Gu IS the one who built the Gu family's glory today. Apart from this old residence, everything in the Gu family belongs to President Gu!"

Everyone lowered their eyes and remained silent, their hearts stirring.

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Qiao Xi rushed into the courtyard and went straight to Gu Zheng's room. She pushed the door open and cried.

"Hubby! How are you feeling? It's all my fault! I should have been by your side. How could I let you suffer such a vicious beating alone? Does it hurt? Boo-hoo..."

Gu Zheng had just laid down when Qiao Xi pushed the door open and rushed in, causing him to cough a few times.

Although Qiao Xi was pretending, she was still sad to see Gu Zheng hurt. "You're bleeding. It must be very painful! Song Shijing, quickly apply medicine to Ah Zheng's wound! Boo-hoo..."

Song Shijing: "..."

The corners of Gu Zheng's mouth twitched. "Stop crying."

Liang Pingchuan was right. Little Six was a natural-born actress. She could not control her desire to perform when she had the chance. He had only suffered a small injury. Why did Qiao Xi's tears make him seem like he was about to die?

Qiao Xi looked up with tears in her eyes. "Hubby, my heart aches for you~"

Gu Zheng closed his eyes and took a deep breath. "Mrs. Gu, if I were really seriously injured, I might've vomited blood from your collision just now!"

Qiao Xi was silent for a moment, then suddenly nodded. "You're right! Vomiting blood would have a better impact!"

Gu Zheng: "..." Sigh! Mrs. Gu had gone mad.

After crying, Qiao Xi said aggrievedly, "Ah Zheng, I heard that you were injured, so I immediately rushed over. Look at how much I care about you!"

Gu Zheng replied casually, "Yes."

"I was crying while running just now and almost fell. I'm so tired!"

Gu Zheng said coldly, "It's only about ten minutes from the Gu family's living room to this room. Could it be that you've been crying the entire time?"

Qiao Xi instantly choked as her face turned red. "I was just worried about you! I cried while running and ended up getting lost, so I was delayed on the way here. I was so tired that I couldn't breathe!"

Gu Zheng lay on the bed and said casually, "If you had come a little later, my wound would've already healed. Mrs. Gu, you don't have to work so hard and put on performances like this in the future."

Qiao Xi pouted and quickly changed the topic. "Ah Zheng, are you still in pain?"

Gu Zheng glanced at her indifferently. "What do you think, Mrs. Gu? Let me remind you that my chest and back are injured. If you don't want to expose me, please get up from my body, okay?"

Qiao Xi smiled in embarrassment. She almost forgot that Gu Zheng was pretending to be injured, so she quickly got up from his body and touched his strong chest.

Gu Zheng took a deep breath and closed his eyes, ignoring her.

After a while, footsteps came from outside.

Qiao Xi's eyes darkened. The only people who would come to Gu Zheng's room were probably people from the Gu family or the Gu family's distinguished guests.

Earlier, when she was in the hall, she did not see Madam Gu or the Lu family. Hence, Qiao Xi guessed that Huang Lilan was with the Lu family. The footsteps outside probably belonged to them.

At this moment, the door was pushed open.. Lu Yan and Shen Ying were behind Madam Gu.

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Madam Gu was very enthusiastic. "Ah Zheng, I heard that you angered your father the moment you came back. Your father is old and can't handle provocation. Don't always go against him. As a son, you should listen to your father."

When Qiao Xi heard Madam Gu's words, she was instantly infuriated. She only felt a storm surge in her heart, and her eyes burned with anger.

Madam Gu was really a smiling tiger! Among these people, she was the most shameless one!

Qiao Xi snorted coldly, then squeezed out a few drops of tears as she said sorrowfully, "Ah Zheng, I advised you not to go back to the old residence. Look! When you came back, your father beat you up and your mother started criticizing you as soon as she entered.

"Most people know that Madam Gu is your mother, but those who don't might even think that Lu Yan is Madam Gu's biological son. Why is she siding with outsiders?!"

Huang Lilan gasped. "Qiao Xi, I'm talking to Ah Zheng. What does it have to do with you?"

Qiao Xi took a few steps back in horror and said aggrievedly, "I'm sorry, Madam Gu. I just feel sorry for Ah Zheng. Logically speaking, as Ah Zheng's mother, you should first express concern over his injuries after knowing that he was beaten by the chairman. How could you bear to blame him?"

Huang Lilan was instantly furious. "This is the Gu family's matter. What does it have to do with you?! Didn't Weiming already make himself clear? As long as Ah Zheng gives that plot of land to Lu Yan, everyone will get a happy ending. Why is he still unwilling, then? He deserves to be beaten up!"

Qiao Xi was angered to the point of laughing.

She glanced indifferently at Lu Yan and asked in disbelief, "He deserves it?"

"So, it's because of that plot of land that the chairman hit Ah Zheng?" Qiao Xi cried. "Madam Gu, you're actually forcing your biological son for an outsider?"

Huang Lilan was extremely angry and said without thinking, "So what? Qiao Xi, you should persuade Ah Zheng as well. Weiming and I are doing this for his own good. Gu Corporation has already reached its peak and there's no more room for development. Why don't we give a portion of the resources to Lu Yan? It'll also be good for the Gu family's reputation.

"Moreover, our Gu family has always owed the Lu family. This is a good opportunity to make it up to Lu Yan. When that time comes, everyone in Li City will say that Ah Zheng is kind and benevolent. How good would that be?!"

Qiao Xi glanced at Gu Zheng who was lying on the bed. His expression was calm, and his eyes were deep as if he hadn't heard Huang Lilan's words.

However, Qiao Xi's heart was still bitter. Why did Gu Zheng have to give in to Lu Yan? It was clearly Lu Yan who snatched away the identity that originally belonged to Gu Zheng. Now, he even wanted to snatch away the Gu Corporation that was founded by Gu Zheng.

Qiao Xi was silent for a moment before raising her eyes to sweep everyone with her cold gaze. She said in a meaningful tone, "Everyone in Li City knows how important that plot of land in the northern suburbs is to Gu Corporation. For the sake of this plot of land, Gu Corporation even made detailed plans and investments. If the Lu family has also made so many preparations, then let's compete fairly!

"Gu Zheng and Lu Yan are not related, so why should he give up such an important plot of land to Lu Yan? Could it be that Young Master Lu doesn't have any money anymore? If you don't have the ability, don't attempt to take on the challenge. You should just take the initiative to give up. Why are you forcing Gu Zheng to give up? Is there something wrong with you?!"

Lu Yan's expression was calm, but Huang Lilan roared, "Qiao Xi! Shut up!"

"What's wrong? Am I wrong? If I remember correctly, Young Master Lu and Gu Zheng are both about the same age. How can Gu Zheng have such wealth and why doesn't Young Master Lu have any?

"Madam Gu and Chairman Gu are willing to beat and scold their biological son in order to help Young Master Lu bid for that plot of land. What kind of spell did Young Master Lu cast on the two elders? Why did they start scheming when they realized they can't win?"

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Song Shijing gasped. Young Madam was really awesome!

Huang Lilan had been Madam Gu for so many years, and no one in the entire Gu family dared to provoke her. Now that she was ridiculed by Qiao Xi, her breathing instantly quickened as she held back her anger. "Y-You! This has nothing to do with you!"

"I'm Gu Zheng's wife. How does this have nothing to do with me? I just want to remind you that Gu Zheng is your biological son.. What's Young Master Lu's relationship with you?"

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Qiao Xi looked at Lu Yan and raised her eyebrows, her face filled with ridicule. "I have to say that Young Master Lu is indeed capable. Even though you're not capable of much, Chairman Gu dotes on you as if you're his biological son. With just a word, you can get anything you want.

"It's just that I pity my husband. Although he's the eldest son of the Gu family, he had to start from scratch. He's been in the business world for so many years."

"You, you..." Huang Lilan was so angry that the corners of her mouth twitched.

Anger had muddled her mind. She suddenly rushed over and raised her hand to slap Gu Zheng.

Qiao Xi stood in front of Gu Zheng and held her wrist tightly. She said in a cold voice, "Madam Gu, your son, Gu Zheng, is already injured. Are you still going to beat Gu Zheng up for Lu Yan?"

Qiao Xi's gaze was gloomy and cold, causing Huang Lilan's entire body to tremble. She was strong and calm. Meanwhile, Huang Lilan shouted, "Qiao Xi! Let go of me! Who do you think you are? Do you dare speak to me like this?! Guards!"

With Huang Lilan's order, the bodyguards rushed in. She pointed at Qiao Xi angrily. "Chase this b*tch out! Ah Zheng! Don't blame me for not showing you any respect! Your wife is really too arrogant!"

Everyone lowered their heads. No one dared to go forward to persuade her.

Qiao Xi's expression was indifferent, and she was not afraid in the slightest. She said casually, "Madam Gu, I was wrong. I shouldn't have said that about you. You must have your own reasons for forcing your biological son for an outsider."

Huang Lilan instantly choked and was about to retort when she saw Qiao Xi's eyes turn red. She revealed a sad expression and cried, "Madam Gu, you're Gu Zheng's mother. Everything you're doing is for the sake of the overall situation. I know all of this. I'll persuade Gu Zheng to give up this plot of land."

Huang Lilan immediately swallowed the words that were about to come out of her mouth. Why did Qiao Xi suddenly change?

Before she could figure it out, she heard Qiao Xi say—

"Ah Zheng has earned so much money. He doesn't need that plot of land in the northern suburbs. Li City is so big. Even without this plot of land, there are other places. There's no need for him to compete for a plot of land that others will target.

"However, it's different for Young Master Lu. If Ah Zheng doesn't give it to him this time, he might not be able to recover from this setback and might even completely lose his confidence!

"I'll persuade Ah Zheng to give this plot of land to Young Master Lu. Otherwise, Young Master Lu's only chance of success will be gone. That'll be too tragic."

Huang Lilan's pupils suddenly constricted.

Qiao Xi sighed. "Ah Zheng, actually, Young Master Lu is quite pitiful. He isn't capable, and he doesn't have anyone to rely on. Why don't we just let him have it? What do you think?"

Huang Lilan burned with rage, and she was angered to the point that her entire body trembled. "Qiao Xi! Qiao Xi..."

Qiao Xi watched as Huang Lilan's face alternated between red and white. She felt delighted.

At this moment, Lu Yan suddenly smiled. "Madam Gu, don't be so angry. Miss Qiao is President Gu's wife, so it's normal for her to speak up for him."

He looked at Qiao Xi with eyes that were filled with gentleness. "Since it's like that, then I'll have to thank you first, Miss Qiao."

Qiao Xi was speechless. Lu Yan was really shameless. It turned out that he did not say anything earlier because he wanted Madam Gu to stand up for him while he stayed out of it.

Now, he was smiling even more proudly as if he was sure that the land was his.

How shameless!

When Huang Lilan heard Lu Yan's voice, her expression softened. She glanced at Qiao Xi with disdain and put on the attitude of an elder. "Ah Zheng, I'm doing this for your own good. This plot of land is useless to Gu Corporation. Why don't you give it to Lu Yan?"

Then, her voice turned cold. "I don't care if you're willing or not, but you have to give up that plot of land! Your father is so angry that he's sick. You're unfilial!"

With that, she snorted. "Ah Yan, Ying Ying, let's go!"

Lu Yan walked to Qiao Xi's side and smiled. "Miss Qiao, we'll meet again if we're fated."

After everyone left, Song Shijing went up to him and asked, "President, the Lu family is offering 10 billion now. Do you want to raise the price?"

Qiao Xi also looked at Gu Zheng. This plot of land would be Lu Yan's in the end, but whether or not they raised the price depended on Gu Zheng.

Gu Zheng was calm as he said casually, "Increase the price. I'll pay 15 billion.."