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Chapter 381: The Lu Family's Tea Party

Even Song Shijing, who had been through a lot, could not help but be shocked. "But..."

Gu Zheng tapped his finger on the page of the document and said meaningfully, "The game I've set is about to end. This is probably the last bid."

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At the Gu family's old residence.

Old Master Lu and Gu Weiming were drinking tea together while Lu Xiang was sitting at the side.

Old Master Lu's expression darkened. "I heard that Gu Zheng raised the price to 15 billion today? If Lu Yan wants to get it..."

Bang!

Gu Weiming slammed the teacup down and roared, "I told him to give up a long time ago! How dare he disobey me?"

Lu Xiang said weakly, "Brother-in-law, Ah Zheng is young and has a bad temper. You can't always scold him. Try to persuade him. If Ah Yan wants to return to the Gu family rightfully, he has to take this plot of land. Can you bear to see your child wandering outside?"

Old Master Lu's expression was gloomy. "Yes! Lu Yan is the child of the Gu family and also Qingyun's son. It's only right for him to inherit the Gu family's assets. Gu Zheng is just an illegitimate child. What right does he have to occupy the position of the head of the Gu family? Now, he dares to fork out 15 billion to make things difficult for Lu Yan. What about in the future? If Lu Yan returns to the Gu family, will he still be able to live a good life?"

Everyone knew what was going on. Gu Weiming also pretended to be a gentleman. "I've let Qingyun down. Of course, the Gu family will be handed to Lu Yan to manage."

Lu Xiang sighed. "However, the Lu family's company isn't doing well now. 15 billion is too much for us. I'm afraid this plot of land..."

Jiang Feng, who was standing at the side, lowered his eyes and remained silent.

If Lu Yan was really Miss Qingyun's biological son, it meant Gu Weiming still had a conscience. It meant he still remembered his first wife who died young. However, all of them knew Lu Yan and Gu Zheng's true identities.

It was just that it would be really hard for Gu Zheng to uncover this secret.

Besides, Gu Zheng had to give this plot of land to Lu Yan. No matter what, this plot of land would ultimately belong to Lu Yan!

Although he did not understand President Gu's intention, since President Gu had already spoken, he had to follow the plan. Hence, Jiang Feng went forward and said, "Chairman, Mr. Lu, I have an idea."

Gu Weiming had always trusted Jiang Feng. After all, he was a veteran of the company. Without hesitation, he said, "Tell me."

Jiang Feng cleared his throat. "Before this, we've looked for professionals to evaluate that plot of land. The scenery is pleasant, and there's also a natural hot spring. Even if we get it at 15 billion yuan, it'll be a profitable deal. More importantly..."

"Not long later, you'll officially announce that Young Master Lu Yan is your biological son. You'll let Young Master Lu return to the Gu family rightfully and inherit the Gu family. If the young master doesn't have any results before that, it won't be convincing."

"Now, the entire company is filled with Gu Zheng's people. If Young Master Lu Yan doesn't have any achievements, why would those people be willing to follow him? At that time, it might cause a commotion in the company."

"If Young Master Lu Yan can win this plot of land and let the Lu and Gu families develop it into a tourist resort, he'll have the capital to compete when he returns to the Gu family."

Gu Weiming nodded thoughtfully. "Jiang Feng is right. This plot of land won't only be a huge benefit to Lu Yan but also a ticket for him to return to the Gu family. So, no matter how much money we spend, we have to take this plot of land! Lilan and I still have three billion yuan. After all, we're Ah Yan's... Anyway, we won't let Ah Yan lose to Gu Zheng!"

Old Master Lu nodded in satisfaction. "Weiming, I've always thought highly of you all these years. It's just that you were a little unwilling to marry Qingyun back then. I didn't like that daughter either, but the matter has already passed. The most important thing now is to let Lu Yan return to the Gu family. As for Gu Zheng... he has nothing to do with our Lu family."

Gu Weiming nodded. "Yes, Father-in-law."

Old Master Lu had already made his stand clear. The Lu family did not admit that Gu Zheng was from the Lu family at all. Lu Qingyun's biological son could only be Lu Yan. There would be no one else.

Gu Zheng would always be an illegitimate child!

Chapter 382: Sister Qiao's Show Time!

"Chairman! Chairman!" At this moment, someone rushed in.

"Something big has happened. There are a lot of... rumors online! They're saying... They're saying that you forced your biological son and even... beat up your own son for an outsider. They're claiming you've seriously injured President Gu. They're all saying... that you can't differentiate between family and friends. They're accusing you of helping outsiders."

Gu Weiming slammed the table and stood up abruptly. "Nonsense! This bastard! It must be his doing! I'll settle the score with him now!"

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In the evening, Old Madam Gu woke up, and Qiao Xi went to visit her.

She had only been sitting for a while when her phone rang. Song Shijing said anxiously, "Young Madam! Come over at once! The chairman went to the president's room angrily with a cane!"

Qiao Xi's heart trembled, but her expression remained calm. She stood up and left the old madam's residence. She walked around the living room and squeezed out a few tears before running over while crying.

Before she reached the door, she heard Chairman Gu's angry roar.

"You were the one who spread those rumors, right? Look at how those people on the internet are scolding Lu Yan and me! You've really grown capable! You actually used such despicable methods!"

Gu Zheng's expression was indifferent. "It wasn't me."

The rumors were spread by Song Shiyu and Song Shijing, not him.

Gu Weiming was so angry that his face turned red. He had even received a few calls just now. They were all from his company. They were calling to persuade him not to be so muddle-headed.

He could not lose the entire Gu family for a groundless son.

Ignoring whose son Lu Yan was, his ability was far inferior to President Gu's. Why would he offend the Gu family's God of Fortune, Gu Zheng, for Lu Yan?

There were also some people who directly threatened Gu Weiming. If the Gu family supported Lu Yan, they would cut off all contact with the Gu family from today onward. This was because the Gu family had their glory and wealth today all because of Gu Zheng.

Gu Weiming was infuriated. Nonsense, it was all nonsense!

Qiao Xi stood outside the door and gathered her emotions. When it was time for her to make an appearance, she must make the scene bigger. It would be best if the matter blew up even more.

There was a series of crashing sounds from inside. Then, Gu Weiming roared, "You jinx!"

Qiao Xi's heart shook.

Back in the Qiao family, the Qiao family would also call her a jinx.

Gu Zheng was a jinx? How laughable. If it were not for Gu Zheng, would everyone in the Gu family be living so comfortably? Everything they ate and used was earned by Gu Zheng. Now, the chairman was actually calling Gu Zheng a jinx?

When Qiao Xi heard the sound of footsteps coming from afar, she took a deep breath and directly rushed in, letting out an urgent scream. "Ah! Chairman! No!"

This scream spread throughout the entire backyard, and everyone heard it clearly.

Qiao Xi directly rushed to Gu Zheng's side and stopped the punishment that was about to land on him. "Chairman! Stop hitting him! Ah Zheng is still injured. If you're really angry, hit me!"

Gu Weiming was shocked by Qiao Xi's scream and was stunned for a few seconds. Then, Qiao Xi rushed to Gu Zheng's side and held onto the cane tightly as she screamed.

"Chairman! You've already hit Ah Zheng today. His back is bleeding. If you hit him again, he'll die! Boo-hoo... I know you don't like Ah Zheng, but he's your son and the head of the Gu family. If he really dies, what will the Gu family do?"

Gu Zheng cooperated. "Cough, cough..."

Qiao Xi pretended to be nervous. "Hubby! What's wrong? Hang in there!"

"Chairman! I know you want Ah Zheng to give that plot of land to Lu Yan. We'll give it to him, alright? Ah Zheng, quickly agree!"

Gu Zheng's face turned pale.

Coincidentally, the Gu family was having a small banquet today. The guests were all partners of the Gu family. There were also some wealthy families and relatives of the Gu family present.

Jiang Feng had brought the guests into the inner courtyard and 'coincidentally' arrived at the backyard. He also happened to hear Qiao Xi's words.

Although he had long heard that Lu Yan was a child of the Gu family, he did not expect Gu Weiming to beat Gu Zheng for Lu Yan..

Chapter 383: It's A Pity You're Not Joining The Film Industry

Qiao Xi burst into tears. "Chairman, no matter what, Ah Zheng is your biological son. Are you going to beat your biological son to death for Lu Yan? Isn't it just for a plot of land? We'll just give it to him!"

Gu Zheng pursed his lips tightly and remained silent.

At this moment, Jiang Feng brought everyone to the inner courtyard. They all overheard Qiao Xi's words.

Unexpectedly, Gu Weiming actually wanted to kill Gu Zheng for Lu Yan?

Qiao Xi cried loudly, "Chairman, I really don't understand why you would be so vicious to your own son for Lu Yan! If you really kill Gu Zheng, you'll definitely go to jail!"

Gu Weiming reacted and immediately roared, "You... Shut up!"

Qiao Xi cried without a care. "Ah Zheng, if you're beaten to death, I'll suffer the same fate with you!"

Everyone's hearts trembled when they heard that. They muttered, "Chairman Gu has lost his mind from anger..."

"How exactly isn't President Gu a part of the Gu family? What right does the Gu family have? Are they qualified to say that?"

"A father wants to kill his son for an outsider? I've never heard of such a thing!"

Gu Weiming did not notice the people outside. When he heard Qiao Xi's cries, he spoke without thinking, "Gu Zheng is my son. Since I gave him life, I have the right to take it back!"

Qiao Xi cried sorrowfully. "Chairman! On the account that Ah Zheng has earned so much wealth for the Gu family, please let him off! I know that you don't like him because he's too capable. He's even surpassed you and makes Lu Yan seem useless, but..."

"But he's your son, after all. If you want to kill him, why don't you kill me first?! If it can appease your anger, I'm willing to endure all of this!"

The corners of Song Shijing's mouth twitched. 'Young Madam, it's a pity that you're not joining the film industry.'

However, Young Madam was right. Gu Weiming just thought that the president was too outstanding, causing the Gu family and Lu Yan to look like trash.

At this moment, Jiang Feng walked over. "Young Madam, you've misunderstood the chairman. He's just angry. After all, Young Master Lu is not capable enough. He still needs President Gu's care in the future. Why would the chairman kill President Gu?"

Qiao Xi looked up innocently. "I see! So the chairman doesn't want to kill Ah Zheng. I'm really too happy about this!"

Gu Weiming was so angry that his entire body was trembling.

Qiao Xi comforted Gu Zheng softly, saying, "Ah Zheng, it's okay. The chairman doesn't want to kill you. Didn't the chairman and Madam Gu come looking for you just now? They hope you can give that plot of land to Lu Yan, don't they?"

"You have so many resources in your hands, so you don't lack this plot of land. However, Young Master Lu's ability is limited. If he doesn't get this plot of land, how will he have the chance to stand out? Why don't you just give it to him?"

Gu Zheng remained silent.

Qiao Xi was anxious. "Ah Zheng! Say something! Promise me that you'll give this plot of land to Lu Yan. Although he's inferior to you in everything, he'll complain about you relentlessly! He'll get the chairman and Madam Gu to beat and scold you. Just agree!"

Chairman Gu was so angry that his eyes were bloodshot. "You..."

Before he could retort, everyone's angry voices came from outside.

"Chairman Gu, Lu Yan obtaining this plot of land won't prove anything. Since it's a bid, it should be a fair competition. Why do you have to play such tricks?"

"Lu Yan is incapable and only knows how to complain. He even instigated the chairman to beat President Gu to death. In order to achieve his goal, he's unscrupulous. Who would dare to do business with such a person? It's fine that he doesn't have the ability, but he's also so sinister. He's really disgusting!"

“Who said that Lu Yan doesn’t have any ability? Isn’t he quite good at complaining?”

Everyone was indignant. “President Gu, isn’t it just a plot of land? Since he wants it, let him have it. Our family has a plot of land in the southern suburbs and we’re about to auction it. As long as you want it, I’ll give it to you at the lowest price.”

“Chairman Gu, you’re forcing President Gu to give the land to Lu Yan. Is this what a father should do?”

Gu Weiming’s pupils constricted.

Wait! When did this group of people appear?

He turned around and saw everyone’s angry gazes. His heart skipped a beat.

It was over... Could it be that they had heard everything?

Chapter 384: Scheme

These people all knew that he was the one who was forcing Gu Zheng to give up that plot of land?

At first, he only wanted Gu Zheng to get rid of the rumors and not ruin the Gu family’s reputation. However, he did not expect this group of people to hear the truth with their own ears.

Those who could attend the Gu family’s banquet were either rich or noble. Even if Gu Weiming was dissatisfied, he could not stop the crowd from talking.

Gu Zheng’s face was pale, and his eyes were deep. He slowly said, “Father, I’ll give up on the plot of land.”

Lu Yan had obtained this plot of land, but his reputation in Li City was completely ruined.

Gu Weiming’s expression was gloomy as he suppressed his anger. “Gu Zheng, don’t be arrogant. Although we have to pay a small price for it, as long as we can get this plot of land, it’ll bring us huge benefits. Lu Yan will soon become the most successful entrepreneur. No one will remember this small stain. He’ll completely replace you.”

Gu Zheng raised an eyebrow. “I’m looking forward to it.”

Looking at Gu Zheng’s indifferent expression, Gu Weiming was burning with anger. “Ah Zheng, I’m your father. When I was all-powerful in the business world, you didn’t even know how to walk. I’m sure you can’t compare to Lu Yan!”

Gu Zheng sneered. “Father?”

Gu Weiming thought that Gu Zheng had given in. Unexpectedly, Gu Zheng said slowly, “Although I was young back then, I’ve never heard that you were all-powerful in the business world. Is it because you’re old and don’t have a good memory? You should quickly go to the hospital for a check-up. If you die, who will Lu Yan complain to in the future?”

Qiao Xi: "...” Wow! Ah Zheng was being so savage!

Gu Weiming gritted his teeth. "You! Very good! We'll see!"

After he finished speaking, he left angrily. Qiao Xi had a disdainful expression on her face as she stood up and closed the door heavily.

Gu Zheng's expression was calm. Qiao Xi could not help but ask, "Gu Zheng... The chairman probably didn't call you back just for that plot of land, right? Is there something else?"

Gu Zheng smiled and rubbed her head. "Smart."

"Even if he wants that plot of land, he can go to your company or use money to support Lu Yan! There should be a more important matter for him to get you to come back..."

Qiao Xi paused for a moment and continued, "Chairman Gu wants to officially announce Lu Yan's return to the Gu family."

Gu Zheng nodded without changing his expression.

Qiao Xi thought for a moment. "Huang Lilan wants to take this opportunity to push all the responsibility to you. After all, she rose to her current position before Eldest Miss Lu passed away, so she has always been mocked as a mistress. She has no way of defending herself.

"If Lu Yan returns to the Gu family as Eldest Miss Lu's biological son, Huang Lilan will admit Lu Yan's identity and announce that the Gu family's heir is Lu Yan. She'll also cry in public and take this opportunity to push the blame of Eldest Miss Lu's death on you."

Silence filled the air.

"Heh." Gu Zheng tapped his long fingers and said casually, "It's indeed like this.

"Why else would my father invite so many people over for no reason?"

Qiao Xi's heart ached. "Then what should we do? Can we prove your identity?"

If the Lu and Gu families were to testify against Gu Zheng together, coupled with his identity as an illegitimate child, it might really be difficult to explain.

Moreover, everyone knew that Huang Lilan only had the right to enter the Gu family with the 'illegitimate child', Gu Zheng. After that, Eldest Miss Lu passed away. It was very likely that the illegitimate child had said or done something that caused Eldest Miss Lu's death.

After that, the Lu family would also appear to slander Gu Zheng and bury the true cause of Eldest Miss Lu's death forever.

Qiao Xi gasped. "Eldest Miss Lu has already passed away for so many years, yet the Lu family still wants to use her?"

Gu Zheng's eyes were deep. "When she was alive, she was treated as a chess piece who was married into the Gu family. She has been dead for more than 20 years but they still won't let her off."

The man narrowed his eyes. "Huang Lilan has always been very popular in high society. She's also known as kind and gentle, so many people have even forgotten that she's a mistress."

Hah, gentleness was just her disguise. This time, she would reveal her true colors.

The grudges between them had to be settled slowly.

Chapter 385: The Gu Family's Birthday Banquet

On the other side, Gu Weiming returned to his room angrily. Huang Lilan hurriedly went forward. "Weiming, what should we do?! So many people are saying that Ah Yan is inferior to Ah Zheng..."

"What's there to say?! As long as Ah Yan can win, nothing else matters!"

Gu Weiming's eyes turned gentle. "Lan Lan, it's been hard on you. Don't worry, I'll officially announce Ah Yan's identity soon. At that time, you won't have to bear that bad reputation anymore."

Huang Lilan nodded excitedly. "Weiming, I'm not aggrieved. As long as I can be with you, I'm willing to pay any price. Moreover, Lu Qingyun was too boring. It's normal that you didn't like her. It's only right that we're together!"

"For the sake of the Lu family, you didn't chase her out of the house and even got scolded by a scumbag. However, when Ah Yan comes back, no one will scold you anymore. It's just that..."

Huang Lilan's face darkened. "It's just that Ah Zheng is so confident. Does he have any evidence? If he can prove that he's Lu Qingyun's..."

Gu Weiming frowned, and his heart could not help but tremble. However, this uneasiness quickly dissipated.

"So what if he has evidence? Can he beat our two families alone?"

"Besides, the 'evidence' he found might all be fake. Even if he took it out, it would have no authenticity. He has power and influence. If he wants to forge evidence, it's just a matter of giving out the order. Who will believe him?"

Gu Weiming looked proud. "The Lu family will prove that Lu Yan is Lu Qingyun's son. The Lu family won't even admit Gu Zheng's identity. So what if he has evidence?"

Huang Lilan pretended to be sad. "Actually, I don't want to treat Ah Zheng like this either. After all, I'm his mother in name. It was the Lu family who's unwilling to acknowledge his identity. You can't blame me for this."

"Don't think too much. Gu Zheng is a lunatic! He's as crazy as his mother. Anyway, we have Ah Yan and Ah Yao. After we snatch the family's assets back, we'll chase Gu Zheng out of the house!"

Huang Lilan nodded and revealed a sinister smile.

Why did the Lu family despise Lu Qingyun so much? It was because she was crazy and blind!

How could noble families tolerate lunatics in their families? If news of it got out, outsiders would think that the entire family carried such genes. It would ruin the entire family's reputation.

Actually, Gu Weiming used to like Gu Zheng a lot. After all, he was his eldest son. However, he gradually realized that Gu Zheng and Lu Qingyun had the same strange illness. It was then he started to hate this child.

Hence, the Lu and Gu families were unwilling to expose this secret lest it affected their families. As for the reason behind Lu Qingyun's death, no one cared.

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Two days later.

It was Chairman Gu's 55th birthday. The big shots in the business world all came to congratulate him.

In the evening, all the guests had arrived.

The Gu family's old residence was very spacious and had many servants. Every table was served by servants and there were even people guiding the guests. The entire courtyard was very lively.

Many people did not know about the farce from a few days ago, nor did they know that the Lu and Gu families were close.

Hence, when everyone saw the Lu family appear in the Gu family, they were dumbfounded.

"Am I seeing things? Did I really see Lu Xiang just now?"

"Old Master Lu is here too? This... What's going on between the Lu and Gu families?"

"It can't be, right? Back then, Eldest Miss Lu died in the Gu family for no reason. Didn't the Lu family say that they had nothing to do with the Gu family? Moreover, Lu Xiang said that Eldest Miss Gu committed suicide. It was Madam Gu who became the mistress and went out with Chairman Gu every day. That was why Eldest Miss Lu committed suicide."

Someone reminded, saying, "Shh! Don't spout nonsense. Be careful not to let Chairman Gu hear you."

The person retorted, "Did I say anything wrong? Eldest Miss Lu's body was weak, so Madam Gu stayed in the Gu residence openly. That's why she got depressed and committed suicide not long after".

"It's also because of this that the Lu family and the Gu family cut off all ties. Old Master Lu doesn't allow Chairman Gu to go to the Lu family, nor does he allow Gu Weiming to pay his respects to Eldest Miss Lu."

"Old Master Lu would rather not do business with the Gu family than let Chairman Gu pay his respects. The Lu family is really loyal.."

Chapter 386: The Real Cause Of Eldest Miss Lu's Death

Everyone was confused. "Then why is the Lu family here?"

Qiao Xi almost couldn't help but laugh.

Song Shijing explained at the right time, "Ever since the Lu family cut off ties with the Gu family, people in high society have been saying that the Lu family is loyal and true."

“They said that Old Master Lu regretted marrying his daughter to Chairman Gu. They also said that the Lu family and the Gu family were enemies and that they wanted to avenge Eldest Miss Lu’s death.

“Actually, the Lu family only did this to cover up the real cause behind Eldest Miss Lu’s death, as well as to preserve Gu Weiming and Huang Lilan’s reputation.”

Qiao Xi was shocked. “You mean Eldest Miss Lu didn’t commit suicide but was killed?”

“The president didn’t find any proof of that either.”

Qiao Xi suddenly thought of something. Her grandfather and Eldest Miss Lu knew each other very well. He had written many notes about treating Eldest Miss Lu.

If she could find Grandpa, would she be able to find out the real cause of Eldest Miss Lu’s death and find some clues that point to her killer?

Qiao Xi was furious. “Old Master Lu conspired with Gu Weiming and Huang Lilan to kill his own daughter. What’s the reason behind it? Isn’t Eldest Miss Lu his biological daughter?”

Furthermore, after Eldest Miss Lu died, the Lu family pretended that they cared about her and used her death to gain a good reputation.

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At seven in the evening, the banquet officially began.

The Lu family’s appearance surprised everyone.

Old Master Lu even brought a young man with him. That person was talking and laughing with the Gu family. He looked to be very intimate with them.

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to size up Lu Yan, and her eyes narrowed.

Lu Yan also noticed her gaze and smiled at her. He raised his wine glass and toasted her. He acted as though he was very familiar with Qiao Xi.

A few years ago, the Lu and Gu families’ strengths could be said to be on par. However, the Lu family was far inferior to the Gu family now. It was just that the two families had a special relationship.

If it were not for that incident back then, the Gu and Lu families would have been very close. Now that 20 years had passed, could it be that Old Master Lu had let go of his past grudges?

If the Lu and Gu families worked together, coupled with President Gu’s ruthless methods, which noble family in Li City could compete with them?

Someone could not help but ask curiously, “Old Master Lu, this is...”

Old Master Lu replied frankly, “My grandson, Lu Yan.”

Everyone was slightly puzzled.

Grandchild? Then why did he take the Lu family’s surname?

Old Master Lu only had two daughters. His eldest daughter, Lu Qingyun, died 20 years ago. How could his second daughter, Lu Xiang, have a son who was already an adult?

Just then, someone shouted, "President Gu, you're here!"

Everyone looked in the direction of the voice.

The group of people who were surrounding the Lu family earlier also hurriedly went forward. It was because Gu Zheng was too dazzling. He was the center of everyone's attention wherever he went.

Many guests present at the birthday banquet were also here because of Gu Zheng. They wanted to take this opportunity to interact with Gu Zheng and help their companies develop well in the future.

Lu Xiang's expression darkened. "What's so good about an illegitimate child?! How ignorant! In the future, the entire Gu family will belong to Ah Yan!"

Old Master Lu snorted. "It's all because of his identity as the eldest son of the Gu family. Gu Weiming will announce Ah Yan's identity today. At that time, these people will know who to suck up to. One is a legitimate child, while the other is an illegitimate child. They'll be able to differentiate between the two!"

Lu Xiang bit her lip.

She was still unconvinced. Why did he have to pretend to be that b*tch's biological son if he wanted to inherit the Gu family's assets? What right did that b*tch have? She just temporarily occupied the position of Mrs. Gu!

However, if Lu Qingyun knew that her biological son was being treated as an illegitimate child and would be despised by others for the rest of his life, she would probably be in pain!

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At this moment, Gu Weiming was thinking about announcing Lu Yan's identity today and was delighted. "Ah Zheng."

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and ignored him.

Seeing him like this, Gu Weiming was instantly infuriated. "What's with your attitude? I'm your father, yet you're treating me like this? How rude!"

"Chairman Gu, Ah Zheng didn't do anything. Speaking of which, you're the one who went too far with him, right?" Qiao Xi said casually, "You almost killed Ah Zheng for Mr. Lu.. Could it be that he still has to be grateful to you? Should he thank you for the beating?"

Chapter 387: Time To Reel In The Net

Gu Weiming glared at her fiercely, then roared, "Gu Zheng! Don't think that you're the only son in the Gu family! There's Gu Yao, and now, there's also Lu Yan. He's the future heir of the Gu family!"

Gu Zheng raised his eyes indifferently and sneered. "Heh, whatever."

He looked at the time and muttered to himself, "It's time."

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At eight in the evening.

The Lu and Gu families were chatting happily, shocking everyone. The scene in front of them seemed to have returned to more than 20 years ago when the two families had just united through marriage.

The guests discussed in low voices. "Did you see the young man beside Old Master Lu? The Gu family treats him very well!"

"It looks like the Gu family is very close to him. President Gu, on the other hand, isn't well-liked."

"What exactly is going on? Although President Gu and Chairman Gu don't have a good relationship, President Gu is still the head of the Gu family. It's really strange that Chairman Gu is being so close to another young man."

Everyone also noticed that something was off.

Someone lowered their voice and said, "Have you heard? President Gu... didn't take that plot of land in the northern suburbs!"

"That's impossible! Who else but President Gu has the right to get that plot of land? Who dares to snatch something from President Gu? Even if there's a fight over it, how could anyone's wealth be compared to President Gu's?"

"That person is right in front of us. It's Lu Yan..."

Everyone was dumbfounded.

Where did Lu Yan come from? He could actually snatch that plot of land from President Gu?

Moreover, both the Gu and Lu families seemed to take this young man very seriously. Things were probably going to change...

At this moment, Gu Weiming reeked of alcohol. His face was red and full of smiles. He staggered to the stage and raised the microphone. He said loudly, "Thank you for coming to my birthday banquet. I have something important to announce today. I believe everyone is very curious about why Old Master Lu and the second miss of the Lu family are here."

Everyone looked up, expecting his explanation.

One could hear a pin drop.

Gu Weiming cleared his throat and said formally, "Before announcing this matter, I want to thank my father-in-law, Old Master Lu, and Second Miss Lu. I want to thank them..."

Halfway through, he suddenly choked and continued, "Thank you for helping me raise Qingyun and my child."

“Ah Yan, come to your father.”

Bang!

The air was eerily quiet.

Everyone looked at each other in disbelief.

Gu Weiming said that the Lu family raised his and Lu Qingyun’s child?

Lu Yan was the child of Gu Weiming and Lu Qingyun. He was the child of the Gu family’s respected marriage back then!

Everyone was shocked and could not help but look at Gu Zheng. The legitimate heir was back. Then what should Gu Zheng, the ‘illegitimate child’ who had always been the head of the Gu family, do now?

Businessmen valued benefits above all else. Regardless of whether someone was a legitimate child or not, as long as they had the ability, they would be qualified to be the heir. Now that Lu Yan had obtained that plot of land while Gu Zheng lost, it meant that Lu Yan, the legitimate child, was not inferior to Gu Zheng.

Amidst the waves of sighs, Gu Zheng’s expression was calm as he secretly snapped his fingers.

The fish had taken the bait. It was time to reel in the net.

Lu Yan went on stage and stood beside Gu Weiming. The father and son looked very similar. The people below the stage were stunned for a moment. No one knew who was the one who started clapping.

Then, a group of people began to clap and congratulate them. It was a good thing that the Gu family’s legitimate child could be acknowledged as a member of the Gu family. However, it was a troublesome matter for Gu Zheng.

Gu Weiming nodded in satisfaction, his eyes filled with pride.

“While everyone is here, I announce that from today onward, Gu Corporation’s shares and assets will be handed to my son, Lu Yan. He’s the only heir of the Gu family!”

The voice was spread to every corner of the hall through the microphone. Everyone could not help but tremble. Then, they looked at Gu Zheng.

A big businessman who had worked with the Gu family for many years tried to persuade Gu Weiming. “Chairman Gu, it’s indeed a good thing that you have a wife and found your child from many years ago, but you can’t rush the matter of choosing the heir.”

“The Gu family’s heir now is President Gu. If it weren’t for President Gu, Gu Corporation wouldn’t have risen so quickly in just a few years. If you change the heir now, won’t it be...”

Everyone also tried to persuade him. “That’s right, Chairman Gu. Let’s discuss this matter again.”

“If Gu Corporation loses President Gu, the consequences will be very serious. Why don’t we find another position for Lu Yan first? He’s still young, after all...”

Chapter 388: Double Happiness

Countless voices of objection were heard. Everyone did not care who was in charge of the Gu family. They only wanted to ensure that their interests were not violated. Although Lu Yan was the legitimate son, only Gu Zheng could help everyone earn money.

Gu Weiming's expression did not change as he said calmly, "Everyone has a point. Ah Zheng is indeed very capable, but he's seriously ill and doesn't have the energy to manage the company or the ability to be the heir of the Gu family."

He sighed and frowned. "Ah Zheng suddenly gave up on that plot of land in the northern suburbs after increasing the bid to 15 billion. As the head of the Gu family, he made such a serious mistake. He should reflect on himself."

Bang!

Everyone widened their eyes. President Gu gave up on that plot of land?

Everyone in Li City knew that that plot of land was a fat piece of meat. Whoever could get it would receive endless benefits. President Gu was about to get it, but he suddenly gave up?

Gu Weiming pretended to be serious. "Ah Zheng made such a serious mistake that caused Gu Corporation to suffer some losses, so it's still uncertain whether he's qualified to be the heir."

Gu Zheng sat quietly on the chair, looking relaxed.

Song Shijing called out to him, "President."

Song Shiyu snorted. "Brother, what are you worried about?! The Gu family relied on the president to enjoy their current wealth and status. Without the president, the building will collapse and everything will disappear!"

Gu Zheng smirked.

Although Song Shiyu was usually muddle-headed, he was still quite clear-headed when it came to important matters.

Gu Weiming smiled proudly. "The northern suburbs is a project that the Gu and Lu families will be developing in the next five years. Lu Yan won it for 15 billion yuan. His ability is obvious. Moreover, he's more qualified than Gu Zheng to be the heir. I believe he'll lead everyone to a better future."

Old Master Lu also stood up and said, "Ah Yan is the child of Qingyun, my daughter. She had outstanding business talent since she was young. Ah Yan is very similar to Qing Yun when she was young. I believe that he'll definitely be able to make a name for himself in the future."

Speaking of Lu Qingyun, everyone was very impressed.

When Eldest Miss Lu was young, she was also a genius in the business world. Unfortunately, she fell seriously ill and eventually committed suicide due to depression. Otherwise, there would definitely be another goddess in the business world today.

If Lu Yan was Lu Qingyun's child, he would definitely have some talent in doing business. With the support of the Lu and Gu families, he would definitely have some achievements.

Looking at the current situation, Gu Zheng was alone and helpless. Both families thought highly of Lu Yan. It was really unknown who would be the heir.

Everyone looked at each other in confusion.

For Lu Yan, the Gu and Lu families reconciled and were providing him with resources. Even an ordinary person could receive rich returns.

Meanwhile, President Gu was unattainable. There were too many people who wanted to work with him, while Lu Yan was still inexperienced. If they followed him now, they would be able to be the founders of the company in the future. Naturally, they would have more than enough money to spend by then.

Everyone was hesitant.

“Chairman Gu...”

At this moment, someone pushed open the door to the banquet hall in a panic.

The person was a higher-up of Gu Corporation. His eyes were filled with panic as he staggered in.

“Chairman Gu! Chairman Gu!”

Gu Weiming frowned. “Where are your manners?! Why are you shouting?”

“Chairman Gu, that plot of land...” The higher-up was panting. After taking two deep breaths with difficulty, they said impatiently, “The state staff came to investigate that plot of land...”

What?

Everyone was stunned for a moment. Gu Weiming stood up abruptly, his eyes filled with surprise.

The state staff had gotten involved? If they looked into that plot of land, it might become a major development area. At that time, the country might even give out a development fund. Then, the price of that plot of land might double.

Gu Weiming was wild with joy. “Ah Yan! You’re indeed the lucky star of the Gu family. You only spent 15 billion to bid for this plot of land but you’ve already received the country’s attention. Our Gu family will let you develop it in the future. This is really a double blessing!”

Old Master Lu also chuckled. “Ah Yan is really awesome. He’s countless times better than that illegitimate child.”

Everyone looked at Gu Zheng carefully..

Chapter 389: 15 Billion Down The Drain

Old Master Lu was still not satisfied, so he mocked coldly, “Our Ah Yan was born through a legitimate marriage. His luck is naturally different. An illegitimate child is too shallow. He was unwilling to part with just 15 billion dollars and immediately chose to give up. If the Gu family is really handed to him in the future, it’ll be destroyed by him sooner or later!”

He kept calling him the ‘illegitimate child’. Although he did not say his name, everyone knew who he was talking about.

At this moment, the air in the banquet hall seemed to have frozen. Everyone held their breaths.

Gu Weiming's face was full of affection. "Ah Yan, don't worry. I'll do my best to help you. This plot of land is yours, and the position of heir is also yours!"

"Chairman Gu!!" The higher-up from just now interrupted anxiously, their forehead covered in sweat. "No! It's not..."

Gu Weiming frowned unhappily. "What are you saying? Don't you know how to speak? I said that Ah Yan is the heir of the Gu family, but you dare to retort? Ah Yan has the right to develop this land. Who dares to look down on him?"

"I'm not done yet. This plot of land can't be developed!" The higher-up looked troubled. "So the 15 billion yuan has gone down the drain!"

The crowd fell silent.

Could not be developed? These words echoed in everyone's minds. Then, they realized the seriousness of the matter.

They had bought a plot of land for 15 billion yuan. If they could not develop it, how were they going to earn money? It would be equivalent to wasting their money.

Gu Weiming's face darkened. "What? Stop talking nonsense. How is that possible?! We've already done the procedures. The rights to develop this plot of land belong to Ah Yan. The contract clearly states that Ah Yan is the owner of that plot of land!"

"But, but..."

The higher-up gritted their teeth and said something that stunned everyone.

"That's right, but a huge ancient tomb was discovered under that plot of land..."

Bang!

Gu Weiming staggered as if he had lost all his strength. He quickly sat back down.

"No, that's impossible."

Seeing that things had come to this, the higher-up did not need to hide anything anymore and blurted out—

"The country has already sent professionals to survey the area. There's a huge ancient tomb underground, so the plot of land has been sealed up. The archeological team will come to Li City tomorrow to excavate the site. This plot of land can't be developed. Moreover, it's already owned by the country."

According to the country's laws, as long as a major ancient tomb was discovered, the land would belong to the country. It was illegal to privately occupy or excavate the land. The treasures left behind from history belonged to the country, so it was even more impossible to develop and destroy the ancient tomb.

So... the 15 billion yuan was really wasted?

Old Master Lu almost vomited blood.

“Nonsense! How could there be an ancient tomb underground? That’s just a rumor!” Old Master Lu shouted in disbelief.

The higher-up had been working in the Gu family for many years and was also angry. They pointed at Old Master Lu and scolded, “You still have the cheek to say that about me?! If your Lu family wanted to snatch that plot of land, Gu Corporation wouldn’t interfere. However, Gu Corporation has already spent more than four billion yuan this time. Now, it’s all gone to waste. Four billion yuan! That’s all our company’s money. Don’t I have the right to voice out?”

Lu Yan’s gentle mask cracked. “I have no objections if the country wants to take back that plot of land, but I’m the owner of this land, after all. Even if the country wants to take it back, they have to compensate me for my losses.”

Gu Weiming hurriedly nodded. “Yes, if it can’t be developed, then we can forget about it. But the 15 billion yuan...”

“It’s not like that! This plot of land was won from an auction!”

The higher-up hurriedly interrupted them and said unwillingly, “That plot of land’s valuation is only two billion. According to the country’s law, Mr. Lu will only be paid two billion as compensation. As for the remaining 13 billion yuan, it has nothing to do with the country. That’s the additional cost of Mr. Lu has to bear for choosing to bid for it.”

...!

Gu Weiming almost fainted.

Lu Yan also took a deep breath. He quickly reacted and turned to look at Gu Zheng.

At this moment, President Gu was sitting lazily on the sofa. He swirled the wine glass in his hand and raised it toward him with a victorious smile.

He was so confident that victory was in his hands.

A storm brewed in Lu Yan’s mind as if he had been struck by lightning. His expression gradually became terrified.

No wonder, no wonder!

It turned out that Gu Zheng had long known about this, so he deliberately set up a trap for him!

Chapter 390: Gu Zheng Is More Like Eldest Miss Lu’s Child

Lu Yan hurriedly took out his phone and called his assistant with trembling hands.

After a moment, he hung up the phone. He gritted his teeth and said hatefully, "I'll look for the corresponding person in charge and try... to minimize the losses."

Old Master Lu's blood surged, and he almost fainted.

15 billion was gone just like that?

Everyone was surprised that Mr. Lu was so capable earlier. He could snatch this plot of land from President Gu and was about to take away President Gu's identity as the heir.

Unexpectedly, there was an ancient tomb underground.

President Gu was so lucky. He gave up on the bid, so he incurred no loss. However, Lu Yan was unlucky. Before he could even do anything to the land, he had already lost 13 billion yuan.

The Lu family's company was already in a precarious situation. Now, they had to bear a heavy loss. Moreover, Gu Weiming himself lost more than four billion yuan as well. This would cause quite a big impact.

All the senior executives of Gu Corporation had gloomy expressions. "You have the cheek to say that this is Eldest Miss Lu's son? He wouldn't have been so rash. Since you wanted to bid for this plot of land, didn't you do a survey beforehand? You blindly followed and watched as others bid, so you wanted to join in as well. Great! Now, you've implicated us!"

"Chairman Gu, your son doesn't have any talent in business at all."

Gu Weiming and Old Master Lu's faces were livid, while their eyes were filled with viciousness.

Just then, someone from the crowd said, "Say... why did President Gu suddenly give up on the bid?"

Everyone was stunned.

"Could it be that President Gu knew something so he gave up on the bid?"

"Yes!" Everyone suddenly reacted.

"No one can compete with President Gu for what he wants. He must have heard the news, so he gave up on that plot of land. Lu Yan thought highly of himself and thought that President Gu was afraid. Little did he know that he fell into a trap. How laughable!"

Lu Yan's face was pale. He was so angry that his entire body was trembling. His gaze could kill.

"I don't think Lu Yan is Eldest Miss Lu's son at all. On the contrary, President Gu is the one who's extremely talented in business. He's more like Eldest Miss Lu's biological son. Actually, I've long suspected it. Do you think President Gu is Eldest Miss Lu's son?"

With that said, everyone fell silent.

Huang Lilan was instantly alarmed as she looked at Gu Weiming in horror.

Gu Weiming's face darkened. He was about to flare up when he was stopped by Lu Yan.

At this moment, someone advised Gu Weiming nicely, "Chairman Gu, the truth is right in front of us. Lu Yan made a mistake in his judgment and caused irreparable damage to the Gu and Lu families. He can't compare to President Gu..."

"I think we should be more careful about the decision regarding the heir. Chairman Gu, you should consider it carefully before making a decision!"

At this moment, Old Master Lu slammed the table. "Weiming! You can't do this. When the Gu family was in danger, it was the Lu family who took action. That's how the Gu family got to enjoy their current status!"

"Ah Yan is your legitimate child. He has already acknowledged his ancestors. Are you going to hand the Gu family to an illegitimate child?"

Everyone lowered their heads.

That was right. Back when the Gu family was in trouble, it was with Eldest Miss Lu's help that they survived.

Although President Gu did not rely on the Gu family to succeed, if he became the heir, Eldest Miss Lu's soul in heaven wouldn't be at peace.

Qiao Xi's gaze was slightly cold.

Gu Zheng could clearly hear the ridicule in Qiao Xi's heart.

'The Lu family is really shameless! They clearly know that Lu Yan is the illegitimate child while Gu Zheng is Eldest Miss Lu's son, yet they're still using Eldest Miss Lu's kindness to suppress Gu Zheng!

'The Lu family was ungrateful and caused Eldest Miss Lu's death. Now, they even want to deal with Eldest Miss Lu's biological son. They want Ah Zheng to bear the reputation of being an illegitimate child. The Lu family is utterly heartless!'

Gu Zheng smirked as warmth flowed through his heart.

Actually, he did not care about what others thought of him. As long as she was on his side, he would have the world.

Gu Weiming pretended to be sad. "Father-in-law, it's all my fault. I've let Qingyun down. I was careless back then, but this has nothing to do with Ah Zheng. He didn't kill Qingyun. He doesn't know anything about this!"

Everyone nodded affirmatively.

Everyone knew that Lu Qingyun committed suicide because of depression after being provoked by Huang Lilan.

At that time, Gu Zheng was still young and did not know who Lu Qingyun was. Hence, Eldest Miss Lu's death definitely had nothing to do with him.. This matter could only be blamed on Gu Weiming and Huang Lilan.