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Chapter 411: Yun Chu Has Already Agreed To Cooperate

Before she could finish speaking, Qiao Xi rushed in aggressively and looked down at Yao Mengqing, who was sitting on the chair.

“Miss Yao, I’m sorry, but Gu Corporation can’t renew their contract with Sunshine.”

Yao Mengqing looked embarrassed.

Qiao Xi’s aura was strong, and her gaze was indifferent, causing Yao Mengqing to feel invisible pressure.

Lin Jie stood up abruptly and stood in front of Yao Mengqing. He frowned and said, “Miss Qiao, we’re dealing with work now. Please don’t interfere!”

Yao Mengqing’s eyes were red as she looked at Gu Zheng aggrievedly. “Xi Xi, there’s been a misunderstanding between us. I know you hate me, but I’m here on behalf of Sunshine to discuss the renewal of the contract. This is a matter that concerns the company’s interests. You can’t affect the interests of the entire company because of your own selfishness.”

With that, Yao Mengqing looked at Gu Zheng’s expression tentatively.

Qiao Xi was so indiscriminate and did not care about the overall situation. She was putting her personal emotions into Gu Corporation’s affairs. Gu Zheng hated such unreasonable women the most. Moreover... Yao Mengqing was sure that Gu Zheng would not risk the company’s interests because of a private matter. Therefore, no matter how much he liked Qiao Xi, he could only refuse Qiao Xi’s request.

Yao Mengqing said gently, “Xi Xi, you might not know this yet, but after Gu Corporation and Sunshine collaborated, we achieved great achievements internationally. Hence, I’m not here to renew the contract just for myself. Gu Corporation also needs Sunshine. We’re an indispensable part of Gu Corporation.”

“Indispensable?” Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows, and her eyes were slightly cold. “Miss Yao, do you mean that Gu Corporation can’t afford to cut off ties with you? Or are you saying that Gu Zheng can’t?”
“This—”

Qiao Xi did not give her a chance to speak and continued, “The International Dress Design Competition is held every three years. The top three win trophies, and those who are in the top ten can enter the rankings. However, according to what I know, you’ve never obtained a ranking before. On the other hand, another designer from Gu Corporation has. Why can’t Gu Corporation separate from Sunshine? I really don’t understand.”

Yao Mengqing’s face darkened. “But we’ve been working very well together all these years. If I really didn’t have the ability, why did they sign a contract with me? There are so many famous designers in the world, but they chose me.”

“Could it be that you don’t know?” Qiao Xi asked.

Yao Mengqing gritted her teeth. “Know what?! Xi Xi, you—”

“Gu Corporation originally wanted to invite Yun Chu to collaborate, but she refused, so

Qiao Xi’s face was filled with ridicule. “That’s how you got the chance. Most importantly, your brother gave up a portion of the Yao family’s business for your sake. That’s why Gu Zheng chose you. Could it be that you really think you’re very skilled? Three years have passed. Could it be that you think Gu Zheng would renew the contract with you?”

“You...” Yao Mengqing’s heart sank, and her face turned livid.

Seeing that Yao Mengqing was aggrieved, Lin Jie instantly shouted angrily, “We’re discussing a collaboration! What does it have to do with you? Can you afford to delay Gu Corporation’s business?”

Yao Mengqing bit her lip and was about to cry. She choked and said, “Xi Xi, it’s fine if you don’t like me, but you have to think about President Gu! You can’t hurt his interests because of your nonsense, right?”

Qiao Xi was not annoyed when she heard this. She just smiled indifferently. “Gu Zheng is my husband, so I’ll naturally take his best interests into consideration.”

“You keep saying that you’re doing everything for President Gu’s sake, so why aren’t you asking President Gu to renew his contract with Mengqing? Is this what you mean by ‘taking his best interests into consideration’? How laughable!”

Qiao Xi replied slowly, “Yun Chu has already agreed to collaborate with Gu Corporation!”

Gu Zheng smirked.

Qiao Xi sat down and crossed her legs. She pretended to be helpless and said, “Since we’ve already signed with Yun Chu, there’s no reason for us to continue working with Miss Yao. After all, all of you know Yun Chu’s identity. How could she tolerate working with such an ordinary designer?”

“Yun Chu has won so many international awards. She’s the most outstanding designer in recent years. We finally managed to persuade Yun Chu to collaborate with Gu Corporation. We can’t let Miss Yao affect the relationship between Gu Corporation and Yun Chu, can we?”

Chapter 412: Qiao Xi’s Words Represent My Intentions

Qiao Xi praised herself calmly and attacked Yao Mengqing at the same time. “The jewelry Yun Chu designed is unique in the world. Miss Yao, do you think you’re qualified to compare yourself to her? Whether it’s jewelry or clothes, you’re far inferior to Yun Chu. What right do you have to renew your contract with Gu Corporation?”

Yao Mengqing was stunned.

Yun Chu?

Gu Corporation had invited Yun Chu to collaborate with them?

Since they had Yun Chu, how could they choose her?

However, what she did not understand was that Yun Chu had rejected Gu Corporation a few years ago. The two of them had never contacted each other again. Why were they suddenly collaborating this time?

Gu Zheng raised his eyes to look at Qiao Xi with interest. Only Qiao Xi could praise herself so shamelessly.

Suddenly, a wave of clamorous thoughts sounded in his ears. They were Qiao Xi's thoughts.

'Gu Zheng, I agree! Yun Chu agrees to collaborate with Gu Corporation. Hurry up and say something! Otherwise, I'll go back on my word!'

Gu Zheng smiled.

'What are you laughing about? Hurry up and agree! I'm such a capable designer. It's your honor to be able to collaborate with me. Who does Yao Mengqing think she is? Can she compare to me? Anyone with a brain would choose me!

'Damn! Why isn't he saying anything?! I'm so anxious! Could it be that he's angry because I said I wouldn't sign the contract earlier?! This bastard is too petty!'

Lin Jie hurriedly said, "President Gu, you can't do this! You've agreed to collaborate with Yun Chu, then what about Mengqing? She has been working hard for Gu Corporation for three years with almost no time to rest."

Qiao Xi snorted. "Mr. Lin, you just said that I'm refusing to let Miss Yao renew her contract with Gu Corporation because of personal reasons and it'll affect the company's interests.

"However, now that Gu Corporation has found a more capable designer, who is Yun Chu, Gu Corporation will only reap even better benefits. What are you going to do about it, Miss Yao? Aren't Gu Corporation's benefits more important? Are you going to affect the company's benefits because of a personal reason?"

Lin Jie was instantly speechless. "You."

Yao Mengqing's face was livid. After calming down, she pretended to be tolerant. "Ah Zheng, you're... really collaborating with Yun Chu? You're already prepared to sign the contract?"

Gu Zheng slowly looked up and was in no rush to answer.

'He did say so! He won't embarrass me in public, right?

'Gu Zheng! I'm warning you. If you dare to say that you're not working with Yun Chu, I won't acknowledge you as my senior anymore. From now on, you're just a bastard!'

At this moment, Qiao Xi was rarely nervous as she anxiously waited for Gu Zheng's answer.

Seeing this, Yao Mengqing said first, "Xi Xi, I think Ah Zheng means that Gu Corporation and Yun Chu haven't collaborated yet, right? Don't tell me you're."

Before she could finish, Gu Zheng looked up and sneered. "Miss Yao."

Yao Mengqing's heart tightened.

Gu Zheng's eyes narrowed slightly and were filled with coldness. His voice was low, and it was as if a thousand-kilogram rock had smashed into Yao Mengqing's heart. The air seemed to have frozen.

Gu Zheng swept his gaze coldly. "Xi Xi has already said on my behalf that I want to work with Yun Chu. I thought you would be clear on this, so I didn't say anything."

Yao Mengqing's heart trembled.

Gu Zheng said slowly, "However... you don't seem to believe me. I'll say it again. Mrs. Gu is my wife and the mistress of Gu Corporation. Her words represent my intentions."

Yao Mengqing's vision darkened as she explained in a panic, "Ah Zheng... President Gu, i-it's not that I don't believe in Xi Xi. I just... I just thought that she was joking. After all, Yun Chu has rejected Gu Corporation once before and the two were said to no longer be keeping in contact. Unexpectedly..." She gritted her teeth. If she had known earlier, she would have come to renew the contract sooner. She did not expect that Gu Corporation would actually collaborate with Yun Chu.

Yun Chu had clearly rejected Gu Corporation three years ago. At that time, it even caused a sensation internationally. Rumor had it that Gu Corporation hated Yun Chu and decided not to ever collaborate with her. How could they suddenly go back on their word?

What was going on?

Yao Mengqing abruptly raised her eyes and looked at Qiao Xi!

It was this b*tch!

At that time, when she was designing clothes for Qiao Xi, Yun Chu had given Qiao Xi jewelry. This meant that Qiao Xi knew Yun Chu and Qiao Xi must have facilitated this collaboration..

Chapter 413: Who Dares To Fight Me?

Yao Mengqing's breathing quickened. She forced herself to calm down and squeezed out a smile. "I'm really sorry, Ah Zheng. I was too impatient and didn't take the time to understand the situation. I didn't expect Yun Chu to agree to the collaboration. Congratulations!"

Gu Zheng ignored her.

Yao Mengqing suddenly thought of something. "Li City is going to hold a jewelry design exhibition soon. Will Yun Chu be participating?"

Qiao Xi instantly understood this woman's thoughts and said directly, "No."

"Xi Xi, how do you know so much? Do you know Yun Chu?" Yao Mengqing smiled slightly. "I heard that Yun Chu has a proud character and is unrestrained. She has very high standards too. Seeing as Xi Xi and Yun Chu are so close, could it be that Xi Xi has an outstanding talent in jewelry design too?"

Lin Jie also understood what Yao Mengqing meant and hurriedly chimed in, "Yes! Miss Qiao, if you know Yun Chu, you must also know jewelry design?"

Qiao Xi replied unhurriedly, "How could I be as skilled as Miss Yao?"

A cold glint flashed in Yao Mengqing's eyes as she said gently, "Xi Xi, I heard that you originally signed up for this competition, but for some reason, you withdrew. Since Yun Chu isn't participating, it'll be good for you to represent her!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows. "Miss Yao, do you find it meaningful to beat around the bush?"

Yao Mengqing's face was filled with embarrassment, but she quickly recovered and said affectionately, "Xi Xi, I don't have any ill intentions. I'm just curious as to why you suddenly gave up after registering. Since you signed up, it means that you're interested in jewelry design. Actually, the rankings aren't important at all. If you're interested, you should just participate!"

"Moreover, you're Yun Chu's friend! You must be very capable. Maybe your design will be favored by the judges."

Lin Jie also tried to persuade her. "Yes, it's rare for Li City to hold a jewelry design competition. Don't miss this opportunity."

These two people spoke one after another. On the surface, they seemed to be kindly encouraging Qiao Xi, but it was actually...

Qiao Xi was naturally able to see through Yao Mengqing's thoughts. Yao Mengqing did not see her name on the list, so she thought Qiao Xi had withdrawn from the competition.

Those who quit at the last minute either had health issues or did not have the confidence to participate in the competition. Hence, Yao Mengqing thought that Qiao Xi was afraid and did not have confidence in her jewelry design skills.

Hence, Yao Mengqing and Lin Jie were taking turns to encourage her to participate in the competition. When the time came, Yao Mengqing would trample on her in public and elevate herself. It would highlight the gap between the two of them.

How thoughtful!

Qiao Xi lost her mind and roared furiously. "It's just a competition! I'll participate!"

Seeing that she had agreed, Yao Mengqing revealed a satisfied smile. "Xi Xi, the results of the competition don't matter. What's important is the process. It doesn't matter even if your design isn't good. You're still so young, so you still have many chances to succeed.

"Jewelry design is different from other crafts. It requires a lot of investment. I don't think you underwent formal learning, but you don't have to be afraid. It's normal to fail. Actually, it's already very outstanding that you have the courage to participate."

After a round of hypocritical comforting, Yao Mengqing turned to look at Gu Zheng. "It's just a pity that I can't work with President Gu anymore. I'm sorry to have disturbed you."

Yao Mengqing and Lin Jie stood up and left. When they reached the door, Lin Jie said unwillingly, "Mengqing, what's the point of comforting Qiao Xi? She won't remember your kind gestures. In any

case, you'll definitely be the champion this time. It's uncertain if Qiao Xi can even get on the ranking. She might even lose miserably!"

"ah Jie

"am I wrong? Apart from Yun Chu, who else can compare to you? I've seen all the contestants this time. There are only a few famous designers, and none of them are as capable as you. You're the most famous one. It's impossible that the judges won't show you any respect."

Qiao Xi pricked up her ears and clearly heard what the two of them were talking about.

Yao Mengqing was so confident. Without Yun Chu, would she definitely be the champion?

'If don't reveal my identity, I don't think you'll ever shut up!"

Yao Mengqing was really an unkillable cockroach. She did not learn her lesson even after getting humiliated multiple times. It seemed that Qiao Xi had to teach her a fierce lesson this time. She would use Yun Chu's identity to slap her face!

Who could compete with Yun Chu when she appeared?

Chapter 414: Pretending To Be Master Yun Chu's Friend

After Yao Mengqing left Gu Corporation, she bade farewell to Lin Jie and got into the car to go home. Her gentle smile instantly turned vicious. She called someone.

After hearing Yao Mengqing's words, they snorted coldly. "Who's Qiao Xi? I've never heard of her! Teacher Yun Chu has always been living overseas. Even I rarely see her. She doesn't have a friend named Qiao Xi!"

Yao Mengqing smiled smugly. As expected.

She pretended to be hesitant and asked, "But seeing how confident she is, I think that she's really Master Yun Chu's friend!"

The other party snorted arrogantly. "I'm the only one who has been with my master for so many years. Mengqing, you must have been deceived. After all, Master Yun Chu's name is too famous. It's not odd that someone is pretending to be her friend. The woman you're talking about is named Qiao Xi, right? 'When we get to the competition, I'll definitely let her witness true jewelry design skills and teach her a lesson!"

Yao Mengqing's eyes were filled with smugness, but she still pretended to be worried. "Jason, don't do this. She's just an ordinary person. She doesn't have any talent in jewelry design. She's only participating in this competition out of anger."

Jason was burning with anger. "How dare a person who doesn't know anything about designing pretend to be Master Yun Chu's friend? She's really overestimating herself!"

After hanging up, Yao Mengqing smiled proudly. Jason was Yun Chu's disciple and had always been by

her side. If he said that Master Yun Chu did not have a friend named Qiao Xi, then it meant that she did not.

Pretending to be Yun Chu's friend... Heh, Qiao Xi would definitely pay the price for her rashness.

At this moment, Qiao Xi had already submitted her application form and successfully obtained the invitation.

There were a total of three parts to the jewelry design competition this time. The first part required all the participants to prepare their first drafts. This process was confidential. The other participants would not know each other's first drafts, so they would not be able to know each other's ability either.

During the on-site competition, the perfect work is designed according to the design draft. In order to ensure fairness, all the materials would be provided by the competition's organizers.

This was the first time Li City was holding such a large-scale jewelry design competition. Jewelry design looked simple, but color combination and using the right tools were delicate skills. Not only did participants have to design, but they also had to create the jewelry themselves. It was a true test of the designers' skills.

The production process would take a total of five days. It was very difficult to produce perfect jewelry pieces. Moreover, the materials provided by the competition's organizers would be different. This was also a factor that would affect the design results. Of course, it also tested the designers' ability to adapt on the spot.

Qiao Xi was not nervous in the slightest. She first applied for leave from the university so that she would be free for five days.

8a.m..

Gu Zheng drove Qiao Xi to the competition venue.

"I'll come and pick you up after tonight," Gu Zheng said.

Qiao Xi shook her head. "You're so busy with work. Let Song Shiyu pick me up. I'm not sure when it'll end."

They had to complete the design and production in five days. They could finish the design drafts at home, but they had to be on-site to produce the jewelry.

In order to save time, many designers would eat and stay in the lounge to avoid wasting time going back and forth from their house.

Qiao Xi felt that Gu Zheng was already very busy, so she had to be considerate. "Let Song Shiyu pick me up."

Gu Zheng would definitely be very touched that she was being so considerate of him. She was a really sensible and good wife!

However...

Gu Zheng slammed on the brakes, frowned, and questioned, "How is Song Shiyu better than me? You're insisting that he pick you up instead. Am I your husband, or is Song Shiyu?!"

Qiao Xi: *?" Damn...

She was about to retort when she suddenly saw a familiar person standing outside.

Yao Mengqing was standing with a group of participants and chatting with the judges. She was smiling, "She said that she's Yun Chu's friend! Look, she's here now. Xi Xi, come quickly!"

Qiao Xi: *."

Yao Mengqing indeed had the ability to drive people crazy. If she did not press Yao Mengqing to the ground this time, it would be difficult to resolve the hatred in her heart.

There were many luxury cars parked at the scene. Although Gu Zheng's car was expensive, its color was low-profile and did not attract much attention.

After all, jewelry designers were definitely very rich. It was not strange to drive luxury cars. However, Yao Mengqing still saw Gu Zheng's car among the many luxury cars..

Chapter 415: The Higher You Climb, The Worse You Fall

Gu Zheng had many cars, and Song Shiyu usually drove them. However, only Gu Zheng could drive this car, and he always used it to fetch Qiao Xi.

Yao Mengqing gritted her teeth. What right did Qiao Xi have to occupy Gu Zheng's love? It should belong to her, Yao Mengqing!

Her face was livid, while her eyes were filled with envy and viciousness. However, when she faced Qiao Xi, she still squeezed out a smile. "Xi Xi, you came at the right time. We were just talking about you."

Qiao Xi had an indifferent expression and said casually, "Oh, what are you praising me for? Let me hear it too."

The air froze.

The corners of everyone's mouths twitched slightly. They probably felt extremely shocked that a shameless person like Qiao Xi could participate in the competition.

Yao Mengqing was also surprised. She almost shouted, "You're so shameless!" However, she still held it in and smiled. "Didn't you say that you and Yun Chu know each other? Everyone is very envious of you. Xi Xi, you're really lucky to be able to meet such an outstanding designer like Master Yun Chu."

At this moment, Qiao Xi really wanted to strangle Yao Mengqing and make her shut up. The moment she opened her mouth, she was like a two-faced snake!

"Envious of me? Miss Yao, you're really funny! What does it have to do with you whether I know Yun Chu or not? Moreover, I know Yun Chu because I'm skilled enough, not because I'm lucky!"

The smile on Yao Mengqing's face froze. The veins on her forehead twitched as she suppressed the anger in her heart.

Why was Qiao Xi not pretending to be weak anymore? She was actually showing her attitude in front of everyone. Could it be that Qiao Xi really had the strength?

No, no way!

She had long investigated Qiao Xi. She did not know how to design jewelry at all.

Yao Mengqing's expression eased up a little. Qiao Xi was pretending to be Yun Chu's friend and even said that she was very skilled. When the time came and her ugly designs were revealed, she would definitely lose miserably. If the media spread the news, Qiao Xi would not be able to raise her head in Li City anymore.

Yao Mengqing revealed a dangerous gaze. Since it was like that, she would lend Qiao Xi a hand. She smiled slightly. "Xi Xi, you're right. It's because you're very capable that you could get to know such an outstanding designer like Yun Chu... You'll definitely stand out in this competition."

Originally, Yao Mengqing was the person with the highest chance of winning the championship. Everyone had seen her designs and her work was indeed very meticulous. Most importantly, she had even invited Jason as her partner this time. With the two of them working together, Yao Mengqing would be the champion this time.

However, now that a contestant who was Yun Chu's friend had suddenly appeared, everyone could not help but suspect if she was stronger than Yao Mengqing.

Yao Mengqing said warmly, "Xi Xi, congratulations."

"Miss Yao is right. I'll definitely be able to win the championship!" Qiao Xi smiled proudly. "Miss Yao, it's really rare for you to be self-aware."

Yao Mengqing: "!"

Qiao Xi was too shameless!

She had only exchanged a few pleasantries, yet Qiao Xi took the words she said seriously? Did she really think that her work could win over the masses?

However, this was also good. The higher one climbed, the worse the fall.

Yao Mengqing suppressed her anger. "Yes, I believe you'll definitely be able to design a perfect piece. The championship will definitely belong to you!"

Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully. How could she not be able to tell that Yao Mengqing was deliberately flattering her so that she could watch her take a terrible fall later? However, this did not pose the slightest threat to Qiao Xi because she was so outstanding. It was not an exaggeration to say at all! Qiao Xi raised her head high and proudly walked past Yao Mengqing to go into the hall, but Yao Mengqing suddenly asked, "Xi Xi, isn't your partner here? It's a two-person collaboration this time!"

In this competition, apart from the individual's design skills, it also depended on the designer's connections and character. If they could invite a skilled designer, they could reverse the outcome of the competition.

Moreover, the competition this time was very large-scale. Most of the designers who had time would not refuse upon being invited. After all, being able to appear in public could increase one's ability and

reputation.

Yao Mengqing looked proud. "I invited Yun Chu's disciple, Mr. Jason, for this competition. I wonder which designer you've invited?"

Qiao Xi: "2"

What?

Yun Chu's disciple, Jason?

Why didn't she know that she had a disciple named Jason? Who was this so-called disciple of hers?

Before she could think, Yao Mengqing asked with an annoying expression, "Xi Xi, you haven't said who your partner is.. Tell me!"

Chapter 416: The President Of ZR Corporation Is Here Too

Qiao Xi turned around. "Do the rules say that we have to complete the competition with another designer?"

"Not really..."

"That's good. I'll participate in the competition myself." As soon as Qiao Xi finished speaking, she walked into the design hall indifferently. She did not even bother to look at Yao Mengqing, and she was arrogant like a peacock.

Yao Mengqing's expression was ugly as she gritted her teeth. However, it was not appropriate for her to flare up in front of everyone. She only smiled awkwardly. "It seems that Xi Xi is indeed capable! After all, she's Yun Chu's friend and definitely has a certain level of talent. When Jason arrives, we should let the two meet. Perhaps the two of them are very familiar with each other!"

After Qiao Xi entered the design hall, she found her seat—No. 29.

The designers would be seated according to their numbers. They would complete their designs here for the next few days. There were surveillance cameras throughout the venue to ensure the authenticity and fairness of the competition.

"Qiao Xi! You're here too!" A surprised female voice sounded in her ears.

Qiao Xi turned around and saw Li Xing'er looking at her in surprise. The woman threw down her tools and ran over excitedly. "You're also here to participate in the competition! I heard from my brother that you were coming. I thought he was lying to me! I heard that you're Yun Chu's friend, so you should be a famous designer too. But why is your seat in the 20s?"

There were a total of 30 seats in the design venue. The top five were in front of the judges. The workstations there were spacious and bright. The materials provided were also the best. Those who got numbers after 20 were unknown newcomers. Their workstations were small and the lighting was dim. Most importantly, the good materials needed for the design might have already been picked by others. It would greatly affect their designs.

Hence, Li Xing'er was puzzled. Why did Qiao Xi get 29th? This was the farthest spot from the materials section.

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows. "Who's No. 1?"

Li Xing'er did not hesitate at all. "Of course, it's Yao Mengging! I feel like vomiting the moment I see her face. She was fooling around at the banquet previously yet she even dares to show her face now!"

Qiao Xi nodded.

She glanced at the design venue in front of her. "Li Xing'er, for people who are truly capable, objective factors are not important. It doesn't matter which venue it is or under what kind of circumstances. After all, anyone has the right to be the champio

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth curled up. She was Yun Chu! Hence, it didn't matter if her workspace was slightly worse. She would definitely be the champion and let Yao Mengging know her true strength.

When Li Xing'er heard these words, her eyes were filled with hope. "Qiao Xi, I know I'm very talented. I'll work hard to create the perfect design. I won't let you down!"

Qiao Xi: "?" "I'm talking about myself! What does it have to do with you?!"

ZR was a famous jewelry design company in the world. Almost all the celebrities in the world were proud to have ZR's jewelry. Moreover, not everyone could wear ZR's jewelry.

This competition was actually organized by ZR Corporation for the sake of finding talented jewelry designers all over the country. Hence, the competition this time was very significant. Being able to win the championship was equivalent to being acknowledged by ZR Corporation.

Moreover, the president of ZR was here too.

Madam Chu Lan, a judge for the competition and a veteran of international jewelry design, was currently standing in the office on the second floor. She asked the man in front of her respectfully, "Sir, do you want to invite that designer up?"

In the design hall.

Qiao Xi tidied up her workspace and heard Li Xing'er complaining, "My brother is here! He's definitely here to capture me. They don't support me in jewelry design as they think it's useless, but I really want to finish this competition!

"Qiao Xi, help me persuade him. Just tell him that I'm busy and ask my brother to go back first. If you can stop him from coming for a day, then do it. I just have to find ways to stay here till the competition ends.

"My brother is on the second floor."

Qiao Xi had a good impression of Li Xing'er. It was rare for Li Xing'er to beg her, so she was willing to help her. It was not a big deal anyway.

She nodded. "Where's the second floor?"

Li Xing'er said, "He said it's next to President ZR's office. You should be able to see it if you go up. He brought his subordinates over too. Go upstairs and say that I told you to go. Someone will lead the way.."

Chapter 417: You Can Only Call Me 'Brother'

Qiao Xi was about to leave when Li Xing'er hurriedly advised, "There's one more thing. Don't call my brother 'President Li' when you see him. He doesn't like others calling him that. He keeps saying that it makes him sound like an old man. You're about the same age as me, so why don't you just call him 'Brother Li' or 'Brother? Don't be too formal."

Qiao Xi nodded and went straight to the second floor. She had just reached the door when she bumped into a man who looked like an assistant.

The assistant was stunned for a moment and was slightly hesitant. "... Are you Miss Qiao Xi?"

Qiao Xi was also stunned for a moment. Li Xing'er had already told President Li that she would be coming over? He sent someone to pick her up?

As expected of a president, he was very efficient. She nodded. "I am."

The assistant's heart was filled with doubts. He did not understand why Qiao Xi would suddenly appear at the door when Madam Chu Lan had just instructed him to fetch Qiao Xi. After thinking about it, he figured that Madam Chu Lan had called Qiao Xi or sent her a message, so he did not ask further. 'What was even stranger was that Mr. Mysterious in the office wore a mask and looked like an emotionless machine. But it turned out that he was also interested in women?

The assistant looked at Qiao Xi. He had to admit that she was indeed very beautiful and had a cold aura.

He bent down and said respectfully, "Miss Qiao, Sir is already waiting inside. Please come in."

Qiao Xi sighed. The Li family's assistants were really cultured. This man and Song Shiyu were both assistants. Why was the difference so huge?

However, President Li's assistant called him 'Sir.' Indeed, he did not like others calling him 'President Li.

The assistant brought Qiao Xi to the office and knocked on the door. "Sir, Miss Qiao is here."

The person in the room hummed. Qiao Xi suddenly felt that this voice was a little familiar.

The assistant bent down and reached out with a smile. "Miss Qiao, please go in."

Qiao Xi thought in her heart that there was no need to be so polite, right? She was just helping Li Xing'er send a message. It was just a matter of relaying a message, so why did it seem like she was here for an inspection?

However, Qiao Xi did not think too much about it. She simply thought that the Li family was strict with their upbringing. The legendary President Li was good at managing people.

Qiao Xi was not in a rush to enter. She stood at the door and thought for a few seconds. Since she could not call him 'President Li,' how should she call him? 'Mr. Li'? However

At this moment, her phone rang. It was a message from Li Xing'er: [Qiao Xi, you must remember not to call him 'President Li. Just call him 'Brother'. Otherwise, if he's unhappy, he'll forcefully bring me back. I won't be able to participate in the competition anymore. I beg you! Whether or not I can participate will depend on you!]

Qiao Xi had a helpless expression.

She could feel that Li Xing'er really liked jewelry design. She was also a jewelry designer herself, so she could empathize with Li Xing'er.

Since she had already promised Li Xing'er, she would persuade President Li not to come fetch her back. She would just do as Li Xing'er said and call him 'Brother:

A smile hung on the corners of Qiao Xi's mouth. She took a deep breath, pushed the door open, and chuckled. "Hello, Brother."

Gu Zheng,

When Qiao Xi raised her eyes and saw the familiar face before her, she was instantly petrified.

Gu Zheng said, "Before you entered, you didn't know that I was looking for you, right? Or do you just call out 'Brother' whenever you see someone?"

Instantly, the atmosphere in the room changed. The smile on Qiao Xi's face gradually vanished, and a terrified expression appeared on her face.

'Wait, wasn't the person in the office supposed to be President Li? Why was it Gu Zheng?

Before she could figure it out, the man walked in front of her with his long legs and said in a hoarse voice, "Mrs. Gu, I really want to know who you're calling 'Brother'."

Qiao Xi's heart trembled as she shuddered. If Gu Zheng knew that she called President Li 'Brother' the first time she met him, would he directly kill Li Xing'er's brother?

Qiao Xi hurriedly smiled. "Idiot! Of course, I'm calling you 'Brother'! Who else would I call that?!"

Gu Zheng's eyes were deep as his deep voice echoed in her ears. "Is that so?"

Qiao Xi's entire body trembled as she replied guiltily, "Yes, that's right."

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and stared at her with burning eyes. "Mrs. Gu, I'm your husband. You can only call me 'Brother' and not anyone else.."

Chapter 418: Gu Zheng Must Be Jealous Of His Handsome Face

Since the two of them met, Qiao Xi had always called him 'Senior' or 'Brother'. To Gu Zheng, the word 'Brother' held extraordinary meaning, so he did not allow Qiao Xi to call anyone else that.

Speaking of which, who was she calling 'Brother' earlier?

Qiao Xi's expression eased up when she saw that his expression was normal.

'Fortunately, I'm smart enough not to tell Gu Zheng that I was calling out to Li Xing'er's brother. Otherwise, Gu Zheng would definitely rush over and kill him!'

Gu Zheng smirked.

Oh! So it was Li Xing'er's brother!

Qiao Xi looked at Gu Zheng's meaningful smile and suddenly felt a chill run down her spine. She was just about to change the topic when she heard Gu Zheng ask slowly, "How did you know that I was in the room?"

"Uh, this..."

Qiao Xi was instantly speechless. She didn't know how to explain it either. Could it be that they were telepathic?

She resisted the urge to cry and cleared her throat. She said aggrievedly, "Who else would look for me but you? I'm very touched, so I called you 'Brother,' but... you're actually doubting me. I feel so aggrieved! Boo-hoo.

"How would I know that you were looking for me? I thought you were Li Xing'er's brother! Moreover, I went upstairs to look for President Li. Why did the assistant bring me to see Gu Zheng?"

"Although we're husband and wife, we still need some surprises occasionally. There's nothing new about calling you 'Ah Zheng' and 'hubby' anymore, so I wanted to call you 'Brother'."

'Actually, I prefer calling you a bastard, but you definitely won't let me.'

Hearing Qiao Xi's words, Gu Zheng remained calm and sneered. "I didn't expect you to know how to be romantic, Mrs. Gu. Thank you so much."

Qiao Xi choked.

"Something's not right! Gu Zheng, who's so paranoid, actually believes me?"

'Could it be that my acting skills have improved? I can even deceive Gu Zheng now?'

Qiao Xi probed, "Speaking of which, Gu Zheng, why are you here?"

Gu Zheng glanced at her. Although she said that she had guessed that the person in the room was him, she could not guess why she was here. She even had the cheek to say that the person she was calling out 'Brother' to was him.

Gu Zheng did not expose her and asked indifferently, "I was just casually looking around. Is the competition about to start?"

Qiao Xi nodded. "There's still 20 minutes."

"Let's go. I'll go with you."

Qiao Xi frowned. "I don't have time to accompany you anymore. I just found out that this competition is a two-person competition. I'm alone, so the production time will be longer."

Gu Zheng smiled. "Come downstairs with me. I'll give you a surprise."

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She followed Gu Zheng downstairs and was about to ask why the assistant called Gu Zheng 'Sir' instead of 'President Gu'. However, she was suddenly stunned by the scene in front of her.

Gu Yao was standing in the middle of the venue with a group of girls around him.

Li Xing'er was standing not far away and watching the show. When she saw Qiao Xi return, she hurriedly waved at her excitedly.

Gu Yao was surrounded by people. His face was red and he was at a loss.

"Second Young Master Gu, why are you here to watch the competition? You like jewelry design too? It's not time for the competition yet. I wonder if I have the honor to treat you to a drink?"

Gu Yao said, "I'm not thirsty."

The girl said sweetly, "It's okay if you're not thirsty. We can chat for a while."

Gu Yao said, "I'm not familiar with you."

Qiao Xi: "... " What kind of surprise was Gu Yao's presence?

At this moment, someone came in front of Gu Yao and handed him a piece of paper. She was extremely shy. "Second Young Master Gu, this is my number. If you have time, you can call me."

Gu Yao's face was filled with disdain. "Miss, can you be a little more cautious when you're outside? Aren't you afraid of being targeted by others if you casually give your phone number out like this? You're really brainless!"

The girl was about to cry: "... "

After Gu Yao sent everyone away by himself, he sat at the side and stared blankly.

How was he considered the second young master of the Gu family right now? He was just Gu Zheng's employee. Gu Zheng had ordered him to help Qiao Xi carry the materials, so he had to be obedient. He was the second young master of the Gu family but he was actually reduced to a porter. It was really too tragic.

Gu Zheng must be jealous of his handsome face!

Qiao Xi walked to his side and said helplessly, "The young lady left you her phone number. Even if you don't like her, you can't reject her in front of everyone! You're not being polite at all."

Chapter 419: Longing

Gu Yao said aggrievedly, "You don't know how scary they were. If I accept that lady's number, there'll be rumors of me dating her the next day. I don't want to be treated as a fool! What I want is a passionate relationship!"

Qiao Xi: "... " You haven't even been in a f*cking relationship before, yet you still have the cheek to say that you want to be in a passionate relationship?

The competition was about to start. Gu Yao squatted obediently at the side. Qiao Xi and the other designers also received the topic of this competition.

The topic was 'longing,' They had to design a set of jewelry that matched the topic.

At this moment, the staff had already briefly displayed and introduced all the materials. They also placed all the materials in the materials section so that the designers could clearly see what materials were available and adjust their designs based on them.

Qiao Xi swept her gaze over it. There were many types of materials, including gems of various colors, diamonds, gold and silver threads, pearls, gold foil, and so on. Almost all the materials here were great items, but there were not many of them. It was impossible to guarantee that everyone would get the materials they wanted.

Of course, the more precious the materials were, the less of them there were. There were a total of 30 designer groups, so there would definitely be some who could not get the materials.

Hence, the competition organizers stipulated that the materials and tools needed would be chosen according to when the designers submitted their design drafts. If a particular material had all been picked, the others could only choose other materials.

Gu Yao was excited. "Wow, that sounds exciting. This isn't just a competition of design skills but also luck and wisdom. If they can choose the materials first, they'll have an advantage!"

"However, if your ranking is lower and the materials have already been selected, the product will have to be completely different from the design drafts. Ten points will be deducted too. Qiao Xi, have you thought of your design drafts?"

Qiao Xi picked up the pen unhurriedly. Design drafts were totally easy for her. She thought for a moment before starting to draw.

A moment later, the exquisite design draft was completed.

Gu Yao stretched his head out to take a look and instantly widened his mouth in surprise. "Wow! Qiao Xi, you're too awesome! Hurry up and submit the design draft! I'll help you look for the materials. What do you need?"

Qiao Xi told Gu Yao all the materials she needed. Gu Yao took notes and was about to head to the materials section when he saw that Yao Mengqing had also completed her design draft and was about to submit it.

Gu Yao: "?" That wasn't right. He was very clear about Yao Mengqing's standard of design. It was absolutely inferior to Qiao Xi's. It had only been a moment, yet she had already finished her design draft? How was that possible?!

Everyone looked at Yao Mengqing in admiration. She was indeed a goddess of design. She designed it so quickly.

Gu Yao was afraid that the materials Qiao Xi needed would be snatched away by others. He did not dare to delay any longer and hurriedly walked to the materials section.

Everyone was surprised.

Yao Mengqing was an internationally renowned designer. It was understandable for her to finish her design draft so quickly and get to choose the materials first, but Qiao Xi was just a newcomer. How could she finish her design draft so quickly?

The requirements for the design drafts of this jewelry competition were complicated. For the sake of fairness, the details of the design and production had to be drawn on paper. Moreover, everything had to be clearly marked. Even if one's imagination was unleashed, it would not be easy to complete the design drafts. It was also a test for the designers.

In less than an hour, the two of them had already submitted their drafts. It was really unbelievable. It was still reasonable for Yao Mengqing to be able to quickly finish her design draft. After all, she had a brand called Sunshine under her name. The clothes and jewelry she designed were also very popular overseas. Practice made perfect. It was not strange for her to draw her design draft quickly. However, Qiao Xi

"Yao Mengqing is so awesome! She finished her design draft in less than an hour."

"Qiao Xi must have drawn it blindly, right? How could a newcomer like her compare to so many outstanding designers? She might not even know how to draw the design draft. She must have just casually drawn a few strokes."

"speaking of which, only Yun Chu has dared to be this arrogant in all these years!"

At this point, everyone could not help but start recalling. "Back then, I was lucky enough to watch Yun Chu participate in a competition. She entered as a newcomer and designed her draft in 20 minutes. At that time, everyone thought that she casually drew it. Unexpectedly, her design draft was perfect."

Chapter 420: Imitate Indiscriminately

"After Yun Chu became the champion, she became famous overseas. Many designers wanted to acknowledge Yun Chu as their master, even if they had to be her assistant. However, she kept a low profile and rarely showed her face. After that, many people tried to learn from Yun Chu and quickly completed their design drafts. The results were tragic. Could it be that Qiao Xi..."

"She's just imitating her. Yun Chu is a genius, so how could Qiao Xi have the qualifications to compare to her?"

Hearing the crowd's discussion, Yao Mengqing was calm as she smiled at Gu Yao. "Ah Yao, are you here to help Xi Xi get the materials? I asked her who her partner was just now, but she refused to tell me. So it's you!"

Yao Mengqing's assistant snorted. "Why is Miss Qiao doing this?! She clearly has a partner, but she said that she was participating in the competition alone in front of everyone. Was she trying to show off and claim that she's very capable? She even dares to order Second Young Master Gu around. She's too arrogant!"

“Lil Tong, don’t say that,” Yao Mengqing interrupted, then looked at Gu Yao. “Xi Xi probably forgot. Ah Yao, I didn’t expect you to participate in the competition too. If I had known that Xi Xi’s partner was you, I would have introduced you to the judges.”

Gu Yao stopped in his tracks.

Damn! Was this woman trying to drive a wedge between them?

He had actually been deceived by this woman for so many years. In the past, he thought that she was gentle, kind, and not scheming. Hence, even if there was anything wrong, he would not think too much about it. Now, it seemed that Yao Mengqing had done countless bad things behind his back.

What Yao Mengqing meant was that Qiao Xi deliberately did not mention her partner and pretended to be participating in the competition alone because she wanted to make herself look good.

Gu Yao narrowed his eyes. “Sister Mengqing.”

Yao Mengqing’s face was gentle.

Gu Yao asked, “I heard that your partner is Mr. Jason? Since it’s a two-person competition, why did you bring your assistant over? If an assistant isn’t considered a partner or a participant, it’s understandable that Qiao Xi said she doesn’t have a partner because I’m her assistant! I’m not her partner at all because I don’t know jewelry design!”

The smile on Yao Mengqing’s face vanished instantly.

Gu Yao... The second young master of the Gu family was Qiao Xi’s assistant?

Qiao Xi gritted her teeth and followed Gu Yao’s footsteps. She still asked in a gentle tone, “Ah Yao, did Xi Xi ask you to get the materials for her? Since you don’t know anything about design, do you know how to choose the materials? Do you want me to help you?”

At this moment, Gu Yao wanted to look into Yao Mengqing’s brain to see if it had been damaged. Hadn’t he already shown his disgust? How could she be so shameless as to still come over?

Yao Mengqing saw Gu Yao’s impatience and smiled slightly. “Xi Xi is Yun Chu’s friend. No wonder you’re willing to be her assistant. I won’t disturb you from choosing the materials.”

After Gu Yao left, Yao Mengqing’s assistant said angrily, “Sister Mengqing, you were the one who submitted the design draft first. Why did you let Qiao Xi choose first? This is very disadvantageous to us.”

Yao Mengqing smiled confidently. “It’s okay. I’ve been a designer for so many years. I can adapt to the situation even without the corresponding materials, but Xi Xi is a newbie. If I choose the materials she needs, won’t I be bullying her?”

Gu Yao ignored the two of them, but he still felt that something was wrong. Yao Mengqing was letting him choose first. Could it be that she was up to something?

He turned around and glanced at Yao Mengqing, then walked in warily. There should be no problem with choosing first.

If Yao Mengqing chose the materials Qiao Xi needed, then it would be troublesome. There were benefits to being the first to choose. There would be no conspiracy!

Gu Yao walked in front of the staff and wrote down the materials he needed.

For the sake of fairness, the competition's organizers stipulated that after all the designers had handed in their drafts, they would distribute the materials at the same time. The designers could then start working on their pieces at the same time.

However, the designers who submitted their drafts first could reserve the materials. Those who submitted later could only pick from the leftover materials that had yet to be reserved.

'When Yao Mengging came in to make a reservation, she saw Gu Yao's registration form and glanced at it quietly. There was a special material on it called Spirit Jade Pearl. It was transparent and shiny.

Among the available materials, there was another material that was very similar to the Spirit Jade Pearl. It was called the Gray Spirit Pearl. The two pearls looked very similar at first glance, but the effects were completely different. If one used this pearl wrongly, it might affect the final outcome.