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Chapter 441: There's Still Another Half To The Design Draft

Jason staggered as he pointed at Qiao Xi and shouted, "Where did you get your video from? Qiao Xi! You plagiarized my work! It's fine if you don't want to apologize, but you even forged evidence to frame me! I won't let you succeed!

"I've been in the design industry for so many years. When have I ever plagiarized? If I'm capable, why would I plagiarize? But you're just a newcomer. How could you design such a perfect piece? This doesn't make sense!

"You plagiarized me!"

Yao Mengqing's face was ashen, and Lin Jie, her lackey, hurriedly said, "Qiao Xi, there's concrete evidence that Mr. Jason published his design draft in a magazine, but you only have a video. It can't be used as evidence. Moreover, even if you drew the design draft, it might not be from four years ago.

It's possible that you drew it yesterday. In order to clear your name, you changed the time."

Everyone was puzzled. Actually, this wasn't impossible. After all, technology was advanced now. What couldn't be done?

However, in order to prove that the time stamp was not edited by anyone, was it enough to just get a professional to examine it?

If Qiao Xi had found a very capable hacker, changing the time stamp on the video shouldn't be a problem for them. They couldn't wrongly accuse someone just because of a video.

No matter what, Jason had substantial evidence, while Qiao Xi's evidence was just a video. It was not as convincing.

Jason's face softened for a moment, then he shouted in exasperation, "Qiao Xi! You not only plagiarized but also framed me! A person like you is not fit to be a designer!"

Yao Mengqing's face was full of grief. "Xi Xi, how could you do this? It's not too late for you to admit your mistake now. I can still use my identity to help you deal with the design world, but if you persist, the design world will definitely not tolerate you. Don't be foolish!"

Qiao Xi didn't get angry. Instead, she smiled meaningfully. "Indeed, a video can't be used as evidence, but I don't think Mr. Jason would have thought that this is only half of my design draft."

Jason's expression changed.

Everyone was puzzled. What did she mean by half of her design draft?

This design draft looked very complete! Moreover, Qiao Xi had already finished the product. They had seen that set of work before. It was truly perfect.

Jason said disdainfully, “Qiao Xi! What’s the point of making up such a lie just to clear your name? Everyone can see that this design draft is complete and doesn’t lack anything!”

However, Yao Mengging’s heart skipped a beat. Half of the design draft? Could there be something else?

“Mr. Jason, this set of jewelry is only half complete because the other half is a men’s watch and accessory!”

Qiao Xi’s voice was cold, and her words were clear. “I drew this design draft four years ago and named it ‘Longing.’ It represents an unwavering love. Mr. Jason, you said that you’re the original creator of this set of jewelry. Then, you should have another design draft, right?”

What?

Another design draft?

Jason’s body stiffened. He stood up abruptly and shouted in a panic, “Nonsense!”

‘The moment he finished speaking, another scene appeared on the big screen.

Everyone looked up and clearly saw that after the designer completed the first set of jewelry, they began designing a men’s watch and accompanying accessory. The patterns and details on the watch and accessory were completely in line with the set of female jewelry.

Jason watched in disbelief.

Qiao Xi glanced at him coldly. “Mr. Jason, although I don’t know how you stole my design, who gave you the courage to publish it in a magazine without changing anything at all? You named this set of jewelry ‘Late Autumn.’ You didn’t even know that the name of this set of jewelry is ‘Longing.’

“The reason why it’s called this is that they’re for a man and a woman. The patterns on it are all harmonious. Mr. Jason, can you produce the remaining half of the design draft?”

“If you’re really the original creator, please tell me why there’s a semi-circular ruby in the middle of this set of jewelry. Please tell me what you think.”

Chapter 442: Red Beans Are A Symbol Of Love

“Let me explain, then. The ruby is cut into this shape because the other half is on the cufflinks meant for the male wearer. When the two halves are put together, they represent a red bean. Red beans are a symbol of love!”

Jason trembled. “W-What...”

“What else do you want to say?” Qiao Xi sneered.

“You claim to be the original creator, but you have no idea that there’s another design draft. You can’t explain the concept of the design either. If you’re the original creator, why didn’t you realize that many parts of the design are incomplete?”

Each and every word was like a huge rock weighing a thousand kilograms smashing into Jason’s heart. His face was pale, and he could not speak for a long time.

The designers below the stage who had originally come to denounce Qiao Xi were all dumbstruck. At this point, they could no longer lie through their teeth.

“Originally thought that the ruby was the designer’s unique artistic choice. I didn’t expect it to be part of a couple design. But now that you mention it, I suddenly feel that this set of jewelry is even more perfect.”

“That’s right. The set of jewelry Qiao Xi made looked perfect, but I kept feeling that there was something missing. It wasn’t until after the other design draft was revealed that I realized that the other half of the design was missing. When I put the two together and look at it, everything makes sense now.”

“Even if the plagiarist could copy the design, they wouldn’t be able to copy the essence of it. He even has the nerve to accuse the original creator, Qiao Xi!”

Jason’s face flushed red and white, his expression growing menacing.

“No! It’s not like that! I didn’t plagiarize! She’s framing me!”

The one who was originally accused of plagiarism was Qiao Xi. Now, she had become the victim, and the situation had an unprecedented reversal.

Jason’s face was full of fear. “You faked the evidence! I didn’t create any couple designs at all. The ruby is just a unique artistic choice I made! You made up a random excuse to slander me!”

He continued to argue, but everyone just sneered at him.

“shut up! Do you think we’re all idiots? The time stamp on the video clearly states that Qiao Xi completed the design draft four years ago!”

“Jason, you plagiarizing dog! You’re not fit to be Yun Chu’s disciple at all! Four years ago, Qiao Xi was still a child who hadn’t fully grown up. Yet you had the nerve to steal her design draft?”

“You still have the cheek to hold a press conference and want Qiao Xi to take the blame?! How shameless!”

Hearing everyone’s curses, Jason trembled slightly as his body shook uncontrollably.

He knew that no one would believe him no matter what he said.

Yao Mengqing’s face darkened. She bit her lip and said apologetically, “Xi Xi, I’ve wronged you. I didn’t know that Jason copied your work. I’m really sorry. I hope you can forgive me.”

Qiao Xi glanced at her indifferently.

Yao Mengqing was as heartless as ever!

She pretended to feel guilty. “I... I really didn’t expect Jason to plagiarize. After all, he’s Yun Chu’s disciple... I believed everything he said, but...”

“So Miss Yao was deceived!” Qiao Xi said meaningfully, “Since it’s like that, then I have some things I want to confirm.”

As she looked at Qiao Xi's icy-cold gaze, Yao Mengqing's heart jerked. She hurriedly admitted her mistake. "Xi Xi, I'm sorry. I'll apologize to you!"

"Miss Yao, I'm reporting you for plagiarism too!"

Boom!!!

The moment that was said, the entire venue erupted!

'What? Qiao Xi actually said that Yao Mengqing's work was copied as well!

It was fine if Jason plagiarized, but Yao Mengqing was a designer with her own brand. How could she have plagiarized?

The veins on Yao Mengqing's forehead popped out as she roared, "Xi Xi, how could you slander me?! I didn't know that Jason plagiarized your work and I've apologized to you. What else do you want from me? Even if you hate me, you can't accuse me of plagiarism!"

Everyone was stunned. How did Yao Mengqing suddenly become a plagiarist as well? Whose work did Yao Mengqing copy? Could it be Qiao Xi's?

Yao Mengqing's face was pale. She forced herself to calm down. "Xi Xi, Jason copied your work. If you say that I plagiarized too, then tell me whose work I copied! Did I copy yours too? I know you don't like me, but you can't accuse me like this!"

Chapter 443: Yun Chu Gave Me The Design Draft!

Yes, Yao Mengqing had no reason to copy Qiao Xi's work!

Yao Mengqing was the founder of an internationally renowned brand. She was talented in designing and was very capable. Was there a need for her to copy a newcomer?

'Those die-hard fans of Yao Mengqing instantly went crazy, but Qiao Xi was still calm and composed. "Why are you so agitated? That's right, you naturally have no reason to copy the work of a newbie."

Yao Mengqing's expression eased up as she looked at Qiao Xi with slight bewilderment.

"Because you plagiarized the work of a famous designer!"

Qiao Xi waved her hand, and an image flashed onto the big screen. A stunning and perfect design appeared. Yun Chu's name was clearly written on it.

"You plagiarized Yun Chu's work! This is 'Returning Dream' that Yun Chu designed four years ago!"

Everyone sucked in a breath. After a few seconds of silence, there was an uproar.

"Goddess Yun Chu? Yao Mengqing dared to copy Yun Chu? F*ck! Is she crazy? How can someone like her copy Yun Chu's works?"

“Look at the design draft. It has Yun Chu’s signature and the date. This is Yun Chu’s work. It can’t be wrong!”

“F*ck! I really have to take my hat off to her! Yao Mengqing is so shameless! Of all people, she plagiarized Yun Chu! How dare she say that she’s an internationally renowned designer? Maybe her previous works were all plagiarized too!”

‘The moment Yun Chu’s name was announced, everyone was instantly enraged.

Yao Mengqing’s works in the competition were very similar to Yun Chu’s ‘Returning Dream’ from four years ago. Although there were some changes, one could still see the traces of Yun Chu’s style.

“Yao Mengqing kept saying that this boycott of plagiarism isn’t for herself but for the sake of the entire design industry. In order to protect the rights and interests of the original creator, she wanted to investigate this matter! But it turns out that the most shameless plagiarist is her!”

“I’m really angry! She pretends to be all proper and even looked down on Qiao Xi just now. In the end, it turns out that Qiao Xi didn’t plagiarize. It was this dignified bitch who plagiarized someone else’s work!”

“Get out of the design industry, Yao Mengqing!”

Yao Mengqing’s face turned pale as her body swayed.

Yun Chu... Yun Chu again... Why should she lower herself to this woman?

Originally, the plagiarism incident today had nothing to do with her, yet Qiao Xi had obtained Yun Chu’s design draft. However, where did she get it from?

She had not plagiarized Yun Chu at all. She had only borrowed parts of Yun Chu’s work. She was not convinced. Why was she overshadowed whenever Yun Chu was mentioned? Why did she have to be chased out of the design industry after borrowing Yun Chu’s work?

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Just like Qiao Xi, Yun Chu was a b*tch who went against her!

Yao Mengqing was nervous. She was thinking about how to escape.

She knew in her heart that if she did not come up with a suitable reason, these people would not let her off. She would end up in a worse state than Jason.

Jason was Yun Chu’s disciple, after all. These people would not do anything to him, but she was different.

Yao Mengqing quickly said, “Everyone, let me explain.”

All eyes were on her.

Yao Mengqing calmed herself down and said forcefully, “I did borrow some aspects of Yun Chu’s design to use on my own, but I didn’t plagiarize her. I just admire her work. Also... Yun Chu gave me this design draft!”

“Jason is Yun Chu’s disciple, and I’m Jason’s friend. I’ve met Yun Chu a few times. She has a good impression of me, so she gave me this design draft. I’ve always admired Yun Chu, so I would always take

it out to have a look at it. When I was coming up with the draft, I subconsciously added some elements from Yun Chu's design, but I really didn't plagiarize!

"Jason and I are the same. We both treat Yun Chu as our own master. This design draft was given to me by her. It's not wrong to say that it's mine. Besides, there's nothing wrong with me imitating my own master's creation! This isn't considered plagiarism!"

Everyone fell silent. Yun Chu's design draft had never been released before. If it was given to Yao Mengqing, then Yao Mengqing would not be considered a deliberate plagiarist. If Yun Chu did not pursue this matter, what right did they have to pursue it?

Just when everyone thought the matter was about to be turned around, Qiao Xi sneered..

Chapter 444: Qiao Xi Is Yun Chu!

At this moment, a cold voice sounded from not far away—

"Miss Yao, you said that Yun Chu gave you the design draft? Do you have any evidence? Don't you know that Yun Chu has already sold the design draft to Gu Corporation?"

What?

Yao Mengqing's lips trembled.

Song Shijing said solemnly, "Gu Corporation has issued an announcement that Miss Yun Chu has sold her design draft to us! Miss Yao, you said that Miss Yun Chu gave you the design draft? If that's the case, who do you think is lying here? Miss Yun Chu or Gu Corporation?"

His words caused a huge commotion.

A few days ago, Gu Corporation had indeed posted on Weibo about their collaboration with Yun Chu, but unexpectedly

'The design draft that Yun Chu sold to Gu Corporation happened to be the one that Yao Mengqing copied! What a coincidence!

Yao Mengqing's body stiffened. Her heart was in turmoil. How was that possible? The design draft had been sold to Gu Corporation? It was over! Everything was over!

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No! She could not admit to having plagiarized just like that, or her future would be ruined! She would never allow that to happen.

"Assistant Song, this... This design draft was really given to me by Yun Chu! I think... she must have forgotten about it, so she sold it to you. After all, she has a lot of design drafts, and anyone would want one."

Yao Mengqing explained weakly, "I'm Yun Chu's friend. If you don't believe me, you can ask Jason. He's Yun Chu's disciple. We meet up often. It's not strange for her to give me a design draft.

"It's possible that Yun Chu forgot about it and sold it to Gu Corporation. I'll immediately cancel my own work and stop the production of it. I'll return the design draft to Yun Chu now! I really didn't plagiarize!"

'There was complete silence.

Everyone waited for the Gu Corporation to speak, only to see Song Shijing smile disdainfully.

Everyone held their breath. Song Shijing was not to be trifled with. Yao Mengqing had violated the interests of Gu Corporation. How could they let her go so easily?

He said calmly, "Miss Yao, Mr. Jason, both of you are lying in front of everyone. Did you think Yun Chu wouldn't show up? Don't you know that Yun Chu is here right now?"

Boom!!!

Everyone was stunned!

Qiao Xi looked at Gu Zheng, who wasn't far away. The man was hidden in the darkness, but it was hard for one to look away. He raised his eyes slightly, his deep black eyes flickering with a faint light. The corners of his lips curled up as he slowly stood up.

Yao Mengqing's heart skipped a beat. Fear engulfed her like cold water, making it hard for her to breathe.

Yun Chu was here?

Who? Where is she?

No! This was impossible! It couldn't be her!

Before Yao Mengqing could reply, Lin Jie could no longer sit still. He roared angrily, "Qiao Xi, you're not going to say that you're Yun Chu, are you? Do you think you're worthy?"

Just as she finished speaking, Yao Mengqing interrupted in a panic. "Xi Xi! Don't talk nonsense. Why would you pretend to be Yun Chu? If Yun Chu finds out that you're pretending to be her, your future will be completely ruined! You can't be Yun Chu, you..."

Before she could finish speaking, a tall figure slowly walked over.

Everyone felt a cold aura around them and hurriedly made way for him.

Gu Zheng, the man who could control everything in Li City, currently had a gloomy look on his face. His gaze was deep. He seemed to be stepping on Yao Mengqing's heart.

However, he didn't even bother to look at Yao Mengqing. He fixed his gaze on Qiao Xi with a small smile on his face.

"Yun Chu, stop being so mischievous."

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Yun Chu? President Gu was calling Qiao Xi Yun Chu?

Everyone knew that Yun Chu was collaborating with Gu Corporation. President Gu must have seen the real Yun Chu. Could it be that Qiao Xi was the real Yun Chu? She was the top international jewelry designer?

Just then, Yun Chu posted a message on her Weibo account—

[That's right, it's me.]

This short sentence explained everything. If Yun Chu wasn't present at the scene, then there would be no reason for her to post this. These few words represented Qiao Xi's identity.

Furthermore, President Gu was a witness. Even if everyone found it hard to believe, this was the truth! Qiao Xi was Yun Chu!

Yao Mengqing's body trembled. Her face was as pale as paper. It was as if she was going to faint at any moment..1

Chapter 445: Fearless

Qiao Xi's face was full of ridicule. "Miss Yao, I'm sure that I didn't give this design draft to you, which can only mean that you copied my work!

"What else do you want to say?"

Everyone hadn't recovered from the shock of Qiao Xi being Yun Chu when they heard Qiao Xi speak these words. They were shocked once more, and at the same time, Yao Mengqing's face was full of terror.

Qiao Xi's words seemed to have pressed her dignity to the ground. Everything she had said earlier became a joke, and she was now the most despised person present!

Initially, she decided to work together with Jason to deal with Qiao Xi. She even invited famous designers and Li Cheng's reporters to the venue. In the end, all these people were now going against her.

Yao Mengqing bit her lip tightly. Her face was filled with ruthlessness.

Qiao Xi smiled lightly.

"Yao Mengqing is so disgusting!" Everyone cursed.

"She said that she's on good terms with Qiao Xi and treats Qiao Xi as her friend, but she's always targeting Qiao Xi. Does she really think we can't see through her evil intentions? It's fine if she plagiarized Yun Chu, but she still refuses to admit it and says that Yun Chu gave her the design draft!"
"Pretending to be good friends with Yun Chu, huh? She definitely didn't expect the real Yun Chu to be here!"

"Today, I've seen what a real shameless b*tch is! She keeps saying that Yun Chu is her idol and friend. She boasts about her relationship with Yun Chu outside, using Yun Chu's name to snatch many resources. Her skin is thicker than the city walls! That's how shameless she is!"

Yao Mengqing's nails dug into her palms. Her mind was in a mess, and she wished she could find a hole to hide in.

"No! You've misunderstood! It's... It's Qiao Xi! She's framing me!"

Lin Jie's heart ached, then he shouted angrily, "Qiao Xi! What do you want? Mengqing is the eldest daughter of the Yao family. You..."

Qiao Xi's gaze was slightly cold.

Hah! Yao Mengqing was the eldest daughter of the Yao family? It was because of this identity that Yao Mengqing managed to escape punishment several times and let others take the blame for her. As long as she had this identity, she would always be fearless!

"Yao Mengqing, didn't you say that plagiarists should leave the design industry?"

She leaned closer and lowered her voice. "Look at yourself. Don't you look like a shrew right now? Since you want to pretend to be weak, then you have to pretend all the way to the end! You should be gently advising me not to do this and not do that. What a pity! You still can't beat me!"

Yao Mengqing gritted her teeth. "Qiao... Xi! Just you wait!"

Qiao Xi pretended to be terrified. "I'm so scared!"

With that, she looked up at Jason, whose eyes were lowered.

Jason trembled slightly, his eyes avoiding hers.

Qiao Xi's eyes narrowed slightly as she spoke word by word, "Mr. Jason, I've never accepted a disciple, yet you've been using my name to swindle others for so many years. I have to say that you're really smart. You've taken special precautions to avoid me, which allowed you to go undiscovered for so long." Jason trembled. "I... I..."

"Woah! So that's how it is! Yun Chu has never accepted any disciples! It's Jason who has always been pretending to be Yun Chu's disciple, and he's never even seen Yun Chu before. Otherwise, why would he say that Qiao Xi is only a newbie and isn't worthy to compete with him at all?!"

"Open your eyes wide and take a good look, Jason! The designer you were mocking and bullying is Yun Chu! You and Yao Mengging are really birds of the same feather. Both of you are plagiarists! You obviously plagiarized someone else's work, but you still maligned Yun Chu. You're so disgusting!" Jason's face was pale. He took a few steps back and tripped.

It was all over!

He pretended to be Yun Chu's disciple and copied Yun Chu's work. From now on, the design industry would never tolerate him.

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He never would have thought that Qiao Xi was Yun Chu. How could she be Yun Chu? He could have caused trouble for anyone, but he just had to provoke this big shot. If he had known earlier, he would not have come to Li City at all. All of this would not have happened.

Jason's heart crumbled to pieces, and he hung his head weakly like a defeated rooster.

Yao Mengging's legs went weak as she fell onto the chair. She struggled a few times but was unable to stand up.

Lin Jie's heart ached for her. He quickly held her arm and helped her stand up.

"Qiao Xi, you're happy now, right?! You've won! You've won completely! What else do you want?!"

Chapter 446: My Biggest Mistake Was Being Too Merciful

Yao Mengqing looked aggrieved. Tears slowly flowed down her face.

Lin Jie felt indignant. "Mengqing didn't plagiarize your work. She was just using your work as a reference. Can't she do that? She has the international brand, Sunshine, under her name. She's also very powerful!"

"Heh!" Gu Zheng sneered, his eyes deep.

The man's tall figure made him look like a god. His handsome face was calm and so were his eyes.

Gu Zheng sat in front of the stage, and everyone quickly stood up to give up their seats. No one dared to sit in the same row as President Gu. Even if he wasn't angry, no one could withstand the cold air around

him.

Everyone held their breaths. This powerful pressure was suffocating.

Lin Jie braced himself. "Qiao Xi is indeed very powerful, but Mengqing is also capable. She—"

"But..."

Gu Zheng interrupted him coldly, scaring Lin Jie so much that he did not dare to continue.

"Sunshine will disappear from now on."

Boom!!!

Yao Mengqing's pupils constricted as her voice trembled. "Ah Zheng... Ah Zheng, what do you mean? What are you doing?"

Fear was written all over her face as she screamed crazily, "Ah Zheng! You want to kill me for this woman?! Sunshine is my everything! Don't you know that the Yao family is now... The entire Yao family is relying on Sunshine! If Sunshine is really gone, then we... Ah Zheng, we grew up together. You can't do this to me!"

Words of pleading and questioning gushed out from her mouth. Then, Yao Mengqing suddenly turned around. "Qiao Xi! I'll absolutely not let you off!"

"Not let me off?" Qiao Xi replied indifferently, "Do you know what my biggest mistake was?"

She paused for a moment before continuing, "My biggest mistake was that I was too benevolent and allowed you to behave atrociously in front of me time and time again. Between us, who exactly is the one not letting the other off? Think about everything you've done in the past. At this point, you're only reaping what you sow!"

"Moreover, do you really think that Gu Zheng is making a move on you because of me?" Qiao Xi smiled, and her eyes were filled with ridicule as if she was looking at a pile of trash.

"Yao Mengqing, you're also in the business field. You should understand that businessmen don't get up early unless there's profit to be made. President Gu is doing this because you've hurt the interests of Gu Corporation.

"Your previous works have already been mass-produced and the first batch has been sold. I think you've already made a small profit and invested a lot of money into production.

"But you forgot that you plagiarized my work, and my work, 'Returning Dream', has already been sold to Gu Corporation. What you're doing is affecting the interests of Gu Corporation. Not only did you plagiarize my work, but you're also profiting off it illegally. How do you intend to compensate us?" Yao Mengqing's face turned pale instantly!

"I think you'll soon be receiving a lawyer's letter from Gu Corporation, Miss Yao."

Everyone instantly reacted, and Lin Jie's expression was also very ugly.

If it were just a case of plagiarism and Yao Mengqing didn't profit from it, she only needed to apologize to Yun Chu in front of everyone and suffer moral condemnation. At most, she would have to pay a sum

of money, but it wouldn't be too much. It wouldn't hurt Yao Mengqing at all. However, if the matter involved Gu Corporation, the nature of the matter would be different. President Gu had always been someone who would not suffer losses. How could he tolerate Yao Mengqing invading his interests?

Sunshine had no chance of winning against Gu Corporation!

Yao Mengqing did not care about her image anymore and rushed to Gu Zheng. Just as she was about to touch his hand, she was flung away by a strong force. Yao Mengqing lost her balance and fell backward. Luckily, Lin Jie rushed over and hugged her.

"Ah Zheng... No, no!"

Hearing her pleas, Gu Zheng stood up abruptly, his eyes filled with impatience.

Just then, Song Shijing handed Gu Zheng a handkerchief and Gu Zheng took it. He wiped his hands in front of everyone as if they were stained with dirt.

He then threw the handkerchief into the rubbish bin.

They had long heard that President Gu did not like women and was cold and heartless. Seeing him today, it was true.

Yao Mengqing's eyes were filled with humiliation. Then, she fainted.

Qiao Xi rolled her eyes. Yao Mengqing fainted again? But it seemed like it was real this time. This woman's mental endurance was truly too poor. She fainted whenever she encountered something.

Chapter 447: Diamond Brooch

In the design industry, the most famous designer was undoubtedly Yun Chu, but she had always kept a low profile. The number of people who had seen her true face could be counted on one hand. Now that her true face was exposed, it caused a wave of buzz on the internet and instantly took the top spot on Weibo's list of trending topics.

There was no mention of Yun Chu's real name in the photo, nor was there any mention of it in the comments. In the photo, Yun Chu's face was a little blurry as if it had been done on purpose. However, just this photo alone was enough to stir up the netizens.

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All the celebrities in the entertainment industry took pride in wearing Yun Chu's jewelry. If they wanted better resources, they absolutely could not offend Yun Chu. Knowing that Yao Mengqing had copied Yun Chu's work and angered Yun Chu, everyone naturally knew what to do. From then on, no one would work with Yao Mengqing anymore.

Qiao Xi raised her brows. "Sunshine is about to cease to exist. Yao Mengqing has failed miserably this time. I want to see how she'll survive in the design industry in the future!"

Gu Zheng sat calmly on the chair and took a sip of tea.

Qiao Xi was unable to calm down. She was a person that wouldn't offend others unless they offended her, and when she saw Yao Mengqing suffer retribution, she was unable to restrain her happiness. She could not control her emotions.

"Gu Zheng, why aren't you happy at all?! You didn't even see Yao Mengqing's expression at that time. Also, after those people found out that I'm Yun Chu, their expressions completely changed!

"Have you sued Sunshine?"

"How much does Yao Mengqing have to pay this time? I previously estimated that she would pay 20 to 50 million yuan. After all, it's Gu Corporation that's suing her. She'll definitely have to pay a heavy price!"

Gu Zheng looked up slowly. "How much do you want her to pay?"

Qiao Xi blinked her eyes. "Actually, I don't need much. But I heard that the Yao family's business has always been managed by her elder brother, and her elder brother didn't do anything wrong, so there's no need for me to make the other members of the Yao family suffer. I think it's better to not let Yao Mengqing use her identity as the eldest young miss of the Yao family to compensate for her crimes."

Gu Zheng suddenly thought of Liang Pingchuan's words—

'Little Six may look weak, but if anyone bullies her, she'll definitely take revenge. President Gu, I have to give you a heads-up. If you don't like Little Six's vengeful personality, you'd better quickly divorce her, or you won't be able to accept her true colors.'

Gu Zheng curled his lips, and his eyes were full of smiles. He held her hand and led her to the study. "I have a present for you."

Actually, there was nothing bad about taking revenge for a grievance no matter how small. As long as it was Qiao Xi, everything was fine with him.

Gu Zheng walked into the study, opened the safe, and took out a dark red box. When he lifted the lid, there was a diamond brooch inside. It was light and exquisite. It was decorated with diamonds but did not appear luxurious or complicated.

Qiao Xi looked at the brooch and suddenly felt that this brooch was slightly strange.

She grew up on the mountain and had learned some knowledge about hidden weapons from her master and teacher. She had also seen those exquisite hidden weapons with her own eyes. Furthermore, her teacher had also given her a hidden weapon—silver needles.

As long as she did not encounter any hidden weapons expert, she could pierce the silver needle into the other party without anyone noticing.

There would be some poison on the silver needles. This way, she would be able to poison someone without anyone knowing.

She knew about hidden weapons, so she could tell that this brooch was also a hidden weapon.

"Why are you giving me this?"

Gu Zheng said slowly, "The hidden weapon you have on you is too weak. It's still not enough to protect yourself. Moreover, Li City doesn't allow guns. If you encounter any danger, this brooch can save you."

Qiao Xi's throat suddenly felt dry: "..."

"Besides, isn't your brooch broken? I'll give you one as compensation. This brooch is useless if left here. You're just the right person for it."

Qiao Xi seriously studied the brooch for a moment, then a silver light instantly burst out from it and was directly shot at the wall. This power was indeed stronger than her concealed weapons.

"President!"

Just then, Song Shijing knocked on the door of the study and walked in slowly. He was slightly surprised to see the brooch in Qiao Xi's hand but soon recovered his senses and reported respectfully, "President, the old madam is awake.."

Chapter 448: Why Should I Give Up The Hope Of Living?

Hearing that Old Madam Gu had woken up, Gu Zheng suddenly looked up.

Qiao Xi's heart trembled. Old Madam Gu had woken up?

She was seriously ill and unconscious. They had looked for countless doctors to treat her, but even those doctors were helpless. They could only allow her to fall into a deep sleep from time to time, hoping that she would wake up.

Old Madam Gu would wake up once every two days in the beginning. Now, she would only wake up once a week or even longer. Furthermore, she could only be awake for two to three hours each time. Hence, this period of time was extremely precious.

Song Shijing was a little excited. "But Old Madam Gu has been awake for three hours this time. She said she wanted to see you."

Gu Zheng's thin lips parted slightly. "Come! Let's go to the old residence!"

Qiao Xi put on the brooch, and the two of them rushed out of the door.

After getting into the car, she couldn't help but ask, "Gu Zheng, actually, the poison in Grandma's body isn't incurable. Although my grandpa has gone missing, my teacher and third brother's medical skills are also very advanced. They might have a way."

Gu Zheng pursed his lips. "Grandma doesn't want to."

Qiao Xi frowned. "Why?"

'When she met Old Madam Gu previously, she had also mentioned this matter. At that time, Old Madam Gu was concerned about her words and did not directly answer her question.

Qiao Xi really didn't understand. The old madam already knew that she would frequently fall unconscious and her condition was getting worse. She clearly knew that she could still be saved, so why didn't she fight for it?

Although her grandpa had gone missing, her third brother's medical skills were also very brilliant. Even if he couldn't completely cure the poison, he could still control the illness. Furthermore, as long as Old Madam Gu gave the order, Gu Zheng would spend a lot of money to invite the world's famous doctors no matter what.

So... why was she giving up on her own life?

Gu Zheng's heart trembled as he slowly closed his eyes.

It had been a while since the poison acted up. It was all because he drank Qiao Xi's blood that the poison in his body was temporarily suppressed.

However, once the descendant of the divine physician used their blood to save someone, they would suffer a certain degree of backlash. If Gu Zheng continued to use Qiao Xi's blood to detoxify the poison in his body, then her body would become weaker day by day.

If the person who was being treated was about to die, the descendant of the divine physician would be severely injured and might even die on the spot.

He didn't know what his outcome would be. It might be blindness, paralysis, or even death. Gu Zheng was utterly uncertain, but no matter what it was, he wouldn't allow Qiao Xi to take this risk.

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes. "I don't know. Grandma has her reasons for doing this. She doesn't want to receive treatment. It could also be that your grandfather had already tried to treat her back then."

Qiao Xi nodded and felt that it was possible as well. A person whom even the divine physician was unable to save was a lost cause.

However, Qiao Xi still felt that something was off. Even if her grandfather said that there was no hope, how could a person easily give up the hope of living? Even if it was extremely unlikely, they should still try!

However, it was not that Old Madam Gu had lost hope. She simply did not want to talk about this matter. Why was that so?

At the Gu family's old residence.

Gu Zheng and Qiao Xi went straight to Old Madam Gu's residence as soon as they entered. She liked the quietness, so she lived in the courtyard at the back of the old residence. The scenery was beautiful, and no one would disturb her most of the time, so she was happy to have peace and quiet.

Just as the two of them were about to enter, Old Madam Gu's personal servant stopped Qiao Xi and said respectfully, "Young Madam, I'm really sorry. Old Madam Gu wants to speak to President Gu alone."

Qiao Xi nodded.

Gu Zheng walked into the house. Old Madam Gu opened her tired eyes. "Zheng'er..."
"Grandma."

Old Madam Gu sighed. "Zheng'er, I only found out today that the lady you married is your junior. I think you must really like her."

Gu Zheng replied without hesitation, "Yes, I like her."

“I know you. You have her in your heart, so even if you risk losing your sight and life, you won’t let her help you detoxify the poison in your body, right?”

Gu Zheng felt bitter in his heart.

Old Madam Gu’s eyes reddened as she recalled the past. She said helplessly, “Zheng’er, there’s no one in this world who understands your feelings better than I do. If the person you love the most loses her life in order to save you, you’ll be in pain even if you live..”

Chapter 449: Lone Star

“She gave up her life to save you. You know that she did her best to save you, so you can’t even bear to die for fear of letting her down. But at the same time, you also feel that staying alive is too boring, and you’re tormented by pain every day. I’ve already experienced this kind of pain in my life, and I don’t want you to suffer the same. But... has she already used her blood to cure you?”

Gu Zheng’s voice was hoarse. “It was my negligence, but I’ll never let her take the risk again.”

“Mmm, good child.” Old Madam Gu heaved a sigh of relief. “Her blood can cure the poison, but this is not a good thing. You must protect her to the best of your ability. You must not let anyone else know this secret.”

Outside the door, Qiao Xi asked the servant curiously, “Do you know why Old Madam Gu doesn’t wish to receive treatment? Actually, I can arrange for someone to treat her.”

The servant smiled bitterly. “Maybe it’s because Old Madam Gu is kind-hearted and doesn’t want the younger generation to worry about her, so she doesn’t accept treatment.”

Was this the reason? Qiao Xi fell into deep thought.

At this moment, there was a commotion nearby.

Gu Weiming said agitatedly, “Gu Zheng is the same as his mother. He’s a complete lunatic! His illness has never been cured. I think he’ll go blind soon. At that time, he’ll no longer be qualified to be the successor of the Gu family. We’ll lock him up in the courtyard of the Gu family’s backyard and announce to the public that he’s seriously ill. Let him fend for himself!”

After he left, a few people from the Lu family said excitedly, “Gu Weiming is right! If Gu Zheng were not sick, he would indeed be the most suitable candidate to inherit the position. However, he’s a lunatic! Furthermore, he’s destined to be blind! How can the Gu family be handed to a useless person like him?!”

“I still remember his crazy expression when he was locked in the basement when he was young. His eyes looked like they wanted to kill someone! How scary!”

“When he goes crazy, he’ll really kill people! And his eyes are... Sigh! Let’s not talk about it. Just hearing about it makes me panic. Anyway, people like him are jinxes. He doesn’t deserve to have relatives. He should have been abandoned at birth!”

Qiao Xi gritted her teeth in anger as she listened to their discussion.

They actually dared to say such things about Gu Zheng behind his back. Such people would definitely go to hell after they died!

Those people didn't realize that Qiao Xi was nearby, and they continued to ridicule Gu Zheng. These people were jealous of Gu Zheng and didn't dare face him head-on, so they only dared to speak a few bad words behind his back. They were all bark and no bite!

Qiao Xi's eyes were filled with danger as she raised her wrist and lightly flicked it. A few silver needles flew out rapidly, and after swiftly pricking a few people, they were quickly retracted. This process only took two seconds. It wouldn't leave any traces.

"Ah! It hurts! What is it?"

"I also feel a sharp pain in my back!"

"What's going on?"

"Could it be G-Gu Zheng? I heard that he just came back to visit Old Madam Gu!"

Qiao Xi smiled smugly and counted to three in her heart. The few of them instantly turned pale, then they hugged their stomachs and started to look for the toilet in a panic.

"Naughty!" Gu Zheng's gentle voice suddenly rang out. After he finished speaking with the old madam, the old madam fell asleep due to exhaustion. The moment he went out, he saw Qiao Xi using her hidden weapon.

Qiao Xi smiled awkwardly. "How am I naughty? I'm just playing! It's not a big deal, haha..."

She laughed a few times and suddenly realized how long Gu Zheng had been standing there. In fact, she didn't care about her hidden weapon being exposed. In any case, Gu Zheng already knew about it, but did he hear what those people had said just now?

They said Gu Zheng was a piece of trash, a lunatic

Qiao Xi's face sank, and her eyes were filled with worry. However, he was calm and composed.

"Grandmother woke up for a very long time this time, and she's in pretty good health. Let's stay here and accompany her for a few days, alright?"

Qiao Xi nodded without the slightest hesitation. Old Madam Gu was old and couldn't stay awake for long, so it was only right for Gu Zheng to stay here and accompany her.

"I have my own courtyard in the Gu family." Gu Zheng's eyes darkened. "You should know that."

Qiao Xi had naturally heard of it before. The courtyard was called Maple Garden, and since it was called this name, the place he lived in ought to be filled with maple trees. It would surely be extremely beautiful when autumn arrived and the ground was covered in red maple leaves.

Chapter 450: Darkness Is Pain

"Let's go there," Gu Zheng said.

Qiao Xi nodded her head and followed Gu Zheng inside. The more she walked, the heavier her heart became. Old Madam Gu's courtyard was already remote enough, but Gu Zheng's courtyard was still a

long walk away. Moreover, the surroundings were becoming more and more desolate, not like a place where people lived.

Although Gu Zheng was an illegitimate child, he was Gu Weiming's only son when he returned to the Gu family. Even if he didn't like this son of his, he shouldn't have built Gu Zheng's courtyard in such a remote place.

This should be the northernmost courtyard of the Gu family's old residence. It seemed like no one had ever come to clean it. There were two large bare trees at the entrance, and the ground was covered with fallen leaves. There was no maple tree as expected.

Qiao Xi looked up and saw a small two-story building in front of her. Even though she wasn't a professional architect, she could still see the oddness of this small building. The color of the building was gray. It looked just like an unfinished house.

This... was where Gu Zheng lived since he was young?

Every courtyard in the Gu family's old residence was decorated luxuriously. In order to show off the Gu family's prestige, even the servants' quarters were exquisitely decorated. However, the place where Gu Zheng lived was so dilapidated.

Qiao Xi's heart was filled with doubt as she followed Gu Zheng's footsteps. She was just about to enter when she heard waves of knocking sounds coming from inside. They seemed to be doing renovation work?

This was Gu Zheng's courtyard. Without his permission, who would come here to mess about?

Qiao Xi pushed open the door and walked in. She instantly frowned. "Who are you? What are you doing?!"

A few people were hammering on the windows. Some of the windows were already covered by thick wooden planks, leaving only two or three windows on the second floor.

Gu Zheng's eyes were cold, and he suddenly felt a sharp pain.

Qiao Xi was extremely furious. "How audacious of you?! Who allowed you to seal these windows?!"

One of the middle-aged men turned around and looked at Qiao Xi with a lofty gaze.

"What's with the noise?! I'm doing this for my good nephew, Gu Zheng! Isn't he sick? The doctor said that he can't see the light due to his illness. Once I heard about this, I quickly brought people over to seal all the windows here so that he wouldn't be uncomfortable staying here!

"President Gu, am I right?"

Gu Zheng's lifeless eyes gradually focused and burst forth with raging fury.

However, the middle-aged man was still arrogant. "Tell me, you've been living here since you were young. Why did you go out? What if you hurt others when your illness relapses? You'd better stay here obediently. Don't worry, I guarantee that not even a ray of light can penetrate this place!"

This was Gu Zheng's uncle?

No, no, it was Huang Lilan's brother?

Qiao Xi's eyes darkened. Was this woman crazy? It seemed like Gu Weiming had not divorced her yet, so this woman was too free!

She suppressed the anger in her heart and rushed forward to snatch the hammer from one of them. "Let me tell you. If any of you dare to do anything today, this hammer in my hand will be used on you! Do you believe me?! I'll be sure to teach you a lesson today!"

Huang Lilan's younger brother, Huang Wei, got a fright. "It was Madam Gu who asked me to do this. You..."

"What? If you don't believe me, then come and give it a try! You said that Gu Zheng is a lunatic, so you should know that if I could marry Gu Zheng, that means I'm not a good person either!"

Qiao Xi picked up the hammer and smashed it heavily on the ground, instantly creating a deep pit. She opened her mouth and threatened, "I don't know if all of you will be able to endure a strike of this hammer!"

Everyone shuddered as they looked at the pit on the ground. They seemed to have imagined their own heads being smashed in and hurriedly fled.

Qiao Xi turned around and shouted loudly, "Tell Huang Lilan that today's matter isn't over!"

Huang Wei was frightened by Qiao Xi's fierce gaze. He staggered and fell to the ground, but he didn't hesitate. He got up and continued running.

Gu Zheng didn't move an inch. His eyes were bloodshot, and the pain was destroying his rationality.

From the moment he entered the door, he could no longer control himself. This was not the first time he had seen such a scene. He had faced these kinds of things since his childhood. He had lived here since he was young, after all.

To him, darkness was pain.

However, those people knew that he would lose his sight in the dark. They even cut off the power source and nailed the windows. They were happy to see him struggle in the dark..