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### Chapter 481 Her Dowry

Old Madam Qiao heaved a sigh of relief and pretended to be loving. "Xi Xi, look, Rou Rou has already paid the price. Her face and body are covered in injuries. Moreover, Rou Rou and Moling can't get married anymore. You should calm down!"

Seeing that the matter had escalated to this point, the guests had long wanted to leave. However, because Gu Zheng was sitting there, no one dared to take that first move.

Under the burning gazes of everyone, Qiao Xi said casually, "When my mother married into the Qiao family, she had a dowry. I heard that Madam Xu Mei wants to use it as Qiao Rou's dowry and bring it to Gu Moling's family?"

Hearing this, Xu Mei's heart skipped a beat as she turned pale with fright. "Xi Xi, I... I thought..."

Qiao Zhenguo looked at Gu Zheng's gloomy eyes and hurriedly walked forward. He explained while trembling, "Xi Xi, don't... misunderstand! We're not trying to take the dowry for ourselves, but... Now that there's a problem with the Qiao family's company, we can't fork out the money for now. Rou Rou is about to get married, and the person she wants to marry is the young master of the Gu family, so we wanted to borrow your mother's dowry first. When the Qiao family recovers, we'll return the dowry to you."

"Heh." Qiao Xi sneered. "But Qiao Rou and Gu Moling aren't getting married anymore. Shouldn't this dowry be returned to its rightful owner, then?"

Qiao Zhenguo frowned as cold sweat broke out on his back. Xu Mei's face was filled with horror as well. The two of them felt a chill run down their spines.

Qiao Zhenguo lowered his head and did not say anything. The dowry left behind by Xia Yunqiu was not worth a small amount. It was comparable to the net worth of several Qiao families.

Now that the Qiao family's company was gone, they could only rely on the assets and companies left behind by Xia Yunqiu to make a comeback. If they did not have those, they would be in trouble.

Moreover, this dowry had always been in his hands. It had already been so many years, so why should he give it to Qiao Xi just because she wanted it back?

Qiao Zhenguo looked troubled, but if he did not agree, President Gu would not let him off easily. He might even lose his life!

"Father seems to be... unwilling! My younger sister and I are both daughters of the Qiao family. When she was getting, you were afraid that she would be aggrieved and were willing to give my mother's dowry to her. Now that you've found out I'm married, why can't you give this dowry to me? Moreover, this dowry belongs to me. There's nothing wrong with giving it to me!"

Qiao Xi said unhurriedly, "I've already married into the Gu family, so how can I not have a dowry? In your eyes, Gu Zheng can't compare to Gu Moling, huh? Is that why you think there's no need to give me a dowry?"

As soon as she finished speaking, Gu Zheng slowly raised his eyes and stared coldly at Qiao Zhengguo. Qiao Zhengguo's face instantly turned pale as he said helplessly, "Xi Xi, that's your mother's dowry. Logically speaking, I should give it to you, but..."

Qiao Zhengguo looked troubled. It was as if there was a huge pressure behind him, and his body was trembling slightly.

"But you know how difficult it is for the Qiao family right now. We really need this money to make a comeback. Moreover, your mother has been dead for so many years. She left you behind, and the Qiao family has been taking care of you. You also know that raising a child requires a lot of money. Although she's dead, she still has the responsibility to raise you. She should pay the child support fees."

Qiao Zhengguo turned to look at Gu Zheng and smiled obsequiously. "President Gu, how would we dare to patronize you?! It's just that Xi Xi didn't tell us that she has gotten married. Otherwise, I would definitely have given her the dowry. I thought that Xi Xi wouldn't be able to use the dowry for the time being, so I planned to give it to Rou Rou first. I didn't expect Xi Xi to have already married you.

"Moreover, President Gu, you also know that the Qiao family has been in turmoil all these years. The assets and dowry Yun Qiu left behind have all been used to fill the gaps. Xi Xi now wants me to hand over all the dowry. I really... can't do it!"

The guests nodded thoughtfully. Actually, Qiao Zhengguo was right. The dowry was Xia Yunqiu's premarital assets, but the two of them had been married for so many years. Moreover, Xia Yunqiu had also passed away for so many years. This sum of money should be given to Qiao Zhengguo. Moreover, Qiao Zhengguo had also been taking care of Qiao Xi's basic necessities. This was quite a large sum. It seemed to be slightly inappropriate for the Qiao family to give it all away.

Seeing that everyone nodded affirmatively, Qiao Zhengguo's expression softened.

#### Chapter 482 Godparents' Support

"I spent a lot of money raising you. I couldn't bear the burden alone, so... I spent a portion of your mother's dowry on you. If you want all of it back, I really can't do it!" Qiao Zhengguo tried his best to persuade her. "Xi Xi, actually, I've always had high hopes for you all these years. I know you hate Xu Mei and Rou Rou. That's why I haven't let Xu Mei formally join the Qiao family. It's just that this is Rou Rou's engagement banquet, so I let her come back. However, you fell out with the Qiao family over such a small matter. How can I hand the Qiao family to you?"

"Xi Xi, I'm your father. Although we've had some misunderstandings, you'll always be my daughter. You can't... quarrel with your family like this. It won't be good for your reputation either. Tell me..."

At this moment, footsteps came from outside. Gu Zheng slowly looked up. "Mr. Qin, Madam Qin, please come in."

Qiao Xi was stunned for a few seconds before abruptly turning around.

At this moment, an elegant noblewoman and her husband were standing at the door. The two of them were dressed exquisitely with faint smiles on their lips. Under everyone's gazes, they slowly walked in. Qin Xian swept his gaze around and looked gently at Qiao Xi. Then, he walked in front of Gu Zheng and nodded slightly. The two of them greeted each other.

Madam Qin, who was beside him, was dressed fashionably. She had supple skin and a proud figure. She wore a sparkling sapphire necklace on her neck and exuded the charm of a mature woman. If one did not say it, who would know that she was Qin An's mother?

Madam Qin's aura was fully released. Her red lips moved slightly. "President Qiao, the two of us are here today to tell you that Xi Xi's family isn't the Qiao family!"

Qiao Xi was slightly surprised and hurriedly walked over to Gu Zheng's side. She lowered her voice and asked, "You reached out to them?"

Madam Qin raised her head arrogantly and glanced at the Qiao family coldly. Then, she sneered. "President Qiao, I heard you outside the door just now. You said that you used Madam Xia's assets to raise Xi Xi. That's reasonable. After all, Qiao Xi isn't your only daughter. Madam Xia should pay a portion of the child support fees, but are you sure you really spent your money on Qiao Xi?" Gu Zheng turned his head and said in Qiao Xi's ear, "I was the one who asked them to support you. Are you surprised?"

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Qiao Xi hurriedly nodded. This was truly a pleasant surprise! "You said that the Qiao family's business isn't doing well, so how did Xu Mei have the spare money to buy jewelry? I heard that Madam Xu spent more than ten million yuan in a jewelry store once. Who exactly does this money belong to? I think everyone knows it very well."

Qiao Zhenguo's face instantly turned livid. "You... Who are you? What does my conversation with my daughter have to do with you?"

Madam Qin ignored him and walked up to Xu Mei. She raised her hand and slapped her hard, then tore off a necklace from her neck.

"Everyone, take a good look. This necklace is HT's new model. It's a custom-made piece. The price is about ten million yuan. Madam Xu seems to have bought more than this. "President Qiao, you said that you spent a lot of money to raise Xi Xi, but from what I know, you didn't raise Xi Xi at all. The Qiao family abandoned her in the countryside and let her fend for herself. They even let an illegitimate daughter occupy her identity and assets. Now, they even want to give Madam Xia's dowry to an illegitimate daughter. Do you think we're all stupid?"

Qiao Xi ran over to Madam Qin and shouted happily, "Godmother! Godfather!"

"My good daughter!" Madam Qin raised her eyebrows and looked at Qiao Zhenguo with disdain. "I'm sorry, President Qiao. Qiao Xi is my daughter. You're not worthy of being her father! You took Xi Xi's assets and raised your mistress and illegitimate daughter. How dare you bargain here? Hurry up and return the dowry to Xi Xi!"

As soon as she finished speaking, she walked in front of Qiao Zhenguo with anger radiating from all over her body and rolled her eyes. "President Qiao, you dote on your illegitimate daughter but mistreat the daughter of the legitimate wife. You even let Qiao Rou malign Xi Xi. Is this how you are as a father?"

“And Old Madam Qiao, you forced Xi Xi to break up with Gu Moling for the sake of an illegitimate daughter. You didn’t care at all that Xi Xi and Gu Moling were engaged a long time ago. Why should Xi Xi give in? As Xi Xi’s grandmother, you’re biased toward an illegitimate daughter. Are you worthy to be Xi Xi’s grandmother?”

Chapter 483 Everyone Kicks A Man Who Is Down

Madam Qin’s eyes were filled with anger as she said to Qiao Xi, “Xi Xi, don’t be afraid. Godmother will stand up for you. I’m here to see who dares to bully you!”

With that said, everyone discussed softly.

“They’re from the Qin family in the capital!”

Madam Qin’s words were sharp. “You still want Xi Xi’s assets? Does your Qiao family have any shame?! The person who gave birth to Xi Xi was Madam Xia Yunqiu, and the person who raised Xi Xi was our Qin family. What right do you have to ask for money?”

“You!” Old Madam Qiao’s face was red from embarrassment. The servants beside her helped her stand up.

“Now, Qiao Xi’s backer is our Qin family, and there’s also the supremely powerful President Gu. I’ll tell you clearly today! The Qiao family can forget about taking a single cent from Xi Xi!”

The guests started whispering when they heard this. “So, Qiao Xi was adopted by the Qin family. No wonder she managed to get married to President Gu. It looks like they’ve known each other since they were young.”

“In my opinion, the Qiao family is in the wrong here. Although I have business dealings with the Qiao family, I have to be fair about this. Moreover, the Qiao family’s relatives have all been implicated now. If we still stand on the Qiao family’s side, we’ll definitely be implicated as well.”

Qiao Zhenguo pursed his lips tightly, his face livid. Just as he was about to retort, his friend, who had always been close to him, spoke first.

“President Qiao, I think Madam Qin is right. Mrs. Gu was abandoned when she was young. It was Madam Qin who raised her. As a father, you didn’t fulfill your responsibility to raise her. You... You don’t have the right to take Madam Xia’s dowry. I advise you to return the dowry to Mrs. Gu!”

Qiao Zhenguo immediately swallowed his words.

Gu Zheng sat on the sofa and smiled meaningfully. Now, those who were close to the Qiao family in the past could not wait to cut ties with the Qiao family.

“President Qiao, I didn’t expect you to abandon your biological daughter and let an illegitimate daughter squander Sister Yunqiu’s inheritance. You even chased Qiao Xi to the countryside. You’re too heartless as a father!”

“That’s right! We were wrong to believe that President Qiao was a loyal person. You’re so heartless to your own daughter, let alone us. You might scam us of a sum of money one day, so I’ve decided not to have any more dealings with the Qiao family!”

“We have to cut off all ties with the Qiao family!”

Qiao Zhenguo’s body went limp, and he swayed so much that he was about to faint. Old Madam Qiao gritted her teeth, but in the face of supreme power, she was powerless to retort.

The guests all denounced the Qiao family and declared that they would cut ties with them.

Actually, they did not think that Qiao Zhenguo was that heartless. It was just that he had offended Gu Zheng’s wife. This group of people naturally wanted to take the opportunity to curry favor with Gu Zheng, so they all reprimanded Qiao Zhenguo.

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At this moment, Qiao Xi slowly stood up from the main seat and said coldly, “I presume everyone knows that this villa was left behind by my mother. I should have been the one to inherit it, but it’s been occupied by the Qiao family for so many years. They even stole the jewelry and company my mother left for me. It’s time for them to return everything to me!”

With that said, everyone forced Qiao Zhenguo to hand over his late wife’s inheritance.

Qiao Zhenguo’s face darkened as he glared fiercely at Qiao Xi. “You... Qiao Xi! You...”

“What about me?” Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows and smiled sarcastically. Then, she walked in front of Xu Mei and tore off a crystal bracelet from her hand.

“Madam Xu, you’ve been borrowing this bracelet for so many years. It’s time to return it to me!”

Everyone cursed in succession. “The Qiao family willingly accepting a mistress means that they’re not good people. This pair of mother and daughter are two-faced b\*tches. They pretend to be gentle and weak on the surface, but they actually stole Qiao Xi’s things behind her back. They even made use of others to try and kill her!”

“President Qiao, I really don’t know what you’re thinking. How could you like such a b\*tch?”

“Mrs. Gu is right. Zhenguo, you’ve been occupying her villa for so many years. She doesn’t have any other requests. She just wants you to return what rightfully belongs to her. You’d better leave with the Qiao family!”

“I was wondering how the Qiao family could afford such a big villa. It turns out that it was bought by Madam Xia! President Qiao, this villa is not yours to begin with. It’s not appropriate for you to let your mistress and your illegitimate daughter stay here, right?”

#### Chapter 484 The Qiao Family Was Chased Away

The guests were all the Qiao family’s relatives and friends. Now, they did not care about their relationship with the Qiao family anymore. They were afraid that Gu Zheng would take his anger out on them because of the Qiao family, so they quickly distanced themselves from the Qiao family.

Once one person started to criticize, everyone started cursing along.

President Gu had personally come today because he wanted the Qiao family to be abandoned and lose everything. If Mrs. Gu was satisfied, she naturally would not look for trouble with them.

Qiao Zhenguo was indeed a scumbag. Everything he had now belonged to Xia Yunqiu. Unexpectedly, after Xia Yunqiu died, he threw Qiao Xi to the countryside and even took Xia Yunqiu's money to support his mistress and illegitimate daughter. Such a person should not have a good ending.

Qiao Zhenguo lowered his head, his body trembling violently. Why did Qiao Xi marry Gu Zheng? Why did she bring Gu Zheng back with her? Why was she forcing them to leave the villa?

Bang!

Someone threw a bottle over and smashed it heavily on Qiao Zhenguo's head. A wound instantly appeared on his forehead, and blood slowly gushed out.

"Qiao Zhenguo, you've implicated us! Get lost!"

Someone made a move. Everyone instantly swarmed over and pushed the Qiao family out.

Old Madam Qiao's legs were weak to begin with, and she was almost pushed down. She instantly roared. "Let go! This is our Qiao family's villa! What right—".

"Old hag! You still have the cheek to say that this is the Qiao family's villa?! This is Madam Xia's pre-marital assets. What right does the Qiao family have to stay here? Hurry up and get lost! You're an eyesore standing here!"

Although the Qiao family was not considered a top family in Li City, ever since they inherited Xia Yunqiu's company and assets, they were considered a reputable family. When had Old Madam Qiao ever heard such insults? Her expression instantly darkened as she roared with a ferocious expression. "Qiao Xi! I'm your grandmother, yet you're actually chasing us out! You unfilial granddaughter! Unfilial..."

Her shouts gradually disappeared from the living room. She was pushed out by everyone. The walking cane in her hand fell to the floor, and she staggered.

The commotion was so big that the neighbors beside them also came out to watch the show. They discussed among themselves. "I heard that the Qiao family's old madam is a crafty person who abuses her biological granddaughter. Now, she has received her retribution! How embarrassing!"

The anger in Madam Qin's heart had yet to dissipate. "Qiao Xi belongs to the Qin family, but this old woman from the Qiao family even dares to bully her. Does she think the Qin family is easy to bully?"

Qin Xian was gentle like jade and had a mild temper. He was naturally not as shrewish as Madam Qin. He only said indifferently, "I'll help Xi Xi..."

Before he could finish, Madam Qin said angrily, "What's the name of that illegitimate daughter? Qiao Rou, right?! I heard she's a small celebrity. No wonder Little Six doesn't want to live with the Qiao family. What kind of demons are they?!"

After the Qiao family was chased out, the Qiao family's living room instantly became much more spacious. Even the air became fresher.

Song Shijing came forward to clear the scene. The guests did not dare to delay and quickly left. Qiao Xi and the others were the only ones left in the Qiao family's villa.

Madam Qin had her hands on her hips as she looked at Qin An and Qin Xian. She frowned, scaring the two of them. "I won't count on you two anymore. I'll tell my eldest son about this."

Qin Xian: "..."

He smiled slightly. "Wifey, I'll teach Qiao Zhenguo a lesson. How can I let him off since he dares to bully our daughter? In the future, wherever our Qin family is, the Qiao family must hide."

Qin An also nodded. "I'll also help Little Six. I'll definitely not let anyone who dares to bully my sister off. However, if I kill them, it'll be too easy for them. I'll definitely let them taste the pain of being tortured!"

At this moment, the call connected. Mrs. Qin complained on the phone. The other party was silent for a few seconds, then she heard a clear laugh. "Haha, someone's bullying Little Six. Alright, I'll go back immediately." After the call ended, Qin An said aggrievedly, "Brother is coming back? When you found out that Little Six was bullied, you rushed over. Brother is coming back too? If I was the one who got bullied, you definitely wouldn't care this much about me!"

Madam Qin smacked him. "Shut up!"

An hour later, the Qin family left, but Gu Yao came.

Gu Zheng was sitting on the sofa, talking on the phone with someone. His thin lips moved slightly. "Reassess."

Qiao Xi looked at him curiously.

#### Chapter 485 No Blood Relationship

After hanging up, Gu Zheng's face was serious. "I previously sent someone to investigate Qiao Zhenguo, and we found out a secret. Before he married Mother-in-law, he was injured once. That part of his body was injured."

Gu Zheng slowly stood up and leaned closer. "Actually, there's a possibility that you're not Qiao Zhenguo's biological daughter." Qiao Xi frowned. "Actually, I've long suspected this possibility, but I previously took Qiao Zhenguo's hair and did a paternity test. The test report says that we're related by blood. Actually, it doesn't matter if he's my biological father or not. In any case, he has nothing to do with me anymore."

"But Qiao Rou..."

The apple of Qiao Zhenguo's eye, Qiao Rou, was not his biological daughter either. Could it be that Xu Mei had cheated on him?

This news was too explosive!

Gu Zheng said awkwardly, "I think he has lost his ability to procreate, so she shouldn't be related to him by blood."

What? Qiao Zhenguo was infertile?

Qiao Xi had guessed that she was not Qiao Zhenguo's biological daughter, but she did not expect that Qiao Zhenguo was unable to procreate at all. This had indeed caused her to be slightly shocked.

Gu Yao lowered his head.

It would be good if he was not related to the Gu family by blood. This way, he would not be the son of Huang Lilan and Gu Weiming. He could continue to be Gu Zheng's younger brother and even be more carefree than now.

Qiao Xi was slightly puzzled. Since Gu Zheng was so sure, it meant that he had already obtained an official DNA report. However, why did it show that they were father and daughter when she took Qiao Zhenguo's hair to be tested back then?

Qiao Xi's eyes sank. What exactly was the secret behind this?

Gu Yao hurriedly said excitedly, "Qiao Xi, you're not Qiao Zhenguo's daughter! I knew it! How could such a wretched family be related to you?!"

"Qiao Xi, are you going to ask why the DNA test said that you did state you and Qiao Zhenguo are father and daughter? I think there's a possibility that your mother was chased after by someone, so she could only hide her identity and escape to Li City. She founded a company and left behind a huge amount of wealth. She was afraid that someone would discover your whereabouts, so she found Qiao Zhenguo and they pretended to get married. The mastermind was afraid that you would find your biological father, so they faked the DNA test report."

Qiao Xi: "..."

With Gu Yao's imagination, he should be writing novels!

Just then, Song Shiyu walked over. "President, the villa has been cleaned up."

Gu Zheng nodded and looked at Qiao Xi gently. "Change the name."

Qiao Xi raised her eyes and looked at the plaque with the words 'Qiao family's villa' that was usually hung on the wall of the villa's outer courtyard. Gu Zheng had instructed someone to take it down.

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She thought for a moment. "My mom's surname is Xia, so let's change it to 'Xia Residence'!"

Gu Zheng stroked her hair. "The DNA results will be out tomorrow. I'll go with you."

Qiao Xi nodded.

The next day.

The test this time was done by Gu Zheng's people to avoid the results from being affected. As expected, Qiao Xi and Qiao Zhenguo were not related by blood.

Qiao Xi's eyes narrowed slightly, and her voice was cold. "The test I did earlier was tampered with. Looks like someone was stopping me from finding out the truth. It can also be said that the other party was stopping me from finding my biological father!

"But what's the mastermind's goal? What's my mother's true identity? I have a feeling that their background is definitely not simple. They're probably from a large family.



“The person who stopped me from finding out the truth probably thinks that if I find out, it’ll harm their interests and even make them lose everything.”

Gu Zheng looked up. “You’re right. In order to cover up this truth, that person has been monitoring the Qiao family. It might be someone from the Qiao family.”

Seeing Qiao Xi’s frown, Gu Zheng smiled. “Don’t think about it. I’ll help you investigate. I’ve asked Song Shiyu to help you manage Mother-in-law’s businesses. Do you want to take a look?”

Qiao Xi hurriedly nodded. She had to go!

Gu Zheng comforted her softly, saying, “This matter has been hidden for so many years. We can’t rush it. We have to slowly investigate.”

He was a little hesitant, but he still asked a sharp question. “Do you... want to find your biological father?” Qiao Xi’s eyes were indifferent. “It doesn’t matter to me whether I find him or not. In any case, I have four brothers and you by my side. A father figure isn’t that important to me anymore.”

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Gu Zheng smiled gently and glanced at Song Shijing. Song Shijing immediately understood what he meant. He walked out and made a call. “Mr. Qin, um... the president will bring Young Madam over later.

“Alright, Mr. Qin. Thank you so much. Young Madam will be very happy when she finds out the surprise you’ve prepared for her!”

The businesses under Xia Yunqiu’s name were originally under Qiao Corporation. Now that they were all taken back, Qiao Xi directly changed the headquarters’ name to ‘Yunqiu’. Only her mother’s name was worthy of these businesses.

In the future, she would be the boss of these businesses. How could she not go take a look at the situation?

Li Xing’er came over early to congratulate her and handed Qiao Xi a small gift box. “This is my gift. It’s just a small token from me.”

Qiao Xi smiled, took it, and held her hand as they entered the mall.

Unexpectedly, the mall that was originally packed with people was very quiet at this moment. Although there were staff members at the entrance of the mall, there were no customers at all. Qiao Xi observed the mall with some doubts. These shops had all changed their names, while announcements of new products and discounts were hanging in the shops. How could there be no customers? When she got closer, she saw that the two sides of a shop were surrounded by bodyguards. No one was allowed to approach.

Gu Zheng’s expression turned cold. Song Shijing said in a hurry, “President, I’ll go see what’s going on.”

Qiao Xi walked toward the shop as well. At this moment, it was being guarded by dozens of bodyguards. All of them were fierce-looking, and the customers could only leave helplessly.

After a while, Song Shijing came back with a gloomy face. "President, the young miss from the Xu branch family is here. Her bodyguards are blocking the door to prevent customers from entering."

Xu family?

Qiao Xi found it slightly familiar, but she could not recall which family it was. It seemed that there was no rich family with the surname Xu in Li City.

A daughter from the branch family came to the mall to buy things but still wanted to clear the area? She was too arrogant.

Li Xing'er sneered. "Xu family? Luo City's Xu family? I've heard of this family."

Song Shijing nodded. "It's the Xu family of Luo City. I don't know what's going on with the Xu family these days. Mr. Xu, Madam Xu, and Miss Xu are all here in Li City. I didn't expect a daughter from the branch family to come with them."

Li Xing'er rushed to the bodyguards and said indignantly, "Who gave you the guts to behave atrociously here?! Hurry up and move aside!"

The bodyguards lowered their heads and glanced at her with serious expressions. "Our miss is here at this mall and we won't let anyone disturb her, so we're in charge of clearing the area."

Qiao Xi watched as a few bodyguards chased the customers away. Although the customers were unwilling, they did not dare resist and could only leave dejectedly.

Li Xing'er was instantly angry. "The noble families of Li City are not inferior to those from Luo City. What right do the people from Luo City have to behave atrociously in Li City's territory? Moreover, I heard that the Xu family is here to look for someone. Why is a daughter from the branch family here?"

Qiao Xi and the others walked forward but were stopped by the bodyguards.

The bodyguards were all extremely arrogant. It was as if they were the noblest dogs in the world. However, they were still dogs!

"It's your honor that our miss came to Li City. She's very favored in the Xu family. How can a small fry like you compare to her?! Leave quickly! Otherwise, don't blame us if we hurt you."

Qiao Xi's expression was indifferent.

Song Shijing's face darkened. If he could not even deal with these bodyguards, how could he be qualified to work under the president? Hence, he immediately contacted the person in charge of the mall.

Li Xing'er knew that this shop belonged to Qiao Xi, so she said with a mocking expression, "Do you guys own this shop? You're chasing people away just because you want to! Is your miss a fairy? Is that why she doesn't dare to meet others? If you block the door like this, who's going to be responsible for the losses?"

The bodyguard looked angry and raised his fist to hit Li Xing'er. Seeing this, Song Shiyu rushed up and kicked him away. He then turned around with a proud expression. "President, am I cool?"

Seeing that one of them had been beaten up, the bodyguards rushed over aggressively. Song Shiyu looked calm and smiled as he attacked. Soon, the people were all lying on the floor and crying.

Was this all the Xu family could do? How useless!

Chapter 487 Mrs. Gu Is Vengeful

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows. She had never seen a noble family so unreasonable. Which young miss would actually request to clear the mall? A young miss from a branch family still dared to be so arrogant in a foreign city?

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At this moment, the manager walked to the door. When he saw Qiao Xi, his face was instantly filled with delight as he hurriedly rushed over. "Miss, you're finally here!"

Qiao Xi looked at the bodyguards who were groaning on the floor, then glanced at the shop. "Why are you alone?"

There should have been many salespeople in the shop, but now, only the manager was left.

The manager looked at the second floor and said helplessly, "Miss Xu is too domineering. She chased the customers away and even got the employees to serve her. However, our business in Luo City needs the Xu family's help. I don't dare to offend Miss Xu."

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth curled up. The Xu family was actually being arrogant in her territory? Even if the head of the Xu family came today, she would make Miss Xu pay a painful price!

Qiao Xi walked into the shop aggressively and instructed, "Go explain to those customers who were chased away and appease their emotions. Also, give them some gifts or discount cards. You must satisfy them."

Then, she instructed another shop assistant, "Throw these bodyguards out with the others. Prepare to receive customers."

The two of them nodded, and then they did as Qiao Xi instructed.

Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully. "I want to meet this extremely noble young miss of the Xu family!"

Li Xing'er was angry. "The Xu family is nothing! This is Li City! Doesn't she know who your husband is? It's President Gu—"

Before she could finish, an ear-piercing female voice came from the second floor. "Who do you think you are?! Our Xu family is a big family, yet you dare to publicly insult us?".

Qiao Xi saw a woman walk down from the second floor. She was wearing branded clothes and walked over arrogantly.

She was followed by a few staff members of Yunqiu. Each of them was carrying a few exquisite bags.

This shop was a high-end shop for women. Most of the items here were custom-made pieces and were very expensive. Even if Li Xing'er was rich, she would not be willing to buy too many.

This Miss Xu actually wanted 18 luxury bags. Li Xing'er widened her eyes in shock. Was this person crazy?! Unexpectedly, Qiao Xi had a smile on her face. Li Xing'er did not understand why she was smiling. Then, she saw Qiao Xi smiling as she walked forward.

"Hello, Miss Xu. I'm Yunqiu's shareholder and the person in charge."

Song Shijing said in Gu Zheng's ear in a low voice, "The bags in her hands are all about a million yuan each. Even a rich family like Miss Li has to hesitate to buy a few. How could a young miss from the Xu branch family possibly fork out so much money?"

These bags added up to about 20 million yuan!

Song Shijing frowned. "It'll be awkward if Miss Xu can't afford it. President, what do you think we should do?"

Gu Zheng's expression was indifferent. "Since she has already decided to buy them, she has to pay for them. If she can't afford it, send the bill to the Xu family." He paused with a smile. "But I'm afraid 20 million isn't enough."

Song Shijing looked confused.

Gu Zheng said, "Mrs. Gu has always been vengeful. Miss Xu disturbed her shop's business, so of course, she has to scam Miss Xu. How can 20 million appease her anger?"

Song Shijing: "?" The president seemed to be looking forward to Young Madam's act of revenge!

Qiao Xi asked with a gentle expression, "Many new styles have arrived in the shop today. Which ones do you like, Miss Xu?"

Xu Zidie saw that Qiao Xi was polite and nodded in satisfaction. "I like them all. Wrap them up!"

The shop assistant immediately nodded and carefully packaged the bags. The bags were expensive, and the materials used to pack them were high-quality fabrics. She was afraid that she would accidentally scratch the material.

Xu Zidie saw that all her bags were packed and was about to leave when she was stopped by the manager. "Miss Xu, out of the 18 bags you just bought, ten of them are new products, while seven of them are custom-made pieces. The price is generally around one million per bag. The last bag is our shop's treasure. There's only one in the world and it was designed by Gu Shan. The price for that is 3.5 million yuan."

Chapter 488 Miss Xu Buys Things Without Paying

"Miss Xu, your bill is a total of 21.5 million yuan. Since we're having a promotion now, you can enjoy a discount if you spend more than five million yuan. I'll give you a discount. It'll be exactly 21 million yuan. Do you want to swipe your card or..."

The shop was silent.

Xu Zidie's expression darkened as she exclaimed in a sharp voice, "20 million?"

Was there a mistake?! These bags were worth so much?

The manager still had a smile on his face. "It's 21 million. Miss Xu, you're from Luo City's Xu family, so you definitely don't lack this bit of money. If you happen to not have any money with you, you can send someone over. You can wait here in the meantime. We'll prepare coffee and pastries for you."

Xu Zidie's expression turned livid.

She snorted arrogantly. "Pfft! You want 20 million from me for just these few bags? Do you think I'm a spendthrift?! This is a shady shop. Forget it, I won't bicker with you! I'm going to leave!" With that, she turned to leave.

Qiao Xi stopped her with an indifferent expression and revealed a perfunctory smile. "Miss Xu, our shop mainly focuses on selling luxury goods. The materials we use are also the most expensive. Moreover, these bags were all marked with price tags. It's probably because you didn't look carefully. If... you think you can't afford them, you can still refund them."

Xu Zidie was just a young miss from the Xu branch family. It was a little difficult for her to fork out 20 million at once.

She shouted in exasperation, "You're scamming me!"

"Miss Xu, you've misunderstood." Qiao Xi blinked. "Look at these bags. We've already clearly marked the prices. If you think they're expensive, you could've chosen not to buy them. We wouldn't have forced you. But as the daughter of the Xu family, you want to take the bags and leave without paying. What's the difference between that and robbery?"

"Miss Xu, you're wronging me by saying that I'm scamming you of your money. You got the bodyguards to clear the venue and asked our shop to focus on serving you. According to the usual sales volume, we lost at least three million yuan when you asked to clear the place.

"Moreover, because you chased away other customers, we need to appease them and compensate them. We need a sum of money to do that. This sum of money is more than a million yuan.

"I took on both the costs and didn't ask Miss Xu to compensate, but you're accusing me of scamming you? If you really think so, then won't tolerate it anymore. I hope you can pay for your losses just now!"

Li Xing'er could not help but laugh.

The manager quickly calculated the losses and reported, "Miss, according to the rough estimates of the customers who had to be chased away, we need about 3.7 million yuan. The discount cards and gifts that we gave the customers are worth 1.3 million yuan, so it's exactly five million yuan. Together with the previous 21 million, it's 26 million yuan."

"What? You want more money?! Believe it or not, I'll sue you!"

When Xu Zidie heard this number, she was instantly infuriated. "I'm the young miss of the Xu family. How dare you stop me? It's your honor that I'm here!"

"If others know that I like your bag, they'll definitely buy from you. I'm advertising your shop. Don't be ungrateful and ask me for money. I think you must be crazy poor!"

Xu Zidie pushed Qiao Xi and was about to walk out.

Qiao Xi's eyes darkened. "Since you're unwilling to pay, then let's call the police. If news of this gets out, I'm afraid you'll become famous. I heard that the Xu family's company has made investments in the tourism industry recently. If everyone knows that Miss Xu is someone who doesn't pay for the things she buys, I wonder if they'll still be willing to spend money on the Xu family's businesses?"

"You!" Xu Zidie roared. "You're not showing our Xu family any respect! I... It's your honor that I've taken a liking to the things in your shop. You... You actually dare to threaten me? Do you believe that I'll destroy your shop?! "How dare you threaten me? I'll make you pay a painful price!"

Qiao Xi had a helpless expression. "Alright, then I can only seek the help of the police. The bags you're taking with you are worth more than 20 million. When the matter blows up, the Xu family won't just have to pay 20 million. It might even be 200 million or more."

Xu Zidie's expression was ugly as she gritted her teeth.

Suddenly

"Miss Qiao, Zidie is naughty and mischievous. I apologize on her behalf."

Chapter 489 Best Actor Shen Yu Is Here

A gentle female voice sounded, and everyone looked in the direction of the voice.

Xu Zidie was delighted and hurriedly went forward. "Sister Anran!"

The person was also dressed in gold and silver, but her aura was a few levels higher than Xu Zidie's. It was obvious from her every move that she was a daughter of a noble family. Her bearing and expression were very well-mannered.

The moment this woman appeared, she seemed to be glowing. Her aura announced to everyone that she was a top socialite.

Qiao Xi sized her up and instantly understood that this woman was the eldest daughter of the Xu family, Xu Anran.

Xu Anran's arrogant gaze landed on Qiao Xi, then she revealed a gentle smile. "Miss Qiao, my younger sister is spoiled by her family. She might be a little inappropriate in her actions, but our Xu family will absolutely not owe anyone anything. We'll pay what we should. There's no need for a discount. Use this card."

Xu Anran took out a black card from her bag and handed it to Qiao Xi. "My dad gave me this card. There's no limit to the amount. It's only 20 million yuan. It's enough."

With that, she turned to look at Xu Zidie. "You can't be so willful next time."

"Sister Anran, I was wrong. Eldest Uncle is so good to you. He actually gave you a black card. You're indeed the eldest daughter of the Xu family. That wandering woman definitely can't compare to..." Suddenly, her expression changed. She knew that she had said something wrong and hurriedly smiled awkwardly. "Sister An Ran, don't think too much. I mean, you're the eldest daughter of the Xu family. No one can be nobler than you."

Xu Anran's expression did not change as she smiled indifferently. "Yes."

She swiped her card and left first. She had a strong aura and looked like a noble young miss. Xu Zidie immediately followed her while the bodyguards followed behind the two sisters.

Suddenly, Xu Anran stopped in her tracks. A trace of viciousness flashed past her eyes, but when she turned around, she was smiling gently. "Miss Qiao, we'll meet again!"

Then, the bodyguards stood beside Xu Anran and slowly disappeared in front of everyone.

Li Xing'er pursed her lips. "The eldest daughter of the Xu family in Luo City is really imposing! She even needs dozens of bodyguards to accompany her when she goes shopping. Those who don't know might think that someone is trying to assassinate her! I'm really speechless!"

"However, Xu Anran is indeed not simple. She's a popular female celebrity and the eldest daughter of the Xu family. No one in the entertainment industry dares to provoke her. Because of this, she has obtained many good resources."

"Maybe it's because she's not only the eldest daughter of the Xu family but also a popular celebrity, so she needs so many bodyguards when she goes out!"

Song Shijing frowned. "I have a feeling that this young miss did it on purpose. Although there are many people in the mall, there's no need to clear the area. It's like she's doing it for someone to see."

For who, then?

Qiao Xi was stunned for a few seconds.

This seemingly noble and dignified Miss Xu was not as gentle as she looked. She just knew how to hide her true colors well. Such a person was even more terrifying. If one was careless, one would fall into her trap.

Qiao Xi did not like to make assumptions about others behind their backs, but she could clearly sense that the eldest miss of the Xu family was inexplicably hostile toward her. Moreover, she did not seem to have told the Xu sisters that she was called Qiao Xi, but Xu Anran had clearly called her Miss Qiao.

How strange!

After the shop returned to its normal operations, Qiao Xi decided to go to another shop to take a closer look. Gu Zheng pulled her back and said in a low voice, "Don't leave yet. I have a surprise for you." Qiao Xi looked up with a puzzled expression, then she heard a woman's scream.

"Ahhh! It's Shen Yu!"

"It's Best Actor Shen Yu? Didn't they say that he left the entertainment industry and went overseas? Why is he here? Has he come back?"

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"Shen Yu and his manager are here. What... are they doing here?"

"Look at Shen Yu's Weibo. He said he was coming to the mall for an event today. Let's go see our idol!"

When Shen Yu walked to the door of Yunqiu's shop, the worries in Qiao Xi's heart instantly vanished. She rushed over excitedly and shouted sweetly, "Brother, you're back!"

At this moment, Xu Anran also heard the commotion. "Shen Yu?"

She was silent for a while, then narrowed her eyes. "Help me take a photo and post it on Weibo. Let everyone know that Shen Yu and I are in the same mall."

Xu Zidie was puzzled. "Sister Anran, although he's a popular actor, you..."

Chapter 490 Making Use Of His Popularity

"Shen Yu is not just a popular actor. He's the only son of the Shen family in the capital." Xu Anran smiled meaningfully. "I need to make people realize my value. I want everyone to know that I'm the eldest daughter of the Xu family. Only I can bring endless glory and benefits to the Xu family."

Not only was Xu Zidie Xu Anran's younger cousin, but she was also Xu Anran's assistant. She hurriedly took a few photos and edited them. She posted them using Xu Anran's studio's account and tagged Xu Anran's account.

Xu Zidie was puzzled. "What is Shen Yu doing in the mall, though?"

Xu Anran had a look of disdain and snorted. "Maybe he can't stay overseas anymore. Someone invited him to a mall for an event, so he came back."

It must not be because of that person.

Xu Anran's eyes were slightly cold. She knew that the matter could not be hidden anymore, so she had to be fully prepared before the matter was exposed. In that case, even if the truth was revealed, the Xu family would not be able to be without her.

Moreover, she had been with her parents for so long. Could it be that she could not compare to a stranger?

Qiao Xi had not seen her brother for a long time and was jumping around excitedly. Shen Yu waved at everyone, and the fans instantly quietened down.

Qiao Xi did not get too close and just stood at the side to look at him. Her eldest brother was the most steady among all her brothers, yet he entered the entertainment industry. It was truly unexpected.

After that, he gradually left the entertainment industry and took over the family business. He was managing the Shen family's business very well.

He was the only heir of the Shen family in the capital. He was calm, experienced, and serious. Only when he was with someone close to him would he reveal a smile.

"Wow! This mall is too awesome! They actually managed to invite Shen Yu?" "Shen Yu usually never participates in offline activities. Sometimes, he doesn't even attend press conferences for movies. I heard that he has a very powerful background and is the young master of a big family. He has never cared about salary when filming movies. He only chooses the movies he likes. Moreover, no one can force him to do things he doesn't want to do."



“I’m very curious now about the person who managed to invite Shen Yu over!”

Shen Yu stood on stage, and his cold voice came from the microphone. If one observed carefully, they would realize that his eyes were fixed on someone below the stage. His gaze was gradually turning gentle.

“I came back today for an important person. I hope to give her my blessings on this special day.”

Then, Shen Yu sang a melodious song. This song was written for his sister by a famous musician in Country F. It was suitable for Qiao Xi now.

His voice was low and filled with love.

Actually, everyone knew that Shen Yu’s voice was outstanding, but he had never sung in public. Was he dedicating his first live performance to his sister?

As the last note fell, Shen Yu left the venue under the protection of his assistant and bodyguards. The fans were still extremely excited as they screamed and cheered.

Qiao Xi went backstage and brought Shen Yu to the lounge on the second floor. “Brother, how were you during your time overseas? Did you come back this time because of work?”

Shen Yu rubbed Qiao Xi’s smooth hair. “I was doing well. I came back this time because I heard that you’re married now?”

Qiao Xi nodded. Shen Yu’s gaze landed on Gu Zheng, and his entire body instantly stiffened.

Half an hour later.

There were two explosive news articles on Weibo. One was that Shen Yu had returned to the country, while the other was about Shen Yu and Xu Anran.

Shen Yu was chatting with Qiao Xi when he received a call from his manager. Only then did he know that Weibo had exploded.

Qiao Xi hurriedly took out her phone and opened Weibo. She could not help but frown. Xu Anran? The stylish eldest daughter of the Xu family who was in her shop just now?

She clicked on Xu Anran’s studio’s Weibo account and saw a photo that captured the name of the mall.

Xu Anran Studio: [Anran is here to see an important person.] Qiao Xi frowned unhappily. Was Xu Anran’s Weibo post trying to use her brother’s popularity?

Eldest Brother had just returned to the country. He came to the mall and said that he was performing for an important person. Then, Xu Anran posted on Weibo and said something similar. Wasn’t this just making others misunderstand?!

As expected, the fans immediately linked Xu Anran and Shen Yu’s return to China.