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Chapter 571 Interrogation

Song Shiyu raised an eyebrow. "Miss Wen, you have bad hearing. I'll repeat myself. You and dogs... are not allowed in!"

At these words, Wen Xi took a few steps back in disbelief. Her face was livid. She did not hear it clearly just now, but Song Shiyu's words lingered in her ears this time and she could not ignore them.

Gu Zheng's eyes darkened as they landed on the grayish-blue windbreaker. "Pack it up."

After that, he held Qiao Xi's hand and left. Qiao Xi looked at the man in front of her with a smile and suddenly felt a wave of warmth in her hand.

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Qiao Xi lowered her eyes to look down. Gu Zheng had stuffed a piece of transparent jade into her hands. Even though she did not know anything about jade, she knew that this piece of jade was definitely not cheap. She seemed to have seen it at an auction before.

At that time, someone had bid 100 million for this jade. "Jade?"

"It's for you."

Gu Zheng held her hand with a gentle expression. "I'll send this jade to be polished and set in a few days. I'll make it into a pendant for you to wear."

Qiao Xi was stunned for a few seconds before she said helplessly, "This jade is priceless, so it's better to just keep it like this. Won't it be too ostentatious to wear it around my neck every day?"

Gu Zheng raised an eyebrow. "Ostentatious?"

Qiao Xi nodded. Could it be that it was wrong?

Gu Zheng said generously, "We have four similar jades at home. Use this as a pendant. You can keep the rest for collection or have them be made into rings and earrings. Don't think they're ostentatious. You're Mrs. Gu, so no one will gossip."

What? A few years ago, this piece of jade was auctioned for a sky-high price of 100 million yuan. Such quality could be said to be rare and would not even appear in ten years. However, Gu Zheng actually said that there were still a few pieces at home?

Qiao Xi was instantly slightly puzzled. She seemed to have underestimated Gu Zheng's wealth. It seemed that it was even more formidable than she had imagined.

Gu Zheng's voice was low. "Do you know the name of this jade?"

Qiao Xi nodded her head and said slowly, "This jade is shaped like a heart, and its color is clear. It's like the heart of a pure young woman, so the person who first found this jade named it 'The Heart of a Young Woman.'

Gu Zheng paused for a few seconds, his voice hoarse with deep affection. "Ten years ago, I saw this jade at an auction. It suited my taste, so I bought it."

Ten years ago?

At that time, she was chased out of the Qiao family and led a wandering life in the countryside. That was how she got to know her senior.

Gu Zheng's eyes lit up slightly. "When I bought this jade, I thought that one day, I would give it to the woman I love the most. If I couldn't find that person, I would give it to you. Now, you've become the person I love most. Hence, this jade is destined to be yours."

Qiao Xi was touched, and her eyes turned red.

It turned out that Gu Zheng had already prepared such a precious gift for her ten years ago. It was a hundred million yuan piece of jade!

She held the jade tightly in her hand and treated it as a treasure. She wrapped her other hand around Gu Zheng's waist and leaned into his embrace obediently.

For a while, Qiao Xi did not know what to say to express her gratitude. Gu Zheng waited for her to speak for a long time. Just as he was about to ask, Qiao Xi suddenly started interrogating

"You said that I'm the person you love the most, but why did you wait until today to give this jade to me? Could it be that the person you loved the most before this wasn't me?"

Gu Zheng: "..."

The touching atmosphere instantly vanished.

Song Shiyu was shocked. The president was doomed!

"Let's continue shopping."

At the Jade Pavilion in the middle of Li City.

This shop was called Jade Pavilion. As the name suggested, it sold all kinds of jade pieces for distinguished customers.

There was an antique-looking courtyard with a small bridge and flowing water. It looked like one had returned to ancient times when one stepped in. It was like a rich businessman's house in a TV show. One could not tell that this was a jade shop at all.

At this moment, Xu Anran was entering with a group of friends. When she saw Wen Xi walking over angrily, she said gently, "Xi'er, what's wrong?" Wen Xi's face was filled with anger. "Cousin, it's all because of that adopted sister of yours. She's too arrogant!"

A trace of viciousness flashed past Xu Anran's eyes. Then, she shifted her eyes and pretended to be surprised. "Xi Xi? She bullied

you?"

“That b*tch spent the Xu family’s money and still dares to snatch things from me. Cousin, she even ordered people not to let me enter that shop. She’s just an adopted daughter. How dare she bully me?!”

Chapter 572 The Real and Fake Heiress’ Birthday Party

The young woman beside her asked curiously, “Anran, I heard that your Xu family adopted a daughter as well. She’s already 20 years old, though. Why did your family think of adopting her? Could she be an illegitimate daughter?”

“Whether she’s an illegitimate daughter or not, she can’t snatch things from Wen Xi! That’s too rude!”

Xu Anran had a helpless expression and pretended to be magnanimous. “Xi’er, I didn’t expect Xi Xi to go so far. I’ll apologize on her behalf. Don’t be angry.”

“Cousin, why are you apologizing?! This has nothing to do with you!”

Xu Anran smiled lightly. “Xi’er, see if there’s any jewelry you like here. I’ll give it to you as an apology for Xi Xi.”

Then, Eldest Miss Xu waved her hand and instructed, “I’ll be booking this shop today. Don’t let anyone disturb us.”

At this moment, Gu Zheng had just brought Qiao Xi to Jade Pavilion. Unexpectedly, the manager came out in a hurry with a troubled expression. “President Gu, this shop has already been booked. I... We don’t have a choice either. President Gu, please forgive us.”

Song Shiyu was displeased. “No way! I called to make an appointment yesterday and have already paid the deposit. Now, you’re telling us someone has already booked the venue. Why did you agree to it so readily yesterday, then?”

The manager was so scared that he broke out in a cold sweat. He quickly explained, “The employees in the shop didn’t know that President Gu had made an appointment. A customer happened to book the entire venue, SO... I’m really sorry. This is our mistake. President Gu, we’ll refund the money immediately. Why don’t...”

Qiao Xi did not care. It was just a shop. It did not matter if she had to come again another day, so she raised her eyes to look at Gu Zheng. “Then let’s go shopping elsewhere first. We’ll come back later.”

Gu Zheng narrowed his eyes and glanced at Song Shijing. The group was about to leave when a woman’s voice came from the shop.

“My birthday is coming up soon. Thank you all for coming to Li City to attend my birthday banquet. You’re all my good friends, so I want to give you all some gifts. Feel free to pick out any of the jewelry here. I’ll pay for them.”

Qiao Xi’s expression froze.

The person in the shop was Xu Anran?

The woman's excited voice sounded. "Anran, you're really too kind. As expected of the eldest daughter of the Xu family, you're so generous! However, we're here to attend your birthday banquet. We should be the ones giving you gifts. How can we let you give us gifts instead?"

Xu Anran said generously, "After all, this birthday banquet isn't just my own. You have to prepare two gifts. Mom is embarrassed to ask you to spend so much, so she instructed me to bring you here and let you choose the gifts you like. Take it as a gift in return for your gifts."

Disdain flashed across everyone's eyes. The adopted daughter was not worthy of receiving their gifts. They had just casually bought some gadgets to lessen her embarrassment.

"Anran, you're really kind. You always think of that adopted sister of yours."

"It's clearly your birthday, yet you want your adopted sister to join. Anran, how can you tolerate this? Your identities are different, so how can you hold a birthday banquet together?"

Xu Anran said gently, "I don't care about this. She's my younger sister, so I naturally have to take care of her. I've been the only child in the family since I was young. Actually, I'm very lonely too. I'm very happy that Xi Xi can come to the Xu family to accompany me! Don't talk about Xi Xi anymore. Quick, choose the jewelry you like."

"Anran, this jade bracelet is really beautiful. Did you buy it here too?"

Xu Anran smiled. "No, it's a birthday gift from Grandma."

"Your grandmother? The Yin family in Shengdu? Madam Xu's mother is the eldest daughter of the Yin family. My grandmother said that when the eldest daughter of the Yin family married the young master of the Yun family, the entire Luo City was shocked."

"So, it's a gift from the Yin family. No wonder it's so expensive. Anran is too blessed to have such a loving grandmother. The Yin family is a famous family in the world!"

Qiao Xi smiled coldly. When did she agree to celebrate her birthday with Xu Anran?

Song Shiyu muttered in a low voice, "Is the Xu family crazy?! Xu Anran, a fake daughter, is putting on such a show. She even said that Young Madam is an adopted daughter? How unreasonable!"

As for the Yin family, they were rich and powerful. They should not be as horrible as the Xu family. Why did they give the fake granddaughter a birthday gift but not their biological granddaughter?

Chapter 573 There Is No Distinction Between High Or Low Statuses

She heard that Old Madam Yin did not have a good relationship with her daughter, Xia Yunlou, but when she found out that Xu Anran was not her biological granddaughter, Old Madam Yin immediately ordered them to find the Xu family's biological child.

Logically speaking, Old Madam Yin should think highly of the real daughter. Why did she have to give Xu Anran such a precious thing? The two daughters were not given equal treatment. It seemed that Old Madam Yin wanted to tell everyone that the Xu family and the Yin family doted on Xu Anran, while the biological child was not valued.

Qiao Xi was unwilling to see those nauseating faces, so she pulled Gu Zheng along and was about to leave.

At this moment, Xu Anran's surprised voice suddenly sounded behind her.

"Xi Xi? Why are you here too? Don't go. Aren't you here to see me?"

Everyone followed Xu Anran's gaze and looked over. Their gazes landed on Qiao Xi. So, she was that legendary adopted daughter!

Xu Anran bit her lip. "Sister."

Qiao Xi stopped in her tracks and sneered.

Was Xu Anran a b*tch? Did she like to be abused?

There were six to seven women standing beside Xu Anran. Wen Xi was the closest to her.

When Wen Xi saw Qiao Xi, her eyes instantly turned red as she glared fiercely at her.

"Qiao Xi, are you deaf?! Anran is the eldest daughter of the Xu family. She took the initiative to talk to you, yet you're ignoring her? You're not even greeting your sister when you see her. As expected of a country bumpkin. How rude!"

Xu Anran gently stopped her. "Xi'er, don't say that. Xi Xi and I are both daughters of the Xu family. There's no such thing as high or low statuses between us. Moreover, I'm her sister. I should let her have her way."

Qiao Xi: "..."

How could there be such a two-faced woman?! People actually believed in her nonsense?

Wen Xi did not know their identities, but Xu Anran was well aware. There was no difference between them? It was just to show that she was magnanimous!

Xu Anran took a few steps forward with a sad expression. "Sister, why did you turn around and leave when you saw me? Dad and Mom are very worried about you. You should—"

"Sister, you have already booked the entire Jade Pavilion. If I don't leave now, do you expect me to watch you put on a performance to demonstrate our sisterhood?"

The manager explained nervously, "Miss Xu, I'm really sorry. I didn't know that this lady is your younger sister."

The corners of Xu Anran's mouth twitched. She restrained her expression and smiled. "Is that so? Then I misunderstood my sister. I thought that she didn't want to see me!"

She walked over and pretended to accidentally bump into Qiao Xi, revealing a provocative expression. "I did book the entire venue so that outsiders can't disturb me, but you're my sister. Of course, you can come in.

"My birthday is coming up soon. Mom gave me a lot of pocket money. Xi Xi, pick whatever you like. I'll buy it for you. Mom won't say anything to you. Don't worry."

Qiao Xi looked at Xu Anran with an indifferent expression. If the two of them had not been swapped back then, she would have been the high and mighty eldest daughter of the Xu family. Xu Anran might not even have the chance to see her.

Xu Anran said these words in public to agitate her. A fake daughter thought she could suppress the real daughter? Did doing this make Xu Anran feel very accomplished?

She was showing off in front of the real heiress of the Xu family. She received an allowance from her mother, while the real heiress was not loved by the Xu family. She did not even receive a birthday present.

Wen Xi's face was filled with pride, and she felt delighted when she saw Qiao Xi suffer a setback.

"Qiao Xi, you're just an adopted daughter. Uncle Xu and Aunt Yunlou adopted you out of goodwill, but you have to remember your identity at all times. You're different from my cousin. For example, even if my cousin wants this shop today, Aunt Yunlou will buy it for her. Meanwhile, you won't even have a single piece of jewelry.

"Aunt Yunlou only has one daughter. She has been pampered by the family since she was young. Previously, Cousin took a liking to a set of clothes and a woman fought with her for them. The Xu family directly bought that shop and gave all the clothes to Cousin.

"Also, there was a female celebrity who mocked Cousin for her bad acting in public. Aunt Yunlou and Cousin bought over that female celebrity's entertainment company and got her to apologize to Cousin in public."

Wen Xi was proud of herself. "Cousin is the eldest daughter of the Xu family and is doted on by her parents. The Xia family also dotes on her. Meanwhile, you have the identity of the Xu family's daughter as well, but you're not favored."

Chapter 574 Lost The Emerald Ring

Xu Anran smiled sinisterly and pretended to stroke her hair, revealing the jade bracelet on her wrist.

Wen Xi's eyes were dazzled by the emerald color. She hurriedly mocked, "Right! The Yin family even sent a set of jewelry over, but they only gave it to Cousin and not you. This is a priceless jade bracelet. Cousin's grandmother, Old Madam Yin, dotes on Cousin very much. She was even willing to give Cousin such a precious jade!"

"It's not just this bracelet. There's also an emerald ring! Cousin, where's your ring?" Wen Xi looked at Xu Anran's finger and asked in surprise.

Xu Anran replied unhurriedly, "I tried on a few rings just now, so I took it off and placed it..."

Before she could finish, her face turned pale. "My ring! Where's the ring?" Everyone was shocked.

Xu Anran's emerald ring was a birthday gift from the Yin family's old madam. Although it was just a small ring, the color and design of the ring were superb. It was worth at least ten million yuan.

This was a huge sum of money for ordinary people!

Now, this ring was missing from the shop!

The manager was anxious. If the ring was really lost, they would have to take responsibility. Being fired was a small matter. If Miss Xu demanded compensation, they would not be able to compensate even if they sold everything in their shop.

He hurriedly said respectfully, "Miss Xu, don't worry. We have surveillance cameras in our shop. I'll go check it first. I'll definitely be able to find the ring."

Xu Anran nodded indifferently. Then, her gloomy gaze fell on Qiao Xi as she said gently, "It's fine. Maybe I was too careless. I wouldn't have lost it."

However, after searching for a while, they could not find the ring.

At this moment, a shop assistant walked out in a panic and said nervously, "We... We've checked the surveillance footage. Miss Xu seems to have placed the ring in her bag. How did she..."

Xu Anran's friend immediately stood up and asked, "Then did anyone approach Anran after that?"

The shop assistant was stunned for a moment and said while trembling, "Miss Xu and Miss Qiao bumped into each other, but..."

Before she could finish, Wen Xi widened her eyes and sneered. "It seems that someone deliberately bumped into my cousin and stole her ring!"

One could hear a pin drop.

Qiao Xi sneered.

Xu Anran frowned. "No, Xi Xi is my sister. My parents give her pocket money. She has no reason to steal my ring!

"Moreover, if Xi Xi likes the ring, I'll definitely give it to her. She doesn't have to steal it in public!"

Xu Anran pretended to explain for Qiao Xi. As soon as she finished speaking, she looked shyly at the man beside Qiao Xi.

What right did she have to marry such an outstanding and handsome man?

If Qiao Xi was found to have stolen in public and her reputation was ruined, would President Gu still like her so much?

Qiao Xi, this country bumpkin, had climbed up the social ladder and entered high society. Now, she still wanted to compete with her for the position of the eldest daughter of the Xu family. What a fool's dream!

Xu Anran was certain. "Impossible! It's absolutely not Xi Xi!"

The manager looked troubled. The people in front of him were all rich and powerful. He could not afford to offend anyone. Moreover, they did not lack money. There was no need to steal. At the end of the day, the employees here were the most suspicious. After all, with that ring, they would have enough money for the rest of their lives.

The shop assistants immediately explained nervously, "Miss Xu, it's not us! How could we dare steal from you?! If you suspect us, then come and search us! We're willing to prove our innocence!"

Xu Anran and her friends immediately went to search the shop assistants' pockets and bags, but they did not find anything.

At this moment, everyone was even more nervous. Xu Anran had lost such a valuable item. Everyone was suspicious. Although they were all rich young ladies, their families were inferior to the Xu family. Of course, they did not dare to offend Xu Anran.

At this moment, a lady said, "Anran, it must have fallen to the floor or been stolen. Everyone is suspicious, so let's search everyone's bodies. We might find out who stole it."

Xu Anran smiled proudly. This was what she wanted to hear.

Chapter 575 This Set Of Jewelry Is Supposed To Be Yours!

There was no need for Xu Anran to say anything before someone stood up for her. No one would think that she was targeting Qiao Xi.

As soon as she finished speaking, Wen Xi took out her bag and showed it to everyone. The few women also cooperated with the search, but they still could not find the ring.

"How is that possible? We don't have it on us, nor do the shop assistants. Where could the ring be?"

"The ring wouldn't have disappeared for no reason. Did it fall in a corner somewhere?"

"That's not right. We've all gone through a body search, but there's still someone who hasn't done it yet!"

The gazes of everyone fell on Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng. The atmosphere instantly became awkward.

Xu Anran was silent for a moment and pretended to be angry. "How dare you?! Is this gentleman someone you can offend?"

She said respectfully, "Let me introduce you. This gentleman is President Gu Zheng of Gu Corporation and my sister's husband. They have high net worths, so why would they steal my ring? Don't spout nonsense here!"

Everyone was stunned for a few seconds, then they looked at Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng in shock.

Gu Zheng? Mrs. Gu?

This was the legendary god-like man, Gu Zheng? What was even more shocking was that Qiao Xi was actually his wife?

If that was the case, then it was indeed impossible for them to steal Xu Anran's bracelet. Gu Zheng's wealth was enough to rival that of a country. Not to mention a ring worth ten million, even if it was 100 million or one billion, he would not take a liking to it.

Just as everyone was about to apologize, Wen Xi suddenly snorted. "So what if she's Mrs. Gu? Everyone knows that she was a country bumpkin before she married President Gu. No one educated her when she

was young, so she developed a naughty and mischievous character. She may not steal for money but just because it has become a habit. Even if she's Mrs. Gu now, she won't be able to change her bad habits so soon!"

Gu Zheng frowned.

"Are you tired of living?!"

Qiao Xi was not angry but whispered to Gu Zheng, "Something's wrong! Xu Anran knows that I'm Mrs. Gu. How could I have stolen her things? Why would she frame me in public? Isn't she afraid that the truth will be exposed?"

Gu Zheng explained softly, "This doesn't concern money. It's because this ring was given to her by the old madam of the Yin family, who's also Xia Yunlou's mother and your grandmother."

Qiao Xi remained silent and felt an indescribable feeling. When Xia Yunlou and Xu Zhi were mentioned, she did not feel close to them at all. However, when the old madam of the Yin family was mentioned, she inexplicably felt close to her. Perhaps this was the power of blood relations.

Gu Zheng said, "When the old madam of the Yin family and Mr. Xia got married, the entire Luo City was shaken. After the two of them divorced, the Yin family became very concerned about their two daughters.

"However, Xia Yunlou has always been relatively close to the Xia family and even got along very well with her father's mistress. It made Old Madam Yin very sad, so she liked Madam Xia Yunqiu more.

"But in the end, Xia Yunlou is still the Old Madam's biological daughter. Of course, she still dotes on her. Although she doesn't interact with Xia Yunlou, she still ordered people to find you as soon as possible."

Gu Zheng smirked. "Then why do you think the old madam, the daughter of the Yin family, gave such a valuable item to Xu Anran, her adopted granddaughter, and not you, her biological granddaughter?"

Qiao Xi's heart trembled as a trace of doubt gradually arose in her heart.

Gu Zheng's voice was hoarse. "Because... this set of jewelry is supposed to be yours. "Old Madam Yin doted on her daughter, Xia Yunqiu, the most. You grew up with her since you were young, so how could the child she raise be bad? Moreover, you're related to Old Madam Yin by blood. Most importantly, Old Madam Yin has never liked Xu Anran. Even if she would give her a birthday gift to save some face, she wouldn't give Xu Anran something expensive.

"Xu Anran laid her hands on this set of jewelry and is even accusing you of stealing. How interesting!"

At the same time, Xu Anran was still shocked. "Xi Xi won't steal anything! You're not allowed to suspect her!"

Qiao Xi was instantly speechless.

Everyone present had gotten their bodies searched except for her and Gu Zheng. Of course, no one dared to say that Gu Zheng stole anything, so she was the only one left.

If she insisted on not letting everyone search her body, the seeds of doubt would be planted in everyone's hearts. Xu Anran insisted on protecting her, but it was like a bucket of dirty water was poured onto her.

Chapter 576 Agree To Be Searched

Immediately after, Wen Xi mocked. "Did I say anything wrong? Everyone cooperated with the search, but she refused to cooperate. If we can't find the ring today, we'll know who's the biggest suspect!"

The few women could not help but nod.

"That's right. Although it's impossible for Mrs. Gu to steal anything, everyone except her has been searched. If others find out about this, they'll definitely suspect Mrs. Gu as well!"

Qiao Xi smiled coldly. Although these people said that they did not believe that she would steal anything, they still insisted on searching her body. As expected of Xu Anran's good friends. They were all the same as her.

"Actually, you're right..." Xu Anran frowned in embarrassment.

"Xi Xi, maybe you should agree to let us search your body? Although I believe that you didn't steal it, doing this can prove your innocence. Otherwise, someone might suspect you. Do you think..."

Qiao Xi stared coldly at Xu Anran and guessed that she would definitely blame it on her.

Seeing that Qiao Xi was silent, Xu Anran bit her lip. "Xi Xi, if you're unwilling, then forget it. They're my friends anyway, so they won't say anything."

"I agree."

At this moment, Gu Zheng, who had been silent all this while, glanced at his watch and suddenly spoke.

"Miss Xu, you're right. Everyone else has gotten their bodies searched, so if Xi Xi doesn't do it, she'll be suspected. Since that's the case, let's search her body."

Gu Zheng agreed?

Xu Anran widened her eyes. For a moment, she was unable to understand Gu Zheng's thoughts. Was he sure that Qiao Xi would not steal anything, or was he actually not that fond of Qiao Xi?

No matter what the reason was, Gu Zheng agreed and said it was only right for Qiao Xi to be searched.

Xu Anran looked at the coldness in Gu Zheng's eyes, and her heart could not help but tremble. However, she couldn't care less now. The Yin family was about to arrive. She wanted Qiao Xi's reputation to be ruined in front of everyone!

She wanted everyone to know that Qiao Xi had developed bad habits during her time outside. She was a good-for-nothing who stole. She was not worthy to be the eldest daughter of the Xu family!

No matter if it was the Yin family, the Xia family, or the Xu family, they would all treat her, Xu Anran, as their beloved daughter. They would leave all their assets to her, while Qiao Xi would not be able to get a single cent!

Xu Anran slowly walked in front of Qiao Xi and put her hand into Qiao Xi's bag while suppressing the excitement in her heart.

The next second...

Xu Anran frowned, and her face was pale. Her body went weak as she took a few steps back. She looked at Qiao Xi in disbelief.

Qiao Xi was instantly speechless. Why was she pretending?!

When everyone saw Xu Anran's pale face, they were immediately shocked. "Looking at Anran's expression, could it be that the ring was really with Qiao Xi?"

"She's already so rich, yet she still stole someone else's ring. She's really embarrassing President Gu!"

"Wen Xi is right. Although she married a handsome and rich man like President Gu, she still can't change her habits. She can't control her hands, ha!"

The mocking gazes of everyone descended onto Qiao Xi. Xu Anran recovered from her shock, and her voice trembled slightly. "Xi Xi, you... How could you..."

Xu Anran was distracted. Her legs went weak and she almost tripped as she looked at Qiao Xi in disbelief.

"You, why are you... Impossible! You couldn't have stolen it! I remembered it wrongly. My ring isn't missing. It must still be in my bag!"

Her weak explanation and flustered appearance proved that Qiao Xi was guilty. She was telling everyone that she had found the missing ring in Qiao Xi's bag.

"Qiao Xi, you stole it, right?! You're already the second miss of the Xu family, yet you still did a despicable thing like that. Are you worthy to be the daughter of the Xu family?"

Xu Anran hurriedly stopped them. "Don't say anymore. Xi Xi is my younger sister. Pretend not to know about this. Forget it, just forget it. Previously, I asked Xi Xi to help me safeguard my ring. She didn't steal it."

"Mrs. Gu, what else do you have to say? You stole someone else's ring and are even getting Anran to cover for you?"

"How did the Xu family adopt such a woman? She clearly stole something but refuses to admit it. She's too much!"

"Miss Xu is indeed a top socialite. As the daughter of the Xu family, she didn't bicker with her adopted sister and even said that she gave the ring to her for the sake of her reputation. Qiao Xi is really shameless!"

Chapter 577 She Actually Came To Li City!

"Not only is this emerald ring expensive, but it's also a birthday gift from Old Madam Yin to Anran. How could she have the heart to steal such a thing? It's a gift to the eldest daughter of the Xu family. Is she worthy of possessing it?"

Everyone mocked loudly. The shop assistants also came over curiously.

Xu Anran's lips trembled. "Xi Xi, why did you... do such a thing? Forget it, I won't tell Mom and Dad, nor will I let everyone know.

"I can give you other things, but this is Grandma's birthday gift to me. It means a lot to me. If you like it, I can get Grandma to give you one. However... don't do such things anymore.

"You're the daughter of the Xu family. Your words and actions represent the Xu family."

Xu Anran's eyes were filled with disappointment as she sighed helplessly. "Everyone, I'm sorry to have made you anxious. Please forget about this."

Qiao Xi was angered to the point of laughing. On the surface, Xu Anran was trying to clear her name, but it had unknowingly confirmed her crime. She even told everyone not to spread the news. In reality, it was a display of her fake generosity. "Miss Xu, you're so kind."

"Old Madam Yin is a decisive person. If she finds out that her birthday gift to her granddaughter was stolen, she'll definitely investigate it thoroughly."

"Tsk tsk, that's the Yin family! They're a wealthy family, after all."

Xu Anran lowered her eyes and smiled proudly.

So what if Qiao Xi married Gu Zheng? Her reputation would be ruined anyway. Perhaps after today, Gu Zheng would hate her and abandon her.

How could the Xu family tolerate a woman who lost Gu Zheng and had a ruined reputation?

Xu Anran comforted her gently. "Xi Xi, don't worry. I've already told them not to spread the news. When I see Grandma, I'll get her to give you a similar gift, alright?"

Gu Zheng's phone vibrated.

The man smirked. It seemed that she had arrived.

At this moment, Wen Xi and Xu Anran were echoing each other's words. One was criticizing loudly, while the other was pretending to be tolerant.

"Cousin, why are you so polite to her?! She clearly knows that this is Old Madam Yin's birthday gift to you, yet she still stole it in public. She's just jealous of you and wanted to see you frantic after you lost the ring!

"Qiao Xi, you're just an adopted daughter. You have to know your identity. What right do you have to snatch things from the eldest daughter of the Xu family? It's already your honor that you're allowed to stay in the Xu family. Don't be ungrateful!"

Xu Anran said gently, "Xi'er, don't fool around. Xi Xi grew up in the countryside. There are many things that no one taught her. It's expected that she doesn't know the rules. She'll understand in the future.

“Xi Xi, you have to be polite when you see Grandma. She’s a very good person and is very friendly to the younger generation. If you want to meet her, I can bring you over. As long as you ask for a gift, she definitely won’t refuse.”

The corners of Xu Anran’s mouth curled up proudly. At this moment, Qiao Xi should be very aggrieved. She clearly did not steal anything, yet she still had to be criticized by everyone. Qiao Xi wanted to meet her grandmother, yet she had to be introduced by Xu Anran. Qiao Xi was such a failure as a ‘true daughter’!

“Eldest Miss Xu!”

Suddenly, a cold and dignified female voice came from the door.

At some point in time, Song Shiyu had run to the door and pushed it open. More than ten bodyguards rushed in and stood in two rows in an orderly manner. They opened up a wide path.

An elegant old madam in gorgeous clothes walked in with a cane in her hand. The pressure she exuded made everyone present tremble.

The old madam’s sharp gaze landed on Xu Anran as she slammed her walking cane on the floor.

Xu Anran’s body trembled as her face turned pale.

She... She was actually in Li City?

They originally thought that Old Madam Yin didn’t actually mean it when she said that she was coming. They never expected that she would really come. Her relationship with the Xu family was clearly not good, so why did she still come? Could it be... Could it be because of Qiao Xi?

“Xu Anran, you don’t even dare to say anything when you see me?”

The entire venue was silent. Xu Anran’s body was stiff, and she felt that her heart was about to stop.

Everyone asked in confusion, “Who is it? Why is Anran so afraid?”

Wen Xi looked at the old madam in front of her and found her a little familiar, but she could not remember where she had seen her before.

Chapter 578 This Did Not Even Happen In TV Shows

Old Madam Yin frowned and walked past Xu Anran to stand in front of Qiao Xi.

She held Qiao Xi’s hand excitedly while the two young masters behind her revealed delighted expressions.

Qiao Xi looked at the three of them in surprise. It was very obvious that they seemed to be very passionate about her, but she was sure that she had never seen them before. She just faintly felt a little close to them.

The eyes of Old Madam Yin, who had always been calm and composed, turned red. She was over 50 years old but was as happy as a child at this moment. Her exquisite face was filled with love.

Qiao Xi roughly knew who this old madam was. Before she could speak, Old Madam Yin's tears trickled down as she said excitedly, "Xi Xi, I'm your grandmother! Your grandmother!"

Qiao Xi abruptly raised her eyes.

Old Madam Yin cried. "Xi Xi, I've finally found you. I've let you down. You've suffered so much. Yunqiu... How is she?"

Qiao Xi replied truthfully, "Mom... passed away."

Old Madam Yin's eyes were filled with sorrow. "No wonder. No wonder there was no news of her at all. I never understood why she didn't come back home. It turns out that she..."

"I've already caught the person who harmed her," said Qiao Xi.

Old Madam Yin shed a few tears of sorrow and slowly looked up with a loving expression. "It's good... It's good that you're still here. Although Yunqiu has left, you're still my precious granddaughter. Although you're Yunlou's child, you were raised by Yunqiu. You're basically Yunqiu's child.

"From now on, you're the eldest daughter of the Yin family!"

The two young men chuckled as they walked forward and looked at Qiao Xi gently. "Sister, we finally found you. There's finally a girl in the Yin family."

"Big Brother will certainly be very happy to know about this!"

"Yes, Dad and Mom will be very happy too. They've always liked girls, but our Yin family is filled with men. Although you're not our parents' child, you're Aunt's child. Aunt was also part of our Yin family."

"From today onward, you're the eldest daughter of the Yin family and our younger sister. You're the only girl in our family. We'll definitely be good to you!"

"Xi Xi, I'm your fifth brother. You have a total of seven brothers in the Yin family. Are you happy about that?"

Qiao Xi: "... 'Happy? I'm afraid!"

She already had a bunch of brothers, and she still had a senior like Gu Zheng. Now, she had seven more brothers. This did not even happen in TV shows!

Qiao Xi instantly did not know what to say.

Everyone was stunned. One of the women looked at the handsome young men and felt that they looked a little familiar. They seemed to be the young masters of the Yin family.

Wait! What did the Yin family have to do with Qiao Xi?

Someone asked in confusion, "Who are they? Why are they so ostentatious?"

"Looks like they're Qiao Xi's relatives?" "Isn't Qiao Xi from Li City's Qiao family? Now that she's adopted by the Xu family, she can be considered half a member of the Xu family. If these three are relatives of the Xu family, they shouldn't be greeting Qiao Xi directly after ignoring Eldest Miss Xu!"

“So these people are the Qiao family’s relatives?”

“The Qiao family’s relatives dare to ignore the eldest daughter of the Xu family? They’re too arrogant!”

Xu Anran trembled nervously. “No, no...”

“Heh! Xu Anran, it looks like your friends are very curious about who I am. Tell them.”

At this moment, Old Madam Yin wiped her tears and suddenly looked up at everyone. Her sharp gaze finally landed on Xu Anran, and her eyes were filled with faint mockery.

Wen Xi snorted. “What are you being arrogant for?! Cousin, tell us who she is! How dare she talk to you like that? Does she think she’s the old madam of the Yin family?”

“Don’t think that we’re afraid of you just because you’re old. Anran is the eldest daughter of the Xu family and the daughter of the Yin family behind them. Who do you think you are—”

“Shut up!”

When Xu Anran heard everyone’s words, she immediately roared in horror and interrupted their discussion. Then, the corners of her mouth twitched slightly as her lips trembled. “She... She’s...”

Everyone looked at her in confusion.

At this moment, Xu Anran wished for nothing more than to find a hole to bury herself in. She gritted her teeth and said guiltily, “She’s my grandmother.”

Xu Anran’s grandmother?

Everyone was stunned. Old Madam Yin?

Wen Xi’s body went weak as she took a few steps back in horror.

Chapter 579 Things Have Blown Up

When she heard Xu Anran’s answer, Old Madam Yin sneered. “Eldest Miss Xu? Don’t spout nonsense. I’m not your grandmother. Xi Xi, since the Xu family can’t tolerate you, come back to the Yin family with me. Let’s see who still dares to bully you!”

Qiao Xi smiled and nodded.

“What’s going on?”.

The few of them looked at each other and asked in confusion, “The Yin family is actually so good to Qiao Xi, the adopted daughter. Earlier, Xu Anran even said that if Qiao Xi wanted to meet Old Madam Yin, she had to introduce Qiao Xi first. Clearly, what she meant to say is that Qiao Xi doesn’t have the qualifications to see Old Madam Yin herself!”

Old Madam Yin looked at Xu Anran sharply.

Xu Anran’s body trembled as she explained while trembling, “Grandma, I... I didn’t say that. It’s... Everyone misunderstood.”

Wen Xi could not stand Qiao Xi's arrogant appearance. Since she was an adopted daughter, she should behave herself. How could she surpass the Xu family's biological daughter?

She said unhappily, "Old Madam Yin, you can't blame Cousin. She's just a little angry. You just came and don't know what's going on. Qiao Xi stole Anran's ring just now."

"It's because of this that Cousin Anran said some angry words. She didn't deliberately target Qiao Xi, nor did she look down on her identity. Instead, she regarded Qiao Xi as her younger sister and tried to protect her! On the other hand, Qiao Xi stole something but refused to admit her mistake. Is such a person worthy of being the Xu family's daughter?"

The crowd could hear a pin drop. Everyone hurriedly reacted. The matter of Qiao Xi stealing something hadn't been resolved yet!

Even if Old Madam Yin admitted that Qiao Xi was the daughter of the Xu family, it was a fact that she stole Xu Anran's ring. Even if Xu Anran said something overboard, she couldn't be blamed. Moreover, she did not blame Qiao Xi at all./ please keep reading on MYBOXNOVEL(dot)COM.

Wen Xi pointed at Qiao Xi and roared angrily, "She stole the emerald ring you gave Anran! Even after she was caught red-handed, she didn't show the slightest regret! Now you know Qiao Xi's true colors, right?! She even dares to steal the birthday gift you gave Anran! She's really too much!"

After a few seconds of silence, Old Madam Yin suddenly smiled.

"I gave her an emerald ring?"

Wen Xi was suddenly slightly perturbed when she saw this. "Yes. It's a set of jade jewelry, and an extremely good emerald ring is part of the set. It's very expensive. Qiao Xi probably knows that the ring is expensive, so she stole

it."

Old Madam Yin's gaze gradually turned cold.

The two young masters behind her also frowned. One of them looked at Xu Anran angrily.

Everyone looked confused. Xu Anran's body trembled as she lowered her head guiltily.

She hurriedly explained, "Grandma, I didn't make things difficult for Xi Xi, nor did I blame her for stealing. Besides, I'm afraid that if news of this gets out, it won't be good for Xi Xi. I've already told everyone not to tell anyone. If you don't believe me, ask them."

"Xi Xi bumped into me and the ring disappeared. I found the ring in her bag. I didn't malign her. I just told her not to do such things in the future—"

"If you think Xi Xi did it, then call the police." Gu Zheng glanced at her coldly, then looked at Old Madam Yin. "What do you think?"

Old Madam Yin instantly understood. If she proved that this ring was for Xi Xi, then Xu Anran...

Before she came, she already knew that Xi Xi was married to Gu Zheng. This man was in charge of the entire Gu family despite his young age. His influence was growing, and his businesses were spread throughout the world. Now, it was obvious that he doted on Xi Xi very much.

Old Madam Yin looked at the young man in front of her and nodded in satisfaction.

Now that the matter had already blown up, if news of it were to spread, it would ruin Xi Xi's reputation. Since it was already like this, why not make the mess bigger so that Xi Xi would not suffer?

"Alright, call the police," said Old Madam Yin.

Xu Anran turned pale with fright as her body trembled violently.

No! She could not call the police!

She pretended to be calm and said, "Let's forget it. If we call the police, how will Xi Xi keep her reputation? Grandma, I won't pursue the matter anymore, so don't-".

Before she could finish speaking, Old Madam Yin waved her hand impatiently. Her subordinates immediately called the police.

When the other party heard that it was a matter between Miss Xu and Mrs. Gu and that it involved an emerald ring worth more than ten million yuan, they did not dare to delay and arrived at Jade Pavilion in just a short while.

Chapter 580 Self-Directed Play

Xu Anran was so nervous that she could not say anything. However, she had already sent a message to her mother. Her mother told her not to worry and that everything was settled. She then heaved a sigh of relief.

However, Xu Anran still did not want the police to come because this matter would blow up to greater proportions. Even if Qiao Xi really stole something, it would implicate her and make her lose face.

After a while, a police officer walked in front of everyone.

Xu Anran thought about it and realized that this person must be someone her mother had arranged. He would definitely help her.

The police officer said awkwardly, "Old Madam Yin, your granddaughter..."

Gu Zheng's expression was indifferent.

When Xu Anran saw this scene, she knew that the other party was definitely going to accuse Qiao Xi of stealing, so she immediately bit her lip and pretended to be aggrieved. She said, "Grandma, this is our family's matter. It's better if we don't make it public. If Xi Xi's reputation is ruined, how am I going to explain it to Dad and Mom?! It's just a misunderstanding, so..." Old Madam Yin knew very well that Xi Xi was Yunqiu's child and would definitely not steal anything. This police officer was stammering, so he must have been bribed by Xia Yunlou.

This Xia Yunlou was really muddle-headed. She always helped her adopted daughter bully her biological daughter. Was there a mother like her?

Before Old Madam Yin could say anything, the police officer said in embarrassment, "Old Madam Yin, your granddaughter, she... she didn't steal anything!"

Everyone was in disbelief.

The police officer said, "I'm telling the truth. She didn't steal anything."

Qiao Xi: "... Then why are you stammering? It's as though I stole something.'

Xu Anran was stunned for a few seconds as her expression gradually stiffened. Her mind instantly went blank. Didn't her mother say that she had already arranged everything? Why was this police officer not helping her?

Wen Xi thought that the matter had already been arranged beforehand. Hearing the police officer's words, she instantly snorted. "You said that she didn't steal it, but why are you so hesitant?"

The police officer looked innocent. "I'm not making things difficult for anyone! I just thought that it was pitiful that Old Madam Yin's granddaughter was accused despite not stealing anything. That's why I sighed and stammered a little."

Wen Xi instantly choked.

"Miss Wen, did you think I'd say that Mrs. Gu stole something? Why would you think so?!" The police officer was a little puzzled.

Wen Xi revealed an awkward expression. "That's not what I meant! It's because we found the ring in Qiao Xi's bag. We have evidence!"

The policeman nodded thoughtfully. "Miss Wen, you have a point. We've checked the surveillance footage on the opposite side of the shop and slowed it down. We learned that Miss Qiao didn't steal the ring at all. Instead, Miss Xu tossed the ring into Miss Qiao's bag.

"Miss Lu, may I ask if you accidentally dropped the ring or if you did it on purpose? This is a case involving ten million yuan, after all. I hope you can answer truthfully."

Xu Anran's body trembled.

Everyone gasped. Xu Anran was the one who tossed the ring in? If that was the case, wasn't she framing Qiao Xi?!

"No way! It turns out Xu Anran framed Qiao Xi, then pushed all the blame on her. I thought she was pure and kind, but I didn't expect her to be so sinister!"

"This is such a big mess. So, she was framing her this whole time! If she had succeeded, Mrs. Gu's reputation would've been ruined!"

"It's a good thing that President Gu is here. No one dares to lie in front of him. That's why Mrs. Gu can prove her innocence! A certain someone has been pretending to be magnanimous as though she's protecting Mrs. Gu. It turns out that she was just pretending!"

"Disgusting!"

Hearing everyone's mockery, Xu Anran's face turned pale. She lowered her head and did not dare to look at the strange gazes around her.

What was going on? Didn't her mother say that everything had been sorted out?

Xu Anran explained nervously, "Grandma, I... I didn't. Xi Xi is my younger sister. How could I wrong her? The ring must've accidentally fallen into her bag. This is just a misunderstanding."

Wen Xi also said, "Old Madam Yin, you can't believe this police officer's words. Maybe he was bribed by Qiao Xi and is speaking up for her. I think this whole incident is Qiao Xi's self-directed play. She's slandering Sister Anran!"

Old Madam Yin slowly raised her eyes. "Xu Anran, then explain to me why Xi Xi would malign you."

Xu Anran immediately choked.