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Chapter 601: Beautiful Victory

To everyone, Xuan Island was a mysterious and desirable place. People who came from Xuan Island were either rich or noble, not to mention the Luo family, an exceedingly powerful family.

Such a large family that had hundreds of years of history actually sent someone to celebrate Qiao Xi's birthday?

Someone reacted and asked in fear, "May I know who from the Luo family is here?"

If the Luo family had only sent a butler or servant, it would not be a big deal. After all, the master of the Luo family was not the one making an appearance.

In the next second, the butler broke out in cold sweat and said, "It's... It's the young master of the Luo family from Xuan Island, Luo Qing."

Boom!!!

Everyone's heart skipped a beat. They stood up at the same time and rushed out as if they were possessed.

Without even saying goodbye, the banquet hall that was originally filled with guests instantly became cold and quiet.

The appearance of the Xue, Shen, and Qin families was already beyond everyone's expectations. Now, even the mysterious young master of the Luo family from Xuan Island had come. They would be crazy if they still stayed in Xu Anran's banquet hall.

Wen Xi was too embarrassed to leave, but her parents dragged her to Qiao Xi's banquet hall.

Although they were relatives of the Xu family, in the face of absolute power, they had no choice but to yield. Furthermore, if they went over there, they might have a chance to interact with those families. If they were to get on good terms with just one person there, it would bring great benefits to the entire family.

How could the Xu family compare to those families?

Xu Anran stood where she was like a stone statue. Her face was hideous, and her eyes were filled with hatred. Her hypocritical mask gradually shattered.

Xu Anyi was stunned for a few seconds before he hurried over to comfort her. "Anran, it's okay. Even though they've left, there's still us. I won't leave you."

Xia Yunlou gnashed her teeth in anger, resenting Qiao Xi for not giving Anran face and ruining her birthday party.

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Xu Zhi stood on the spot, his body trembling as if he was struck by lightning.

Impossible!

How could Qiao Xi possibly know so many great figures?

In that case, she had agreed to compete with Anran, not because of the shares but because she knew that she would not lose and would win beautifully.

When he regained his senses, Xu Zhi's face was gloomy. His body became limp, and he almost fell to the floor.

That was right! Qiao Xi knew that she could win, yet she still wanted 30% of the shares!

"Dad, Mom, since... there's no one else in the banquet hall, why don't we go celebrate Sister's birthday together? Let's not be separated on an occasion like this."

Xu Anran hesitated for a long time before she opened her mouth aggrievedly. Her magnanimous and forgiving look made people's hearts ache.

"I know it's my sister's birthday today. I'm the one who took over her birthday and identity. If we don't celebrate my sister's birthday, she'll definitely blame me and think that I'm the one who didn't let you two join her—"

"How can you be blamed for this?!" Xia Yunlou interrupted her. She was burning with rage. "It's clearly Qiao Xi who stole your guests, yet she still has the cheek to blame you? How can she be so shameless?!"

Xu Anran said with tears in her eyes, "Mom, I know you love me and are unwilling to announce that I'm your adopted daughter. But my sister has already spread the news. Now that everyone knows about it, how can I still have any reason to hog you all?"

"Don't blame her for this. She... She just wants to join this family. After all... she's your biological daughter."

After saying this, Xia Yunlou was even more furious. "How could she do this?! I don't have such a selfish daughter!"

Xu Anran teared up and said, "Mom, I've never thought of snatching my sister away from you. I just want to stay by your side and be your daughter. Am I really wrong? I don't want others to misunderstand me, so let's go to my sister's birthday together."

Xia Yunlou still felt a little awkward in her heart, but after thinking carefully about Xu Anran's words, she felt that they made sense. If they didn't attend Qiao Xi's birthday banquet, outsiders would think that the Xu family was targeting her.

After all, Qiao Xi knew so many big shots. If people knew that the Xu family treated their own daughter harshly, it wouldn't be good for them.

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Xia Yunlou was silent for a while before she finally said helplessly, "Alright. Since you've said so, I'll listen to you. Xi Xi is so willful, but you're so sensible. You're truly my good daughter."

Chapter 602: Fence Sitters

In the banquet hall.

These guests were all invited by Shen Yu and the others. Qiao Xi did not participate in inviting them at all.

The Zhao family came because Qiao Xi had saved the life of a member of their family. The other families were inextricably linked to the Shen, Qin, and Xue families. They also knew Qiao Xi's identity, so they would naturally rush over to attend her birthday banquet.

When Qiao Xi went to Imperial Capital last time, she had once caused a stir. Everyone knew that these great families treated Qiao Xi like a pearl in their palm.

Moreover, everyone knew that Qiao Xi was married to that master who wasn't an ordinary person.

When everyone entered the banquet hall, they realized that the second young master of the Gu family, Gu Yao, was actually mixing drinks for everyone. Everyone was even more certain of Qiao Xi's status.

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The Yang family also found out that Qiao Xi might be the legendary top hacker, Black Tide, which was why the eldest daughter of the Yang family had rushed over from the capital.

No matter if Qiao Xi was the beloved daughter of the four major families, Mrs. Gu, or Black Tide, any one of these identities could not be underestimated.

At this moment, the banquet hall was filled with people, and everyone circled around Qiao Xi. It caused Wen Xi and the others to gnash their teeth with rage.

"Miss Qiao, Miss Qiao!"

The guests who rushed over from Xu Anran's side shouted anxiously, "Happy birthday! Miss Qiao, we're all here to celebrate your birthday. It's just that Mr. Xu and Madam Xu didn't let us leave just now, so we were delayed. I'm sure you won't blame us."

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"That's right, Miss Qiao. We originally planned to rush over after giving her our gifts, but who knew that Miss Xu Anran would hold us back? That's why we're late. Look, the moment we gave her our gifts, we rushed over."

Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully, and everyone hurriedly lowered their heads in fear.

Gu Yao said in a low voice, "They're all fence sitters. Seeing that the guests here are more distinguished, they came over to Qiao Xi's side. Their presence doesn't even matter."

"It's alright, I won't blame you." Qiao Xi smiled gently.

The guests were overjoyed and immediately walked in. After entering, they were frightened. There were many important people here, and they couldn't afford to offend them. Therefore, they had to be careful in everything they did.

Wen Xi looked reluctant. Her parents snorted unhappily. "So, it turns out Xu Anran is the real adopted daughter. If I had known about this, I wouldn't have let you curry favor with her. What a waste of time."

“Did you offend Miss Qiao previously because of Xu Anran? Are you stupid? Don’t you know what kind of person Miss Qiao is? The families attending her birthday party can easily make the Wen family suffer. You’re killing the Wen family here!”

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Wen Xi bit her lip tightly and refused to make a sound.

She curried favor with Xu Anran for the sake of the Wen family. Who knew that Qiao Xi had such a strong background? It was too late to say anything now. She reckoned that Qiao Xi would not forgive her and only hoped that she would not cause trouble for the Wen family.

At this moment, Xu Anran walked in with Xu Zhi and Xia Yunlou. When she saw everyone surrounding Qiao Xi and wishing her a happy birthday, her face turned gloomy.

Xia Yunlou was indignant. “Don’t they see that we’re here too? Why isn’t anyone wishing Anran a happy birthday?”

2

Xu Anran lowered her head and said aggrievedly, “Mom, it’s alright. Let’s go in.”

On the other hand, Li Xing’er looked at everyone sitting down and snorted. “They were mocking you just now, but once they found out that you had backers, they immediately rushed over. Only you would let them in. If it were me, I would have asked the bodyguards to chase them out!”

2

“Of course, it’s useful for me to let them in.” Qiao Xi blinked and smiled slyly.

Li Xing’er was confused.

Qiao Xi said indifferently, “They came from Xu Anran’s banquet hall. Originally, they wanted to celebrate Xu Anran’s birthday. Now, the other party’s birthday party hasn’t even ended and they’ve already come to my side. I think Xu Anran’s expression must be very interesting to see!”

At this moment, Xu Anran was probably angered to death!

As soon as Qiao Xi finished speaking, she heard a commotion not far away. She looked toward the source of the noise and saw Xu Anran’s face gradually turning sinister. Her eyes were filled with resentment.

Qiao Xi sneered. “See, they’re already here.”

Chapter 603: Even More Shameless

“Xi Xi, we’re here to celebrate your birthday.” Xu Zhi walked over slowly with a smile on his face. “I only left for a short while, but so many guests have come to celebrate your birthday. You’re indeed my good daughter.”

Everyone snorted. Who didn’t know that Xu Zhi was trying to find a way out for himself?

However, Xu Zhi did not care about those disdainful gazes. No matter what, he was Qiao Xi's biological father. What was wrong with him coming to attend his daughter's birthday banquet?

Xu Zhi helplessly said, "Originally, the two of you were going to celebrate your birthdays separately, but Anran was afraid that you'd be too lonely. Besides, why would the two of you have to separate? So, we came together."

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows when she heard Xu Zhi's words.

Xu Anran pretended to be weak. "Sister, I'm sorry. It's all my fault. I know... you hate me because I stole your identity, but I grew up in the Xu family. I don't want to leave the family. I've never wanted to fight with you for anything. I'm willing to give everything to you, including this birthday party..."

"I just wanted to invite more people to attend the party. I want to introduce everyone to you. I had kind intentions, but I didn't expect you to misunderstand. Sister, can you forgive me?"

Li Xing'er widened her eyes. This Xu Anran was really a top-notch hypocritical b*tch.

Things had already come to this point, yet she was still pretending. How could she say such innocent words in public? Did she really think that everyone was a fool?

Misunderstanding? Who was she trying to fool?!

If it weren't for the four great families coming to support Qiao Xi, the Xu family would probably be sticking their chins up into the sky right now. They might even ridicule Qiao Xi!

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She had never liked such two-faced behavior. She thought that Yao Mengqing was shameless enough, but Xu Anran was even more shameless!

Xia Yunlou used this as an excuse to continue speaking, "Xi Xi, our whole family has been busy preparing for your birthday party. How can you not appreciate our kindness? Aren't you going to thank Anran?"

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Li Xing'er: "?" 'Look! She's even more shameless!'

Xia Yunlou pretended to be helpless. "I didn't know that you had so many friends. I was afraid that you would lose your dignity, so I came up with an arrangement with Anran. I wanted to announce your identity at the birthday party. I didn't expect you to have so many friends. I'm really happy for you!

"Look! That's the cake we prepared for you. Do you like it?"

There was no tenderness in Xia Yunlou's eyes. She was still full of schemes.

She was clearly aware in her heart that Qiao Xi's background was formidable, and it was surely impossible to go head-on against her. At the very least, she wanted to let the guests present know that the Xu family had never mistreated Qiao Xi.

Therefore, she had to pretend to be a good mother so that no one would notice anything amiss.

Originally, she wanted to be a good mother as well, but this child, Qiao Xi, was extremely mischievous, jealous, and selfish. She was utterly unworthy of being her daughter!

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At this moment, the banquet hall was terrifyingly quiet. Since Qiao Xi didn't say anything, no one dared to speak.

Xu Anran glared fiercely at Qiao Xi. She guessed that Qiao Xi would definitely not be able to reject her. No matter what they did, they would always be her family.

If Qiao Xi really chased their entire family out in front of all the guests, then she would be unfilial and criticized for it for her entire life. She was sure that Qiao Xi would definitely let them stay.

As expected, Qiao Xi remained silent for a moment before smiling. "Of course, I like it! How can I not like what my parents prepared for me? I'm already very happy that you're willing to celebrate my birthday with me."

Xu Anran smirked smugly.

It seemed that Qiao Xi didn't have any tricks up her sleeve. She was just lucky to have met Shen Yu. The two of them were so close, so perhaps they had some sort of relationship!

The birthday party was about to begin. Qiao Xi glanced at the door. The door to the hall was still open.

She was neither anxious nor impatient as she stood still and waited.

Not long after, there was a commotion at the door.

This was Qiao Xi's birthday banquet, and the big shots of various places were gathered here. Who would dare to be so rude?

Everyone frowned and looked toward the door. They saw a sloppy man shouting as he broke past the security guards and rushed into the banquet hall.

The sudden intrusion of a stranger scared the rich young ladies present. They took a few steps back and looked at the scene in front of them with panic written all over their faces. They had attended many banquets and had never seen such a scene before.

Chapter 604: A Husband Suddenly Appeared

Li Xing'er waved her hand and ordered the bodyguards to drag him away. Unexpectedly, this man swept his gaze around the venue and rushed toward Qiao Xi as if she was his target.

The man's hair was greasy, and he was wearing a set of tattered clothes. He looked dirty. He tried to take Qiao Xi's hand, but she stopped him.

"Who are you?! What are you doing?"

The sloppy man did not pay attention to Li Xing'er. He directly hugged Qiao Xi's legs and tightly pulled the corner of her gown as he loudly shouted, "Wifey! I finally found you!"

Everyone widened their eyes in shock and instinctively looked at Gu Zheng who was not far away.

This man actually called Qiao Xi... his wife?

Gu Zheng's eyes darkened. His slender fingers caressed the wine glass as if he was thinking about something. Then, his gaze landed on Xu Anran.

When the man saw that Qiao Xi didn't respond, he immediately became fierce. "Wifey! You're so cruel! Now that you've become an heiress, you look down on me, your husband? You've been with me since you were 16. We even have a child together. Have you forgotten all of this?"

"Even if you're already the daughter of a rich family, it can't change the fact that you're my wife. Hurry up and come back! I beg you to stop running away. I can't live without you!"

The man reached out to pull on Qiao Xi's gown.

Everyone gasped.

Regardless of whether this was true or not, they were very clear in their hearts that this man wouldn't appear here for no reason. Someone wanted to take advantage of the fact that all the guests were present to completely ruin Qiao Xi's reputation.

She got together with this man at the age of 16 and even had a child with him. For the sake of being the daughter of a wealthy family, she abandoned her 'husband'. If this matter were to spread, Qiao Xi's reputation in Li City would be ruined.

"Xi Xi, we're childhood sweethearts. When you were bullied when you were young, I was the one who stood up for you. You said that you would marry me when you grew up and promised to take good care of your husband and children. But we were only married for a short while before you abandoned me! I had so many beautiful memories with you, but you actually abandoned me for money!"

He said tearfully, "You've been gone for so long, and I've been looking for you. So... So you..."

Xia Yunlou spoke first, "Xi Xi grew up in the countryside. The girls there get married very early, and she didn't have anyone to discipline her either. It's not strange that she started relying on men at an early age, but it's not right for her to just come back to the Xu family without acknowledging her husband!"

"Madam Xu! Are you Xi Xi's mother or not?!" Li Xing'er rebuked angrily. "This man's words alone are not conclusive proof! I really don't understand. You clearly know that these words will ruin Xi Xi's reputation and destroy her current family, yet you still can't wait to label Xi Xi. What are your intentions?!"

"If a mother who truly loves her child knows that something like this had happened to her daughter, regardless of whether it's true or not, the first thing she would do is defend her daughter and minimize the harm done to her. She wouldn't want it to affect her daughter's future and life, but you directly convicted Xi Xi of what this man is accusing her of! Moreover, it's Xi Xi's birthday today, but you've always been by Xu Anran's side. Could it be that an adopted daughter is more important than your biological daughter?"

"Oh~ I know. Are you afraid that Xi Xi will return to the Xu family and become the eldest daughter of the Xu family, replacing Xu Anran and blocking her path, so you want to use this opportunity to destroy Xi Xi?"

The entire venue was in an uproar.

Xia Yunlou's entire body stiffened. Then, she roared crazily. "Shut up! Xi Xi is my daughter. How could I harm her?! It's just that Xi Xi grew up in the countryside. It's possible for such things to happen to her!"

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Li Xing'er felt like her head was about to explode. It was fine to have a mother like Xia Yunlou, but she even went as far as to help her adopted daughter to frame her own daughter.

Xu Zhi looked up at the Xue family, and his heart skipped a beat. If those guests thought that the Xu family framed Qiao Xi, it would be bad.

He waved his hand and ordered, "Men! Drag this man who's spreading rumors out! Call the police and arrest him! I want to sue him for defamation!"

Xu Anran frowned.

Chapter 605: You Mother And Daughter Are Birds Of A Feather

Before she could say anything, Xu Anyi yelled, "Dad! We haven't figured out what happened yet. Don't be in a hurry to chase him away! Maybe this man is telling the truth. Qiao Xi grew up in the countryside. With her mischievous personality, it's normal if she got together with a man when she was young. How can such an embarrassing woman enter the Xu family?"

"Shut up!" Xu Zhi's blood was boiling. Xia Yunlou was already being suspected by others, yet this idiot Xu Anyi still dared to add fuel to the fire. How ridiculous!

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The next second, Xue Liang said coldly, "It seems like Young Master Xu and Madam Xu don't believe in Xi Xi and even despise her for growing up in the countryside. But why don't you think about who took Xi Xi's identity and caused her to be stranded in the countryside?"

Everyone from the Xu family turned pale.

Xue Liang glanced at the crowd. "I heard that the Xu family's servant swapped Xi Xi and Xu Anran, and the servant is Xu Anran's biological mother. The servant is still being taken care of by the Xu family. How will Xi Xi be avenged, then?"

"No wonder the Xu family's business is getting worse. How can immoral people get rich? When the company falls into Young Master Xu's hands, the Xu family will be finished. Ha!"

Xu Anyi was furious. Suppressing his anger, he said, "Young Master Xue, I'm just stating facts."

Xia Yunlou's gaze was ruthless as she gritted her teeth. No matter what, she had to pour this basin of dirty water on Qiao Xi and make her completely unable to turn the situation around. In this way, Qiao Xi wouldn't have the qualifications to seize the status of the Xu family's eldest young miss.

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After a moment of silence, Xia Yunlou pointed at the man and asked, "What happened between you and my daughter? Tell me everything!"

“Xia Yunlou! Stop fooling around!” Xu Zhi was furious.

“What did I do?! If Xi Xi really got together with this man and had a child with him but abandoned them for power, we can’t just sit back and do nothing. Otherwise, people will say that our Xu family is heartless!”

Xia Yunlou raised her voice. In her heart, only Anran was her biological daughter. As for Qiao Xi, if she could be obedient, she could naturally stay in the family. However, if she insisted on fighting with Anran, then Xia Yunlou could only destroy her.

“I’m Xi Xi’s mother. If Xi Xi really wronged you, I’ll make it up to you!” Xia Yunlou said to the man.

She knew clearly in her heart that everyone was definitely looking at her with disdain, but as long as she could ruin Qiao Xi’s reputation and help Anran maintain her status as a top socialite, she didn’t care about anything else.

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Gu Zheng’s eyes darkened as a chilling aura emanated from him.

The corners of Luo Qing’s lips curled up.

Qiao Xi’s expression was indifferent. “I’ve been back in the Xu family for so long, but Mom, you’ve never asked me about my past. I’m really curious now! This is good as well. There are some things that should be explained clearly!”

Seeing this, the man explained with snot and tears rolling down his face, “Xi Xi, we’ve known each other since we were young. You followed me when you were 16 and accidentally got pregnant. Although I have a woman I like, I’m still willing to take responsibility for you. But you abandoned me for glory and wealth!”

Qiao Xi crossed her arms and glanced coldly at the man before suddenly smiling.

“Do you think it’s worth it to take this job for 100,000 if you’re only going to end up losing your life?”

100,000 yuan?

Xia Yunlou hurriedly interrupted, “I think what he said is quite plausible. Xi Xi, could it be that you really did such a thing?”

“What’s the hurry, Madam Xu?”

Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully. “When I was 16, I hadn’t returned to the Qiao family, let alone the Xu family. I also didn’t know Gu Zheng, so you can say whatever you want because you think I won’t have any evidence to prove my innocence.”

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Most of the people present knew that Qiao Xi had married Gu Zheng, but there were still some who were doubtful. Now that Qiao Xi had spoken out about it in public, it finally confirmed this matter.

Xia Yunlou’s expression was ugly. “Stop talking about President Gu!”

“Madam Xu, no wonder you like Xu Anran and not me. We’re not the same kind of people! You mother and daughter are birds of a feather!”

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After saying that, Qiao Xi looked coldly at the man and took out her phone from her bag. Her slender fingers tapped on the screen a few times. She connected to the big screen in the banquet hall.

Chapter 606: Using Others To Make A Move

Xu Anran lowered her head and thought about how to completely ruin Qiao Xi’s reputation.

This time, she wanted Qiao Xi to be hated by everyone. It would be best if she was immediately abandoned by Gu Zheng and no one would fight with her for the identity of the Xu family’s eldest young miss.

Xu Anran had sinister thoughts. She wanted to trample Qiao Xi under her feet. She wanted Qiao Xi to know the consequences of offending her.

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Just as she was immersed in her joy, she heard the people around her exclaim.

Xu Anran suddenly looked up, her face pale.

A video appeared on the big screen. It showed the Xu family’s villa. The person filming was hiding in the bushes, but the video was very clear. Every word was heard clearly.

Wen Xi said, “I have an idea that can ruin Qiao Xi’s reputation!”

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Xu Zidie said, “Let’s find a random man and say that he’s Qiao Xi’s lover! We’ll say... that she got pregnant and had an abortion at the age of 16. She got together with that ugly man at such a young age. I want to see how she can still enter the Xu family then.”

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“Is this method reliable? Will that man betray us?”

“What’s there to be afraid of? As long as we give him a sum of money, there’s nothing he won’t do for us. Once this matter is exposed, I want to see what Qiao Xi will do! Anran, don’t worry. From now on, no one will fight with you. The identity as the eldest daughter of the Xu family will always belong to you.”

Xu Anran said, “This... Isn’t this too much? I’ve never thought of hurting her, but if doing so can make her listen to our parents obediently and not make them angry, it’s worth it.”

Xu Anyi said, “Heh, let’s see if she’ll still dare to go against you after this!”

After the recording ended, the entire banquet hall fell into dead silence.

The Xu and Wen families were livid.

The others didn't dare to open their mouths. After all, that was the young master of the Xu family, Xu Anyi, and the young miss of the Xu family, Xu Anran. Moreover, Wen Xi and Xu Zidie were both members of the Xu family as well. This was their family matter. However, no one had imagined that the four of them would actually conspire to ruin Qiao Xi.

No matter what, Qiao Xi was Xu Anyi's younger sister. Even if he didn't have any feelings for her, they were still related by blood. Xu Anyi should know that if their plan was successful, Qiao Xi would forever carry this stain and be affected for life.

After a while, the crowd began to whisper among themselves.

"The Lu and Wen families have such terrible upbringing!"

"Xu Anran, why were you pretending?! You were clearly trying to get someone else to do your dirty work, yet you still spoke so pompously as though you had nothing to do with this!"

"Xu Anyi is even worse. He framed his own sister for an outsider. He must be retarded!"

"Actually, Xu Anran is the most scheming one among these people. She's clearly the one who wants to deal with Qiao Xi, yet she used others to do the job for her. Even if the matter was exposed, she could say that it had nothing to do with her! Mr. Xu, there are some things that I'll be frank about. If you still keep this adopted daughter of yours at home, sooner or later, your Xu family will be turned upside down by her. Your biological daughter will also sever all ties with the Xu family!"

"I really don't understand. It's fine if the Xu family is biased toward Xu Anran, but Qiao Xi is their biological daughter, after all. They can't help their adopted daughter bully their biological daughter! Moreover, Qiao Xi isn't inferior to Xu Anran at all. She's the champion of the International Real-time Translation Competition!"

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"She's so powerful! The Xu family doesn't dote on their outstanding biological daughter but dotes on a scheming adopted daughter. They must be blind!"

"I heard that Miss Qiao suffered in the Qiao family when she was young and was chased to the countryside by her stepmother. Now that she has finally returned to her biological parents' side, she's still being schemed against by the adopted daughter and her biological brother. How pitiful."

"I think this matter isn't just related to the adopted daughter. Didn't you hear what Xia Yunlou said earlier? She doesn't seem to like Qiao Xi either!"

Xia Yunlou's heart skipped a beat.

Xue Liang smiled. "Madam Xu, does this incident have anything to do with you?"

"I—"

Xue Liang's eyes suddenly turned cold. "Mr. Xu instructed the bodyguards to drag this man away just now, but you were the one who stopped him. You were also the first one who confirmed Xi Xi's relationship with this man without any evidence and just based on this man's one-sided statement. Even if you say that this has nothing to do with you, who will believe you?"

Actually, even if this matter had nothing to do with Xia Yunlou, Xue Liang would still make this matter be related to her.

Chapter 607: A Family Of Fools

Xia Yunlou was not satisfied to have a daughter like Xi Xi, hence she actually helped Xu Anran destroy Xi Xi's reputation. What right did such a person have to be Xi Xi's mother?

The moment Xue Liang finished speaking, everyone looked at Xia Yunlou in shock, followed by disdain and mockery.

"Is Xia Yunlou really Miss Qiao's biological mother? How can there be such a mother in this world? She actually used such a method to destroy her own daughter!"

"It's all because of that scheming adopted daughter. I remember when we were at the Shen family's banquet, Xia Yunlou said in front of everyone that her adopted daughter loves President Gu. She tried to force Miss Qiao and President Gu to divorce!"

"Huh? Such a thing happened?"

Xu Anran's legs went weak, and she supported herself on the chair.

Gu Zheng's expression did not change. Xue Liang sneered. "President Gu isn't blind. How could he possibly like her?"

Xu Anran's face turned pale, and she looked like she was about to faint.

At this point, the truth was already revealed. Xu Zhi looked up in disbelief. "Xia Yunlou!"

"No! No!"

Xia Yunlou immediately roared and defended herself. "Xi Xi is my biological daughter. How could I harm her?! You're talking nonsense!"

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Xu Zhi and Xia Yunlou had lived together for more than 20 years. He knew her character very well. Seeing that she was so nervous, he immediately confirmed Xue Liang's words and raised his hand to slap her.

"Why are you so nervous if you didn't do it? Do you want to ruin your daughter? I know very well that you don't like Xi Xi, but she's our biological daughter while Xu Anran is just an adopted daughter. You're too ignorant!"

2

Smack!

Then, Xu Zhi raised his hand and gave Xu Anran a slap as well.

"Xu Anran! Back then, it was your mother who swapped you with Qiao Xi to gain benefits. You're just a servant's daughter. How are you qualified to fight with Qiao Xi? If it weren't for you, my daughter wouldn't have been left outside to suffer! Get lost! Get out of the Xu family!"

3

“Dad, I...”

Xu Anran sobbed silently, and Xu Anyi immediately stood up to defend her. “Dad! How can you say that about Anran? It was Qiao Xi who stole Anran’s things and even stole the man she loves! You know that Anran likes President Gu, so why won’t you help Anran? Do you know how sad Anran feels when she sees Qiao Xi and President Gu being a loving couple?”

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Xu Zhi didn’t say anything, but everyone’s faces were full of contempt.

“Is Xu Anyi crazy? President Gu doesn’t even know Xu Anran. Moreover, he married Miss Qiao a long time ago. Not only does President Gu not like Xu Anran, but even if he really likes her, she’s only fit to be a mistress!”

“Young Master Xu isn’t helping his own sister but is instead helping the adopted daughter to destroy his sister’s family. He’s even questioning why Mr. Xu isn’t helping Xu Anran?”

“Haha, what kind of drug did Xu Anran feed Young Master Xu and Madam Xu? It’s as if they’ve been bewitched into helping her!”

Everyone mocked the Xu family.

Xu Zhi was extremely frustrated. He knew very well in his heart that the Xu family could not afford to offend the people behind Qiao Xi. He could only roar at the three people from the Xu family, “Get lost!”

“Dad!” Xu Anyi was indignant.

Xu Anran said tearfully, “Dad, President Gu...”

“F*ck!” Someone couldn’t help but curse. “Seducing a man in front of the legitimate wife... How shameless can she be?! Top socialite? What bullsh*t! She’s just a scheming mistress!”

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Xu Anran’s body trembled.

Gu Zheng’s expression was indifferent as he looked gently at Qiao Xi who was beside him. “It’s time to cut the cake.”

Then, his eyes turned cold as he looked at Xu Zhi behind him. “Mr. Xu, I won’t let things end here just like this. I hope you can give me a reasonable explanation for all this.”

Xu Zhi felt his brain buzzing, and the blood in his body seemed to have frozen.

What sin did he commit in his past life to marry such a muddle-headed wife, give birth to an idiot like Xu Anyi, and even raise such a ruthless adopted daughter?

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If he had married Yunqiu back then...

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The more Xu Zhi thought about it, the more annoyed he became. "Xia Yunlou, come out with me!"

Seeing the Xu family leave, Qiao Xi ordered expressionlessly, "Close the door."

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Xu Zhi brought Xia Yunlou outside. He gritted his teeth and said, "Are you crazy? Xi Xi knows so many big shots. Shouldn't you be happy? Why did you find someone to ruin her reputation?"

Chapter 608: Otherwise, We'll Divorce

Xia Yunlou cried out, "No matter how muddle-headed I am, I won't do such a thing! She's my biological daughter, after all! I just thought that since she grew up in the countryside and had no one to discipline her, it wouldn't be strange if she accidentally got pregnant and got an abortion, so—"

"Shut up! You're still talking! I don't care why you did it, but Xi Xi is our daughter. You can't do anything to harm her. I'll send Xu Anran away now to prevent any more trouble!"

"Xu Zhi!" Xia Yunlou shouted, "No! Anran has stayed with us for so long. Where are you going to send her? If outsiders know that Anran has been chased out of the house, she'll definitely be mocked. How can she continue living?!"

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"Who asked her to go against Xi Xi time and time again? She brought this upon herself!"

Xu Zhi was furious. "Do you know how much impact the incident today could have had on Xi Xi?! If everyone had fallen for the act, what would've happened then?"

Xia Yunlou panicked. "So what? Qiao Xi's reputation isn't good anyway. It doesn't matter even if she gets into one more scandal. Moreover, with the Xu family and President Gu around, who can say anything—"

Smack!

Before she could finish, Xu Zhi raised his hand and slapped her.

"Xia Yunlou! Let me warn you, Qiao Xi is the eldest daughter of the Xu family. Xu Anran is just an adopted daughter. If I find out that you dare to frame Xi Xi again, I'll divorce you!"

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Xia Yunlou was not to be outdone. "You want to divorce me? If it weren't for our Xia family, would the Xu family be where they are today? Besides, I'm Xi Xi's mother. Would I harm her? Everything I do is for her own good!"

Xu Zhi's face was full of ridicule. "Xia Yunlou, we've lived together for so many years. I still don't understand your thoughts. You know very well why you did all of this!"

Even if Xia Yunlou didn't like Qiao Xi, she was still her own daughter, after all. Why did she have to be ruthless to Qiao Xi every single time?

Xu Zhi's eyes were full of disdain as he said word by word, "It's because Xi Xi was raised by her. Xi Xi looks like her, and her personality is also similar to her. Seeing Xi Xi is like seeing her when she was young! You're jealous of her because the position of Madam Xu should have been Xia Yunqiu's!"

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"Ah—!!" Xia Yunlou screamed like a madman, "Shut up!"

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Xia Yunlou felt like she was about to explode!

Why?! Why did that woman have to be above her in every aspect? She had clearly been dead for so long, yet she was still haunting her like a ghost. No one could forget her!

Xu Zhi's words completely angered her. Xia Yunlou roared crazily. "It's all her fault! It's all her fault! She's the eldest daughter of the Xia family! She's my mother's favorite daughter! Even you treat her as Madam Xu in your heart! Worst of all, my daughter looks so similar to her. How can I not hate her?!"

"She deserved to die! She should have disappeared completely. Why is she disturbing my life again?!"

Xu Zhi's face was gloomy. "You b*tch! How dare you say such things?! You were the one who stole your sister's engagement back then. You were the one who stole what originally belonged to her. What right do you have to hate her?"

"Xi Xi was raised by Yunqiu herself, so what's so strange about her being similar to her? Moreover, Xi Xi isn't like Yunqiu but like your and Yunqiu's mother, Old Madam Yin. Yunlou, how could you be so ignorant?!"

Just because she hated her biological sister, she wanted to destroy her biological daughter who resembled her sister?

Xu Zhi thought of those big shots behind Qiao Xi and instantly felt a chill down his spine.

Now, he only hoped that Xi Xi would not take issue with the Xu family. No matter what, they were related by blood. If she insisted on taking revenge, how could the Xu family endure it?

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He had thought that his daughter was just a wild girl from the countryside. He didn't expect her to have such powerful backers. Any one of them could make Li City tremble.

Xu Zhi's eyes were cold. It seemed that he must obtain Qiao Xi's forgiveness.

"Yunlou, apologize to Xi Xi immediately. You and Xu Anran must make Xi Xi forgive the Xu family. Otherwise..."

He took a deep breath and said, "Otherwise, we'll divorce!"

Xia Yunlou suddenly raised her eyes and looked at the man in front of her in disbelief.

Divorce?

Although the two of them had not been happy in all these years, they were still kind to each other. Now, he wanted to divorce her for that b*tch?

Chapter 609: Don't Worry, Everything Is Fine

Xia Yunlou was really afraid that she would be abandoned, so she suppressed her anger. "What's so difficult about asking Qiao Xi to forgive me? I'm her mother. If she makes things difficult for me, she's unfilial!"

Didn't Qiao Xi always hope to have a family? As long as she wanted a family, she had to forgive her and Anran. Otherwise, how could the Xu family accept her?

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Longwan Residential.

The first thing Qiao Xi did when she got home was to open the presents.

The gift boxes filled the entire living room, each one more valuable than the last. The butler could not help but sigh. He had thought that the president had married a lady with a bitter life, but he did not expect that this lady was a real pearl and came from such a powerful background.

Qiao Xi picked out some gifts that she liked and put them in the bedroom. Gu Zheng then instructed the butler to keep the remaining gifts before he asked gently, "Shall we go upstairs?"

"Okay." She nodded.

At this moment, Lele ran in happily and rushed in front of Qiao Xi. She lowered her eyes. "My grandfather used to have a dog too."

Gu Zheng pursed his lips.

"Before this, the mountain was desolate. There were no flowers or trees, not to mention animals. So Grandpa had a dog. That dog was like Lele, always happy.

"Later on, Grandpa planted flowers and trees on the mountain. It gradually regained its vitality. Actually, I really don't understand why a godly doctor like Grandpa had to live in such a remote place."

Qiao Xi's voice carried a trace of helplessness.

She had once asked her grandfather, but he only said, "Since you're a miracle doctor, you have to be more mysterious. Of course, you can't casually appear in front of people."

However, now that she had grown up, she felt that her grandfather's words were a little far-fetched. Why must miracle doctors be mysterious? It was probably because her grandfather was keeping a secret.

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Gu Zheng's expression was indifferent. "Why aren't you curious why the divine physician brought you up the mountain?"

Qiao Xi suddenly fell silent. She really hadn't thought about this question.

When she was driven to the countryside by the Qiao family, she was not even ten years old. There were only a dozen or so families in the village, and they were all so poor that they could not even put food on the table.

The Qiao family gave each family a sum of money, and everyone agreed to let Qiao Xi stay in the village.

Later on, when her grandfather and elder brother passed by the village, they found her and gave the villagers a sum of money to take her away. They also instructed the villagers not to tell anyone that she had left and to pretend that she had been staying in the village all along.

Now that she thought about it carefully, there were indeed many suspicious points.

In that poor village, the villagers were isolated from the world. Why would her grandfather and elder brother go to such a place? Could it be that they were there to pick her up and were not just passing by?

"But who should I ask? Grandfather has been missing for so long."

Qiao Xi knew that the worst-case scenario was that her grandfather had already passed away. After all, her grandfather was getting on in years. He had been missing for two years, so it was very likely that he had already been killed. Even though she was using her identity as Black Tide to engage numerous hackers to search for him, there was still no clue.

Her grandfather had gone missing for two years, yet not a single trace was left behind. Qiao Xi truly didn't dare imagine how formidable the other party's ability was.

Suddenly, Qiao Xi's phone flashed.

She looked down and saw that the screen of her phone had turned black.

Qiao Xi was stunned for a few seconds before suddenly realizing that her phone had been hacked.

She was a hacker! Although she was not the best in the hacker world, she was definitely in the top ten. Who could hack her phone?

Who was that hacker?

Qiao Xi angrily picked up her phone, wanting to retaliate. Unexpectedly, just as she was about to move, the screen flashed once again. A line of words appeared: [Don't miss me, everything is fine. — Grandfather.]

Qiao Xi's eyes widened abruptly as her body trembled uncontrollably.

She immediately picked up her phone, wanting to decode the other party's code. However, she didn't expect the other party's technique to be so superb that she couldn't decode it at the moment.

Gu Zheng also saw the words on the screen and could not help but frown. He was about to reach out when the screen flashed again—

[Little Six, you don't need to get Mo Yuan to crack the code. I just want to say a few things.]

Qiao Xi knew that the person on the other end of the phone was indeed her grandfather, but she didn't understand. Since her grandfather was still alive, why was he using such a method to speak to her? Moreover, he was even clearly aware that the person by her side was Mo Yuan?

[Little Six, I'm sorry for making you worry. I wish you happiness forever.]

Chapter 610: Enemies Meet On A Narrow Road!

[It's not that I don't want to see you, but there are some special reasons. I'll appear one day. I know that you've been looking into your mother's matters. Your mother and I were indeed old acquaintances. After your mother passed away, I knew that you were bullied by the Qiao family and was sent to the countryside. That's why I brought your brother there to fetch you back.

[Little Six, I heard that you've found your biological parents. Your biological mother is called Xia Yunlou. I know they don't treat you well. You don't have to be sad because Xia Yunlou might not be your real biological mother.]

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Qiao Xi gasped.

Xia Yunlou was not her biological mother? Then why did she acknowledge her?

[This is just a guess. I can't confirm it. The most direct way is to do a paternity test. You can get Gu Zheng to help you. He's your husband. He'll help you solve all your problems. It's a waste not to use him!]

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Gu Zheng took a glance. This divine physician really didn't treat him as an outsider!

[Little Six, don't worry about me. When the time is right, I'll appear.]

The last sentence stopped for a few seconds before the screen returned to normal.

Qiao Xi picked up her phone and wanted to trace the other party, but she didn't find any clues.

Gu Zheng smirked. "The godly doctor's hacking skills are actually so superb."

Qiao Xi was slightly stunned. "This is my first time learning about it."

What secrets did Grandpa have? Why was he hiding in the dark for two years without meeting them?

"Your grandfather said that he's safe, so you don't have to worry. When he's done with whatever it is he's doing, he'll naturally appear."

Qiao Xi nodded wearily.

Grandpa said that Xia Yunlou may not be her biological mother, so why did the Xu family still want to acknowledge her?

Fortunately, after today's incident, the Xu family would not come looking for trouble with her.

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The next morning.

Li Xing'er called. "Xi Xi, can you be my model? It wasn't easy for my gown to be chosen, but I'm not satisfied with the models I've seen. Only your figure is most suitable. Come over and support me!"

Gu Zheng's eyes darkened. "I'll go too."

Li Xing'er chuckled. "Oh! You just have to show your face and it's only for an hour, but President Gu is still worried! I didn't expect the famous President Gu to be so clingy!"

Li Xing'er was participating in a variety show. Every episode, they would select the works of a group of designers. Models would wear the clothes and walk on stage. Then, they would select the most beautiful model and the most influential designer.

Although it was a competition, everyone knew that the program team had already decided who the final champion would be. Everyone else was just going through the motions.

The gown designed by Li Xing'er was merely a foil and only appeared on camera for a total of ten seconds. But such an opportunity could only be chanced upon by luck, so Qiao Xi agreed.

"But I don't know how to do a catwalk!"

"It's okay, we're all amateurs. Just walk around and don't fall down. Anyway, everyone is there to be a foil to certain models or female celebrities. You just have to show the gown I designed well."

The tip of Gu Zheng's tongue brushed past his teeth. He revealed an unruly expression.

His Mrs. Gu was just a foil meant to highlight female celebrities?

Qiao Xi didn't care. After asking Li Xing'er about the time and venue, she prepared to leave.

When she arrived at the scene, she found out the female celebrity's identity.

"F*ck! Enemies really meet on a narrow road! That female celebrity is actually Xu Anran's friend! If I had known, I definitely wouldn't have asked you to come!"

Li Xing'er flew into a rage. "Forget it, I don't need this show. Let's go!"

Qiao Xi's expression was indifferent. "Meng Meimei is an A-list celebrity. If you leave just like this, it'll be a slap to her face. How are you going to survive in this industry in the future?"

"What the f*ck?!" Li Xing'er could not help but swear, "F*ck! I get angry every time I see her. She must not be a good person to be friends with Xu Anran."

Qiao Xi raised her brows.

Meng Meimei, Xu Anran's best friend?

"When did you submit the design draft?"

"About two months ago. The variety show had already issued a notice before filming started, and many designers submitted their drafts. I submitted my draft after I saw the announcement and was selected not long after."

