

Lady gu 621

Chapter 621: Acting Pitiful On A Live Broadcast

The live broadcast screen went silent. The fans even suspected that it was a prank.

Everyone knew that Xu Anran was the eldest daughter of the Xu family and had a powerful backer. That was why she was able to stand firm in the entertainment circle. If it wasn't for the Xu family, how could she have achieved so much in such a short period of time? After all, the entertainment circle had never lacked beauties.

Xu Anran's eyes were filled with tears. She wiped her tears and sniffled. "My parents have already found their biological daughter. For the past 20 years, my parents and brother have been very good to me. Even though they know that I'm not their biological child, they still treat me like I am. However, I know that everything I have is supposed to belong to someone else. I'm the one who's occupying someone else's identity.

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"My younger sister isn't as lucky as I am. She grew up in the countryside and suffered all kinds of grievances. It's reasonable that she doesn't want to forgive me. Moreover, she said that as long as I stay in the Xu family, she won't go home. Hence, I've decided to move out of the Xu family."

Xu Anran said tearfully, "I know it's all my fault. If I hadn't taken over her identity, she wouldn't have suffered so much. That's why I'm willing to leave the Xu family, my parents, and my brother. I won't accept any resources in the entertainment industry anymore.

"Everyone knows that I've been doing well in the entertainment industry all these years because of my family's help. Without the Xu family, no one else would care about me. Hence, I've decided to quit..."

When she said this, she suddenly choked and cried in grief. Then, a noble-looking woman hugged her shoulders and comforted her gently. "Don't cry, Anran."

Xu Anran's voice trembled. "Mom..."

"Mom, you don't have to leave with me. I'm the one my sister hates. Why should I implicate you? I'll persuade her to go home."

Xia Yunlou's heart ached as she cried. "This isn't your fault! At that time, you were just a baby and didn't know anything. It was the nurse who carried over the wrong baby. You grew up in the Xu family since you were young. I've always considered you a child of the Xu family. How could she blame everything on you?"

"Mom, don't say anymore. My younger sister will be unhappy. You and Dad finally found her. We've even braved the heavy rain to rush to Nine Heavens Villa to ask for her forgiveness. I don't need anything else as long as you and Dad are happy."

Xia Yunlou pounded her chest. "Anran, my poor daughter! You're here compromising, but she made your father so angry that he can't even get up from bed now. If it isn't because she's my biological daughter, forget it..."

The live broadcast was silent for a few seconds before it exploded.

[F*ck! I didn't expect a drama like this to happen in real life. Anran and the real daughter of the Xu family were accidentally swapped. 20 years later, the real daughter of the Xu family appeared. Now, she wants to chase Anran away!]

[Although Anran is not the real daughter of the Xu family, she has lived in the Xu family for 20 years, after all. She has accompanied the Xu couple for so many years and can be considered their daughter. Why must that real daughter chase Anran away the moment she comes back?]

[Yeah, and I think Madam Xu is reluctant too. She's even crying from sadness!]

[I heard that after the Xu family's real daughter was mistakenly adopted by Madam Xu's biological sister. After that, Madam Xu's biological sister passed away and she even left all her assets to her. Since she no longer has to worry about food and clothing, why must she return to the Xu family? I think she's just selfish!]

[It's still raining outside! Madam Xu and Anran braved the rain to rush over, but she's hiding in Nine Heavens Villa and refuses to come out. This person is too ruthless! No wonder Madam Xu doesn't like her biological daughter!]

Then, the two of them went up the mountain in the rain and walked to the entrance of Night Tide Courtyard. However, they were stopped by a maid.

Xu Anran lowered her eyes as a trace of sinisteress flashed past her eyes. She had guessed that Qiao Xi wouldn't come out to see them. It just so happened that she was doing a live broadcast. This way, everyone would think that Qiao Xi was heartless.

Xia Yunlou cried sadly. "I'm Xi Xi's mother. Can you let me in? I have something to tell her."

Xu Anran choked and said, "Sister, it's all my fault. It has nothing to do with Mom. You can choose not to see me, but can you let Mom in? It's still raining outside. Mom's health isn't good to begin with. She..."

Chapter 622: Mrs. Gu Pretends To Be Soft

Suddenly, a shout came from the courtyard. Following that, a slim figure rushed out with an umbrella in her hand. She was so weak that it seemed like she would be blown away by the wind.

Her eyes were filled with shock as she exclaimed, "Mom! Sister! It's raining so heavily. Why are you guys here? Why aren't you guys carrying umbrellas?! Your clothes are all wet. It's all my fault for falling asleep and causing you guys to be drenched in the rain. If I knew that you guys were coming to look for me, I would definitely have sent someone to fetch you!"

Xu Anran instantly choked up and looked at the crying Qiao Xi with disbelief.

How could this be possible?! Why would Qiao Xi come out?

Qiao Xi had guessed Xu Anran's intentions. Wasn't she trying to use public opinion to attack her and force her to take the initiative to seek peace? However, she wouldn't fall for this trick. When it came to pretending to be weak and frail, she was better at this. She would pretend to be an obedient and sensible daughter in the live broadcast.

Moreover, before rushing to the door, Qiao Xi had deliberately put on makeup to make her seem sickly. Even if she was drenched in the rain, her makeup wouldn't be removed. At this moment, her entire face was deathly pale, and her appearance was extremely weak.

Qiao Xi looked at the mother and daughter in surprise. Even the best actress out there would feel ashamed of her inferior acting skills.

"Sister! I'm sorry. It's all my fault for letting you and Mom get drenched in the rain. Why didn't you call me before you came? I didn't even know! Boo-hoo... It's all my fault. Why did I have to fall sick and only wake up at this time?"

"It's also because I'm sick that Ah Zheng brought me here to recuperate for a few days. He even instructed the maids not to disturb me. Who knew that you would come at this time? The maids didn't dare to disturb me, so you guys ended up getting drenched in the rain. Quickly come in. Don't catch a cold."

Xia Yunlou looked at Qiao Xi in surprise and sized her up. Her lips were pale, and she would cough from time to time. Her eyes were slightly red, and she didn't look like she was pretending.

Before the two of them could speak, Qiao Xi suddenly sneezed. Tears trickled down her face as she cried, "Mom! Why aren't you going in? I know you blame me for coming out too late, sob sob sob sob... You can hit me or scold me, but don't hurt your own body. I beg you, quickly go into the house and avoid the rain, okay?"

Qiao Xi covered her mouth and pretended to be in despair as her body swayed weakly.

The maid at the side rushed forward to support her and exclaimed, "Young Madam! Your body is so cold! You're already sick. This cold wind is going to make it worse."

Qiao Xi's voice trembled. "It... It's alright."

The maid was also a smart person. She followed Qiao Xi's plan and said, "Young Madam has been running a fever for the entire day. She has only slept for a short while, but when she heard that her relatives had come to visit, she rushed out without even putting on her coat. She doesn't even care about her health."

Qiao Xi said weakly and gently, "It doesn't matter to me. I can't let Mom and Sister get drenched in the rain again. If I don't come out to welcome them, they'll be angry. It's all my fault for being too disappointing. Why did I fall sick?! Please don't blame me and quickly come into the house with me, alright?"

Everyone watching the live broadcast was stunned.

[Don't you guys think that the real daughter of the Xu family looks quite gentle? She doesn't seem to have any intention of chasing Xu Anran away. In fact, she's quite enthusiastic toward her.]

[Why do I feel so sad? The daughter who was previously wandering outside has finally found her biological parents but has to be careful and please her family. She's afraid that she'll be hated by them. She's clearly seriously ill, yet she still braved the heavy rain to welcome her mother and sister. She's

simply afraid that Madam Xu and Xu Anran will blame her. How can such a pitiful young lady chase Xu Anran out of the house?]

[Come to think of it, it's a fact that Xu Anran had taken over her identity and enjoyed everything that should have belonged to her. After living with the Xu family for 20 years, even though she has returned to the Xu family, it'll be difficult for her to integrate into the Xu family. If Xu Anran doesn't move out of the Xu family, the real daughter's life in the Xu family will be very difficult. I think it's reasonable to chase Xu Anran away.]

[I think so too. Although this isn't Xu Anran's fault, she did steal the identity and family of the real heiress, after all. She should have left from the beginning. She can't blame the real heiress!]

Xu Anran looked at the comments in the live broadcast with hatred in her eyes.

This b*tch actually tricked her!

Chapter 623: The Hidden Weapon's Effects

Xu Anran glared fiercely at Qiao Xi and suddenly rushed in front of her. Qiao Xi's eyes were filled with fear. "Sister, what are you doing?! I've already promised you that I won't return to the Xu family. I won't fight with you over the identity of the Xu family's eldest young miss. I don't want anything anymore. I beg you to stop messing around. I only want to live a peaceful life."

[What the f*ck?! What did Xu Anran do to this young lady? She was so scared with just one look. Has Xu Anran privately abused her?]

[Did you all hear that?! I don't think the real daughter doesn't want to go home, but it's because Xu Anran threatened her, so she doesn't dare to go home!]

[Then why did Xu Anran say that the real daughter wanted to chase her out of the Xu family? It seems like Xu Anran wanted to ruin the real daughter's reputation!]

When Xu Anran saw everyone's comments, she immediately wanted to turn off the live broadcast. However, for some reason, she felt a sharp pain in her wrist and lost all feeling in her arm.

Qiao Xi retracted her hidden weapon without a trace. She looked at Xu Anran with her big deer-like eyes, still full of fear. "Sister, you asked me to leave the Xu family and I have already agreed. If you think I'm an eyesore, I can leave Li City and never come back to disturb you. Please just let me go!"

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Upon hearing these words, the corner of Xu Anran's mouth twitched slightly. Her eyes that were originally gentle like water suddenly seemed to pop out as she glared fiercely at Qiao Xi.

[F*ck! I was scared to death! Xu Anran's expression is so scary. It's as if she wants to kill someone!]

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[Did you hear what the real young miss said? I get it now! It was Xu Anran who went to threaten the real young miss and forced her to get out of the Xu family. She made the Xu family misunderstand the real young miss. Now, they're even forcing her to leave Li City!]

Upon seeing these words, Xu Anran suppressed the anger in her heart. A smile appeared on her face. However, the muscles on her face seemed to have stiffened. When she smiled, it was even scarier and she looked absolutely ferocious.

Her mind buzzed as flames raged in her heart. She knew that it was a live broadcast, but she just wanted to charge over and tear apart Qiao Xi's hypocritical face. She wished for nothing more than to strangle that b*tch Qiao Xi to death.

Qiao Xi, that b*tch, was clearly acting pitiful, but everyone believed her!

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At this moment, the medicine had already entered Xu Anran's bloodstream and was taking effect. Xu Anran could only feel the flames of anger burning in her chest. Her rationality and lucidity instantly disappeared.

"You b*tch! Shut up! Dad told us to apologize to you, but you're saying I forced you to leave the Xu family! If you really want to leave, then get lost! Disappear immediately! It's better if you die!"

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The live broadcast room was silent.

Xu Anran was also stunned. She covered her mouth in disbelief. She had actually said what was on her mind out of anger!

[Did I hear wrongly? Xu Anran told the real daughter to scram and even said that it would be better if she died?]

[I finally understand now. Xu Anran was just putting on a show when she was complaining earlier. She's the one who threatened the real daughter, yet she said that the real daughter is forcing her. She's truly an actress! She acted so well!]

[I caught the main point. Xu Anran just said that Mr. Xu asked them to apologize to the real young miss. That means that Mr. Xu knows that Xu Anran had threatened the real young miss, so he asked Xu Anran and Madam Xu to apologize. It seems like she has done this more than once.]

[Xu Anran knows that she's doing a live broadcast, yet she still shouted at the real young miss. She even said that it would be better if she died. I can't imagine how badly she abuses the real young miss behind the scenes!]

Qiao Xi leaned forward with an aggrieved expression. "Sister..."

It was only then that Xu Anran realized that her body was gradually stiffening. The corners of her mouth were twitching uncontrollably, and her eyes kept blinking. She wanted to get out of this situation and tried to raise her arms with great effort.

At this moment, Qiao Xi walked in front of her and her arm directly hit Qiao Xi's face.

No, no!

She did want to kill Qiao Xi and give her a tight slap, but she absolutely would not do such a thing when everyone was watching through the live broadcast!

Smack!

This slap wasn't loud, but everyone clearly saw Xu Anran slap Qiao Xi. Then, Qiao Xi's body fell weakly...

Suddenly, a tall figure flashed past and firmly caught Qiao Xi, wrapping her in his arms like a rare treasure. He used the warmth of his body to warm her.

Chapter 624: I Won't Allow You To Get Injured

Gu Zheng had already been waiting by the side for a long time. When he saw Qiao Xi desperately fall backward, his eyes were filled with maliciousness and insidiousness. At this moment, his rage was even greater.

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Even though he knew that all of this was set up by Qiao Xi, he was still unable to control the rage in his heart when he saw Xu Anran slap Qiao Xi on the face.

Gu Zheng did not look up, but his whole body exuded a cold and murderous aura. His thin lips parted slightly. "Scram!"

Xu Anran's heart trembled as she retreated a few steps in fear.

[Ah! Thank goodness Miss Qiao didn't fall!]

[It's raining outside and Miss Qiao is still seriously ill. If she had really fallen to the ground, her condition would definitely have worsened! Xu Anran is too cruel! She did something wrong yet still wanted to hurt others?]

[I've already stopped being a fan. Who would like a celebrity like her? It doesn't matter if she occupies the real daughter's identity. After all, she can't be blamed for this matter, but it's her fault for threatening the real daughter. She even dared to hit Miss Qiao in public. If she had fallen and gotten injured, Xu Anran would legally be held responsible!]

[Wow! The man hugging Miss Qiao is so handsome! Who is he? He's even more handsome than male celebrities! Especially that hug just now. It was so affectionate, yet he was so domineering when facing Xu Anran.]

Xu Anran's fingers were stiff, and she could not turn off the live broadcast. Xia Yunlou couldn't care less and directly rushed over, throwing the phone to the ground.

However, it was too late. Everyone had already seen what they needed to see and knew what was going on.

Qiao Xi seized the opportunity and couldn't be bothered to talk to Xu Anran anymore. She directly fell into Gu Zheng's embrace and winked at Gu Zheng with a sly smile.

In front of the courtyard, Xu Anran's eyes almost popped out from rage. Her fingers trembled as she pointed at Qiao Xi. "You... You framed me!"

“Stop arguing! Are you done?!”

Unknowingly, some staff from the villa had gathered at the entrance of Night Tide Courtyard. Everyone looked at Xu Anran with disdain.

“Mrs. Gu fell asleep the moment she returned to Night Tide Court. When she heard that you two were here, she rushed out to welcome you without even putting on her coat. She was already sick to begin with but is drenched in the rain now. Xu Anran, you vicious woman! You even knocked Mrs. Gu unconscious. You’re really too vicious!”

“Hurry up and leave! Nine Heavens Villa doesn’t welcome you!”

At this moment, a few strong men walked over and pushed Xu Anran and Xia Yunlou. The two of them were already drenched in the rain and did not have any ability to resist. They could only be chased out of Nine Heavens Villa.

Xia Yunlou’s heart was filled with fear. They were originally here to apologize, but somehow, things had taken the wrong turn. Anran even slapped Xixi. How could Qiao Xi forgive them now?

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At this moment, her phone suddenly rang.

After the call was connected, Xu Zhi’s angry roar could be heard. “Look at what you’ve done! I told you to apologize! Who told you to do a live broadcast?! Xu Anran even slapped Xi Xi. Are you two crazy? Get back here immediately!”

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Xia Yunlou’s mind buzzed. Her body went limp as she sat on the ground. Her body was covered in mud and water. She looked extremely pathetic.

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In Night Tide Courtyard, Gu Zheng carried Qiao Xi into the bedroom and coughed lightly. “Mrs. Gu, wake up.”

Qiao Xi slowly opened her eyes and looked around while smiling sheepishly.

She picked up a bottle of makeup remover and wiped off the makeup on her face. Her initially sickly little face instantly returned to normal.

Gu Zheng stood behind Qiao Xi and reached out to hold her waist. He rested his chin on her shoulder and pulled her into his embrace. He said softly, “Mrs. Gu, do you trust me so much that you chose to fall backward without any worries?”

Qiao Xi said indifferently, “That’s not the case. Even if you hadn’t stepped in, there were still two maids by my side. If they were unable to catch me, then I could only fall to the ground. But I had already calculated the angle. So long as I fall to the right, I’d fall onto the lawn. At most, it’d just be a light injury.”

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Gu Zheng's eyes were bloodshot as he gradually tightened his grip on her waist and leaned close to her ear while breathing heavily. "Qiao Xi, I won't allow you to be injured—not even light injuries."

Qiao Xi felt a scorching heat envelop her ear, and her entire body trembled.

She looked at the man's reddened eyes through the mirror and frowned slightly. Could it be that Gu Zheng's poison was flaring up?

Chapter 625: Rumors Of Sisterhood

Gu Zheng's hot palm slid down her waist and landed on her cheek, caressing her gently. "Don't make me worry."

Qiao Xi felt a wave of warmth in her heart, but what followed was bitterness because she was able to sense that the frequency of Gu Zheng's poison relapsing was getting higher and higher. Fortunately, when the situation wasn't serious, he was still able to control it.

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At the Xu family's villa.

Xia Yunlou and Xu Anran returned home like two drenched chickens. Xu Anyi immediately came out to welcome them and wiped the rainwater off their bodies.

However, Xu Zhi sat on the sofa and roared. "You two pieces of trash! I only asked you to apologize, but what did you do?! Not only did you hit Xi Xi, but you even broadcasted it live! The Xu family's reputation has been thrown away by you two idiots!"

Xia Yunlou lowered her head, not daring to make a sound.

Xu Anran's tears fell like rain. "Dad..."

"I'm not your father! You're not related to me by blood!"

Xu Anran's face turned pale as she sobbed. "I'm sorry. I didn't expect my sister to be sick. We suddenly chased after her, so maybe we scared her..."

Xu Zhi happened to watch the live broadcast. He also felt that it was a little strange. Qiao Xi was usually smart and bold, but this time, her face was full of fear as if she was very afraid of them.

Xu Anran cried and said, "Xi Xi has always hated me. I'm afraid that she won't want to see us anymore. But Xi Xi is your real daughter, after all. How can I bear to see you two separate? I have an idea, but I don't know if it's feasible."

Xu Zhi's expression softened a little. "What idea?"

"I heard that Xi Xi and Mrs. Xia Yunqiu were very close, and Mom is Mrs. Xia Yunqiu's biological sister. If Mom says that she wants to pay respects to Xia Yunqiu, Xi Xi probably won't refuse, right?"

Everyone immediately reacted. Even if Xi Xi held a grudge against the Xu family, there was no reason to stop Xia Yunlou from paying her respects to Xia Yunqiu. If Xi Xi insisted on disagreeing, then it would be against the rules.

If she agreed, they would find another chance to persuade Qiao Xi to forgive them.

Xu Anran sniffed and said, "Mom, we have to seize this opportunity."

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The next morning.

Recently, Qiao Xi had heard some rumors that the relationship between Xia Yunlou and Xia Yunqiu was deep. After Xia Yunlou found out that her sister had gone missing, she searched for her for more than ten years. Moreover, when she heard that her sister had passed away, Xia Yunlou was heartbroken and fell seriously ill.

There was also some news on the internet. It was said that the two sisters had always been close. Although they did not grow up together, they still shared the same parents and were related by blood.

Qiao Xi was slightly puzzled. Why was Xia Yunlou spreading this news online?

Suddenly, her phone rang and Old Madam Yin's number appeared on the screen.

Qiao Xi hesitated for a moment before calling out awkwardly, "Grandma."

"Xi Xi, have you seen the news on the internet?" Old Madam Yin's voice was a little stern. At this moment, the younger members of the Yin family were also standing by the side, trembling in fear.

Qiao Xi asked, "Are you referring to the news of Madam Xu and Mom's sisterly love?"

Old Madam Yin's voice was slightly cold. "Yes, it's about this. I've never paid attention to the news on the internet. It was Jingting who told me. Actually, your mother's relationship with Xia Yunlou... wasn't as good as she says it was. Their relationship can't be explained in just a few words. Anyway, remember that if Xia Yunlou uses her relationship with her sister to force you to lower your head, you don't have to bother about it."

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Qiao Xi felt her heart soften, and she replied with a smile, "Alright, I'll remember."

Tears welled up in Old Madam Yin's eyes. "My dear child, if you encounter any trouble, come and look for me. As long as I'm here, no one is allowed to bully you!"

Actually, Old Madam Yin didn't understand as well. Xi Xi was Yunlou's biological daughter, yet her character was completely different. She was extremely similar to Yunqiu instead. Could it be that it was because Yunqiu had raised her so Xi Xi resembled her?

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Qiao Xi nodded. "Thank you, Grandma. Can you tell me about what happened between mother and Madam Xu? I really want to know."

There was silence for a few seconds.

Old Madam Yin was silent before she sighed. "Back then, I met and fell in love with Xia Cheng. We got married and soon gave birth to a son and two daughters.

"Both of us were wealthy, so I abdicated my position and became a full-time housewife. I took care of the children with peace of mind. The five of us lived happily, but..."

Chapter 626: Old Matters Between The Xia Sisters

"But Xia Cheng suddenly wanted to go overseas to work. He requested to have one of our daughters accompany him. I couldn't bear to let the child leave, but Xia Yunlou, who was only six years old at that time, insisted on following him. Yunqiu and your uncle, Yunyi, couldn't bear to part with her. They begged her to stay, but she still left with Xia Cheng.

"At that time, when I missed my younger daughter, I often called her. That child told me that she was afraid that her father would be estranged from his family after being away from home for a long time. That was why she was willing to follow him. I was very touched at that time and felt that although my younger daughter was only six years old, she was very sensible.

"But Xia Cheng is a man, after all. How could he take care of a child alone? I was afraid that Yunlou would suffer with him. Every six months, I would bring the child back to stay with me for a month. The two sisters had a very good relationship and often talked about everything. I couldn't bear for the two children to be separated, so I asked Yunlou to move back. She agreed."

Old Madam Yin paused.

"At that time, Yunlou said that she still had some things to do over there. She went back abroad and said she would definitely return within a week. However, Yunlou didn't come back after a week. Yunqiu and Yunyi were worried about her and rushed over to pick her up. Who knew that not only was Yunlou not willing to leave, but she even scolded Yunqiu and told her to get lost.

"I really found it hard to believe that such an obedient daughter would become like this. I thought that Xia Cheng had said something, so I sent people to keep an eye on Yunlou. Who knew..."

Although Old Madam Yin was suppressing her emotions, Qiao Xi could hear that she had suddenly choked up.

After a moment of silence, Old Madam Yin said sorrowfully, "Who knew that Xia Cheng had been cheating on me? Yunlou was staying with that mistress, even calling that woman her mother. They had become a family of three.

"After I found out about this, I wanted to divorce Xia Cheng. I thought the children would understand me, but Yunlou said..."

"Mom, as a woman, you have to be tolerant. Daddy just made a mistake that every man makes. Moreover, you two have been living separately for so long. He needs a woman to accompany and care for him. You can't blame him'.

"Dad isn't the only one who likes Aunt Xiao Ai. I like Aunt Xiao Ai too. She's young, beautiful, and gentle. She treats me well too. I feel happy living with her'.

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“From then on, Yunlou never came back. After I divorced Xia Cheng, I brought Yunqiu and Yunyi back to the Yin family. However, after my two daughters grew up, Yunlou snatched Yunqiu’s fiancé, Xu Zhi, away. She became someone I didn’t know. She had a fiery and vicious personality. She completely forgot about the kinship between siblings.”

Old Madam Yin’s voice was filled with sorrow. “I hold a certain responsibility for her becoming like this! Xi Xi, I hate her in my heart, but I’m also filled with guilt. If I had insisted on keeping her by my side back then, perhaps everything wouldn’t have changed.”

Qiao Xi remained silent. Perhaps Xia Yunlou had left home for her parents, but she abandoned her family for an outsider.

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According to Old Madam Yin, Xia Yunlou’s temperament had suddenly changed drastically after a week. The younger sister, who was originally close to her elder sister, suddenly cursed at her when they met again.

Even Qiao Xi felt that Xia Yunlou had become a stranger.

At this moment, Old Madam Yin said slowly, “In any case, you can discuss with me matters regarding Xia Yunlou. Don’t be deceived by her.”

Qiao Xi said, “Okay, Grandma.”

After she hung up the call, this matter still lingered in Qiao Xi’s mind. She kept having the feeling that something was off. What exactly had happened? Could it be that the Yin family didn’t find it strange that Xia Yunlou’s disposition had changed greatly in a short week?

Perhaps everyone suspected it, but they didn’t find anything, so Old Madam Yin just gave up.

Just then, Gu Zheng entered and carried her into the car. “This place is a little far from your university. I’ll send you there.”

The man looked at Qiao Xi who was frowning and said gently, “The news on the internet was deliberately released by Xia Yunlou. Don’t be troubled by this.”

Qiao Xi nodded.

Gu Zheng started the car, his heart in a mess.

Earlier, Song Shijing had called him and said anxiously, “President, Chairman Gu and the shareholders caused a ruckus this morning and invited several investors. They said that if you don’t show up today, they’ll side with Chairman Gu.”

Chapter 627: A Well-prepared Murder Attempt

Song Shijing knew that this was no small matter, so he called Gu Zheng immediately.

Gu Zheng's eyes were filled with coldness. He did not understand why Gu Weiming was suddenly attacking him.

Suddenly, he tightened his grip on the steering wheel and stepped on the brakes. His expression changed as his heart trembled. However, his expression did not change. "Xi Xi!"

Qiao Xi slowly opened her eyes and frowned when she saw Gu Zheng's solemn expression. "What's wrong?"

"Do you still remember that there's a patch of grass in front? When we're reaching that spot, jump down from the car," Gu Zheng said calmly.

Qiao Xi's pupils constricted abruptly, and her body instantly stiffened. However, Gu Zheng's eyes were still calm and emotionless as he said indifferently, "Xi Xi, I'm sorry. I promised to protect you from harm, but I might not be able to do it this time."

Qiao Xi clenched her fists. She knew that someone had tampered with the car.

Gu Zheng's voice was calm. "The brake line must have been cut. Get off first. I'll be fine."

After passing that patch of grass, there was a sharp turn ahead. With the current speed of the car, it was very difficult to pass through. There was a possibility that they would fall off the cliff directly. The chances of Gu Zheng surviving were very slim.

Qiao Xi knew that the patch of grass was her last chance. If she couldn't jump out of the car then, then...

Her face was pale as unprecedented fear surged in her heart. Gu Zheng, on the other hand, had a calm expression and was still controlling the car. He was driving toward the patch of grass. "Xi Xi, be good and listen to me. I'll drive toward the patch of grass. Get ready to jump off the car. I'll come back to find you in a while."

Qiao Xi was scared witless. They were about to reach the patch of grass. If the car continued to drive forward, it would only fall off the cliff.

Gu Zheng tightly gripped the steering wheel with both hands, his voice ice-cold and serious. "Qiao Xi, quickly jump!"

With the car's current speed, she would definitely be injured even if she fell on the patch of grass. Meanwhile, Gu Zheng couldn't even jump out of the car. What should he do?

"Don't worry, I can handle it. You'll make me panic if you're by my side. Jump off the car first. I promise I'll come back to find you."

Qiao Xi hesitated for a few seconds before nodding with reddened eyes.

She and Gu Zheng had been through so much since they were young. Every time, they managed to survive. This time, there would be no problem as well.

Qiao Xi kept telling herself to trust Gu Zheng. He would definitely do as he promised. She opened the car window and took a deep breath.

All of a sudden, a loud rumble came from ahead. Gu Zheng shouted loudly, "Xi Xi!"

A huge truck was rushing over, and its target was them. If Qiao Xi really jumped down now, then she would be crushed to death by the truck in the next moment.

The mountain road was narrow, and their car was out of control. Gu Zheng could only take a gamble. He turned the steering wheel and drove the car into the patch of grass, allowing the truck to hit only the driver's seat. At the last second, he used his body to protect Qiao Xi.

Qiao Xi lost control of her body, and a wave of rumbles resounded in her ears. She felt a dull pain in her body. Her internal organs had been shaken up, causing her vision to become blurry before she fainted.

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"Mrs. Gu's condition isn't serious. She'll wake up soon, but President Gu needs to undergo surgery. We can't guarantee when he'll wake up.

"Usually, when a driver encounters danger, they would subconsciously turn the steering wheel to the left. The impact of the crash would be focused on the front passenger, while the driver would be able to avoid the brunt of the damage. This is the first time I've seen someone like President Gu turning the steering wheel to the right. He allowed himself to be hit by the truck. He even protected Mrs. Gu with his body.

"That's why Mrs. Gu only suffered minor injuries, but President Gu..."

Qiao Xi felt a buzz in her ears. Who was speaking?

"Logically speaking, the people who take that road are usually heading to Nine Heavens Villa. However, the person in charge of Nine Heavens Villa said they weren't expecting a delivery. Furthermore, based on the situation at the scene, the target of that truck was clearly President Gu's car. It seems like it was a well-prepared murder attempt!"

"The police have stepped in to investigate, but the truck driver is dead. We'll have to look for other leads."

"Do you think this murder attempt was aimed at President Gu or Little Six?"

"We can't be sure. The other party might have wanted to kill both of them!"

Chapter 628: Escaping Danger

Qiao Xi felt as if her body was drifting on the ocean, and as the waves rose and fell, it caused her to feel waves of dizziness. It felt as if every part of her body had been crushed.

Qin An glanced at the bed and happened to see her fingers move. "Little Six!"

Everyone immediately gathered around the bed. Shen Yu patted her hand gently. "Lie down properly and don't move."

Qiao Xi felt her throat burn as she spoke with difficulty, "Where's Gu Zheng?"

Everyone in the ward was silent.

Qiao Xi was flustered and raised her voice. "Where's Gu Zheng?"

Upon hearing her hoarse voice, Qin An helplessly said, "He's out of danger. After all, his car is bulletproof. It wasn't damaged by the strong impact, but a steel bar pierced through his shoulder blade. He still needs to undergo surgery."

Qiao Xi listened to Qin An's words in a daze as her mind buzzed. She recalled that a second before the accident took place, Gu Zheng had protected her using his body. Before she fainted, she had clearly seen Gu Zheng's face being cut by glass. Blood had flowed from his shoulder, soaking his white coat.

How painful it must have been!

Qiao Xi's nose felt sour, and she couldn't help but sob.

"Luckily, Gu Zheng had sent his location to Song Shijing at the last moment. Song Shijing rushed to the scene of the accident with his men and saved your lives. You were lucky to have survived the impact of the truck."

Qiao Xi bit her lip and silently cried.

Shen Yu glared at Qin An. "Little Six just woke up and is still weak. Can't you say something nice to coax her? Why must you make her sad?"

Qin An said indifferently, "She has to accept this fact. Besides, she only suffered minor injuries. Gu Zheng survived as well. She isn't as weak as you think."

Xue Liang looked at Qiao Xi's pale face and frowned with heartache. In his impression, Little Six was sly and smart, but now, she was lying weakly on the bed with a blank look.

Qiao Xi sniffed and lowered her head. "How long was I unconscious?"

"Three days."

"I want to see Gu Zheng."

Just as Shen Yu was about to reject her, Qin An beat him to it. "Your body is very weak now. Eat something first and do a check-up. If there's no problem, I'll bring you to see him."

Among the brothers, Qin An's medical skills were the best. He was certain that Gu Zheng wasn't in danger, so everyone naturally believed him.

Qiao Xi nodded and obediently ate a bowl of porridge. She then did a full body check-up. After Qin An confirmed that she was fine, he put her in a wheelchair and pushed her to another ward.

At this moment, Gu Zheng's body was wrapped in bandages. Various instruments were connected to his body, and he wore an oxygen mask. His face was pale and lifeless.

Qiao Xi had never seen Gu Zheng so fragile before. He had always been so powerful and domineering. No one seemed to be able to make him lower his head. However, this accident had almost taken his life.

Qin An said softly, "When he was sent to the hospital, he was covered in blood. I immediately treated his wounds. He can be considered lucky. Although his shoulder blade was pierced, it didn't injure his bones or organs. However, it'll take at least half a year for his wounds to fully recover."

“It’s been three days. Why isn’t he awake yet?”

“Little Six, I believe you know the reason.” Qin An felt somewhat helpless.

Qiao Xi abruptly raised her eyes, her fingernails piercing her palm as her voice trembled slightly. “Could it be... that the poison has acted up?”

Qin An nodded and said, “Gu Zheng’s luxurious car that costs tens of millions of yuan had been modified before. It has very strong resistance against large impacts, so although his injuries are serious, they aren’t fatal. His internal organs aren’t ruptured either. Furthermore, his body is very strong. Logically speaking, he should have woken up long ago. The reason why he hasn’t woken up is that the poison has spread.”

Grandfather had researched for many years but still couldn’t find a way to cure the poison. If they wanted to save Gu Zheng now, they could only use the blood of the divine physician’s successor.

Originally, the descendant of the divine physician should have been Qin An. However, for some reason, he didn’t inherit the special blood. Due to a freak combination of factors, Qiao Xi was the one who inherited the divine physician’s bloodline.

Now that her grandfather was not around, she was the only one who could save Gu Zheng. The only way to cure Gu Zheng was to use her blood.

Chapter 629: She Was Willing To Save Him With Her Blood

“Little Six, we don’t want to interfere with your decision, but there are some things I have to tell you. Using your blood to neutralize the poison is equivalent to burning your life. Moreover, your lives will be connected. If he dies, you won’t be able to live either!”

Qiao Xi remained silent.

“Do you know why Grandpa gave up on curing Eldest Miss Lu?”

Qiao Xi looked up. With her grandfather’s character, if he could use his blood to help Eldest Miss Lu detoxify the poison, he would certainly have offered his blood without hesitation. But why did he give up?

“Because Grandpa knew that using the blood of the divine physician to detoxify the poison would cause his and the patient’s lives to be linked. He was already in his 60s then and might pass away anytime. Eldest Miss Lu was still young, so if he really did that, Eldest Miss Lu’s life would be shortened. Therefore, he gave up and wanted to rely on his own abilities to help her detoxify the poison. However, he didn’t expect Eldest Miss Lu to suddenly die from the poison, which made Grandpa feel guilty for the rest of his life.”

Qin An furrowed his brows and persuaded her. “Xi Xi, I know that you have deep feelings for Gu Zheng, but you have to think carefully. Once your blood ties are connected, you won’t be able to regret it. He’ll absorb your life force to suppress the poison. Perhaps you—”

Qiao Xi interrupted him. “I know.”

“Have you really decided?” Qin An’s voice trembled slightly.

A teardrop rolled down from the corner of Qiao Xi's eyes, and she said in a flat voice, "Third Brother, I know all of you are doing this for my own good, but I love Gu Zheng. If he leaves this world, then there's no meaning in me continuing to live! Even if he has to absorb my life force, I'm willing to save him!"

"Perhaps I'll regret it in the future, but if I don't save him now, I'll spend the rest of my life in sorrow and regret. I just want to have a clear conscience."

Qin An fell silent for a moment before turning to the ward's door. Suddenly, he paused and slowly said, "Little Six, although we're your family, we have no right to interfere with your choice. Since you have already decided, I have nothing to say. As long as you're willing, we'll support you."

Qiao Xi picked up the small knife on the table and cut her wrist, causing blood to gush out bit by bit.

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At this moment, Xue Liang's face was full of heartache. "Little Six ultimately decided to use her blood to save him, but..."

Qin An, who usually talked non-stop, suddenly fell silent. He had been learning medicine from his grandfather for many years. He knew how his grandfather had regretted not saving Eldest Miss Lu. His grandfather had watched helplessly as she died from the poison.

As a miracle doctor, his grandfather was revered by the world, but he couldn't save that woman, so he spent his days in guilt.

Due to a stranger who had no family or friends, the latter half of his grandfather's life was greatly affected. If Qiao Xi didn't save Gu Zheng and Gu Zheng died from the poison, Little Six would forever live in pain.

Qin An prayed in his heart, hoping that Gu Zheng would wake up and live a peaceful life without illness or calamity.

Shen Yu looked at his younger brothers and said calmly, "If Gu Zheng hadn't used his body to protect Little Six, Little Six would probably be seriously injured right now. Therefore, it's reasonable for Little Six to decide to save him. Moreover, they're husband and wife. If Little Six can only watch as her husband's poison relapses and lives in pain, she might as well take a gamble."

As soon as he finished speaking, everyone looked at each other and could not help but nod. Luo Qing, who had always been silent, suddenly looked up. His eyes were filled with sharp killing intent. "Find out who hurt Little Six. I want to tear that person into pieces!"

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In the ward.

After Gu Zheng drank Qiao Xi's blood, his complexion gradually became rosy again. Qiao Xi heaved a sigh of relief. It looked like it wouldn't be long before Gu Zheng woke up.

At this moment, a small black figure rushed in from outside the ward. Gu Lele leaned against Qiao Xi's feet and used his claws to scratch Qiao Xi's shoes. Then, he looked at the hospital bed with a solemn expression. He seemed to know that his father was hurt and was feeling sad over it.

Song Shijing said sadly, "I was afraid that you would be lonely, so I brought Lele here to let him accompany you. I believe the president will wake up soon."

Thump!

Song Shijing suddenly knelt down in front of Qiao Xi and said in a choked voice, "Young Madam, it's all my fault. If I hadn't called the president and told him that something had happened to Gu Corporation, he wouldn't have rushed back in such a hurry. The car accident wouldn't have happened either."

Chapter 630: I Will Be Sad If You Cry

"When the president wakes up, I won't have any objections to whatever punishment you wish to give me. But please don't be calculative with me now. I still have to protect you and the president!"

Qiao Xi reached out to support him and said in a light voice, "This has nothing to do with you."

Someone wanted to harm her and Gu Zheng. Even if they didn't succeed this time, they would still attack another time. Song Shijing couldn't be blamed for this. The enemy was too vicious.

Song Shijing stood up and walked out of the ward quietly.

Qiao Xi bent down and hugged Gu Lele in her arms, gently caressing his body. He called out to Gu Zheng, then left Qiao Xi's embrace and directly jumped onto Gu Zheng's bed.

He was very smart and did not step on Gu Zheng's body. He just walked along the side of the bed to Gu Zheng's cheek and used his small head to touch Gu Zheng's face. Seeing that Gu Zheng was unconscious, he carefully licked his cheek.

Seeing that his father had no reaction, Gu Lele tilted her head and stared at the person on the bed in confusion.

When Qiao Xi saw this scene, tears instantly blurred her vision.

"Gu Zheng, wake up! You promised to protect me. You can't go back on your word. If you don't wake up, someone will bully me soon.

"Your son is here to see you. Gu Lele has gained weight again. If you don't protect us, the Gu family will skin us alive!"

Qiao Xi muttered to herself until her mouth was dry, but the man on the bed still had no reaction. She couldn't control her tears and even wanted to cry.

'Gu Zheng, we're now connected by blood. If you die, I'll die with you. I'm still so young. I still have many things to do. Can you bear to let me die?

'Didn't Third Brother say that you would wake up soon? Why hasn't there been any reaction after so long? I've already risked my life to save you. If you really die, I'll be in a terrible state!

'Gu Zheng! You bastard! Don't scare me! I don't want to die yet! Boo-hoo! Damn it, I'm so beautiful and have such a good figure. I'm a beauty that's hard to come by in a hundred years. Am I going to die like this?'

At this moment, Gu Zheng gradually regained consciousness. His body was in intense pain as if he had been crushed. His face was wet, and there was a furry thing rubbing against his face.

After that, he regained his sense of hearing. There was a noisy person crying and shouting in his ears. It was very noisy, but he didn't feel annoyed because he knew that this person was his beloved Mrs. Gu.

Gu Zheng's head felt like it was about to explode. He slowly opened his eyes and first saw the enlarged version of Gu Lele before him. Then, he saw the crying Mrs. Gu.

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'Gu Zheng, if we die together, will we dominate the trending topics? The netizens will say that the extraordinarily handsome President Gu died in a car accident, while Mrs. Gu died from heartbreak!

'Even if you're not thinking of yourself, you have to think of me! I don't want to die yet! I haven't given birth yet! I haven't eaten all the delicacies in the world!'

Gu Zheng seemed to have understood something because he heard Qiao Xi's inner voice. He said weakly, "Mrs. Gu."

Qiao Xi's eyes suddenly widened as she stared at the man on the bed in disbelief. Then, she probed, "Gu... Gu Zheng?"

"I'm here."

After these two words were spoken, Gu Zheng only heard an earth-shattering wail resounding in his ears. However, this was actually Qiao Xi's inner voice. In reality, she was suppressing her sobs and only silently shedding tears.

With great effort, Gu Zheng raised his hand and caressed her cheeks, wiping away her tears. Suppressing the burning sensation in his throat, he said hoarsely, "Don't cry."

He only said a few words before he felt a sharp pain in his body. It was so painful that his forehead was covered in sweat, but he still gritted his teeth and said, "I'll be sad if you cry."

Qiao Xi's nose felt sour.

Just then, Song Shijing knocked on the door and walked in. He was surprised to see Gu Zheng awake. "President, you're awake."

"You should have gone to Gu Corporation three days ago, but you never showed up. I found an excuse to brush off the board of directors, and they believe me. Now, should we release the news of your injury?"

Qiao Xi knew that this matter had been suppressed. Otherwise, if Gu Yao knew that his brother had been injured in a car accident, he would have come over long ago. How could he not have made any movements?