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Chapter 651: Brazen Seduction

Xu Anran smiled shyly and deliberately revealed her thigh. She said coquettishly, "President Gu, I know my mistake. I'm willing to do anything you ask me to."

Gu Zheng frowned and said in a hoarse voice, "Your leg is touching mine."

Xu Anran lowered her eyes to look. Indeed, her leg was already pressed against Gu Zheng's. He dodged her as though he had been electrocuted. She pretended to be surprised. "Ah! I... I didn't mean to. President Gu, don't tell my sister, alright? I'm afraid she'll be unhappy."

With her many years of experience, even if Gu Zheng did not really like her, he would probably not be able to endure such brazen seduction. If Qiao Xi found out about this and came over to question Gu Zheng, Gu Zheng would definitely loathe her.

Gu Zheng said in a low voice, "She won't."

Xu Anran's expression froze. Was Gu Zheng so sure that Qiao Xi would not be unhappy? She pretended to be worried and said, "If Sister finds out about this, will she think that I'm seducing you? I... I'm really not..."

"She won't blame me." Gu Zheng was very sure.

Qiao Xi, who was in the cubicle, could not help but be puzzled when she heard these words. Why was Gu Zheng so sure?

The next second, Gu Zheng leaned lazily against the chair and said slowly, "Your legs are so thick, yet you have the cheek to press your leg against mine? Who gave you the confidence to seduce me? I'm afraid you don't know how good my wife's figure is. I've seen her stunning beauty, so how could I possibly like you? My wife trusts my taste. She knows that I absolutely won't like you!"

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The office was silent. The air seemed to have frozen.

The smile on Xu Anran's face gradually vanished, and her eyes went from shock to anger. She never expected Gu Zheng to belittle her like this!

In the past, even if Gu Zheng's temper was bad, he would not be so overbearing. But now, he had a vicious tongue and a devilish charm. He seemed to have changed.

Gu Zheng sneered. "Miss Xu, aren't you leaving?"

Xu Anran suppressed the anger in her heart and said aggrievedly, "President Gu, I-I really didn't mean to do that. I came here today to beg for your forgiveness. As long as you forgive me, I'm willing to do anything."

Qiao Xi, who was in the cubicle, had already closed her laptop and moved the chair to the door. Hearing the voices outside, she was very curious about what other shameless things Xu Anran could do.

Xu Anran thought that her hint was already obvious enough and Gu Zheng must have understood her intentions. As long as this man was slightly interested in her, she was confident that she could snatch him away from Qiao Xi.

Gu Zheng's expression remained the same, then he looked up slightly as his eyes darkened. "Really... You'll do anything?"

Xu Anran nodded with a red face. "Yes, I'll do anything."

Gu Zheng smiled. "Alright, I forgive you."

Qiao Xi: "... 'Gu Zheng, you bastard!'

Xu Anran did not expect that Gu Zheng would belittle her just a moment ago only to agree to her the next moment. She immediately beamed with joy, her eyes filled with surprise and delight. "President Gu, are you really willing to forgive me?"

She did not dare to believe that her plan was going so smoothly. It seemed that Gu Zheng's good impression of Qiao Xi was only on the surface. His feelings for her were just a temporary thing. How could a successful man like Gu Zheng only have one woman by his side?

Xu Anran quietly pressed the recording pen in her bag, then asked softly, "President Gu, have you really forgiven me? But what about my sister?"

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes, and his expression could not be seen clearly. However, Xu Anran clearly saw him frown. Then, he said impatiently, "I forgive you."

The corners of Xu Anran's mouth slowly curled up. Gu Zheng had already spoken. Even if Qiao Xi was unwilling, she would not dare to make a scene. If she angered Gu Zheng, Gu Zheng might divorce her in a fit of anger.

Xu Anran raised her head confidently. She was a top socialite, while Qiao Xi was just a country bumpkin. Even if Qiao Xi had gotten her wish and become Mrs. Gu, it would be very difficult for her to keep her identity.

Xu Anran's face was full of smiles. She was about to ask if they were going to the hotel or back to Longwan Residential when Gu Zheng said indifferently, "Let's start."

Xu Anran was stunned for a few seconds. She looked at the man in front of her in surprise. He actually asked to do it here. Was he so anxious?

This was the first time she had done such a thing in the office. If anyone found out, it would be very awkward.

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Xu Anran smiled shyly. "President Gu, it's not good to do it here, right? I don't mind, but if others see us, it'll inevitably ruin your image and reputation. However, if you're keen, I... I'm willing."

Chapter 652: He Actually Said I'm Weak!

“Are you going to do it or not?! Why are you wasting your breath?!” Gu Zheng roared impatiently. Clearly, he no longer had the patience.

Xu Anran was shocked. She raised her trembling hand and took off her jacket. She sat on the sofa and stroked her hair shyly. She also unbuttoned one of the buttons on her chest.

Just then, Gu Zheng suddenly made a call. “Song Shiyu, send the cleaning tools over. In order to apologize, Miss Xu insisted on cleaning the office. Didn’t I make myself clear? She wants to clean the place!”

Xu Anran’s hand, which was about to take off her clothes, froze as she looked at him in disbelief.

Wait! When did she say she wanted to clean?

Gu Zheng slowly looked up, his eyes filled with mockery. The corners of his mouth curled up in disdain. “Miss Xu, you’re indeed very sincere. You’re willing to do anything for the sake of apologizing. Coincidentally, the top floor needs to be cleaned. Please clean all the offices on this floor. You have to ensure that you do a good job. I’ll have my assistant check your work later.”

Xu Anran sat on the sofa seductively. She was stunned for a few seconds before realizing what Gu Zheng meant. He was asking her to clean the offices?

She looked down at her half-naked body. A strong sense of shame welled up in her.

Was there something wrong with Gu Zheng’s brain?! She, a beauty, had already delivered herself to his door, yet he was not interested? He even asked her to clean the offices. Did he think she was a cleaner?

At this moment, Qiao Xi, who was in the cubicle: “...” Hahaha!

She carefully pushed open the door, revealing a gap. She saw Xu Anran’s face alternating between red and white before she ran out with red eyes.

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She was about to get up when Gu Zheng pushed the door open and walked in. His eyes were filled with anger. “I finally know now. She’s really too shameless. She actually seduced your man. You’ve suffered greatly!”

Qiao Xi raised her eyes. “What?”

“She’s been targeting you time and again, yet you still accepted her apology? Qiao Xi, you’re the mistress of the Gu family and my woman. Why are you so weak? How can you let Xu Anran bully you?!”

Qiao Xi widened her eyes in shock.

Gu Zheng frowned and left after saying that, leaving Song Shiyu and her staring at each other in shock.

Qiao Xi was silent for a short while before she asked with slight hesitation, “Don’t you think that Gu Zheng has been acting very strange recently? He wouldn’t have been knocked silly during the accident, right?”

Song Shiyu said, “No way...”

Qiao Xi patted her chest and said in disbelief, "You heard what he said, right? He actually said that I'm weak! If he wasn't knocked silly, then he must have lost his memory!"

Song Shiyu did not answer. Perhaps to the president, Mrs. Gu was really weak.

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The Xu family.

When Xu Zhi heard that Xu Anran had not only not been forgiven but also offended Gu Zheng, he was instantly furious.

"Xu Anran! Let me tell you, if you don't invite Qiao Xi back, there's no need for you to come back even though you've won the championship for Planet Music Festival. Get lost immediately!"

As soon as he finished speaking, an old female voice sounded from the outside.

"Who dares to ask Anran to get lost?"

Old Madam Xu's expression was serious as she cursed, "You're actually chasing Anran away for that wild girl, Qiao Xi? Xu Zhi, are you crazy?"

Xu Zhi looked troubled. "Mom, no matter what, Xi Xi is my daughter."

"So what?" Old Madam Xu's gaze was sharp. "Her getting replaced back then is her fate. She was just unlucky and can't blame anyone for it! Ever since she came back, she has caused chaos in this family. She's a jinx! Now, you even want to chase away the daughter who has accompanied you for 20 years for Qiao Xi!"

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Old Madam Xu's gaze landed on Xia Yunlou, and her eyes were filled with ridicule. "You're also a piece of trash. Is this how you're managing this family? If you can't even deal with Qiao Xi, what right do you have to be the madam of the Xu family? Doesn't Qiao Xi care a lot about Xia Yunqiu? Just start with her."

Xia Yunlou was enlightened. "Mom, you're right. Xi Xi was raised by my sister. She treats my sister as her biological mother and has no feelings for me at all. Moreover, she's just a child. It's not safe for her to keep the huge inheritance my sister left behind."

Old Madam Xu's expression was cold. "No matter who she cares about, you're still her biological mother! If she doesn't acknowledge you, then spread this news online and use public opinion to force her. She's just a child and definitely won't be able to handle the rumors. When the time comes, she'll obediently bring her inheritance back to the Xu family."

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Xia Yunlou smiled and nodded. Old Madam Xu was indeed capable.

Chapter 653: Listen To My Excuses

Old Madam Xu glanced at Xu Zhi and ordered, "Let me tell you, Anran is the eldest daughter of the Xu family. Even if Qiao Xi returns, she can't take Anran's position! Anran, let's go!"

Xu Zhi did not say anything.

On the other hand, Old Madam Xu was about to bring Xu Anran upstairs. Unexpectedly, Xu Anran's eyes were instantly filled with tears. "Grandma, the room upstairs belongs to my younger sister. My room is... in the basement."

Bang!

When she heard this, Old Madam Xu slammed the table and roared, "Not only did she snatch your identity, but she even stole your room! The child that Xia Yunqiu raised is really a b*tch!"

Xu Zhi frowned and said, "Mom! How can you say that? She's my daughter, after all!"

Old Madam Xu's face was ferocious, and her eyes were filled with resentment. "Back then, Xia Yunqiu also caused chaos in the Xu family. If she had been obedient and sensible, I would have agreed to let her marry into the Xu family for your sake, but she just didn't know what was good for her! Now, the daughter she raised is the same. As soon as she returned, she caused chaos in the Xu family!"

Xu Zhi's face was livid. He suddenly realized that perhaps he had been wrong all these years.

The Xu family was in a mess now because he had chosen the wrong person. If he had chosen Yunqiu back then, he would definitely have a beautiful family and a cute daughter.

Old Madam Xu turned around and said impatiently, "Yunlou, you're Qiao Xi's mother, after all. If she refuses to come back, then she's unfilial! Prepare a banquet in two days and get Qiao Xi to come back."

Xia Yunlou nodded in embarrassment. Xu Zhi's heart was in turmoil. He did not understand why his wife and mother were all targeting Xi Xi. She was the true daughter of the Xu family and their biological daughter!

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Could it be because she was the child Xia Yunqiu raised?

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On the other hand, Qiao Xi picked up the phone and replied indifferently, "I understand."

At this moment, she was holding a will in her hand. It was left behind by her mother. Even now, she didn't understand why her mother wrote these things in her will.

At that time, she had probably only been married to Qiao Zhenguo for a few years. She did not know that Qiao Zhenguo was having an affair. Even if she knew, with her ability, she could completely take over Qiao Corporation and would not be afraid of a mistress. How could she have known that she would be killed by a mistress?

Although Xu Mei had already admitted that she caused her mother's death, Qiao Xi always thought that there was definitely a secret behind this.

Xu Mei wanted to kill her mother, and she had indeed done so. However, there was more than one person who wanted to kill her mother. It was because of this that her mother prepared such a long will. She was afraid that if anything happened to her, her inheritance would fall into the hands of others.

Moreover, why did Mom leave her hometown back then and go to Li City? She even married Qiao Zhenguo. Who was she hiding from? Was it Xia Yunlou?

A trace of danger flashed through Qiao Xi's eyes. She really did not expect that a woman like Xia Yunlou would be her biological mother. The two of them did not have any similarities.

She looked at the time and suddenly realized that it was already so late. Why was Gu Zheng not home yet? She called Gu Zheng but the call was rejected.

Qiao Xi was confused and called Song Shijing. It was noisy on the other end when the call connected. Song Shijing asked hurriedly, "Young Madam, are you looking for the president?"

"Yes, he's not answering my calls. Did something happen?" Qiao Xi asked.

Song Shijing paused and said uneasily, "The president... is busy and can't answer the phone right now."

Can't answer?

Qiao Xi did not understand what he meant, and Song Shijing tried to avoid talking about it.

Song Shijing broke out in a cold sweat. He did not understand why the president, who never liked women, would suddenly come to such a place.

Qiao Xi thought that the company's matters were not settled yet. Just as she was about to hang up, she heard a delicate voice coming from the other end of the phone. "President Gu, let's have a drink!"

Then, Qiao Xi clearly heard Gu Zheng's low voice. "This wine isn't good."

Boom!!!

Qiao Xi's eyes widened abruptly, and her fingers that were holding the phone turned pale.

Song Shijing wanted to cry. The president was doomed!

Qiao Xi suppressed her anger. "Song Shijing! Is this what you meant by saying that he's busy?"

Song Shijing explained in a trembling voice, "Young Madam, listen to my excuses... No! Listen to me. The president came here to..."

Qiao Xi could not be bothered to listen to his explanation and hung up angrily.

Song Shijing was trembling in fear. How was he going to explain this to Young Madam? Actually, he did not understand what was wrong with the president. Had he really been knocked silly by the truck?

Chapter 654: Gu Zheng Is A Jerk

Gu Zheng's gaze landed on Song Shijing, and he smiled devilishly. "Was it her?"

Dumb woman! She only called when her husband hadn't come home late at night. Could it be that Gu Zheng was always having fun in the bar, so she did not dare to reach out and ask?

As she would be sad if she asked, she might as well pretend not to know. Was she forced to endure all of this and cry secretly under the covers at night?

At this moment, he was very sure that the other Gu Zheng was a jerk. Although he said he loved her, he was just pretending to love her. Actually, Gu Zheng did not like Qiao Xi at all.

Although this Gu Zheng had no feelings and could not fall in love with a woman, he still had morals. At this moment, his heart ached for that stupid woman.

Song Shijing nodded. "Yes, it was Young Madam."

The people in the room smiled tacitly. Everyone who came here to play was already married. Their wives at home also knew about it, but they could only helplessly accept it.

Gu Zheng waved his hand, and Song Shijing handed him his phone. He looked at the call history. What did she say in such a short time?

That stupid woman clearly knew that he was here to drink, but she still accepted it helplessly. She was still too weak. How could she sit firmly in the position of Mrs. Gu with such a character?

Seeing Gu Zheng's calm expression, Song Shijing was already mourning for him. Young Madam was about to kill someone just now. She would not stop until he explained himself tonight.

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In Longwan Residential, Qiao Xi sat on the sofa and sulked. After calming down for a while, she suddenly realized that something was wrong. Gu Zheng had always kept a clean reputation. He even felt disgusted when an A-list celebrity like Xu Anran approached him. How could he accept another woman?

In the past, although he had a cold and vicious tongue, that was only with outsiders. He was always gentle when facing her, but now, she felt a trace of unfamiliarity in his eyes.

Qiao Xi frowned. When she was learning medicine from her grandfather, she had once come into contact with a type of drug. After taking that drug, another persona would be born within that person. That persona might be similar to the actual person or it might be the opposite. Perhaps Gu Zheng had been drugged.

It was also possible that Gu Zheng had been agitated in the dark Maple Garden back then and developed another personality. It was possible that the other personality occupied his body after the car accident.

Was the Gu Zheng now not the real Gu Zheng?

No! He was Gu Zheng! It was just that he had lost some of his memories and feelings, causing his character to be different from Gu Zheng's. The original Gu Zheng was silent, but this person was arrogant and unbridled.

Qiao Xi went upstairs to change without saying a word. The butler hurriedly asked, "Young Madam, it's already so late. Where are you going? Do you need a chauffeur to send you there?"

Qiao Xi said casually, "Help me prepare the car. Gu Zheng isn't back yet even though it's so late. I'm going out to look for him. With his identity, he probably won't go to a small bar. He's probably at the most luxurious Summer Palace Club in Li City."

The butler was shocked. The president actually went to the Summer Palace Club?

Qiao Xi's expression remained unchanged. She suddenly turned around when she reached the door and smiled lightly. "Don't worry, I'll bring Gu Zheng back."

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At Summer Palace Club.

Song Shiyu looked at the luxury car that was slowly driving over and wanted to cry. "Brother, it's bad! It's bad! That car is from Longwan Residential! Young Madam is already here. Why don't... we run?"

The car stopped at the entrance. Qiao Xi stretched out her long, fair legs and walked into the clubhouse with a strong aura.

Song Shiyu shuddered. "Brother, if we apologize to Young Madam now, will she spare our lives?"

After Qiao Xi entered, she walked straight toward the Song brothers, then walked past them and pushed open the door of the private room. At this moment, Gu Zheng was sitting lazily on the sofa. A few fiery-eyed women in the private room were staring at him warmly, but no one dared to approach him.

When they saw Qiao Xi barge in, those women were instantly displeased and hurriedly stopped her. "Wait! Who let you in?!"

"Everything has to be done first come, first served! It's not even our turn yet. Why are you trying to get close to President Gu as soon as you enter? Don't you know the rules?!"

Song Shiyu: "... 'You're seeking death! You'll see!'

At this moment, someone recognized Qiao Xi and said sarcastically, "Oh! So, it's Mrs. Gu! President Gu has been having a good time tonight. I advise you not to ruin the mood!"

Gu Zheng looked up and glared at the woman unhappily. Nonsense! He was not here to have fun. He was just here to prove something.

Chapter 655: Learning How To Serve Mrs. Gu

"I heard that Mrs. Gu isn't a top socialite either. Who knows what methods she used to get to where she is today?!"

"It's been so long since she entered, but President Gu hasn't even spared her a glance. It looks like he's already tired of her. We have to seize the opportunity. Maybe we'll have a chance to climb up the social ladder!"

Gu Zheng sneered. "I've been here for so long, but have I paid you women any attention? Don't flatter yourself!"

When everyone heard this, no one dared to say anything and just looked at Qiao Xi with ridicule.

Gu Zheng stood up and slowly walked to Qiao Xi's side, then asked in a low voice, "You came to look for me?"

Look! President Gu definitely did not like this young madam. The situation had already progressed to this, yet he did not even explain himself. He just impatiently asked her a question.

Qiao Xi glared fiercely at him and said angrily, "What do you think?! I want to ask why you're here."

Gu Zheng did not expect Qiao Xi to be so angry, and his face was filled with surprise. This was the first time he had seen Qiao Xi flare up after occupying this body. Why was she inexplicably a little cute?

Qiao Xi looked at him angrily. "Answer me! Why? Don't we have alcohol at home? Since you think the alcohol here is bad, why are you drinking here?"

Gu Zheng thought that Mrs. Gu, who knew that he had come to the clubhouse, would be sad at home and hide to cry alone. Unexpectedly, she actually chased after him.

Things didn't go as he expected. His mind was a mess. Suddenly, he regained his senses. "Because the people here are different from those in the family."

Qiao Xi glared angrily at him and was speechless.

The Song brothers were speechless. Had the president gone mad? How could he speak to Young Madam like that?

Qiao Xi flared up. "The people are different? You mean to say that I'm the one in the family while there are many other women here? In that case, I'll meet different men here, then!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Qiao Xi turned around and instructed, "Immediately get all the men in the clubhouse. I want all the good-looking ones! It doesn't matter how much they cost!"

Song Shijing gasped. "Stop fooling around, you two. One is a man while the other is a woman. But you two are fooling around in the same private room. You'll definitely be on the news tomorrow!"

Gu Zheng looked at Qiao Xi in surprise. This Mrs. Gu did not seem to be as weak as he had imagined, but she was very weak in his memories!

How could a weak woman come here to catch him in the act? How could she dare to question her husband?

Gu Zheng frowned and remained silent. Everyone thought that he was about to flare up. Unexpectedly, he was thinking in his heart that he could not let Qiao Xi suffer. He had to let everyone think that he truly doted on Qiao Xi. Only then would outsiders not dare to bully Qiao Xi. Otherwise, after he vanished, Qiao Xi would still be bullied.

Gu Zheng's expression was cold as he looked at the trembling manager. The other party was so scared that he broke out in a cold sweat. The next second, Gu Zheng asked with a serious expression, "This club belongs to Gu Corporation?"

The manager trembled. "Yes, President."

Gu Zheng cleared his throat and said coldly, "Fire all those who were rude to my wife just now!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the room fell silent for a few seconds before it exploded. Everyone hurriedly begged for mercy. They thought that President Gu did not dote on Mrs. Gu and only pretended to be loving on certain occasions. Unexpectedly, he really cared about Mrs. Gu.

Gu Zheng's voice was cold. "You knew very well that she was my wife, yet you were still rude! It's already kind of me to just fire you. If this happens again, I'll make sure you can't stay in Li City anymore!"

Everyone was so scared that their faces turned pale. If President Gu fired them, no other place would take them in. It was equivalent to not being able to stay in Li City anymore.

Song Shiyu dragged everyone out with the bodyguards. The room was much more spacious now, and a group of good-looking men rushed in the next second.

Gu Zheng looked up and glanced at the crowd, scaring them so much that their bodies trembled. They hurriedly lowered their heads. They did not understand why Mrs. Gu would dare to let other men accompany her when President Gu was still here. She was blatantly making President Gu a cuckold and humiliating him in public!

"How do you usually serve others?" Gu Zheng asked.

Everyone broke out in a cold sweat and stammered. They were afraid that Gu Zheng would take their lives in a fit of anger.

"Say it! I'm asking you a question! I'm trying to learn how to serve others." Gu Zheng frowned impatiently.

Everyone was stunned and looked at him with shock. Even a trace of surprise flashed past Qiao Xi's eyes. What was Gu Zheng doing?!

Chapter 656: Gu Zheng Is So Adorable

The manager was stunned for a few seconds and replied in fear, "President Gu, are you sure? They only serve customers. How can you learn from them?"

Gu Zheng frowned. Everyone thought that he had realized that something was wrong. Unexpectedly, he shouted impatiently, "What the hell are you talking about?! Just do as I tell you to!"

He just wanted to curry favor with Qiao Xi. Why was it so difficult?

Qiao Xi remained silent. As expected, there was another personality in Gu Zheng's body. He was ignorant of the world and was domineering and charming. At this moment, everyone would probably think that the couple had some special fetishes.

She walked in front of Gu Zheng and held his hand tightly. "Stop fooling around, Gu Zheng. Let them go."

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and looked at her hand, then gestured for everyone to leave. He was slightly unhappy. He thought that he was establishing his authority for Qiao Xi and even disregarding his reputation to learn how to serve women, but she did not appreciate it at all.

'Gu Zheng looks so cute when he's angry!'

Gu Zheng heard Qiao Xi's thoughts and looked at her with a surprised expression. She actually said that he was cute?

'His red face is really too cute. He's like a child.'

At this moment, the displeasure in Gu Zheng's heart had already vanished. A trace of redness dyed his cheeks and spread to the back of his ears. His breathing also became hurried.

When he woke up in this body, the gazes of everyone in his memory were filled with fear, disgust, and pity. Only Qiao Xi's eyes were filled with affection. Even though this emotion was very unfamiliar to him, it inexplicably shook his heart.

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes and said in a hoarse voice, "Let's go home."

The instant he lowered his head, he happened to see the pair of thin stiletto heels Qiao Xi was wearing. Without a word, he took off his coat and wrapped it around her body. He picked her up by the waist and threw her into the car.

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Song Shiyu and Song Shijing looked at each other and retreated a few steps. They smiled as Gu Zheng sat in the driver's seat.

Qiao Xi struggled out of the oversized coat. She was just about to open the door and run to the front passenger seat when she heard Gu Zheng say in a low voice, "Sit properly. The backseat is safer. Moreover, I'll be distracted if you sit beside me."

Qiao Xi's heart trembled. She remembered that Gu Zheng had also said this before. Even though he had already changed into a different person and lost all his emotions, he still subconsciously protected her. This sort of desire to protect her seemed to have seeped into his bones.

Previously, Gu Zheng would still allow her to sit in the front passenger seat. The two of them would chat along the way as they went back to Longwan Residential. However, after that car accident, Gu Zheng refused to let her sit in the front passenger seat no matter what.

Perhaps that drug did not completely make one lose their emotions. It only sealed the deepest emotions in one's heart. Only then would those terrifying memories not hurt the one affected.

The car stopped at Longwan Residential. Qiao Xi went upstairs and entered the bathroom of the master bedroom. Suddenly, she heard the door open. She casually wrapped a towel around herself and ran out of the bathroom. She said sweetly, "Ah Zheng~"

Gu Zheng suddenly trembled as if a fire was burning in his body.

20 minutes ago, he was still sitting in the study in a daze. He did not understand why he had started to care about Qiao Xi. He cared about her mood and every move. He even ignored his image to please her.

She was clearly the stupid woman that man had married. He only helped her because she was Mrs. Gu and he did not want her to be too embarrassed. However, this woman had already completely swayed his heart.

Gu Zheng came back to his senses. The woman in front of him was wrapped in a towel, which revealed her exquisite collarbone, fair neck, and long legs. Her cheeks were red from the heat, while her eyes were burning as they landed on him.

The man's Adam's apple moved, and he felt his body heat up. It was as if a voice was clamoring to break out of the cage. He immediately looked away. His voice was hoarse with desire. "Put your clothes on."

Qiao Xi blinked. "Have you seen anyone wear clothes to shower? Gu Zheng, why aren't my clothes in the master bedroom? I remember that I clearly left them here before this."

Qiao Xi, who had just thrown her clothes away, was looking at the blushing man with an innocent expression. She exhaled and asked gently, "Did you throw away my clothes?"

Hearing her charming voice, Gu Zheng's body stiffened. After he woke up, he did see some women's clothes in the master bedroom. They were an eyesore to him, so he put them aside. However, in order to avoid trouble, he did not throw them away.

He was extremely puzzled in his heart as well. The two of them clearly did not have a good relationship, so why would Qiao Xi shower in his bedroom?

Chapter 657: Innocent Boy

At this moment, some fiery scenes appeared in Gu Zheng's mind. Those memories could not be erased and surged uncontrollably. His eyes darkened. "You're bathing in the master bedroom?"

Qiao Xi looked at him with a smile and stroked her hair charmingly. "Can't I? I've always bathed here. Sometimes, you would even carry me inside! Ah Zheng... can you help me get a shirt?"

Sweat broke out on Gu Zheng's forehead as his burning gaze landed on her fair collarbone. The towel could not cover her round chest completely and revealed her fair skin. "I'll get Song Shiyu to go—"

"Are you my husband or is Song Shiyu my husband?! You let him do everything. Are you going to ask him to send it in later? Can't you help me find one?"

Her voice was almost pleading, so soft that it tugged at his heartstrings. Gu Zheng instantly felt his bones go soft, and he almost could not stand straight anymore. "I... I'll go, then?"

"Yes, go to my room and get anything."

Gu Zheng was silent for a moment as he recalled those fiery memories in his mind. He really could not refuse Qiao Xi's request, so he hurriedly turned around and left. He even closed the door, afraid that Song Shiyu would barge in at an inappropriate time.

After entering Qiao Xi's bedroom, he pushed open the door of the closet. There was indeed a lot of nightwear inside. He casually picked up a set. The fabric was thin, and the icy silk-like touch wrapped his hot palm like smooth skin. Gu Zheng raised the nightwear and looked at it.

Boom!!!

His expression changed as he quickly tossed the nightwear to the side. Then, his ears turned red as if they were about to bleed.

Was this what Qiao Xi had asked him to get? The few pieces of light fabric could only cover important areas. There were only two thin straps on the shoulders, and they looked as if they would break if he exerted too much strength.

He closed his eyes and gasped slightly. In his mind, he could already imagine Qiao Xi wearing this nightgown. Her chest was round, and her exquisite collarbone was exposed. Further down was her torso, her slim waist, and...

Thinking of this, he hurriedly shook his head and forced himself to calm down. Although he had been dormant all these years, he was also a normal man. He had strong desires, so he naturally could not control his impulse when he saw this.

Why was Qiao Xi's closet filled with such clothes? Could it be that he had bought them for her? For the sake of satisfying his special hobby?

The man's body was burning. His face was red, but his eyes were gloomy. Then, he picked up a set of nightwear and hurriedly left the bedroom.

Qiao Xi wrapped herself in a towel and sat on the bed in boredom. She could already imagine Gu Zheng's expression when he saw the nightwear. He would probably need to calm down for a while before coming back, so she was not anxious.

The door handle moved a little, and Gu Zheng walked in with a red face. He lowered his eyes and did not dare to look at her. He found a spot and threw the nightwear to her.

On the surface, Gu Zheng looked emotionless, arrogant, and vicious, but he was still very gentle to her. Moreover, he looked like a pure and innocent boy with a red face. He was really too cute!

She picked up the nightwear and entered the bathroom. After changing, she was about to leave when the man reached out to stop her. Then, the world spun. Qiao Xi's body spun half a circle before she was pressed against the wall by the man.

The man's fair skin was dyed red. His eyes were red as he panted slightly. "Don't... Don't go out anymore. In the future... you're not allowed to wear such clothes."

For some reason, he suddenly felt a little bitter in his heart with a trace of anger. That man was clearly lying to her. That man did not like her at all and was only using her, but she loved that man deeply. She was willing to do anything to satisfy that man's desires.

Gu Zheng's eyes were filled with complicated emotions. After a long silence, he said in a hoarse voice, "Don't believe him. He's a bad man."

With that, he suddenly distanced himself from her as if he had been electrocuted. "You sleep here tonight. I'll go to the guest room."

With that, Gu Zheng fled.

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Qiao Xi leaned against the slightly cold wall and smiled meaningfully. What should she do?! This Gu Zheng really made her want to bully him!

The next morning.

Qiao Xi had just finished her breakfast and turned on her phone to take a look. She realized that many people had tagged her on Weibo. She instantly felt that something was wrong.

She clicked in and saw that the people who were commenting were all Xu Anran's fans. The reason was that Xu Anran had posted a video. In the video, Xia Yunlou was crying while facing the camera.

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Xia Yunlou cried. "Xi Xi, I've let you down. Back then, it was Mom's negligence that caused you to be carried by the wrong person. Ever since I found out about this, I've been looking for you. I finally found you, but there was a misunderstanding between us. Now, you refuse to come home.

"Xi Xi, I've been looking for you all these years. Unexpectedly, my biological sister accidentally found you and adopted you. She even wrote me a letter and told me to pick you up as soon as possible. However, she passed away before she could send the letter...

"Now that she's no longer in this world, you can't live without a home. Xi Xi, come back! Just take it as though you're returning to your mother's side for your sister, okay?"

After she finished speaking, Qiao Xi watched as Xia Yunlou opened a letter. The signature on the letter was her mother's name, Xia Yunqiu. The handwriting on the letter was indeed her mother's. Could it be that her mother had really written to Xia Yunlou?

Logically speaking, since her mother knew that someone was chasing after her, for safety reasons, she would definitely have sent the letter to the person she trusted the most, such as Old Madam Yin or Mr. Yin. Moreover, the two of them had always been on bad terms and did not have much contact with each other. Why would her mother send the letter to her?

Was Xia Yunlou trying to use her mother to force her to return to the Xu family?

Xia Yunlou showed the letter to her and continued to cry. "When my sister left Li City, she took a lot of the Xu and Xia families' jewelry. She mentioned those assets in the letter and hoped to return them to their rightful owner. Xi Xi, those things are in your hands, right?"

"Xi Xi, you must know that those things are expensive. It's normal for you to be unwilling to return them. But no matter what, they're my sister's last wish. As her adopted daughter, you have to fulfill her wish.

"I promise you that the things my sister left behind will be used for collection. We won't sell them or use them. We just want to place them in the room where my sister used to stay to commemorate her.

"It's all my fault. If it weren't for my child, my sister wouldn't have lived in seclusion in Li City and died in a foreign land. I've let my sister down. Now that she's no longer alive, I can only try my best to fulfill her last wish. Xi Xi, my sister raised you up so painstakingly. You have to know how to repay kindness."

After the netizens heard this, they sighed. For the sake of finding her younger sister's daughter, Madam Xia Yunqiu went to Li City alone. In the end, her life even ended there. If Qiao Xi was unwilling to return Xia Yunqiu's belongings, it meant that she wanted to keep the expensive jewelry for herself.

Qiao Xi's eyes narrowed slightly. Xia Yunlou was quite smart this time. She knew that forcing her to return to the Xu family was impossible, so she thought of this method to use public opinion to force her back.

Due to her adoptive mother's final wish, she had to go back with her inheritance.

Of course, she could go back, but they could not regret it!

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The Xu family.

Xia Yunlou looked at the comments online and finally felt relieved. "Let's see how that little b*tch will fight me now!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Xu Zhi came down from upstairs. Xia Yunlou hurriedly said while trembling, "Hubby, don't be angry. I did that because I hope Xi Xi can come back. Moreover, how can a child like her safeguard my sister's belongings? I just want to get everything back. They don't belong to her, so she should return them."

Xu Zhi frowned and glanced at Xia Yunlou with a gloomy gaze. He did not agree with Xia Yunlou's decision, but this was the old madam's order, so he did not dare to disobey.

Xu Zhi's face was gloomy. "Our Xu family's company is already in a precarious situation. It's naturally good if Xi Xi returns the inheritance, but if something else happens, the Xu family will be doomed! Xia Yunlou, I'm warning you. Don't provoke Xi Xi again. If you offend her, we'll all suffer!"

Xia Yunlou was dissatisfied, but she still nodded obediently on the surface. "I understand. I absolutely won't provoke Xi Xi. As long as she hands over the inheritance, everything will be fine."

Now that public opinion was becoming more and more heated, if Qiao Xi did not hand over the inheritance, she would be considered unfilial to her family. At that time, she could not blame anyone for being rude. Gu Corporation's reputation would also be affected. Gu Zheng might divorce Qiao Xi in a fit of anger.

Qiao Xi did not give a clear response. The netizens were about to explode as they commented on her profile. Xu Anran's fans also sent her private messages cursing her.

Chapter 659: The Family In The Northern Region

The netizens were all indignant. Even if Xia Yunlou was in the wrong, she had admitted her mistake and even publicly apologized. However, Qiao Xi clearly knew that she was in the wrong, yet she hid and did not say anything. Did she think that she could pocket that inheritance without returning it?

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What was even more infuriating was that Xia Yunqiu had given up her life for Qiao Xi's sake. However, Qiao Xi actually disregarded the wish of her adoptive mother, and her mind was filled with money. She was simply too much!

Gu Zheng naturally saw this news as well. His eyes were filled with anger, and his voice was cold. "Where's Young Madam?"

Song Shijing said, "I think she's sorting out Madam Xia Yunqiu's inheritance."

Gu Zheng's gaze darkened. "Why is she sorting those things? Could it be that she really wants to return them to the Xu family? This stupid woman is crazy!"

Song Shijing: "???" Stupid woman? The president called Young Madam a stupid woman? The crazy wife-loving man who used to dote on her said that she was stupid? Even he knew that Young Madam had her reasons for doing things. Even if she returned the items, it would definitely deal the Xu family a heavy blow. Didn't the president know that?

Then, Gu Zheng slowly said, "Your president..."

He paused for a moment and changed the topic. "How did she handle all these things in the past? Did she solve all her problems alone? Did she never ask me for help?"

Song Shijing looked at him in confusion. He remembered their private conversation. Song Shiyu said— 'Don't you think the president has been acting strange recently?

'Yesterday, the president actually said that Young Madam was weak. Has his brain been damaged?'

Song Shijing smiled meaningfully. "President, don't worry!"

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Xu Anran was an A-list celebrity, so she was very popular. Moreover, the news of two babies being mistakenly swapped at birth had spread wide. The netizens were very concerned about this matter. To them, it was understandable that the biological daughter was unwilling to go home. After all, she and the Xu family did not have any feelings for each other, but Xia Yunqiu had raised Qiao Xi. The two should have a bond with each other. For the sake of pocketing that priceless inheritance, the daughter was unwilling to fulfill her adoptive mother's last wish. This was a problem with her character.

Xu Anran looked at the comments online with a proud expression. She originally thought that Qiao Xi was very powerful, but now, she must be so afraid and that was why she did not dare to say anything. It had already been so long, yet she hadn't given a response.

As Qiao Xi had not responded, Xia Yunlou was getting more confident. She believed that she would definitely be able to make Qiao Xi hand over the inheritance obediently this time.

After a week had passed, Qiao Xi still did not respond. She had already counted the things her mother left behind. These things were indeed expensive. Even if all the Xu family's assets were added together, they would not be able to compare to them.

Although the Xia family was a noble family, it did not make sense for a daughter to take away so much gold, silver, and jewelry. Moreover, with so many valuable things taken away, the Xia family would definitely have suffered a serious loss. However, there was no news of the Xia family losing their assets in recent years.

Could it be that these things belonged to the Yin family?

It shouldn't be because Old Madam Yin always carried a priceless blood jade with her. It was the Yin family's heirloom, but her mother's inheritance had two pieces of blood jade of better quality. Other than the jade pieces, there were also all kinds of antiques and paintings.

Qiao Xi found someone to appraise it. The goods her mother had left behind were all real. Moreover, any one of these things was worth millions. It was even to the extent that some of them were too expensive and difficult to estimate.

Where did all these things come from?

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They were not from the Xia family nor the Yin family. No matter how successful her mother's business was, it was impossible for her to accumulate such a shocking amount of wealth in a short period of time. Moreover, these antiques, paintings, jewelry, and gold were difficult to buy even if one had money. They required absolute power and status.

Her mother was only 26 years old when she died. She did have a business mind and managed to earn a lot of money, but it was impossible for her to own such wealth alone.

Her phone suddenly rang. Qin An called. "Little Six, I got someone to look at those things. Do you know where Aunt Yunqiu's inheritance came from?"

Qiao Xi replied, "I don't."

Qin An's voice was serious. "The treasures in the inheritance are all priceless. Any one of them is enough to make people envious. One of them..."

He paused as if he wanted to digest this news as well. "30 years ago, my father met that family in the northern region. Although he had only seen it once, he still has a deep impression of that treasure."

The family in the northern region...

Chapter 660: I'll Protect You In The Future

Qin An did not say it directly. Qiao Xi asked in surprise, "Are you talking about the large family that lives in seclusion in the northern region?"

"Yes. Back then, my father's business was very good, so he was invited to the northern region. He saw the big family that occupied the northern region with his own eyes. He also saw the ruby necklace at the banquet. This necklace is called 'Heart of Rose'. I'm just not sure why this necklace is in Aunt Yunqiu's belongings."

Qiao Xi was extremely shocked.

Qin An continued, "I can't find the origin of most of the other relics. Little Six, if I have any new information, I'll call you again."

Just as he was about to hang up, Qin An's voice suddenly turned cold. "By the way, do you need me to help you deal with the Xu family? If I had known that Xu Anran was so troublesome, I would have gotten Second Brother to kill her back then!"

"Third Brother, don't fight and kill for no reason. Murder is against the law," Qiao Xi said casually. "Besides, do I need you to deal with them? I can fight them alone!"

The Xu family was so anxious about this inheritance probably because something had happened to the company. From the looks of it, they probably did not know that her mother had left behind a shocking amount of wealth. In other words, they did not know where this inheritance came from either. Perhaps even Old Madam Yin did not know.

So... what was Mom's relationship with the family in the northern region? What was the secret behind this?

"Little Six, it's Aunt Yunqiu's death anniversary tomorrow. I'll go visit her with you."

In the past, every time she was sad, her brothers would accompany her. This time, she hesitated and could not help but look at the man behind her. Gu Zheng was sitting on the sofa with deep eyes and a gloomy expression.

Qiao Xi's heart jerked as she hurriedly said, "There's no need. There's someone accompanying me."

After hanging up, Qiao Xi turned around and walked to the man's side. She saw that he had a cigarette between his fingers. His entire body was shrouded in smoke, and his eyes were filled with complicated emotions. His voice was hoarse. "They're bullying you. Why didn't you look for me?"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes in surprise.

Gu Zheng blew out a smoke ring and said softly, "Perhaps I wouldn't have cared about these things in the past, but from now on, you can look for me if you encounter any trouble."

The man in the past was two-faced and did not treat her well, but he would treat Mrs. Gu well.

These past few days, Gu Zheng had often been deep in thought in the study. He was very sure that this man did not really like Qiao Xi. Otherwise, why would he watch as she was bullied but not help?!

She was a weak woman and had to face a family. How could she endure the rumors on the internet?

The thought of her crying miserably under the covers after being wronged made Gu Zheng feel annoyed. An inexplicable emotion surged in his heart.

He knew very well that he was not the real Gu Zheng. It was just that when Gu Zheng was bullied when he was young, an even stronger personality was born. He was born from the darkness. As Gu Zheng grew older and stronger, he no longer needed him.

He was extremely surprised that he was able to wake up this time. He did not know how long he would be able to survive this time, but as long as he was around, he had to protect Qiao Xi from harm.

Gu Zheng looked at the woman in front of him with a complicated gaze and said in a low voice, "Don't be afraid, I'll help you."

Qiao Xi's phone suddenly rang. It was a message from Ling Pavilion. After she saw it, she directly deleted the message and said, "I'm going to the Xu family's house tomorrow."

"Mhm, I'll go with you."

Qiao Xi felt that Gu Zheng was very loyal today like a pure little puppy. This feeling seemed to be quite good.

Her eyes were filled with smiles. "Ah Zheng, don't worry about me."

Gu Zheng was even more upset. She was the one who was bullied, yet she still had to comfort him. This woman was really hopelessly stupid!

He got up from the sofa and approached her. He happened to hear her thoughts.

'He's so nice!

'Even though he... He's still so good to me. He's so good to me that I want to cry.'

Gu Zheng did not hear what was said in the middle and only heard a few words. He roughly understood Qiao Xi's meaning. She was very grateful to him.

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The next day.

Xia Yunlou had sent invitations to all the wealthy families in Li City to invite everyone to the Xu family's banquet.

Xu Anran's excuse was that Xia Yunlou had been a little depressed recently. Her biological daughter was unwilling to return to the Xu family, nor was she willing to return Xia Yunqiu's belongings. They were also unable to contact Qiao Xi. For the sake of coaxing Xia Yunlou, they invited everyone to the Xu family's house to have tea and chat to relieve the depression in their hearts.