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Chapter 661: The Filial Xu Anran

Xu Anran was on the trending searches again. The netizens were all praising her for being filial. Her manager took advantage of her surge in popularity and brought a professional filming team to the Xu family. She pretended to be a reporter and broadcasted Xu Anran's filial scene. Immediately, the live broadcast was filled with praise.

[Although Xu Anran is not the biological daughter, she's really filial to Madam Xu.]

[So what if that woman is the biological daughter? She doesn't have any relationship with the Xu family. She's unwilling to return to her family now. Madam Xu dotes on Xu Anran, so it's not strange that she doesn't like her biological daughter.]

In the live broadcast, Xu Anran said gently to everyone, "My mom has been very depressed recently because of something. As her daughter, I can't help her vent her frustrations, and I feel very guilty because of that. I just hope that this banquet can make my mom happier."

Xia Yunlou's face was filled with worry as she squeezed out a smile. "Although I've found my biological daughter, Anran is still my daughter. Xi Xi is the daughter of the Xu family, and so is Anran. There's no conflict between the two of them. Don't look down on Anran just because she's an adopted daughter. She's also the beloved daughter of the Xu family. I won't treat her badly.

"Anran is filial and obedient. Since everyone is here today, I want to announce something. We've decided to give Anran 20% of the shares. After she marries in the future, we'll give a bountiful dowry. We just hope that she'll be happy in the future."

Qiao Xi had just walked to the door when she happened to hear Xia Yunlou's words. What did this Xia Yunlou mean? Did she want to publicly display Xu Anran's status as an adopted daughter?

Today was Xia Yunqiu's death anniversary. Qiao Xi was wearing a plain black dress with a white lace shawl over her shoulders. She did not wear any makeup, but her lips were red and her teeth were white. Her long hair was casually tied behind her head, yet it gave others a sense of languid beauty. She did not wear any jewelry, yet she looked pure and clean.

Gu Zheng stood beside her and could not help but lick his lips to suppress the agitation in his heart.

At this moment, the sky was dark and it was drizzling.

Qiao Xi held her mother's belongings with a gloomy expression.

Gu Zheng patted her shoulder and said softly, "Let's go."

"Ah Zheng, Xu Anran confessed to you in public earlier. I'm afraid this banquet is for you." Qiao Xi smiled meaningfully.

When Gu Zheng heard this, his body stiffened at first, then he revealed a disgusted expression. "That ugly woman likes me? Who gave her the confidence?"

Song Shiyu: "...” Why did he feel that the president was becoming more and more vicious with his words? Even if he was disgusted before, he would only express it in his eyes and never say it out loud.

“Xia Yunlou said that she’s on good terms with my mom, but she doesn’t even know it’s her death anniversary. She even arranged a banquet today. Let’s see how she’ll explain this later!”

Qiao Xi sneered. “Everyone from the Xu family is here. I’m the only one who hasn’t joined in. I don’t even know what these people will say about me once they’re all gathered!”

As soon as she finished speaking, Qiao Xi raised the black umbrella and slowly walked to the door while holding Gu Zheng’s arm. When the servants at the door saw that it was Qiao Xi, their faces were filled with surprise. “Miss Qiao...”

“Go! Quickly report to Madam that Miss Qiao is here!”

“Stop her, quick!”

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The banquet hall was brightly lit and lively. It did not have the coldness of a rainy day at all. Everyone surrounded Xia Yunlou and tried to curry favor with her.

Madam Xu was the daughter of the Xia family. Behind her were two noble families. Moreover, it was said that Xu Anran had even won the championship of the Planet Music Festival. Although the officials had not announced this matter, the Xu family would not joke about it.

“Madam Xu, don’t be sad. Even if your biological daughter isn’t around, there’s still An Ran, who’s obedient and sensible! With her by your side, you’ll naturally have nothing to worry about.”

“That’s right! We all know how filial Eldest Miss Xu is! I heard that someone is broadcasting this banquet live! It looks like the netizens are also paying attention!”

Xu Anran said generously, “It was all requested by my fans. I wanted to use this banquet to comfort Mom and make her feel better. Mom also agreed to it, so a team is doing a live broadcast. If everyone minds it, I can get someone to turn it off.”

“Of course not.”

At this moment, someone suddenly asked, “Isn’t Miss Qiao coming to such an important occasion?”

The banquet hall was silent.

After a moment of silence, someone said angrily, “It’s not Madam Xu’s fault that the child was replaced. Even if there was a misunderstanding, Madam Xu has already publicly apologized. No matter what, Madam Xu is Miss Qiao’s biological mother. Isn’t it a little insensible for her to be so unforgiving?!”

Chapter 662: Wearing Black

“Miss Xu, did you invite Miss Qiao to the banquet?”

Xu Anran pretended to be flustered and explained, “My sister might have something very important to attend to, so she can’t attend. Don’t blame her.”

The more flustered she was, the more people suspected that Qiao Xi had chosen not to attend. Her sister was even trying to cover for her younger sister. This made everyone's hearts ache even more.

Everyone's hearts were filled with disdain for the true daughter of the Xu family. Even if Qiao Xi was dissatisfied, Xia Yunlou was her mother, after all. She had to come back on an occasion like this, but she refused to show her face. She was indeed a country bumpkin with low EQ.

Xu Anran bit her lip and explained, "Actually, it's all my fault. When my sister just came back, we were a little unhappy about it. She might still be angry with me."

Xia Yunlou's eyes were filled with tears as she said sorrowfully, "I finally found my biological daughter. Who knew that she wouldn't be close to me?! I didn't want to miss out on 20 years with her either! She blames me, but I blame myself too!"

Everyone was also infected by her sorrow. Their eyes could not help but turn red. No one wished for such a thing to happen. Their child was lost, and the mother was the one who was hurt the most. Now that she had found her biological daughter, she was unwilling to come home. The mother was the one who had suffered the most.

Qiao Xi was really too insensible!

Even if it was for Xia Yunqiu's sake, she should visit her mother!

Everyone was gathered together to criticize Qiao Xi when they suddenly heard the security guards shout from outside. "Miss Qiao! Please wait! I'm sorry! You can't go in!"

The banquet hall instantly fell silent. Everyone subconsciously looked at Xia Yunlou. The family had just said that they hoped Qiao Xi would come, so why did they get the security guards to stop her?

"Madam Xu, Qiao Xi is here? Why aren't you letting her in?"

"Didn't you say that you wanted Miss Qiao to attend the banquet? Now..."

Xia Yunlou's entire body trembled. That little b*tch was actually here? She thought that Qiao Xi would not appear, so she spouted nonsense at the banquet. Unexpectedly, she really came!

Since she had already said it, she could not brazenly chase Qiao Xi away.

Before Xia Yunlou could say anything, Xu Anran hurriedly rushed out with red eyes. "My sister is here! Who allowed you to stop my sister?!"

The security guard realized that he had said something wrong and quickly took a few steps back. Xu Anran went forward to welcome her warmly. "Xi Xi, you're here. The security guard is new and probably doesn't know you. Don't mind him. Mom and I were looking forward to your arrival! Mom is waiting for you inside. Come in with me!"

Qiao Xi's eyes were red as she looked at Xu Anran with teary eyes. Xu Anran instantly choked.

What was this b*tch trying to do?

Qiao Xi followed Xu Anran into the door as tears flowed down her face. She walked in front of Xia Yunlou and said with a trembling voice, "Madam Xu... Mom, I'm sorry I'm late."

Qiao Xi was wearing a long black dress. She did not wear makeup or jewelry. She looked like she was here for a funeral. She was completely unable to blend into the lively banquet hall.

Wen Xi stood beside Xu Anran. Seeing the smile on Xu Anran's face gradually disappearing, Wen Xi sneered. "Qiao Xi, so you still know that Madam Xu is your mother?! Why are you wearing black at the banquet?! Who are you trying to disgust?!"

Everyone looked at Qiao Xi in confusion as well, and only then did they notice that her clothes were inappropriate. She was wearing a long black dress and held a black umbrella. Her long hair was tied up behind her head as if she was paying respects to someone.

She was dressed like this at her mother's banquet. She did not really come to attend the banquet, did she? She was clearly here to ruin the banquet. Was she cursing Madam Xu to die?

"No wonder the security guards won't let her in! Who wouldn't feel uncomfortable seeing her dressed like this?!"

"She must have deliberately worn mourning clothes to come to the banquet!"

"Even if Madam Xu did something wrong, she can't curse her mother to die! Moreover, it wasn't Madam Xu's fault that the two babies were mistakenly swapped back then. How could Qiao Xi be so vicious?!"

"I heard that Qiao Xi chased Xu Anran away the moment she returned to the Xu family and even targeted her. It's fine if she doesn't like Xu Anran, but she's even cursing her biological mother!"

Qiao Xi was angered to the point of laughing. They were saying that she had targeted Xu Anran? From the first time the two of them met, Xu Anran had already caused trouble for her. Later on, she even colluded with Xia Yunlou to set a trap for her. With the mother and daughter treating her like this, how could she have any feelings for Xia Yunlou?!

Xu Anran occupied her identity and her parents. She even wanted to gain sympathy here. Everyone's heart ached for Xu Anran, who had gone from the eldest daughter of the Xu family to an adopted daughter. However, why didn't they ask what Qiao Xi had experienced all these years?

Chapter 663: Ruining The Banquet

She had been left to wander outside. If she had not met her mother, she would have been sent to the orphanage. If she had not met her grandfather, how could she have returned to Li City safely?

She was lucky to have her mother, grandfather, and four brothers. She also met Gu Zheng when she reached adulthood. What if she was not so lucky? She would have died on that cold night. She would have died in Xu Mei's hands or in that bitter cold village.

Qiao Xi did not wish to explain these things to strangers. She had never cared if the Xu family had any feelings for her, but it was absolutely impossible for Xia Yunlou to use her mother to force her to submit!

Xia Yunlou's face was filled with sorrow, and her eyes could not help but wander. "Forget it, let's not talk about Xi Xi anymore. Maybe she just happened to wear black. In short, it's good that Xi Xi is here. Quickly sit down!"

Qiao Xi sneered in her heart, then she became extremely emotional. "Mom, I'm really grateful to you. I thought you forgot, but I didn't expect you to still remember. You even invited so many noble young ladies and madams to participate. I was wrong in the past. I shouldn't have blamed you..."

Everyone had puzzled expressions. What was Qiao Xi talking about?! They all knew that on the surface, this banquet was held by Xu Anran for the sake of coaxing Xia Yunlou. In reality, it was Xu Anran's blind date banquet. What did this have to do with Qiao Xi?

Xia Yunlou's face was filled with confusion as well. Could it be that Qiao Xi could not take the public opinion and she was already admitting defeat? If she was willing to lower her head, did that mean that she was willing to return Xia Yunqiu's inheritance?

After thinking for a moment, Xia Yunlou pretended to be loving. "Xi Xi, it's good that you don't blame me. Before my sister died, she hoped that you could come home so that we could reunite. It can be considered as we've fulfilled her last wish!"

She especially emphasized the words 'last wish'. Qiao Xi instantly understood what she meant, and her eyes were instantly filled with tears. "Madam Xu, you're still thinking about my adoptive mother. She'll be very happy if she learns about it in heaven. Since that's the case, the inheritance my adoptive mother left behind should be handed to you for safekeeping."

Xia Yunlou did not expect things to go so smoothly. She could not help but laugh. This little b*tch was really stupid. She was handing over the inheritance so easily. Xia Yunlou thought that they would have to fight for a few more rounds!

Xia Yunlou was so excited that her entire body was trembling. She suppressed her excitement and said, "Xi Xi, you're so sensible. Then... the inheritance is now..."

Qiao Xi's expression was indifferent as she smiled lightly. "There's no rush. Madam Xu, I think all the guests have arrived now. Let's pay our respects first. You've already prepared the offerings, right?"

Xia Yunlou was about to answer when she suddenly widened her eyes.

Wait! What? Pay respects?

Wen Xi's expression froze, then she roared angrily, "Qiao Xi, are you crazy?! Why are you so disgraceful?! Everyone's happily attending the banquet. Why are you bringing up the dead for no reason?!"

"Qiao Xi, what are you talking about?! Who are you paying your respects to?"

"When Madam Xu sent the invitations, didn't she say that she wanted to find Xu Anran a suitable husband? How did this banquet suddenly become an occasion to pay respects to the dead?"

"Yeah! If I knew that it was for this reason, I definitely wouldn't have come. This Qiao Xi is really too much! She's clearly here to ruin the banquet!"

Xia Yunlou glared fiercely at Qiao Xi. What did this little b*tch want?!

She held this banquet to find Anran a boyfriend with a prominent family background. Now, it was all ruined by Qiao Xi!

Xia Yunlou suppressed her anger. “Xi Xi, stop fooling around. We’ll talk after the banquet. Even if you’re unhappy, you can’t fool around on such an occasion.”

Xu Anran also tried to persuade her. “Xi Xi, you haven’t been at home. You might not know that Mom has been in a bad mood recently. We’re holding this banquet to make her happier. Don’t make her angry, okay?”

Unexpectedly, Qiao Xi suddenly widened her eyes and took a few steps back in disbelief. Her eyes were red as tears trickled down her face. Her voice trembled as she said, “Is this really a banquet?”

Wen Xi shouted with a look of disdain, “If it’s not a banquet, what else could it be?! We’re here to drink and chat! We’re here to have fun! We’re not here to mourn the dead!”

Everyone scoffed at Qiao Xi’s actions. It was fine if she was fooling around in private, but now, she even dared to do such a thing in front of everyone. In the future, she would definitely go even further!

Tears trickled down Qiao Xi’s face. She was not pretending, but she was truly sad for her mother. Xia Yunlou did not care about her sister at all. All she cared about was her mother’s inheritance.

Chapter 664: Her Death Anniversary

Qiao Xi suppressed the anger in her heart and asked sadly, “Madam Xu, let me ask you again. Is this banquet really a blind date banquet? Did you hold it because you wanted to find a good man for Xu Anran?”

Although the invitation letters did not say that, everyone knew very well that this was Xu Anran’s blind date banquet. They were also willing to join in the fun.

“What do you mean?! Qiao Xi, you can’t be so sarcastic just because Sister Anran is the adopted daughter. Is there a problem with Madam Xu hosting a banquet for Sister Anran?” Wen Xi said indignantly.

Qiao Xi’s gaze was slightly cold. “Madam Xu, you said that you were very close with my adoptive mother, so for the sake of fulfilling her wish, you have to safeguard her inheritance, right?”

Xia Yunlou raised her eyes and met Qiao Xi’s cold gaze. She suddenly felt uneasy and had a bad premonition. She wanted to offer sacrifices to a dead person. Could it be that that person was Xia Yunqiu?

So, today was Xia Yunqiu’s death anniversary?

Xia Yunlou suddenly reacted and was about to speak when Qiao Xi interrupted her. “Madam Xu, today is the death anniversary of my adoptive mother, Madam Xia Yunqiu! You said that you were close to her, so you wanted to fulfill her wish and have me return her inheritance, but you don’t even remember her death anniversary!

“At this moment, the old madam of the Yin family and Mr. Yin are all in Li City. They’re not attending the banquet because they’ve already gone to pay respects to my adoptive mother! As her younger sister, why are you holding a blind date banquet for Xu Anran on this day?”

Qiao Xi's eyes were filled with ridicule, and her voice was icy-cold. "Madam Xu, do you really care about your sister? It can't be that you only care about her inheritance and not her, right?"

The banquet hall was deathly silent. Xia Yunlou's face was livid. She did not expect that today would coincidentally be Xia Yunqiu's death anniversary. Qiao Xi was grabbing onto this matter and refusing to let go. She was clearly embarrassing her.

Everyone knew that Old Madam Yin doted on Xia Yunqiu, and Mr. Yin also valued his younger sister very much. They had all gone to pay their respects to Xia Yunqiu, but Xia Yunlou, the 'good' younger sister, did not know about it and was even holding a blind date banquet here? Could it be that she was really doing everything for the inheritance?

If it were not for Qiao Xi's appearance, no one would have known about it. The Xu family still looked as harmonious as always, and only Qiao Xi was sad for her adoptive mother.

Xu Anran's expression changed drastically as she said with teary eyes, "Sister, it's all my fault. I begged Mom to help me hold this banquet. Don't blame Mom!"

"Moreover, we didn't know that today is Aunt's death anniversary. If we had known, we definitely wouldn't have held this banquet."

Xia Yunlou's face was pale as she lowered his head and said, "Xi Xi, we haven't been in contact with the Yin family for so many years. You didn't tell me about my sister's death anniversary either. I really didn't know what day it was today! It's my fault. I should've asked you a long time ago!"

Xu Anyi immediately chimed in, "Yes! You're blaming Mom for forgetting her death anniversary, but you never told her. Now that you're here to denounce her, I think you just can't stand to see your family doing well!"

Xia Yunlou's eyes were filled with resentment. She knew that she would probably not be able to obtain Xia Yunqiu's inheritance today. Since it was like this, she did not have to show any mercy. She had to ruin Qiao Xi's reputation!

Then, Xia Yunlou's eyes were filled with sorrow as she cried out, "Xi Xi, I know you still blame me! In your heart, I'm not worthy to be your mother. I haven't contacted my sister for many years, but that's because my sister isn't willing to get close to me. She always rejects me.

"I didn't know that it was her death anniversary, yet you're accusing me like this! You only have her in your heart. You don't see me as your biological mother at all! I want to be good to you and like you, but you're just like my sister and don't want to get close to me at all!"

When everyone heard Xia Yunlou's complaint, their hearts ached. "Miss Qiao, no matter what, Madam Xu is your biological mother. No matter how dissatisfied you are, you have to consider her feelings!"

Seeing that everyone was speaking up for her, Xia Yunlou's expression eased up a little. These people were all nobles who were close to her, so they would naturally speak up for her. How could Qiao Xi defeat her?

Xia Yunlou cried bitterly. "Xi Xi, you're accusing me for my sister. I don't blame you. No one wished for what had happened back then. Throughout these years, I've been in a lot of pain too. Why can't you let go of the resentment in your heart? What did I do wrong that you're treating me like this?"

"Madam Xu, you don't know what you've done wrong? Well, I can tell you." A cold male voice sounded. Gu Zheng was wearing a black suit and had a serious expression as he slowly walked over.

Chapter 665: The President Protects His Wife

Song Shijing and Song Shiyu followed him respectfully. Xu Zhi also came up to them in fear.

Gu Zheng walked to Qiao Xi's side and looked at Xia Yunlou with a mocking gaze before continuing, "Madam Xu, you don't know what you've done, so let me remind you."

The banquet hall instantly fell silent. Everyone gasped and felt the air freeze.

Xia Yunlou's heart thumped, and she didn't dare say anything. She could criticize Qiao Xi, but how could she dare cry in front of Gu Zheng?

Xu Anran leaned forward with red eyes. "President Gu, my sister has indeed suffered a lot all these years, but my mother didn't want her to suffer either! My mother doesn't want to see this happen, so you can't blame her! She's the one who's the most hurt from this!"

Gu Zheng smirked.

Xia Yunlou hurriedly seized the opportunity. "That's right! Newborn babies all look similar. I didn't know that the babies were replaced. After I found out about it, I went everywhere to look for Xi Xi. What's wrong with the relationship Anran and I share? It's fine if Xi Xi blames me, and it doesn't matter what she says to me in private. Why must she embarrass me in front of everyone?"

"President Gu, you said that I've done something wrong. I know that Xi Xi doesn't like An An, but An An has lived in this house for 20 years. How can I bear to chase her away? When the two children were swapped, An An was just an infant. She didn't know anything. She's also a victim. If I have to chase my daughter, who has been by my side for 20 years, out of the house for Xi Xi, won't I be too heartless?!"

Everyone felt that Xia Yunlou's words were reasonable. Qiao Xi was indeed too wild. Did she think that she could do whatever she wanted after marrying Gu Zheng?

No matter what, Xu Anran had lived in this family for 20 years. Before Qiao Xi appeared, she was the eldest daughter of the Xu family and a top socialite in Luo City. Now that the true daughter of the Xu family was back, was Xu Anran expected to be abandoned? This was unfair to her.

Moreover, Xu Anran was gentle and kind. Why couldn't Qiao Xi accept her? Wasn't it good for the two sisters to have each other's company?

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Xu Anyi's face was filled with disdain. "Qiao Xi! You're blaming everything on Anran. You think that Anran stole your identity, so you're unhappy and want to cause chaos in this family!"

Xu Anran's eyes were filled with tears. "Xi Xi, don't blame me or make things difficult for me. It's all my fault. I should have left this family a long time ago. As long as I leave, you won't cause trouble anymore, right?"

Xia Yunlou hugged Xu Anran and cried.

Unexpectedly, Gu Zheng sneered and asked coldly, "Madam Xu, have you investigated who swapped the two babies? Do you know who the culprit is?"

Xia Yunlou's expression changed as she hurriedly explained, "The nurse accidentally carried the wrong baby. Newborns all look similar. I don't know which nurse it was, so..."

Gu Zheng interrupted coldly, "Madam Xu, I remember you saying that the Xu family's enemy swapped the baby and found a random baby girl to replace Xi Xi. Later, Madam Xia Yunqiu found out Xi Xi's whereabouts and adopted her.

"What's the matter? Have you forgotten what you said?"

The netizens in the live broadcast also posted comments: [Yeah! I remember what Madam Xu said previously!]

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[Wow! The domineering president! Although I can't see his face, I can tell from his voice that he's a handsome man!]

[This person seems to be Qiao Xi's husband, right? I heard that Qiao Xi married the head of the Gu family, Gu Zheng. Could this be the legendary President Gu?]

At this moment, Xia Yunlou's body went weak as she fell onto the sofa. Her mind was a mess. "I-I remembered wrongly. It seems that my enemy replaced Xi Xi. My mind was muddled."

"Did you remember wrongly? Do you Xu mean to say that Xi Xi was swapped by your enemy?" Gu Zheng asked.

Xia Yunlou's expression darkened as she gritted her teeth. "Yes, I'm sure that Xi Xi was replaced by my enemy. I was very sad to know about this!"

Gu Zheng's voice turned cold. "Madam Xu, let me tell you the truth! Song Shiyu."

"President!"

Song Shiyu looked serious as he took out the recording pen in his hand. "Madam Xu, why did you forget what you said so quickly? If you've forgotten, we can remind you."

Xia Yunlou suddenly shuddered and pounced over to snatch the recording pen. Song Shiyu turned around to avoid her and pressed the button.

Chapter 666: The Xu Family's Servant

Song Shiyu turned up the volume, and the sounds of their conversation came from the recording pen.

Qiao Xi was heard saying, "Madam Xu, you already know who the perpetrator is. Why didn't you punish her? You even let her stay in the Xu family?"

Xia Yunlou said, "It's already been so long, so why are you still being so calculative?! We should let her off. After all, she has been a servant in our Xu family for more than 20 years. How can we bear to punish her?"

Qiao Xi then said, "Since the Xu family isn't willing to punish her and continues to let her work in the house, then I can't live under the same roof as her."

After listening to this recording, everyone understood. Netizens started spamming comments on the live broadcast.

[Did I hear wrongly?! The person who swapped the child isn't a nurse or an enemy. It's a servant from the Xu family? And this servant is still living in the Xu family?]

[This is enough to shock me for a hundred years! What's Madam Xu thinking?! She clearly knows that the servant swapped her daughter, yet she's still letting the servant stay in their home. No wonder Qiao Xi isn't willing to go home!]

The recording did not end. What followed was a cry.

"Xi Xi, don't blame Mom. It's all my fault. Nanny Lin is my nanny. To me, she's half my mother. She worked in the Xu family for more than 20 years and spent the best years of her life here. How can I bear to chase her away?! If you insist on calling the police and arresting her, I'll feel guilty for the rest of my life. Mom only decided to let her stay in the Xu family because of me. If you're really uncomfortable with it, you can hit me or scold me. As long as you agree to let her stay, I'll do anything!"

Xia Yunlou's voice was slightly angry. "Qiao Xi, you've already returned to the Xu family. What else are you dissatisfied with? If you insist on calling the police, it'll hurt Anran's heart. I absolutely won't allow you to do this!"

Xu Anran said gratefully, "Mom, thank you for supporting me! Xi Xi, it was Nanny Lin's fault back then, but she was just muddle-headed for a moment. Now that she's old and her health isn't good, how can she go to jail? Don't mind the past. It's most important for our family to be harmonious."

"Anran is right. Actually, I'm quite grateful to Nanny Lin. If it weren't for her, I wouldn't have such an obedient and sensible daughter."

The recording ended, and the venue was in an uproar.

Although it was only a short recording, everyone could tell that Xia Yunlou did not like her biological daughter. Instead, she even sounded a little disgusted.

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Xia Yunlou's face was pale. Her body was trembling and she could not say anything!

She gritted her teeth. What was wrong with what she said? That little b*tch Qiao Xi kept going against her. What right did that wild girl have to be her daughter?!

Xia Yunlou abruptly stood up. Before she could say anything, someone suddenly bumped into her. The red wine in their hand spilled onto her light-colored dress.

“Ah! What have you done?!”

Xia Yunlou roared angrily and looked up to see a noblewoman dressed in exquisite clothes. She was looking at her with mocking eyes and said sarcastically, “I’m sorry! Madam Xu, I didn’t do it on purpose. You were able to make your daughter forgive the perpetrator, which means that you’re magnanimous. I believe you’ll definitely forgive me too!”

As soon as she finished speaking, Song Shiyu took out a laptop from his briefcase and played a video in front of everyone. He played the video of Xu Anran hiring someone to frame Qiao Xi on her birthday.

At this moment, everyone finally understood why Qiao Xi was unwilling to return to the Xu family. Why did Qiao Xi have such bad intentions toward Xu Anran? It was because Xu Anran did not hesitate to ruin her innocence in order to frame her.

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Xu Anran looked weak and innocent, but she was actually so vicious!

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The guests and people in the live broadcast were all shocked by Xia Yunlou and Xu Anran’s actions.

Suddenly, someone commented, [I understand now. Miss Qiao just hoped that the Xu family could punish that servant. Not only did the Xu family not agree, but they even allowed Anran to frame her. Of course, she isn’t willing to return to this family. If it were me, I wouldn’t be willing to come back either!]

[Liar! You kept saying that you’re doing everything for Qiao Xi’s sake, but you’re playing tricks behind her back! You even want to snatch her assets! This pair of mother and daughter are really disgusting!]

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Everyone in the live broadcast started cursing. Xu Anran’s fans did not dare to say anything at this moment. They liked Xu Anran, but they could also differentiate right from wrong. Moreover, if anyone were to speak up for Xu Anran at this moment, they would definitely be scolded badly.

Chapter 667: The Support Of Patriarch Yin

[Madam Xu is so strange! Although Qiao Xi has been missing for 20 years, she’s still her biological daughter. How can she bear to let Qiao Xi suffer?]

[This is like someone losing a ruby and getting a piece of glass. You think that glass looks better. Not only aren’t you blaming the perpetrator for making you lose the ruby, but you’re also thanking them for giving you this piece of glass.]

[The above comment makes a lot of sense. Madam Xu actually thanked that servant? And that Xu Anran is a b*tch. She pretends to be weak but she deliberately provokes Miss Qiao.]

[Isn't Xu Anran very proud? Although she's just an adopted daughter, she's more favored than the biological daughter. She can do whatever she wants in the Xu family and even force the biological daughter to not dare to go home!]

[Fans, open your eyes wide and take a good look. This is the goddess in your hearts! Do you still have the cheek to scold Qiao Xi?]

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Everyone in the banquet hall was filled with anger as well. "Xu Anran, didn't you say that Qiao Xi was targeting you and wanted to chase you out? We sympathized with you and spoke up for you. It turns out that you've been bullying her!"

"What right do you have to ask Qiao Xi to forgive you? If it weren't for you and that servant, Qiao Xi would have a happy and beautiful life. She would have parents who doted on her. You destroyed all of this but you're still pretending to be a good person! If I were you, I wouldn't have the face to continue staying here!"

When Xu Anran heard the curses around her, her body went limp and she almost fell to the floor.

The door of the banquet hall was pushed open. After the Yin family paid their respects to Xia Yunqiu, they came to the Xu family. Qiao Xi's uncle, Yin Yunyi, had a gloomy expression. Without saying anything, he rushed over and punched Xu Zhi.

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"Xu Zhi, look at what your wife and adopted daughter have done! Xi Xi has finally returned, yet you actually let them bully Xi Xi like this. Your Xu family doesn't want Xi Xi, but our Yin family wants her. She's the eldest daughter of our Yin family. If anyone dares to bully her in the future, it'll be equivalent to going against the Yin family!"

Xu Zhi's face was livid. He did not dare to retort. He knew that the Yin family was coming and immediately went to welcome them while trembling in fear. Unexpectedly, he was still beaten up.

All these years, the Yin family and the Xu family had cut off all contact with them because of Xu Anran. At that time, Xu Zhi thought that Xu Anran was obedient and outstanding. The Xia family also liked her very much. Hence, he thought it was worth losing the Yin family for this daughter of his. However, he regretted it now.

Xu Zhi's face flushed red as he said respectfully, "Patriarch Yin, our Xu family has never said that we don't want Xi Xi. This is a misunderstanding. I've always doted on Xi Xi."

Yin Yunyi had a serious expression and said in a cold voice, "Xu Zhi, perhaps others might believe this, but I don't believe a word of it. I know too well what kind of person you are.

"Your mind is filled with benefits. Familial ties hold no significance to you. Whoever can bring you more benefits is your relative. You don't want this daughter of yours, and the Yin family just happens to lack a daughter. We definitely won't let her suffer any grievances and will sincerely dote on her."

As soon as he finished speaking, Yin Yunyi threw a document in his hand at Xu Zhi's feet.

“Xu Zhi, open it and see what your adopted daughter has done. I’ll definitely not let this matter go!”

Xu Zhi’s expression was ugly, but he did not care about his image anymore. He bent down and picked up the document. He flipped it open and looked at it. His mind buzzed.

Actually, Xu Zhi had long known that Xu Anran was not his biological daughter and sent someone to look for Qiao Xi. However, the results of the investigation back then revealed that Qiao Xi was stupid, naughty, ignorant, and incompetent. She was just a country bumpkin.

However, this information showed that Qiao Xi’s results had been outstanding since she was young. No matter what she learned, she was quick to pick it up. Moreover, she had very high artistic talent and was even called a little prodigy. It was precisely because Qiao Xi was outstanding and sensible that her brothers’ parents treated her as their biological daughter.

Yin Yunyi sneered. “All of you think that Qiao Xi is stupid and unworthy to be the daughter of the Xu family, but the Yin family doesn’t think so. No matter what, Xi Xi is still a child of our Yin family! Xu Zhi, from now on, you’ve already lost the chance to be Xi Xi’s father.”

Xu Zhi’s body went soft, and his eyes were filled with regret.

He wanted to love his daughter as well, but he did not want a stupid daughter. Now that he knew the truth, he realized how laughable he was. He believed Xu Anran’s fake information and missed out on his biological daughter for so many years.

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At this moment, Xu Zhi could not help but doubt himself. Were benefits really that important? He watched as his daughter led a wandering life but turned a blind eye to it. He even doted on a fake daughter for so many years.

Chapter 668: The Reason I Hate Her

On the other hand, Qiao Xi raised her eyes to look at Gu Zheng. When he brought Song Shiyu in, Qiao Xi thought that he had returned to normal. However, when she met his eyes, she knew that he was still the emotionless Gu Zheng.

Since he had no feelings for her, why would he help her?

The man sensed her gaze and slowly walked toward her. He held her hand gently. He wanted everyone to know that Gu Zheng’s love for Qiao Xi was real and not just for show.

At that moment, Xu Anran was in the middle of the crowd. She was surrounded by malicious intent. She was so afraid that her entire body was trembling. She did not dare to look at the crowd’s disdainful and angry gazes.

Everyone knew that the Xu family was holding this banquet to choose a good man for Xu Anran. Xu Anran was an A-list celebrity and a top socialite. She had the Xu family and the Xia family backing her up. Many people wanted to marry her.

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Now that this matter was exposed, the scions who were originally chatting with Xu Anran all avoided her. Their eyes were filled with disgust. This difference made Xu Anran almost go crazy.

Previously, those men would always surround her. If she was in a good mood, she would give them some attention. If she was not in the mood, she would ignore them. Now, they were the ones who despised her?

Xia Yunlou suppressed the anger in her heart and gritted her teeth. "Xi Xi, I was just angry! I'm your mother! Of course, all I do is for your own good. I just don't want you to go too far and offend others."

Gu Zheng's gaze landed on her, and the banquet hall was silent.

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows. She knew that Xia Yunlou would not admit her mistake just like that and would definitely continue putting up a struggle. Since that was the case, she would play with Xia Yunlou.

Xia Yunlou's mind was a mess. She did not have time to think and could only defend herself. If she could not explain herself clearly, then she and Anran would be doomed!

"I admit that I like Anran more, but why don't you reflect on yourself to find out the reason? It's because you're unwilling to get close to me that you've made me sad again and again.

"It's not just me. Anyi hates you too. That's because ever since you came back, you've ruined the peace at home. You caused Anyi to be arrested. How could he like you?

"I thought that you would change over time, but I was wrong. You don't have this family in your heart at all!"

Xia Yunlou cried bitterly in grief. Her hair was messy, and her dress was stained with red wine. She was in a sorry state. Such a scene was broadcasted live.

When they heard this, everyone was slightly puzzled. Why did Madam Xu and Young Master Xu both like the adopted Xu Anran but hated Qiao Xi? What exactly happened? Could it be that Qiao Xi had really done something wrong to them?

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"Madam Xu is right. No one would hate someone for no reason. Moreover, Qiao Xi is their blood-related relative. Logically speaking, it's easier to accept her, but the Xu family doesn't like her at all. Is there a reason for this?"

Xia Yunlou heaved a sigh of relief. She would not tell everyone the reason she hated Qiao Xi. It was all because of that woman. She was already dead, yet this woman had a similar face to her!

The first time she saw Qiao Xi's photo, Xia Yunlou could not help but tremble. Qiao Xi's face was too similar to Xia Yunqiu's. Not only did they look alike, but even her gaze and aura were identical.

Xu Anran's eyes were red as she bit her lip. "Xi Xi, we didn't want to say anything and didn't want to make things worse, but you..."

Xia Yunlou continued to cry. "You're my daughter, so how could I not dote on you?! But what have you done? You blame us for not liking you, but why don't you realize your own problems?"

As soon as she finished speaking, the door of the banquet hall was pushed open. First, a group of well-trained bodyguards rushed in and opened up a path. Then, a few young juniors helped a middle-aged noblewoman in. The noblewoman was wearing a blood jade. She looked noble and had an outstanding aura. She crushed all the noblewomen present the moment she appeared.

When Xia Yunlou saw the noblewoman, her body instantly trembled. She had not seen Old Madam Yin for many years, but she had not changed at all. She was still so young. It was impossible to tell that she was in her 60s.

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Old Madam Yin glanced around with a gloomy gaze and said word by word, "The Xu family doesn't like Xi Xi, so they think it's Xi Xi's fault?"

Xia Yunlou's eyes were filled with horror as she stammered, "No, no..."

Everyone discussed in low voices. "Who's this woman?"

Chapter 669: All The Wealthy Families In Luo City Have To Respect Her

"This woman is unfamiliar to me, but I know who that serious man is. He's the head of the Yin family, Yin Yunyi. His surname was originally Xia, and he's Old Madam Yin and Mr. Xia Cheng's eldest son. After Old Madam Yin divorced, she brought her children back to the Yin family. Xia Yunyi changed his name to Yin Yunyi and even became the head of the Yin family."

"You mean this gentleman is Madam Xu's biological brother? Then this madam must be Xia Yunlou's mother, Old Madam Yin? They're both from the Yin family?"

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Everyone gasped when they heard this. The Yin family was gathered here. What were they doing?

Old Madam Yin's expression was calm. "It's the Xu family's fault that the Xu family doesn't like Xi Xi? Xi Xi is not in the wrong here! Xia Yunlou, cut the crap. It doesn't matter if you don't want Xi Xi. In any case, it's enough that Xi Xi is favored by the Yin family. She's the only daughter of the Yin family, so why should she snatch the position of the eldest daughter of the Xu family?"

"Xi Xi doesn't need to compete with anyone. She doesn't need to take your small Xu family seriously. As long as she wants it, the Yin family can give anything to her. How can she take a liking to your Xu family?"

"From now on, Xi Xi is the eldest daughter of the Yin family. All the wealthy families in Luo City have to respect her. Why would she snatch the position of the eldest daughter of the Xu family from Xu Anran?"

Old Madam Yin's cold expression faded as she smiled affectionately. "Xi Xi, quick, come to my side."

Everyone widened their eyes in shock. They heard that the Xu family hated Qiao Xi because she had offended everyone before she even joined the family, so the Xu family was unwilling to accept her.

Now, Old Madam Yin had brought the descendants of the Yin family over to support Qiao Xi. She even announced to the world that Qiao Xi was the eldest daughter of the Yin family, and she looked down on the small Xu family.

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Whether it was power or wealth, the Xu family was far from being the Yin family's match. The Yin family had been at their peak for hundreds of years, but the Xu family had always been mediocre. Now that their company was facing difficulties, the two families could not be compared at all.

Moreover, not only did Qiao Xi have the Yin family behind her, but she also had Gu Zheng. These two enormous powers were both supporting Qiao Xi, so who would dare to go against her?

Almost everyone knew the inside story of Xia Yunlou cutting ties with Old Madam Yin. At that time, Xia Yunlou was even living together with Xia Cheng's mistress. She even called that mistress her mother. After Old Madam Yin divorced, Xia Yunlou insisted on living with the mistress. This caused Old Madam Yin to be completely heartbroken, so she cut off all contact with her daughter.

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At this moment, Xia Yunlou's eyes were empty, and her heart was filled with hatred. Why were her mother and brother helping Qiao Xi?

Just as everyone was silent, a crisp slap sounded. Xu Zhi rushed forward and slapped Xu Anran hard. Xu Anran was thrown to the ground by the sudden slap, and her cheek instantly became red and swollen.

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"You b*tch!"

Seeing this, Xia Yunlou immediately rushed over to protect Xu Anran and shouted, "Hubby! What are you doing?!"

Xu Zhi's eyes were red as he gritted his teeth and asked, "Xu Anran, you were the one who gave me the information six years ago that stated Xi Xi is naughty, willful, and stupid. You said that if she returned to the Xu family, she'd only make the aristocrats laugh at the Xu family. This is what you said, right?!"

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Old Madam Yin's gaze turned cold. So, they already knew Xi Xi's whereabouts six years ago?

At this moment, Xu Zhi could not care about the consequences. He only wanted to vent the anger in his heart. He also regretted being muddle-headed back then and not immediately bringing Xi Xi back. If it were not for Xu Anran interfering, perhaps their family would have been reunited a long time ago.

"Xia Yunlou, is this matter related to you? Do you know why Xi Xi suddenly disappeared six years ago?"

Hearing Xu Zhi's question, Xia Yunlou was a little flustered. "It's all because of her stubborn character. Who knows where she went? Maybe she was with a man—"

Smack!

Xu Zhi raised his hand and slapped Xia Yunlou hard.

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“Let me tell you, it was Xu Anran who changed Xi Xi’s information and made us think that she’s stupid and naughty. In fact, Xi Xi is talented and smart. She participated in various international competitions and even won championships as young as 14 years old! She’s also the goddaughter of the Shen, Qin, and Xue families!

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“She didn’t disappear because she did something bad. Moreover, Xu Anran deliberately concealed her information and even sent a group of hooligans to bully her in an attempt to ruin her innocence.”

Qiao Xi reacted. This had indeed happened when she was 14 years old. At that time, a few hooligans came to look for trouble with her. Her eldest brother beat them up until they were half-dead, so his career was affected. Hence, he left the entertainment industry and went overseas.

Chapter 670: I Want To Divorce You!

Qiao Xi did not expect that those people were sent by Xu Anran. It turned out that Xu Anran had already secretly attacked her six years ago. At that time, she was only 14 years old, yet she already had such vicious thoughts.

“If Xi Xi was not lucky enough to meet these nobles, she would have died at Xu Anran’s hands long ago! However, you helped Xu Anran, this criminal, to bully your daughter! You’re a fool!” Xu Zhi roared.

Everyone looked at Xia Yunlou with disdain. Although Xu Zhi had done something wrong, he was repenting now. He still had his biological daughter in his heart, but Xia Yunlou was really not worthy to be a mother!

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“Nonsense! Why would Anran do such a thing? Even if she did, it’s Qiao Xi’s fault. She was the one who wanted to snatch Anran’s things. Anran did it to protect herself!”

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Xia Yunlou cried loudly and continued speaking up for Xu Anran.

“Back then, you agreed not to let Qiao Xi come back. I did it for the Xu family! Qiao Xi is just a wild girl. How is she worthy to be the eldest daughter of the Xu family? Only an outstanding child like Anran is qualified to be the daughter of the Xu family! Now, everyone’s laughing at us!”

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Xu Zhi was stunned for a moment. He looked at Xia Yunlou in disbelief. He suddenly felt that the woman in front of him was very unfamiliar. Was this woman who had been with him for half his life really his wife?

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At this point, she was actually still blaming Qiao Xi?

Xia Yunlou cried non-stop. “She’s just a country bumpkin. Even if she returns to the Xu family, she can’t replace Anran’s identity. As long as she knows her place and listens to me, of course, I’ll dote on her.

However, she caused so much trouble and made me, her biological mother, lose my dignity! She's unfilial!

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"Since the two children were replaced back then, then things should have just stayed that way. Why did she come back? If she died, all of this wouldn't have happened!"

Xia Yunlou looked at Qiao Xi with vicious eyes and wished for nothing more than to kill her.

Xu Zhi did not expect Xia Yunlou to say such a thing. She was Xi Xi's biological mother. She actually cursed her daughter to die?

He was furious to the extreme and felt weak all over. However, his voice calmed down. "You mean Xi Xi should be left to wander outside? She shouldn't have returned from the beginning, right?"

Xu Zhi looked at Xu Anran in disgust. "You think so too? Do you think Xi Xi will snatch everything from you if she comes back?"

Hearing Xu Zhi's calm voice, Xia Yunlou's heart beat violently. She had a bad feeling.

She hated Qiao Xi and her face. She did not want a wild girl to ruin their originally blissful lives. What was wrong with that?

"Alright!"

Xu Zhi roared. At this moment, he had already made an important decision. This was the first time in his life that he did not care about benefits and consequences. He just wanted to seek justice for his daughter.

"I'm the head of the Xu family. I have the right to decide whether anyone should stay or leave."

Xu Zhi straightened his back and said word by word, "Xia Yunlou, we're getting a divorce! Get out of the Xu family with Xu Anran. From now on, the two of you have nothing to do with the Xu family anymore. It's not up to you to decide who the eldest daughter of the Xu family is!"

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Boom!!!

The surroundings were in an uproar, while Qiao Xi widened her eyes in shock. She could not help but look at the man beside her, and the corners of Gu Zheng's mouth curled up.

These words were like a bolt of lightning that struck everyone's hearts. The banquet hall was silent. After a long time, Xia Yunlou asked in a trembling voice, "Xu... Xu Zhi, you... Repeat what you just said..."

Seeing that the situation was not right, the filming team already turned off the live broadcast.

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Xu Zhi suddenly felt much better after saying it. Perhaps he had been wrong since the beginning. He should not have married Xia Yunlou. Now, divorce was a form of release.

His tone was calm. "I want to divorce you."

Xia Yunlou felt as if she had been struck by lightning. She shouted like a shrew, "Xu Zhi! You want to divorce me? No! I won't allow it! I don't agree!"

For Qiao Xi, her husband wanted her to divorce her? Was it because of Qiao Xi's face?

Back then, when she first met Xu Zhi, she fell in love with him at first sight. However, Xu Zhi was her sister's fiancé. She was jealous and resentful of her. She used all means to snatch this man over and become Madam Xu. She was obedient to this man and yearned to obtain his love. However, he was going to divorce her now?

Xia Yunlou felt weak all over. She slid from the sofa to the floor, her face filled with unwillingness and anger.

"Xu Zhi! Touch your heart and ask yourself. If it weren't for me, would the Xu family be where they are today? The Xia family has helped the Xu family for so many years and survived so many difficulties. Now, you're actually abandoning me?"