

## Lady gu 71

### Chapter 71: Slapping Her Twice

Smack!

"It does hurt quite a bit. It hurts a lot more than slapping you." Qiao Xi flung her hand. "You don't have to send me to the infirmary. I'm afraid you'll send me to hell on the way."

The stairwell instantly fell silent.

Qiao Rou belatedly covered her face as tears welled up in her eyes. "Sister, why did you hit me?"

"Why did I hit you? Because you deserve a beating." Qiao Xi moved closer to her ear and said word by word, "You want to kill me? Do you have the ability?"

Qiao Rou's pupils contracted. "Sister, what are you talking about? I... How could I... I didn't do it. I didn't know you would suddenly fall down the stairs. I was also very flustered."

Her tears welled up in her eyes. Her aggrieved look made one's heart ache. Gu Moling heard the voices and walked over. When he saw Qiao Rou being bullied, his heart ached immensely. He held her and softly checked on her.

Qiao Xi glanced at them. "You clearly knew that there was a fruit knife at the staircase, yet you deliberately pushed me. You didn't do it? You're pretending to be innocent in front of me every day, huh? Do you think I'm as brainless as the man beside you?"

Smack!

Qiao Xi slapped her again.

"You need to be punished for doing something wrong. It's not too much for me to give you two slaps for trying to take my life, right?"

Qiao Rou immediately fell to the floor with tears all over her face. "Sister, I didn't do anything. I really didn't do anything..."

"Qiao Xi!"

Gu Moling could not stand it anymore. He stood in front of Qiao Rou and said angrily, "What are you trying to do? No matter what Qiao Rou has done, aren't you standing here safe and sound right now? If you're angry, you can go somewhere else. Qiao Rou is sincerely treating her well. You really don't know what's good for you!"

She did not know what was good for her? Qiao Rou was sincerely treating her well? Was that why she wanted to send her to hell with her own hands?

Qiao Xi slowly wiped her hands. "Gu Moling, just because you're blind, it doesn't mean I'm blind as well. We can find out who placed the fruit knife there after watching the surveillance cameras. We can also see clearly whether Qiao Rou pushed me on purpose."

“Of course, even with my words, you won’t check the surveillance cameras. After all, it would’ve been me who rolled down the stairs and it would’ve been me getting accidentally stabbed by a fruit knife before dying on the spot. As long as it’s related to me, Gu Moling, you’ll ignore it.”

Gu Moling looked away. “What are you talking about? Am I that detestable in your eyes?”

Qiao Xi revealed a smile that was not a smile. “Yes. In your heart, Qiao Rou is always good while I’ll always be bad. Even if Qiao Rou really killed me, you would say she was just being careless and I deserved it. Qiao Rou is forever kind and cute. Even if she stole everything that I should have and even if I tried my best to avoid meeting you, she would still appear like a flea and ceaselessly disturb my life.

“She was the one who provoked me every time. I was the one who got hurt every time, but you always try to defend her. As long as she shed a few tears, she won’t have to take responsibility for anything. Just like this time. I already know the conclusion. You’ll announce to the public that I wanted to push Qiao Rou down the stairs, but in the end, my plan backfired and I hurt myself. As for Qiao Rou... she was innocent from the beginning till the end.”

Gu Moling fell silent. He opened his mouth a few times but found that he could not say anything. The fruit knife shining with a cold light was still standing upright on the stairwell. Just as Qiao Xi said, if she had not moved nimbly enough to avoid it, she might have lost her life today.

Moreover, if Qiao Xi died, things would indeed develop as she said. The Qiao family would hide the truth and push all the blame to Qiao Xi. They would say that when she tried to attack Qiao Rou, she ended up killing herself. After all, Qiao Rou was more important to the Qiao family.

Moreover, Qiao Xi was already dead. There was no need for the Qiao family to sacrifice another daughter. She had to bear all the blame even after her death, and it was also her final contribution to the family. Her appearance had always been a stain to the Qiao family. If she died, the Qiao family might be able to relax a little.

Zhao Lili, who was nearby, heard everything clearly. At this moment, she rushed over and smacked Qiao Xi on the head. “Qiao Xi, aren’t you too harsh? You’re alive, aren’t you? Even if you want to blame Qiao Rou, you have to wait until you die to do it! You’re standing here unharmed while Qiao Rou was slapped twice by you. Do you know how much her face is worth? Your life can’t even compare to her hands and legs!”

Qiao Rou bit her lip and pretended to be aggrieved. “Lili, don’t say anymore... My sister is just in a bad mood. Just let her say what she wants.”

Zhao Lili was flustered and exasperated. “Why?! Why allow her to do this to you?! I just want to tell Qiao Xi how expensive your face is!”

Chapter 72: Spending Money To Hit You

Qiao Rou had bought insurance with a premium of over 60 million yuan.

In comparison, Qiao Xi’s life was too worthless.

“Lili, don’t say anymore... Sister, don’t think too much. Dad just feels bad for me, so he bought me full-body insurance. My face alone is insured for 60 million yuan... Your life is also very valuable too, really valuable...”

Qiao Rou did not know how to explain it without hurting Qiao Xi. She was so anxious that tears were about to fall. She took out a check from her bag and filled in a number. She said with tearful eyes, “Sister, this is 600,000 yuan. Take this as my compensation to you. Believe it or not, I never thought of killing you. How would I dare to kill someone...”

600,000 yuan? Her life was worth 600,000 yuan?

Qiao Xi was glad that she was not dead today. Otherwise, if she knew that Qiao Rou thought her life was worth 600,000 yuan, she would definitely be infuriated.

She slowly took the check and smiled meaningfully. “So this 600,000 yuan is your compensation for attempted murder?”

Qiao Rou choked. “Sister, don’t say that. I’m giving you 600,000 yuan not because I think your life is only worth 600,000 yuan. It’s just that Dad said that money can’t be spent carelessly...”

“Enough, Qiao Xi. Quit while you’re ahead.” Zhao Lili could not stand it anymore. “Didn’t you come here to scam Qiao Rou for 600,000 yuan? A woman who came back from the countryside actually dares to act like a tyrant in front of Qiao Rou? How disgusting! I’ll put it this way. 600,000 yuan is enough to buy your life! Your life isn’t even worth 600,000 yuan. Qiao Rou gave you more because she’s kind-hearted. Don’t go too far!”

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows and pressed a button on her phone.

“600,000 yuan for my life, huh? Very good.”

Zhao Lili was still arrogant. “You’re so shameless. You just think Qiao Rou is easy to bully. You’re a woman with a cheap life. How dare you dream of comparing yourself to Qiao Rou, the eldest daughter of the Qiao family? Why don’t you take a look in the mirror and see if you’re worthy?!”

Thud, thud, thud. Before she could finish speaking, she heard uniform footsteps coming from downstairs. All of them subconsciously turned their heads.

A group of bodyguards were gathered. The lead bodyguard walked up to Qiao Xi respectfully. “Sixth Miss, we’ve brought the things you asked for.”

Qiao Xi revealed a satisfied smile. “Alright, then let’s start.”

As soon as she finished speaking, the bodyguards instantly separated Qiao Rou and Gu Moling. The bodyguards formed a circle and surrounded Qiao Rou. Gu Moling and Zhao Lili were shouting anxiously outside the circle of bodyguards. Unfortunately, Qiao Xi ignored them and took out a check. After filling in a few numbers, she gently threw it in front of Qiao Rou.

“60 million yuan. Sister, take good care of yourself.”

Qiao Rou had a bad feeling. “W-What do you want to do?”

“I’m not doing anything.” Qiao Xi sat on the chair that the bodyguard had brought over and slowly took a sip of the hand ground coffee. “I’m just using 60 million yuan to buy your face. Alright, let’s start.”

“What?”

Qiao Rou’s pupils abruptly contracted. She felt that she understood what Qiao Xi meant, but subconsciously, she did not dare to accept it. However, when the bodyguards held her arms and one raised his strong arm to slap her face from left to right, she was instantly afraid.

The bodyguard slapped her, and her beautiful face instantly became red and swollen.

Gu Moling felt his scalp tingle. “Qiao Xi, get them to stop! Rou Rou is your sister, how can you treat her like this?!”

Qiao Xi played with the fruit knife that the bodyguard had taken from the pile of junk and said casually, “How can you call it bullying? I’ve given her money. If she can buy my life with 600,000 yuan, I can buy her face with 60 million. I’m already much more generous than she is.”

The leader of the bodyguards chuckled. “Sixth Miss, you don’t have to talk nonsense with such a person. If Miss Qiao Rou isn’t willing to take a beating, we’ll release the surveillance footage. I wonder what Miss Qiao Rou’s reputation will be like if news of her attempting to kill her sister spreads? I reckon her image will be greatly discounted in the eyes of the students.”

Qiao Xi nodded. “You’re right. My younger sister values her reputation the most, so let’s continue. We absolutely can’t let those surveillance footage spread. Otherwise, how will my younger sister continue coming to university in the future?”

Zhao Lili was flustered and exasperated. “Qiao Xi, you slut—!”

With a swoosh, the fruit knife in Qiao Xi’s hand seemed to have eyes as it steadily pierced into the wall behind Zhao Lili.

“Shut up while I’m still in a good mood.”

“Qiao Xi!”

Gu Moling trembled as he looked at the fruit knife. He could not understand how Qiao Xi had become like this.

One slap after another landed on Qiao Rou’s face, almost knocking her out. Seeing that Qiao Rou’s face was swollen like a bun, Qiao Xi waved her hand in amusement.. “Alright, stop.”

Chapter 73: I’ll Kill You Now

The bodyguards instantly let go of Qiao Rou.

Qiao Rou collapsed onto the floor, her face was almost numb. She begged in incoherent words, “Sister, I didn’t want to kill you. I really didn’t...”

Qiao Xi looked at the bodyguards.

The leader of the bodyguards squatted in front of Qiao Rou with a sneer. "Sixth Miss said that this check for 600,000 yuan is for you, Miss Qiao Rou. After all, you said that Sixth Miss' life is only worth 600,000 yuan. Of course, perhaps in your heart, Sixth Miss' life isn't even worth 600,000 yuan.

"Logically speaking, Sixth Miss is the eldest daughter of the Qiao family. If this identity is only worth 600,000 yuan, an illegitimate daughter brought in by a mistress like you probably won't even be worth 600,000 yuan."

At this moment, Gu Zheng, who was standing near the stairwell, smiled meaningfully.

"Sixth Miss? How interesting."

Those bodyguards were calling her Sixth Miss... She was Sixth Miss?

The people in the stairwell did not know that their every move was being watched by Gu Zheng. At this moment, the leader of the bodyguards was still squatting in front of Qiao Rou, handing her a check. He was full of mockery. "Miss Qiao Rou, you have to keep this money. If you lose your life one day, don't blame Sixth Miss. After all, we've already given you the money to buy your life, right?"

Qiao Rou's face turned pale.

This b\*tch, Qiao Xi, actually dared to threaten her!

Gu Moling frowned. "Qiao Xi, don't go too far. You've always wanted to kill Rou Rou, but Rou Rou never bickered with you and even generously forgave you. She didn't push you on purpose today. Isn't it enough that you've gotten your people to slap her?"

Qiao Xi suddenly raised her eyes and said with a cold tone, "You said I've always wanted to kill Qiao Rou. When?"

Gu Moling recalled with a face full of heartache. "Two years ago when you just returned to the Qiao family, you drove Rou Rou down the cliff. You weren't familiar with cars and almost lost your life as well. After someone found out, it was Rou Rou who kept pleading for you, so Uncle Qiao chose to let the matter rest and not call the police."

Qiao Xi seemed to be looking at a fool.

Two years ago, she had just returned to the Qiao family. Qiao Rou and her mother could not wait to get rid of her. When she let her guard down, Qiao Rou drove into her car and even got many people to surround her. In the end, Qiao Xi really had no choice but to jump off the cliff to escape. She was unconscious for two days and two nights at the bottom of the cliff. Fortunately, Third Brother brought people to find her in time and healed her injuries. Only then did she have the chance to return to the Qiao family again.

What did she face upon returning to the Qiao family? Qiao Rou's crying and the Qiao family's accusations.

Qiao Rou cried a few times and pushed all the blame to her. It was as if she had sinned greatly by living. Those people were just short of pointing at her nose and scolding her.

Gu Moling did not know the actual incident and was still berating her with a look of heartache. "Back then, you wanted to kill Rou Rou. You still haven't repented after so many years. Qiao Xi, today..."

He suddenly trailed off.

A gun was pressed against Gu Moling's temple. Qiao Rou and Zhao Lili screamed in shock. The leader of the bodyguards was calm. "Young Master Gu, please be careful with your words."

'Be careful with my words? If you want to remind me, just say so. Do you need to take out your gun?!'

The cold muzzle of the gun was pressed against his temple, and Gu Moling instantly broke out in goosebumps. Cold sweat trickled down Gu Moling's forehead. He knew that the gun in the bodyguard's hand was not a toy. He pretended to be calm and said, "This is Li City University. If you shoot here..."

"Young Master Gu, you might not understand this, but since I have the guts to point a gun at you, it means that I'm not afraid of shooting you here." The bodyguard leaned closer and smiled meaningfully. "Sixth Miss has 10,000 ways to kill Miss Qiao Rou. Use your brain to think carefully. Does Sixth Miss really need to go through so much trouble to deal with Qiao Rou?"

As long as Sixth Miss said a word, they would all risk their lives.

They would even dare to bomb a country, much less just kill someone.

The bodyguard's tone was full of disdain. "Drove her down a cliff? Haha, Sixth Miss' methods aren't so childish. For example... As long as Sixth Miss gives the order, I can make Young Master Gu's brain spurt everywhere. Do you believe it?"

Cold sweat kept dripping down Gu Moling's body. He was so stiff that he did not move at all. He wanted to say something but realized that his throat was so dry due to his fright. He could clearly feel the killing intent from this man. This man really wanted to kill him!

"Never mind."

Qiao Xi admired their terrified expressions for a while before saying in boredom, "If you kill him here, it'll be a little troublesome to clean up the mess afterward. I don't want to waste my energy on them."

The leader of the bodyguards put away his gun and even blew out a breath. "Alright. Sixth Miss, you're too kind-hearted.. We'll let these people off for now."

#### **Chapter 74: It's Third Brother**

The bodyguards were ready to leave. Before they left, the leader of the bodyguards seemed to have thought of something and turned back. "Miss Qiao Rou, I advise you not to talk about Sixth Miss wanting to kill you all the time. If you lie too much, it might become true. When the day of your death really comes, don't blame me for not reminding you."

He was just reminding her out of goodwill. After all, if Eldest Brother and Second Brother, who were protective of Sixth Miss, knew what Qiao Rou had done to Sixth Miss, she would be dragged out to be flogged.

After Qiao Xi's figure vanished, Qiao Rou's legs went soft and she fell onto the floor uncontrollably. Her face was pale, and she looked disheveled. "Who were those people... Sister, how did she become like this? What relationship does Sister have with those terrifying men..."

Gu Moling's gaze was sinister. That man called Qiao Xi 'Sixth Miss'. His tone was intimate and respectful. How did Qiao Xi get to know such a man who looked like he could not be provoked? Moreover, that man actually had a gun!

All these years, Qiao Xi had always been by his side. He knew very well what friends she had around her, but he had never seen that man.

Zhao Lili shivered. "Qiao Xi must have sold her body. Otherwise, why would so many people help her? Qiao Xi, that shameless woman! Disgusting, too disgusting! I feel disgusted just thinking about how she has slept with so many bodyguards!"

Gu Moling frowned but did not say anything to refute Zhao Lili's words. She was a beautiful woman. If she had not sold off her body, how could she receive the protection of so many bodyguards?

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Qiao Xi followed the leader of the bodyguards to the rooftop. She circled the man and asked curiously, "Third Brother, why did you come here so early?"

He chuckled. "When did you recognize me?"

"You're already calling me Sixth Miss. Who else could it be?" Qiao Xi leaned against the railing. "You haven't answered why you came to Li City so soon? Even if it's regarding my matter, you didn't need to rush over, did you?"

"I received news that the big shot we're looking for has recently appeared in Li City. Since you were asking for my help as well, I came over in advance. However, I lost contact with that big shot the moment I arrived in Li City."

Qiao Xi remained silent.

She had also heard of the big shot that her third brother was talking about. Her brothers had been looking for that person. She had also thought of helping them, but even using her identity and skills as Black Tide, she could not find any traces of that person. She had two guesses. First, that person was extremely powerful. Second, that person was also skilled in hacking, so she, who was also a hacker, could not find them.

Third Brother did not want Qiao Xi to worry about these things. He thought of something and asked, "Let's not talk about this first. Little Six, I heard that you're married now?"

Qiao Xi: "..."

Her expression was a little stiff. There was another matter involving marriage. Her master and that big shot seemed to have a verbal engagement. All these years, that big shot had never taken it seriously, and she had not taken it seriously either. However, her master took it seriously. He always said that when the big shot returned, he would marry Qiao Xi to him.

Marrying a mysterious person whom she had never met before would not be better than marrying Gu Zheng. She knew a lot of things about Gu Zheng, while she did not know anything about that big shot. She only knew that he was good friends with her master. Her master was already old, so if he was good friends with him... That big shot would probably be about the same age as her grandfather.

“Forget it, forget it. I’ll definitely cover for you and not let Master know that you’re married. Actually, in this day and age, there shouldn’t be things like arranged marriages anymore. That big shot might be powerful, but he has been appearing and disappearing unpredictably all these years. We don’t know where he is. If he’s a scumbag who squanders money all year round, what will you do?”

As he spoke, Third Brother sneered again. “And I think that big shot isn’t interested in the marriage either. If he really wanted to fulfill it, he would’ve come over to look for our master long ago. Why would we waste our time looking for him?”

Qiao Xi nodded. “Right, so the plan for arranged marriage isn’t valid anymore!”

Outside the door, Gu Zheng was lazily leaning against the wall. When he heard the conversation between Qiao Xi and her third brother, the corners of his mouth twitched. Not valid? How could it not be valid anymore?

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Third Brother had serious matters to attend to in Li City. After chatting briefly with Qiao Xi, he prepared to leave. Qiao Xi had long been used to her seniors’ unpredictable behaviors and did not stay long either. After Third Brother left, she dusted off her pants and returned to class.

The day’s classes were over. Qiao Xi was about to go home when she heard a group of noisy people outside Li City University.

### **Chapter 75: Meng Wan Was Causing Trouble**

“Wow, a luxury car!”

“Whose car is this? It’s too beautiful!”

“How inexperienced. That’s the Meng family’s car. From the looks of it, it’s probably the eldest daughter of the Meng family.”

“Eldest Miss Meng? Who’s that? Is she a student of our university? Why haven’t I heard of her?”

When Qiao Xi heard the words ‘Eldest Miss Meng’, her lips curled into a smile. This woman had chased her all the way to the university...

At this moment, a well-informed student started spreading gossip. “You haven’t heard of Eldest Miss Meng but have you heard of the Gu family’s eldest young master? Rumor has it that Eldest Miss Meng wants to join the Gu family through marriage. She’s marrying the Gu family’s eldest young master.”

Perhaps some people did not know who the eldest daughter of the Meng family was, but most people had heard of the Gu family’s eldest young master. Especially those who came from families with some money and power. They would definitely know Gu Zheng’s name. Many of them had been warned by their families to be careful when they saw Gu Zheng and not to provoke him.



Now that they heard the gossip about Gu Zheng, some felt that they could not continue listening, but there were also some who curiously went over. The student who spoke earlier continued mysteriously, "I have news that the eldest daughter of the Meng family and the young master of the Gu family were engaged a long time ago. Furthermore, this marriage was personally set by the old master of the Gu family. I'm sure you all know alliances through marriage are common among wealthy families, but the eldest daughter of the Meng family and the eldest young master of the Gu family are different. They absolutely love each other."

The students nodded. "That's right. With Eldest Young Master Gu's identity, there's no need for him to consolidate his position through marriage anymore. For him to take the initiative to marry Eldest Miss Meng, what else could it be but true love?"

Song Shiyu heard their gossip and retorted in his heart. In President Gu's heart, the person who was engaged to him was 'Sixth Miss'. Although he did not know who Sixth Miss was, he knew President Gu went to the Civil Affairs Bureau that day for her.

Unfortunately, Sixth Miss did not go to the Civil Affairs Bureau that day. It seemed that it was because Sixth Miss was not willing to marry President Gu... Hence, President Gu married his current wife, Qiao Xi.

Gu Zheng swept a glance at Meng Wan who was in the crowd and asked indifferently, "Where's Qiao Xi?"

"Madam went back to the car first. She should be waiting for you in the car."

Gu Zheng hummed, then casually said, "Get rid of the people gossiping. Those words are very annoying."

Song Shiyu was stunned, then nodded immediately. "I understand."

In the past, President Gu never cared about what others said, but now, he asked him to end the gossip about who was in love with whom. Was it because he was afraid that Madam would feel uncomfortable hearing it?

Meng Wan brought a group of bodyguards with her and walked ostentatiously through Li City University's campus. Many students were secretly observing her. She was the eldest daughter of an upper class family. Be it her looks, figure, or temperament, she was beyond their reach. Perhaps the bag she was casually holding was even more expensive than the house they were living in now.

Suddenly, a bodyguard walked through the crowd and whispered into Meng Wan's ear. Meng Wan's expression changed. "He left? With whom?"

The bodyguard lowered his head. "H-He left with Qiao Xi."

"Qiao Xi!" Meng Wan's eyes almost popped out as she clasped her hands together tightly. Did Qiao Xi, this sl\*t, know that she was coming today, so she pestered Brother Gu Zheng to leave earlier? Did she think that she could dominate Brother Gu Zheng like this? Dream on!

Meng Wan sneered. She turned to look at the students who were passing by. Public opinion was the best way to deal with someone. Did Qiao Xi think that everything would be fine after she became Mrs. Gu?

A few students who were secretly taking photos of Meng Wan with their phones watched as her eyes turned red. She looked angry at first, then her face was full of grievances. She was indeed different from the rest of the rich and powerful. Even when she cried, she looked extremely pretty. Just looking at her made one's heart break.

Meng Wan maintained the demeanor of a noble lady and went forward with a graceful posture. "May I ask if you know Qiao Xi?"

The few students were stunned for a moment as if they did not expect Miss Meng to suddenly talk to them. They were flattered and replied, "Yes, of course, we do. Miss Meng, why are you looking for her?"

Meng Wan's eyes turned even redder. "Then do you know where she is?"

The students did not know why Eldest Miss Meng was looking for Qiao Xi. For a moment, they looked at each other but no one answered. Of course, it was not that they were not answering her on purpose but they really did not know where Qiao Xi was.

### **Chapter 76: Are You Jealous?**

At this moment, the bodyguard suddenly opened his mouth to explain. "Students, don't misunderstand. Our miss has no ill intention. I just heard that Young Master Gu and Miss Qiao Xi left in the same car. We've been unable to get through to Young Master Gu's phone. Our miss is a little worried, so she came to ask if you know where Miss Qiao Xi is so that she can look for Young Master Gu."

This...

The few students looked at each other with doubts.

Was Eldest Miss Meng not Young Master Gu's fiance? Why did her fiance have to contact Young Master Gu through Qiao Xi when she could not contact him?

A few students caught on to the main point. Qiao Xi clearly knew that Miss Meng was here, yet she still got into Young Master Gu's car and left with him. Was she trying to be a mistress?

Meng Wan saw that their expressions were not right and knew that their goal had been achieved. She sighed lightly. "Forget it, it's fine. I believe Brother Gu Zheng will definitely come back... As for Qiao Xi... I won't take it to heart."

She sounded so aggrieved that she was about to cry. The students could not take it anymore. They had just said that Gu Zheng truly loved Meng Wan and the couple was an exception among other wealthy families, but in the blink of an eye, reality had slapped them hard.

"Why is Qiao Xi like this? She clearly knows that they're engaged, yet she still seduced the man?"

"I pity Eldest Miss Meng."

"Someone on the forum previously said that Qiao Xi is a mistress. I didn't believe it at the time, but it seems that she really is one!"

A proud glint flashed across Meng Wan's eyes. She said helplessly, "Is that so? Then what should I do... I..."

There were students in the crowd who were filled with righteous indignation. They wanted to post on the forum again to expose Qiao Xi's true colors. Right at this moment, a male voice sounded indifferently through the crowd. "Miss Meng, it's better if you make things clear. Don't be ambiguous and cause others to misunderstand."

Song Shiyu came over with a graceful smile. "I didn't want to say anything, but it concerns President Gu and Miss Qiao's reputation. I have no choice but to stop this. The Meng family and the Gu family are collaborating on a project recently. Although the Meng family values this project very much, there's no need to use vague words to confuse the truth and let others think that President Gu is interested in you, Miss Meng. The Gu family doesn't need to use scandals to promote this project."

Meng Wan's back stiffened.

Song Shiyu smiled as he swept his gaze over everyone present. Finally, his gaze landed on Meng Wan. "Miss Meng, I'm really sorry. Although the Meng family has the intention to enter the luxury fashion industry, President Gu doesn't really care about your assets. So, let's terminate this collaboration. President Gu doesn't like business partners who engage in shady tricks behind his back."

Meng Wan shuddered. "Assistant... Assistant Song..."

Song Shiyu smiled. "Also, Miss Meng, you know very well what it means to be an engaged couple. So, Miss Meng, please clarify the rumors. If we hear you starting rumors that President Gu likes you or the Gu family wants to form a marriage alliance with the Meng family, don't blame President Gu for disregarding the relationship between the two families and targeting you."

Meng Wan's face was as pale as snow. She did not expect Song Shiyu to slap her in the face in public. It was for that b\*tch, Qiao Xi, right? It must be because of that b\*tch, Qiao Xi! Anger and unwillingness surged in Meng Wan's heart. What right did Qiao Xi have to make Brother Gu Zheng protect her?!

The students were not stupid. Song Shiyu made them understand what was really going on with just a few words.

"Huh? So the Gu family wanting to form a marriage alliance with the Meng family is all fake? Did the Meng family deliberately spread the rumors in order to facilitate the collaboration with the Gu family?"

"Damn, isn't this too wicked? To think that I even believed that true love exists in wealthy families. I thought that Gu Zheng really liked Miss Meng. Now that I think about it, how could someone like the Gu family's eldest young master fall for Miss Meng?"

"Aren't you guys curious about why Miss Meng implicated Qiao Xi? It's because Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng are really in a relationship... so she's jealous?"

The moment this speculation was voiced, the students around were in an uproar.

Song Shiyu pushed his glasses up the bridge of his nose and looked away. He would pretend that he did not hear it.

Meng Wan had always been arrogant since she was young. The people around her had always flattered her, and she would also stick her nose in the air while listening to their praises. When had she ever encountered such a situation? The people around her were pointing at her with disdain.

She was so angry that her face turned red. She glared at Song Shiyu and got into the car angrily under the escort of her bodyguards. Song Shiyu smiled and watched her leave.

On the other side, Qiao Xi was sitting in the car. She looked at Gu Zheng, who looked cold after getting in the car, and asked, "Why did Meng Wan come to Li City University? Did she come to look for you?"

Gu Zheng glanced sideways. "Mrs. Gu, are you jealous?"

### **Chapter 77: You Have A Fiance Too, Right?**

Qiao Xi was speechless. "I'm just reminding you out of kindness. Meng Wan is swindling others by saying she's your fiance. If you don't explain yourself, something will happen sooner or later."

Meng Wan was not an easy opponent.

Gu Zheng naturally understood this. In reality, he had never planned on letting Meng Wan continue deceiving others by saying she was his fiance. It was just that Qiao Xi had taken the initiative to bring it up...

The man raised his eyebrows and leaned in slightly. He deliberately muttered in her ear with a hoarse voice, "And you say you're not jealous? You're so mindful of Meng Wan's claim of being my fiance. If you're not jealous, what are you?"

Qiao Xi: "..."

It would be a lie to say that she did not mind. Her legal husband had an unwed fiance, and this fiance kept pestering them like a flea. That woman was not disgusting, but she was still quite annoying.

Before she could say anything, she heard Gu Zheng say calmly, "If you mind that I have a fiance, shouldn't I mind about your fiance too?"

Qiao Xi: "?"

Fiance? How did Gu Zheng know that she had a fiance?

Gu Zheng never knew that there could be such coincidences in this world. Back then, he and Senior Shang shared a pleasant conversation and became close friends despite their age difference. Senior Shang even said that he would have him be engaged to his youngest disciple, who was also like his granddaughter. Gu Zheng did not take it to heart after hearing that.

He knew that this disciple of Senior Shang, Little Six, had been under his wing for a very long time. Senior Shang treated her like a precious treasure, so how could he bear to marry her to Gu Zheng? Thus, Gu Zheng never took it seriously.

He only remembered that when Little Six was sick, he had given a jade pendant to her. He did not know if Qiao Xi still had it with her.

The man's gaze was indifferent. "Your fiance gave you a jade pendant, right? Where's the jade pendant?"

Qiao Xi was truly shocked this time, and it caused her to have goosebumps.

How did Gu Zheng even know about this? She did not even tell Third Brother and the rest about the jade! Back then, Master insisted that she marry that big shot. She was only ten years old back then!

That day, the big shot came to look for her master. Her master urged her to meet her future husband. She did not want to see him, so she deliberately said that she was sick. Her master's heart ached for her, so he did not force her to leave the house. Later on, she learned that the big shot was not interested in her. He only gave her a jade pendant after hearing that she was sick. He said that it was for the younger generation to play with and that he gave it to her for safekeeping.

She thought that these words were obviously said by an elder. From then on, Qiao Xi treated that fiance of hers as an elder. Hence, how did Gu Zheng know about this? Had someone revealed too much? However, she never heard of anyone from her circle knowing Gu Zheng!

Qiao Xi fell into a dilemma.

Gu Zheng narrowed his eyes. "Why? Is my question difficult to answer?"

This heartless child. It seemed that she had really forgotten about him.

When Qiao Xi saw Gu Zheng's expression, she was even more sure that he was here to settle the score. However, it was impossible for her to admit defeat like this, so... She gulped, and a small blush appeared on her cheeks. "Y-Yes, I have a fiance..."

Gu Zheng curled his lips. "Then where's your fiance?"

Qiao Xi shivered. See, Gu Zheng was trying his best to know the whereabouts of her fiance because he wanted to know if she still had feelings for that guy. He wanted to know if she would cheat on him!

With Gu Zheng's ability, finding someone should be easy, right? Qiao Xi pursed her lips and took two to three deep breaths before saying, "I'm sorry, he's dead."

Gu Zheng's expression froze on his face while Qiao Xi said in all seriousness, "That fiance is a friend of my grandfather's. The engagement was also decided by my grandfather without my permission, and he's about my grandfather's age... You know, I only see my fiance as an elder, and he probably also sees me as a junior. For the sake of getting him to fulfill the arranged marriage my grandfather has been looking for him for several years but to no avail. I suspect that the man is too old and has already died of old age, so I don't have a fiance anymore."

With that, she patted Gu Zheng's shoulder. "One must look forward. Now that I'm married to you, we'll be together till the end. I believe that my fiance is in heaven now. He'll be very happy to see me living such a content life."

She needed to say that her ex-fiance had died in front of her current husband so as to not affect the harmony in their household. Moreover, that big shot had disappeared for so many years, causing them to search for him for so long. Qiao Xi did not have a good impression of this big shot.

Gu Zheng's expression darkened slightly. Too old and died of old age? She did not have a fiance anymore?

## **Chapter 78: You Snatched My Wife**

The car was silent for a long time. Qiao Xi secretly raised her head to look, and when she noticed that Gu Zheng's expression had not changed, she could not help but let out a sigh of relief. It looked like this was the end of the matter. Gu Zheng must not be interested in her dead fiancée.

Qiao Xi looked out of the window and said with a smile, "Gu Zheng, can you stop the car here? I'm going..."

Before she could finish, the car drove past the place.

Qiao Xi: "..."

At this moment, Gu Zheng said slowly, "Just pretend that I'm old and can't hear you. Or you can just pretend that I'm dead."

Qiao Xi: "..."

Why was he saying the things she said about her fiancée to her? Did he think that what she said was fake? How was that possible? She said it so sincerely!

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The news that the Meng family had gotten their hands on Master Gu Shan's gown, 'Time Flows', spread throughout high society overnight.

All the families who were on good terms with the Meng family or were involved in the fashion industry had received the Meng family's invitation. The Qiao family was no exception. Qiao Xi and Third Brother had agreed on a meeting location. That was when she found out that he actually had business in Qiao Corporation.

Qiao Xi was surprised. "When did you get involved with Qiao Corporation?"

Third Brother said lazily, "Let's go to Qiao Corporation to vent your anger."

Qiao Xi chuckled and left with Third Brother. She did not know what was wrong with that fellow Gu Zheng recently. He looked at her with disdain and even spoke in a strange tone. She did not want to be around Gu Zheng. Since Third Brother was here, she would hang out with him.

After knowing that Qiao Xi had run off with her third brother, Gu Zheng sneered and tossed the contract in his hand aside. He closed his eyes to calm down for a while before saying, "Song Shiyu."

"President Gu, what can I do for you?"

"Contact Senior Shang and ask if the third brother has been too free recently."

Snatching someone right in front of his eyes? So what if he was Qiao Xi's third brother? Qiao Xi was already married, so her husband was the most important person now!

Song Shiyu's expression was indescribable.

'President Gu, even if Madam is the sixth daughter, you can't take her for granted! Isn't this adding oil to the fire?! Madam doesn't have a good impression of you to begin with. If you don't improve your image and court death by provoking her third brother, your future brother-in-law...'

Song Shiyu thought that President Gu was going to ruin himself. He might even lose his wife.

“Also...” Gu Zheng suddenly thought of something and slowly instructed, “That dress from the Meng family is fake. You know what to do, right?”

Song Shiyu was shocked. The Meng family’s dress was fake? How dare they display a fake dress? Did they not want their lives anymore?

Of course, President Gu was even more impressive. He actually wanted to announce this matter to the public. He was not showing the Meng family any respect at all. The Gu family and the Meng family had quite a number of collaborations, so it would not do them much good if the Meng family collapsed at this time. Thinking about benefits, Song Shiyu wanted to persuade Gu Zheng to be careful.

However, Gu Zheng’s next sentence was, “The Meng family was careless and offended her. They deserve to die.”

Song Shiyu shut up immediately.

It turned out that President Gu was angry because of the madam. Then, there was no problem.

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Below the building of Qiao Corporation, Third Brother went to park the car while Qiao Xi waited downstairs. After a while, Third Brother rushed over angrily. “I don’t know what’s wrong with Master this time. He suddenly called to scold me and said that I stole that big shot’s wife. Pfft!”

Why would a single man like him snatch his wife?!

Qiao Xi was stunned as well. “Huh?”

“I stole his wife? Do I have a living female creature by my side? How could I have snatched his wife? Little Six, do you think that big shot is crazy? Does he hate me, so he deliberately complained to our master?”

Qiao Xi wanted to nod, but she could not.

She thought that she fulfilled the conditions Third Brother just listed out... She was a living female, after all... However, how could she be the wife of a big shot?!

Qiao Xi and Third Brother shared a common enemy. “That’s right, it’s definitely that big shot who’s jealous of you. He’s jealous that you’re young and handsome!”

Third Brother thought that Qiao Xi’s analysis made sense. “Alright, wait for me. I’ll go upstairs to get something before sending you to the Meng family’s banquet.”

Just then, a familiar voice sounded behind him. “President Qin?”

Qin An turned around and happened to meet Qiao Zhenguó’s smiling face. “President Qin, why are you here at Qiao Corporation? Have you considered working together with Qiao Corporation?”

Qin An nodded coldly. “That’s right. I think Qiao Corporation is pretty good.”

**Chapter 79: Working Hard To Make Money For Me**

Qiao Zhenguo was so excited that his hands were trembling. Mr. Qin An was the direct disciple of a certain master. He was young and promising. He was also very famous internationally. The companies he worked with were all big names. Now, he was actually considering working together with Qiao Corporation. How could Qiao Zhenguo not be excited?

Perhaps he was too excited, so he did not notice Qiao Xi who was standing by the side. He just minded his own business and escorted Qin An upstairs. Qin An happened to be going upstairs to get some things, so he did not refuse Qiao Zhenguo's act of ingratiating himself.

Ten minutes later, Qiao Zhenguo and Qin An came down from upstairs. When Qiao Zhenguo saw Qiao Xi and Qiao Rou, who was crying beside her, he was instantly infuriated.

This unfilial daughter, Qiao Xi, had actually run over here to Qiao Corporation to bully Rou Rou! Did she not know that this was not a place where she could come?! Most importantly, Qiao Zhenguo believed that the reason Qin An chose to collaborate with Qiao Corporation was mainly that he saw Qiao Rou's potential. He thought Qin An only agreed to collaborate with Qiao Corporation because of Qiao Rou.

Now, Qiao Xi actually dared to bully Qiao Rou. What would Mr. Qin An think if he saw this? Qiao Xi, this unfilial daughter, only knew how to trouble him!

He angrily walked forward. Qin An sneered at his back.

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Qiao Xi waited for a long time, but her third brother did not come down. She found a place to wait where it was cooler there. Right at that moment, a strange voice sounded in her ears.

"Qiao Xi, why are you sitting here? Hurry up and go in. Or are the security guards of Qiao Corporation not letting you in? They're right in not letting you in. After all, this place isn't somewhere you can come to." Xu Mei held Qiao Rou's arm. The two of them were dressed luxuriously and exquisitely. When Xu Mei spoke to Qiao Xi, her tone was arrogant.

Xu Mei snorted. "Our Rou Rou is still the best. She became the vice president of Qiao Corporation before she even graduated. Some people should know their place. They should open their eyes and take a good look at where they belong. Otherwise, it'd be embarrassing if they were chased out."

Qiao Xi raised her head.

Qiao Rou could not bear to see this. "Mom, don't say that. Sister is also a part of the Qiao family. She has a right to this company too... The reason why Sister can't enter is probably that the security guards aren't familiar with her."

Xu Mei sneered. "She simply doesn't belong here."

Qiao Rou put on an even more gentle look. "Mom, why don't we find a teacher for Sister and let her learn how to manage the company? In the future, when Sister has nowhere to go, our company can still take her in."

Hearing her words, Xu Mei laughed even louder. "Rou Rou, I know you're kind, but you're asking me to get a teacher for this good-for-nothing? Aren't you afraid that she'll drive the teacher to their grave?"



Although we're family, we can't just ignore the lives of others. It's better for us to think about that teacher."

Qiao Rou bit her lip and said in a dilemma, "How about this, then? Sister, don't just squat here. I'll bring you around the company first."

After she finished speaking, she stretched out her hand to Qiao Xi as if she was offering charity. Qiao Xi chuckled. "Thank you for being so responsible and thinking about the company, Sister. You're right. I won't be joining the company. I'm not qualified to manage the company anyway, so there's no need for me to take on any responsibility here."

When Qiao Rou heard her words, she revealed a satisfied smile. Whatever was said previously was meant to attack Qiao Xi and make her realize that she was not qualified to work in Qiao Corporation.

"Sister, don't say that. Although the company—"

Before Qiao Rou could finish, she was interrupted by Qiao Xi. "After all, I have 69% of the company's shares while you don't have any at all. You have to work so hard to earn money for me. I'm touched."

Qiao Rou's face turned pale.

Qiao Xi slowly got up from the floor. "My mother is the founder of Qiao Corporation. Sister, don't be sad. You can choose to give birth to a good child in your next life so that they won't be an illegitimate child. They might even be able to inherit a company then."

The air instantly fell silent.

"Qiao Xi!" Xu Mei roared in exasperation. Was she mocking her for being a useless mistress? This b\*tch!

Qiao Rou's expression changed again and again. The anger and unwillingness in her heart were about to swallow her up. Everything in the Qiao family was clearly hers. Why did Qiao Xi have to come back?! How good would it have been if she had never come back... If she died, would everything in Qiao Corporation belong to her again?

At that moment, she heard the ear-piercing screech of a car braking.

### **Chapter 80: A Dispute Caused By A Car**

Qiao Rou turned around, and her contorted face gradually calmed down. She pretended to be gentle and said, "Sister, I know you're unwilling... By the way, the Meng family is holding a banquet today. Do you want to go over and take a look? Do you want to take my car?"

Xu Mei sneered. "Rou Rou, are you stupid again? This car is a limited edition. You're the only one in the Qiao family who has the right to sit in this car. Who does Qiao Xi think she is? Is she worthy of sitting in your car?"

Qiao Xi recognized this car. This was a luxury car that her mother had customized for her when she was still alive!

What did Qiao Rou say...? She was the only one qualified to sit in this car?

Xu Mei looked at Qiao Xi disdainfully. "Don't think that just because you have a biological mother, you can do anything you want. No matter how capable you are, you need to be alive to enjoy the results. You should be very familiar with this car, right? This is the car your mother left behind. How about it? In the end, it still belongs to our Rou Rou."

Qiao Rou sighed and looked apologetic. "Sorry, Sister... I was careless just now and forgot about the Qiao family's rules. You have to take the same car as your status. If it doesn't match your status, you won't be able to take it even if someone gives it to you. How about this, Sister? I'll get another car for you."

After saying that, she raised her hand and casually pointed. "That car is fine. It matches my sister's net worth. I'll go to the Meng family's banquet and wait for you there." The car Qiao Rou casually pointed at was an ordinary car. It was worth less than 200,000 yuan.

A car worth 200,000 yuan. Did it really match her net worth?

Qiao Xi smiled. An illegitimate daughter was sitting in a world-class, limited edition sports car that was worth 80 million yuan. She was the legitimate eldest daughter of the family, yet she was expected to sit in a shabby car that was worth less than 200,000 yuan?

A trace of delight flashed through Qiao Rou's eyes. So what if Qiao Xi was the biological daughter? All these years, she had still been trampled under the feet of the illegitimate daughter. She would sit in this world-class limited edition sports car to attend the Meng family's banquet. She believed that the Meng family would all look up to her. Thinking of this, Qiao Rou revealed a carefree smile and got the driver to open the car door. Just then...

"President Qiao, there's something I'd like to ask."

Qiao Rou subconsciously turned her head and saw Qiao Zhenguo walking over with a tall and deep-looking man. The man's appearance was perfect, and he was even more handsome than Gu Moling.

Qiao Rou's heart jumped.

Qiao Zhenguo had always thought that Qin An was here for Qiao Rou. Just now, Qiao Rou was bullied to the point of tears by Qiao Xi. If their family's car had not arrived in time, Qiao Rou would not have known how to take revenge. Now that Qin An had suddenly spoken up, it was probably to help Qiao Rou vent her anger and teach the unfilial Qiao Xi a lesson!

"President Qin, if you have something to say, feel free to say it. No matter what you say, I'll agree to it. Qiao Corporation hates people who rely on the authority of others. Whether it's my daughter or my wife, as long as they make a mistake, I'll deal with them the same way I deal with others!"

Qin An glanced at Qiao Zhenguo and had a wicked smile on his face. "Is that so? President Qiao, since you're so magnanimous, you definitely wouldn't treat your two daughters differently, right? They're both attending the same banquet. If one goes in a luxury car, while the other goes in a shabby car, it just doesn't make sense."

Qiao Zhenguo was stunned, not understanding what Qin An's words meant.

Just as he was about to ask, he heard Qin An say slowly, “Although the Qiao family’s second daughter is an illegitimate daughter, it would be too much for you to ask her to walk to the banquet. However, there’s indeed a difference between a legitimate daughter and an illegitimate daughter. How about this... President Qiao, you’ll arrange another car for the second daughter of the Qiao family. Although it can’t compare to the eldest daughter’s luxury car, it’ll still do. After all, President Qiao, you treat everyone equally, right?”

Everyone was dumbfounded. No matter how stupid they were, they realized that Qin An was getting Qiao Rou to give up the car to Qiao Xi!

Qiao Rou’s tears instantly welled up. What was going on? Did her father not say that Qin An expressed an interest in working with Qiao Corporation only because of her? Why was Qin An speaking up for that b\*tch, Qiao Xi, now?

Qiao Zhenguo stammered as he explained, “President Qin... I know you’re doing this for the good of Qiao Corporation. I also know that you care about Rou Rou, so I arranged the best car for her...”

“Arrange the best car for the Qiao family’s second daughter? Why don’t I see it?” Qin An frowned in confusion. “Isn’t there only a limited edition luxury car that belongs to the Qiao family’s eldest daughter and a small car that’s less than 200,000 yuan here?”

Qiao Zhenguo wanted to retort that the luxury car was arranged for Qiao Rou and not for that unfilial daughter, Qiao Xi. Unexpectedly, Qin An gasped and said in surprise as if he had just realized something. “Wait, President Qiao, don’t tell me that this luxury car is for Second Miss Qiao?”