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Chapter 81: I Don't Want To Work With You Anymore

Qiao Zhenguo was just about to nod when he saw Qin An wave his hand. "Impossible, impossible. Qiao Xi is the Qiao family's eldest daughter. She's the daughter you had with your first wife. How could you let her ride in a crappy car that costs less than 200,000 yuan? Besides, letting the Qiao family's second daughter ride in a world-class luxury car will incur the wrath of the heavens."

Qin An smiled meaningfully. "If I remember correctly, that luxury car belongs to the Qiao family's eldest daughter's mother. Back then, when Eldest Miss Qiao's mother customized this car, she said that it was a gift for her daughter. President Qiao, I believe you won't be so indiscriminate as to give the inheritance of your first wife to an illegitimate daughter, right? If news of this gets out, who knows what the public will say about you being inhumane?"

Qin An's words were indeed nasty, but with his status, Qiao Zhenguo dared not show an ugly expression. He did not dare to retort and could only lick his lips while smiling obsequiously. He had given this car to Rou Rou as a gift. He had even planned on letting her go to the Meng family's banquet in this car. Who knew that before he could even get into the car, such a thing happened?

When Xu Mei and Qiao Rou heard Qin An's words, their expressions did not look too good. Qiao Rou's eyes were filled with tears. Why? Didn't Qin An come for her? Why was he speaking up for that b*tch, Qiao Xi?

They did not speak for a long time and stood there like pillars. Qin An licked his lips impatiently. "Heh, why aren't you saying anything? Is it because I was right... This car was prepared for the Qiao family's second daughter? The Qiao family's eldest daughter isn't even allowed to keep her mother's belongings? They were snatched by an illegitimate daughter instead?"

His last sentence was for Qiao Xi. Before Qiao Xi could speak, Qiao Zhenguo explained, "President Qin, there might be a misunderstanding. Although this car belonged to Qiao Xi's mother, I've already said that the things in the Qiao family belong to the most capable. Rou Rou has always been kind-hearted and talented, so she has the right to take this car..."

Qin An did not wish to listen to his sophistry. He raised his hand and interrupted him. "If that's the case, there's no need for me to work with the Qiao family anymore. President Qiao, you're a person who can't differentiate between right and wrong. You gave your illegitimate daughter the assets of your legitimate daughter and let her ride your coattails. Such actions have really destroyed my good impression of you. I find it hard to believe that you'll perform well in our future collaborations."

He shook the dust off his shoulders. "President Qiao, goodbye."

Qiao Zhenguo was greatly shocked. The collaboration between Qin An and Qiao Corporation was worth 200 million! To Qiao Corporation, Qin An was a life-saving straw that could revive the company. If Qin An were to leave, where would he get such a large sum of money?

However, Qin An could only see Qiao Xi's identity as a legitimate daughter. He did not see how vicious she was. Although he was biased toward Qiao Rou, it was only because Qiao Rou was outstanding!

Qiao Rou was smart and sensible, while Qiao Xi would only create trouble for him. He had no choice but to give up on Qiao Xi...

Qin An went farther and farther away. Qiao Zhenguo had bet all of Qiao Corporation's assets on this investment. If Qin An were to really leave, the entire Qiao family would be doomed!

With this in mind, Qiao Zhenguo glanced at Qiao Rou. Under Qiao Rou's disbelieving gaze, he hurriedly ran to Qin An's side and said obsequiously, "President Qin, President Qin, you've misunderstood. How could I be such a father? This car originally belonged to Qiao Xi. Rou Rou was just curious and wanted to take a look. If you think it's inappropriate, I'll get her to leave now."

Qiao Rou's face turned pale. "Dad, how could you..."

That was her car! She had the right to show off. How did it become Qiao Xi's in the blink of an eye?!

However, Qiao Zhenguo was not in the mood to care about Qiao Rou now. If he did not coax Qin An, Qiao Rou would not be able to continue being the esteemed second daughter of the Qiao family. She would also not be able to leave the house with a chauffeur. Qiao Zhenguo was now extremely clear-headed. "President Qin, what you see is different from what you think. Whether it's this luxury car or that small car that's less than 200,000 yuan, they both belong to Qiao Xi. It's just that Qiao Xi is uncomfortable with the limited edition car that's too expensive and doesn't like to sit in it."

Qin An smirked. "Really? Are you telling the truth?"

Qiao Zhenguo's gaze was cold as he looked at Qiao Xi, signaling her to continue the act. While threatening Qiao Xi, he did not forget to answer Qin An's question. "Yes, yes. No matter how outstanding Qiao Rou is, she's still an illegitimate daughter. Her mother is a mistress and that's a fact that can't be changed. In the future, the company and the Qiao family will still be handed to Qiao Xi. Perhaps it's because of this that I'm more stringent with Qiao Xi.. Qiao Rou has nothing to do and has accompanied me for a longer time than Qiao Xi, so I can't help but spoil her a little."

Chapter 82: Is This Your Husband?

Hearing Qiao Zhenguo's words, Qiao Rou's chest rose and fell. Tears flowed out of her eyes, and her makeup was ruined.

Only then did Qin An smile. "President Qiao, you're indeed wise. You haven't been bewitched by your mistress and your illegitimate daughter. Our collaboration can still continue. It just so happens that I'm going to the Meng family as well. I'll bring the Qiao family's eldest daughter along. I like to hang out with people who have proper status. As for the Qiao family's second daughter..."

He paused for a moment and continued, "President Qiao, you just said that these two cars belong to Qiao Xi. In other words, Qiao Rou doesn't have a car... Since she doesn't have a car, she can walk to the Meng family's banquet. The venue of the Meng family's banquet isn't far from here, right, President Qiao?"

How could Qiao Zhenguo not understand the threat in Qin An's words? Since he had already decided to appease Qin An, he could only wrong Rou Rou for the time being. He gritted his teeth and nodded. "President Qin, you're very reasonable. Rou Rou, walk to the Meng family's banquet yourself!"

“Dad!” Qiao Rou shouted in disbelief.

Qin An ignored them and directly stretched out his hand to Qiao Xi in a gesture of invitation. “Eldest Miss Qiao, please.”

Qiao Xi smiled as she bid farewell to Qiao Rou and the others. “Sister, I’m sorry, but you have to walk to the Meng family’s banquet yourself. My heart hurts when I think about how you have to walk there, but Dad has already spoken, so I can’t plead for you. Sigh... I hope you can reincarnate well in your next life. I already told you that being an illegitimate daughter isn’t easy.”

The car drove off. Qiao Rou finally could not help but fall to the ground and cry loudly.

Qiao Zhenguo’s heart ached even more. “Rou Rou, you have to be strong. I have to take the overall situation into consideration. You can only suffer for now. When President Qin’s funds are in place, we’ll chase Qiao Xi out of the company and I’ll let you vent your anger! At that time, the entire Qiao family, including the position of the Qiao family’s eldest daughter, will be yours. That car will also be yours. Be good and stop crying.”

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When they were still a distance away from the Meng family’s banquet, the car Qin An and Qiao Xi were in was suddenly stopped.

He frowned. “Who dares to stop my car? Do you want to die?”

At this moment, Qiao Xi, who was playing with her phone in the front passenger seat, seemed to have sensed something and looked up. Her expression instantly froze.

Gu Zheng was wearing a black trench coat as he leaned against the railing outside. He lazily waved to Qiao Xi. “Mrs. Gu, what a coincidence.”

Qiao Xi almost suffocated.

Gu Zheng adjusted his sleeves, then took out a pair of gloves from his pocket and slowly put them on. He bent down and knocked on the window of the front passenger seat. “Mrs. Gu, you’re in a good mood. You agreed to go to the Meng family’s banquet with me, but you got into another man’s car?”

Qin An recognized this person at a glance. His expression changed from surprise to puzzlement to shock. Then, his expression was calm again. He raised his hand and patted Qiao Xi’s shoulder. “Little Six, is this your husband?”

Qiao Xi: “...”

Gu Zheng glanced at his hand that was on Qiao Xi’s shoulder and greeted indifferently, “Mr. Qin.”

Perhaps it was because the strong were attracted to each other, Qin An’s first impression of Gu Zheng was very good. Most importantly, Little Six had chosen this man herself. He liked whoever Little Six liked.

Qin An revealed a friendly smile. “Mr. Gu.” Then, he turned to Qiao Xi and said, “Little Six, you have good taste. This Mr. Gu is your fiancé who appears and disappears unpredictably.”

The smile on Gu Zheng’s face grew wider.

Yes, he was her dead fiance. How pleasant to hear.

Qin An did not know why Gu Zheng was still hostile toward him even though he had already given a friendly signal. After some thought, he felt that Gu Zheng might be jealous of his relationship with Little Six, but there was nothing he could do. After all, he and Little Six had known each other for a long time.

However, he did not express his superiority in front of Gu Zheng. Instead, he tactfully suggested, "Little Six, go take Mr. Gu's car. I don't have an invitation letter with me. I'll appear during the critical moment."

Gu Zheng sneered and pulled Qiao Xi out of the car.

Qin An: "..."

He could now confirm that Gu Zheng was very hostile toward him, but why?! Just because he was close to Little Six?! This man was too jealous, right?!

Qiao Xi followed Gu Zheng into the car and kept having a bad feeling.

Gu Zheng's hands were on the steering wheel, but he had no intention of starting the car. Qiao Xi obediently sat in the front passenger seat and did not rush him. Finally, Gu Zheng could not help but look at her. "Mrs. Gu, are you very close to Mr. Qin?"

Qiao Xi: "... Was this revenge?"

Chapter 83: I'm Not Familiar With Qin An At All

However, why was Gu Zheng asking this? Was he jealous? That shouldn't be the case. Gu Zheng did not like her... Was it because of a man's possessiveness and dignity? No matter what, she was Gu Zheng's legal wife now. His own wife was talking and laughing with another man... Thinking about it this way, it seemed normal that Gu Zheng was angry.

After understanding Gu Zheng's behavior, Qiao Xi hurriedly revealed a smile that was filled with gentleness and goodwill. "How could that be? I'm not familiar with Mr. Qin at all."

"Not familiar?"

Gu Zheng chuckled and said casually, "A few years ago, Gu Corporation wanted to collaborate with Gu Shan, but Gu Shan refused. Do you know why?"

Qiao Xi did not understand why Gu Zheng changed the topic so quickly. Back then, she refused to collaborate with Gu Corporation because she did not wish to be associated with a large corporation. Gu Shan had always been alone and carefree, so she did not want to be tied down by anything. However, it was also because of her rejection that she heard Gu Corporation had suffered a lot of losses. It was also the first time Gu Zheng had miscalculated after getting the position of the Gu family's head.

Of course, this did not mean that Gu Shan was very powerful. Gu Zheng could crush Gu Shan with just a flick of his finger.

Qiao Xi was a little timid and gulped. "Would you believe me if I said that I had no choice at that time?" Moreover, hadn't she already compensated Gu Zheng? She had already agreed to collaborate with Gu Corporation.

"Qin An is Gu Shan's third brother. Your identity as Gu Shan has already been exposed, yet you're still telling me that you're not close to Qin An? Do you think I'm easy to fool, or are you too lazy to even lie to me?"

Qiao Xi: "..."

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She felt a chill run down her spine. F*ck, how could she have forgotten that Gu Zheng had called out her third brother's name? He must know her third brother!

Qiao Xi's expression kept changing. A few years ago, she and Gu Zheng had met from a distance. At that time, she had only seen his back. Moreover, she had already refused to collaborate with Gu Corporation, so she did not go forward to greet Gu Zheng.

After so many years, Gu Corporation had long since become the one and only existence in the fashion world. Qiao Xi thought that Gu Zheng would not hold a grudge anymore. Unexpectedly, he had been holding this grudge for so long just because she refused to collaborate with him in the past!

Gu Zheng placed her hand in his palm and played with it casually. "Grand designer, it's been so many years since we last met but your temper hasn't changed at all. You don't have pure intentions going to the Meng family's banquet tonight, right? You want revenge, don't you?"

Although his last sentence was a question, his tone was filled with certainty. It meant that he was very sure of Qiao Xi's goal in going to the Meng family.

Qiao Xi was immediately on guard. "Don't speak nonsense. I'm not doing anything. I'm only going because of the Meng family's invitation. Moreover, you were the one who agreed to attend the Meng family's banquet before this."

Gu Zheng looked at her alert gaze and chuckled. "Why else would I agree? It's because at the time, the words 'I want revenge' were clearly written on your face."

Qiao Xi: "..."

She now knew why Gu Zheng had been staring at her for so long! Could this man read her mind? He even knew what she was thinking.

She straightened her neck and refused to be outdone. "So what if I'm only going to the banquet to seek revenge? I've let that woman, Meng Wan, lord over me for so long. So what if I take a little revenge? Moreover, they even did an imitation of my dress. Isn't it normal for a designer to protect their own work?"

Gu Zheng rubbed her head comfortingly. "Offending the Meng family now isn't a smart move."

Qiao Xi pushed his hand away and sneered. Offend? She was not afraid of offending anyone! Moreover, the reason the Meng family was targeting her was all because of this wretched man in front of her. Now,

he was pushing all the blame to her, making it seem as if she was the one taking the initiative to create trouble.

“I’m just defending my own work. Is there anything wrong with that?”

“Qiao Xi, I’m not throwing a tantrum. You don’t have to be angry with me. You can get Qin An to help you offend the Meng family, but you can’t show your face.”

Her current identity in the public’s eyes was Qiao Xi, the eldest daughter of the Qiao family who returned from the countryside. If she openly revealed her identity as the designer Gu Shan, or the top hacker Black Tide, or even Mrs. Gu, she could easily crush the Meng family.

However, she was unwilling to reveal these identities. In that case, Qiao Xi was just a daughter who had been abandoned by the Qiao family in everyone’s eyes. Anyone could step on her and trample on her. Although he could resolve these matters, it was difficult to guard against vile characters. He was afraid that one day if he were not careful, Qiao Xi would be injured.

Qiao Xi: “...”

Chapter 84: I Give Up!

She did not know what Gu Zheng was thinking. She only thought that Gu Zheng was saying odd things. What did he mean by she couldn’t show her face? The Meng family had already bullied her to such a point but Gu Zheng did not allow her to fight back? What kind of logic was this?!

He said so much just because he did not want her to look for trouble with the Meng family. In the end, it’s just because he still cares about his relationship with Meng Wan as childhood sweethearts. He also cared about the collaboration between the Meng and Gu families, so he did not want her to provoke the Meng family!

Qiao Xi was infuriated by her own thoughts. “Why do you care?! Who are you to care about me?! Stop the car, I told you to stop the car immediately! You don’t want me to go to the Meng family’s banquet, right? Well, I insist on going!”

Gu Zheng continued driving, his eyes were indifferent. “I’ll send you home now. Before I come back, someone will be there to take care of you.”

Qiao Xi widened her eyes in disbelief. “What do you mean? You want to put me on house arrest? Gu Zheng, you bastard!”

She thought that he was on her side and her plan today could be considered as helping Gu Zheng regain his dignity. Unexpectedly, this wretched man was on the same side as the Meng family. He clearly knew that the Meng family’s ‘Time Flows’ was fake, yet he still indulged them. He even wanted to lock her, the designer, up to prevent her from causing trouble!

Gu Zheng glanced at her. “Don’t think too much. I’ll explain it to you when I get back.”

“Explain my *ss! I don’t need your explanation!” Qiao Xi looked at the structure of this car, then at the road outside. She gritted her teeth. “If you want to protect the Meng family, then go ahead. But if you want to stop me from dealing with the Meng family, then I’ll tell you that’s impossible!”

Gu Zheng frowned. Did she not understand human language? He only asked her not to go to the Meng family's banquet to take revenge. As for what she wanted to do, he would help her do it!

Gu Zheng was just about to open his mouth to explain when he heard the sound of something shattering. The next moment, Gu Zheng's pupils dilated. "Qiao Xi!"

Qiao Xi's body moved nimbly out of the car window. She was grabbing onto the handle of the car door. The car that was moving at high speed made her look like a kite as she flew in the air.

Gu Zheng's heart was in his throat as fear rapidly spread throughout his body. He was stiff and did not know what to do. He was afraid that Qiao Xi would not let go of the car handle and she would fall like a leaf. He was even more afraid that she would disappear from his life in such a tragic manner.

He was afraid. He was very afraid that something would happen to Qiao Xi!

However, Qiao Xi did not realize it and snorted coldly. She did not need to ask Gu Zheng anything else. After all, he had already made his decision between her and the Meng family. Thinking about this, she said straightforwardly, "You can protect the Meng family if you love them. I give up!"

With that, she let go.

Gu Zheng slammed on the brakes. "Qiao Xi, are you tired of living?!" He hurriedly got out of the car to check but found no one behind the vehicle.

Jumping out of a speeding car was tantamount to courting death. Gu Zheng's heart was pounding furiously. He almost could not control his body. His legs were weak, but he still insisted on walking toward the cliff beside the road.

How dare she let go?!

How could she give up her life so easily?!

Gu Zheng's breathing trembled. He took out his phone and shouted at Song Shiyu to bring his men over.

Ten minutes later, Song Shiyu arrived with the bodyguards. After understanding the situation, Song Shiyu ordered the others to start the search in shock. It was a steep cliff, so they did not make much progress during the search and rescue. Song Shiyu looked at the road and then at the cliff. There was no one and no blood at all.

Had Madam gone mad? How could she jump out of the car? Song Shiyu gulped and wanted to say something, but he swallowed his words when he saw Gu Zheng's gloomy face.

The search and rescue lasted for more than an hour but there was still nothing. The only thing Song Shiyu found was a very thin silver wire and a piece of paper under a rock not far away.

"Um... President Gu, our people can't find any traces of Madam... but they found the note Madam left behind."

Gu Zheng's heart jumped.

It was a napkin. A few words were hastily written with an eyeliner: [See you at the Meng family's banquet, scumbag!]

Gu Zheng: "..."

Great, she was fine.

After feeling relaxed for a moment, he felt tired and angry. Was this woman trying to scare him to death?!

He put the napkin into his pocket and waved at Song Shiyu. "Let's go to the Meng family's banquet."

He wanted to personally capture that bold woman!

Chapter 85: Don't Tarnish The Meng Family's Name

Qiao Xi hummed a tune as she arrived at Mingfeng Hotel, where the Meng family was holding a banquet. She did not enter, not because she did not want to but because she could not.

As she did not have an invitation letter with her, she obediently waited at the door after contacting Qin An.

Qin An might be stuck in a traffic jam on the way here as he had yet to arrive. Qiao Xi frowned. If her third brother did not come over soon, that dog, Gu Zheng, would definitely arrive first. If he saw her, he might even think of a way to kidnap her. She was not afraid of fighting Gu Zheng, but her goal today was to punish the Meng family... Therefore, it was better to avoid any conflict with Gu Zheng.

At this moment, Meng Wan, who was welcoming guests not far away, suddenly narrowed her eyes. She complained to the socialites beside her in a low voice, "Why is she here too?"

Many people who came today were all trying to flatter the Meng family. When they heard Meng Wan's words, someone quickly replied, "Who are you talking about, Miss Meng?"

Meng Wan raised her chin in Qiao Xi's direction. "It's that woman. I don't remember our family giving her an invitation. I don't know why she appeared. She probably wants to find an opportunity to sneak in."

"Who's so shameless to come here without an invitation?" A woman in a white dress said, "Miss Meng, ignore her. I'll get the security guards to chase her out."

"Sigh." Meng Wan deliberately sighed. "Forget it... You'd better not provoke her. You don't know this but that woman is very scheming. I don't know how she caught Brother Gu Zheng's eye, but even I have to succumb to her..."

Wang Nuo's eyes widened as she said in surprise, "Meng Wan, you're saying that this woman seduced Young Master Gu Zheng? Then isn't she a mistress who interfered in someone else's relationship?"

Meng Wan bit her lip. "I don't know why she came either. Maybe it was Brother Gu Zheng who brought her here... Forget it, it's better if we don't meet her. Let's pretend we didn't see her."

Wang Nuo had been ordered by her family to suck up to Meng Wan. Of course, she could not ignore what she heard. If she could help Meng Wan chase this woman away, Meng Wan would definitely remember her kindness!

Therefore, Wang Nuo pulled Meng Wan's hand and said in righteous indignation, "Wan Wan, how can you just let it go? I hate mistresses the most. What right does such a person have to join the banquet? Even if she doesn't find it embarrassing to appear in front of the legitimate fiancée as a mistress, I'm disgusted!"

Meng Wan hesitated. "But I'm afraid that Brother Gu Zheng will blame me if he finds out..."

Wang Nuo hurriedly said, "It's fine. It's your Meng family's banquet today. Don't be afraid of her. Let's go and chase the mistress away!"

Qiao Xi waited for a while but did not see Qin An. Instead, she saw a group of guests making their way over. Meng Wan was standing in front of the group of women. Qiao Xi did not know anyone from that group.

Wang Nuo shielded Meng Wan behind her and snorted. "How can there be so many shameless women in the world? You clearly know that she has a fiancée, yet you still eagerly came looking for her. It's already shameless enough to be a mistress, yet you still want to appear in front of the real fiancée and flaunt your strength? You're really not ashamed at all!"

There were many people at the banquet. There were people coming and going at the door. When they heard Wang Nuo's words, a lot of them looked over.

Qiao Xi glanced indifferently at Wang Nuo and did not speak. Wang Nuo thought that she was guilty and did not dare to reply, so she became even more arrogant. "What? You don't dare to speak?"

Qiao Xi sighed very helplessly and slowly said, "If you don't need a brain, you can donate it to someone who needs it. The matter hasn't been investigated clearly yet, but you're calling me a mistress. I wonder who's the more embarrassing one. Don't you agree, Miss Meng?"

Meng Wan shuddered.

Yes, Qiao Xi was not a mistress, and Meng Wan was not Gu Zheng's fiancée either. But so what? In the eyes of others, she was Gu Zheng's fiancée, while Qiao Xi, this person who appeared later on, was a mistress who destroyed another person's relationship!

Wang Nuo quickly reacted. "You dare to scold me? You, a mistress, actually dare to scold me? Get lost! A person like you shouldn't be attending the Meng family's banquet! Don't tarnish the Meng family's name!"

Qiao Xi was initially anxious about not being able to enter the banquet, but it seemed now that she did not need to enter at all! Thinking about this, she took out her phone to contact a few people. She then put her phone in her pocket and quietly waited for things to develop.

Meng Wan sighed. "Forget it, Nuo Nuo. I know she won't leave. Let's not waste our breath on her anymore."

Wang Nuo gritted her teeth and looked for the security guards at the side. "Come here. Miss Meng didn't invite this woman. Quickly chase her away."

The security guard did not know Wang Nuo or Qiao Xi, but he knew Meng Wan. He knew that she was the eldest daughter of the Meng family, and the Meng family was holding a banquet in their hotel today.

Therefore, he very obediently went forward to chase Qiao Xi away. At this moment, a car steadily stopped in front of the hotel.

Chapter 86: Time To Calm Down?

The entire hotel had been booked by the Meng family, so this car must be a guest attending the banquet.

Everyone looked at the car with their mouths agape.

“This person is really here?”

“Damn, I think the Meng family is the only family in Li City who can receive such an honor.”

When Qiao Xi heard this, she thought that Qin An had arrived. She was about to turn around and call out to him as well as complain that he was late. Unexpectedly, she met a pair of cold eyes the moment she turned around.

Gu Zheng! Gu Zheng had actually arrived first!

Was this scumbag here to teach her a lesson? Did he want to lock her up? Did he want to be like Meng Wan and get the security guards to throw her out?

The more Qiao Xi thought about it, the more aggrieved she felt. She could not take it anymore. Under Meng Wan and Wang Nuo’s amused gazes, she pushed the security guards away and strode out. She did not need the security guards to chase her away; she would leave herself!

She snorted and walked out of the door angrily. However, when she passed Gu Zheng, he grabbed her.

“After playing around for so long, you should be appeased by now, right?”

There was silence for a moment.

Qiao Xi was stunned for two seconds. What was Gu Zheng doing? He did not want to lock her up anymore?

Gu Zheng paused and lowered his eyes. “Don’t want to talk to me yet? Why are you so petty? Come in with me first. I’ll let you do whatever you want later, okay?”

Qiao Xi was stunned. Was this man really talking to her? He was even letting her in? Shouldn’t this man be helping Meng Wan and pointing at her nose, telling her to quickly get lost? He was actually coaxing her so kindly now?

Qiao Xi snorted. Did he think that she could forgive him just because he coaxed her a little?

Gu Zheng saw Qiao Xi’s angry appearance and was about to say something when he heard her say coquettishly, “I don’t want to go in with you. Miss Meng and this young lady beside her just said that they don’t welcome me and I can’t enter without an invitation. They even asked the security guards to chase me away.”

Gu Zheng looked up indifferently. “You didn’t let her in?”

Meng Wan gasped and quickly explained, “Brother Gu Zheng, I-I didn’t...”

Wang Nuo was anxious to please Meng Wan and Gu Zheng, so she spoke first. “Young Master Gu, Wan Wan isn’t to be blamed for this. Although Miss Qiao came with you, she doesn’t have an invitation. You also know that the Meng family’s banquet is very grand this time. Many people want to sneak in, so even though Wan Wan knows that you brought Miss Qiao here, she didn’t let her in. The main reason is that the rules can’t be broken. I hope you can understand, Young Master Gu.”

“Moreover...” Wang Nuo glanced at Qiao Xi and said meaningfully, “Wouldn’t bringing such a promiscuous woman to the Meng family’s banquet cause trouble for the old master?”

Wang Nuo felt that her words were reasonable and Gu Zheng would definitely listen to her. If the others also found out about Qiao Xi’s identity, they would definitely think that a mistress coming to the Meng family’s banquet was equivalent to not showing the Meng family any respect. Someone like Gu Zheng would definitely understand this logic.

Qiao Xi puckered her lips. “You heard that, right? They said I don’t have an invitation and won’t let an indecent woman like me in.”

Only then did Gu Zheng notice the woman who spoke. He narrowed his eyes and said casually, “Don’t have an invitation?”

Song Shiyu had been by Gu Zheng’s side for a long time and knew what he wanted to do the moment he opened his mouth. He took out two invitation cards and handed them to Gu Zheng respectfully.

The corners of Gu Zheng’s mouth curled up into a faint smile. “It looks like the invitation letter personally sent by Old Master Meng doesn’t hold any weight. In that case, please tell Old Master Meng that I, Gu Zheng, am here. However, someone said that my invitation letter is fake, so I won’t be attending this banquet.”

Song Shiyu handed the gift to the security guard at the side. “Congratulations to the Meng family for getting Gu Shan’s high-end gown, ‘Time Flows’. This is President Gu’s gift. Please pass it to the old master.”

As soon as he finished speaking, Gu Zheng turned around and walked out. Qiao Xi blinked and very obediently did not create trouble. She followed behind him.

She knew that Gu Zheng was venting his anger for her. Even if she wanted to ruin his reputation, she could not ruin it now.

Meng Wan could not believe it as her pupils dilated from shock. “Brother Gu Zheng, you’re leaving? You’re leaving for this woman at such an important event?”

Gu Zheng did not even want to look at her. Song Shiyu went over to stop Meng Wan and said with a smile, “Miss Meng, since you said that the invitation from Old Master Meng doesn’t count, of course, President Gu can’t enter. After all, we can’t break the Meng family’s rules, right?”

“By the way, I have to remind everyone who has yet to enter the banquet hall. If you guys have received an invitation from the Meng family, remember to check if it’s real or fake. If it’s fake, don’t enter. Otherwise, you’ll be chased out by others. That’d be quite embarrassing.”

Was this really a reminder...? It was hard to say.

Chapter 87: Gu Family's Future Mistress

Some quick-witted people had already figured it out. Song Shiyu's words seemed to be reminding them that they would be taking the Meng family's side by joining the Meng family's banquet hall... That meant they would be going against the Gu family...

One was the Meng family, while the other was the Gu family. They knew which one to pick.

Hence, many people stopped in their tracks and did not continue walking into the banquet hall. At the same time, they took out their phones to contact the people who had already entered the banquet hall and got them to quickly come out. It was not worth offending the Gu family for a banquet.

Meng Wan bit her lip. She knew Gu Zheng's ability too well. If Gu Zheng did not enter today, more than half of the Meng family's guests would leave!

She quickly went forward to explain, "Brother Gu Zheng, it's a misunderstanding. I didn't... I didn't say that Miss Qiao's invitation was fake. Nuo Nuo made a mistake. Miss Qiao, you can enter. Of course, you can enter."

Qiao Xi smiled at her. "Miss Meng, are you saying that I can enter now?"

Meng Wan's heart was bleeding. If she did not let Qiao Xi in, Gu Zheng and the rest of the guests who were supposed to attend the banquet would leave. No matter how much she was pampered in the Meng family, she could not handle such a big problem.

Hence, she could only grit her teeth and smile. "Of course. Miss Qiao, you're an honored guest of the Meng family."

Qiao Xi had a faint smile on her face. She was just about to walk in when her hand was suddenly grabbed. Her heart skipped a beat. Damn, could it be that this scumbag was going back on his words?

Gu Zheng held Qiao Xi's hand and looked at Meng Wan coldly. "Miss Meng, don't tell me you think this is enough? Shouldn't you say something to Xi Xi?"

Meng Wan's face suddenly turned pale.

Gu Zheng slowly said, "Apologize."

Meng Wan was about to go crazy. Gu Zheng actually wanted her to apologize to this b*tch, Qiao Xi, in front of so many people?! Her entire body trembled. "Brother Gu Zheng, I've already agreed to let Miss Qiao in. You can't ignore our Meng family's reputation. Our Meng and Gu families are old friends, but you want me to... give in to Miss Qiao..."

"Our two families' relationship? The Meng family's reputation? How much do you think the Meng family's reputation is worth? How could you expect to escape unscathed after you disrespected my wife?"

Gu Zheng chuckled and said, "Or do you think that your Meng family's strength has already surpassed our Gu family's and you can trample on the Gu family's future mistress?"

Meng Wan gasped.

Gu Zheng had pointed out Qiao Xi's identity. One was Miss Qiao, while the other was Mrs. Gu. The two different titles represented two different classes. Meng Wan could yell at Miss Qiao, but she could not show Mrs. Gu the slightest disrespect because the person standing behind Mrs. Gu was the Gu family.

This was also the reason why Meng Wan had always addressed Qiao Xi as Miss Qiao. She did not want to admit Qiao Xi's identity and the fact that Qiao Xi had so easily obtained the title she had been looking forward to for many years!

She understood what Gu Zheng meant, but she was unwilling to give up. What right did Qiao Xi have to be Mrs. Gu? What right did she have?! However, with so many people watching, the Meng family would definitely be doomed if she insisted on not apologizing.

Meng Wan walked toward Qiao Xi with a stiff body. Her voice seemed to be forced out of her throat. "Miss Qiao, I'm sorry."

Qiao Xi nodded indifferently. "It's alright. I just hope that you can investigate the truth thoroughly before taking action. You're lucky to have encountered me this time as I have a good temper and won't make a fuss about it with you. But what if you offend someone with a bad temper next time? I hope you can think twice before acting in the future."

Gu Zheng: "..."

These words caused Qiao Xi to receive applause. Many people said that Qiao Xi was too magnanimous, and Gu Zheng was truly unable to continue listening.

Meng Wan gritted her teeth in anger. She swore that she would definitely teach Qiao Xi a lesson! She must make her regret what she did today!

Qiao Xi held Gu Zheng's arm as they walked into the banquet hall. Gu Zheng glanced at her. "Didn't Mrs. Gu say she wouldn't see me anymore? She even said she has given up on me."

Qiao Xi played dumb. "What are you talking about? Are you having a fever and spouting nonsense?"

Gu Zheng knew this woman's ability in acting dumb. He scoffed and shifted his gaze elsewhere. "Qiao Xi, today is the Meng family's banquet. Offending the Meng family won't do you any good." Hence, the task of exposing the fake dress and offending the Meng family would be handed to him.

Qiao Xi paused for a moment, then her eyes narrowed slightly. She thought that Gu Zheng had thought things through and was on her side now. Unexpectedly, he still chose to side with the Meng family in the end.

Chapter 88: A Fake Is Still A Fake

She immediately let go of the man's arm and said with a cold face, "Don't worry. Even if I offend the Meng family, I'll cut all ties with you. I won't drag the Gu family into this, nor will I ruin the relationship between the Gu family and the Meng family."

Gu Zheng's Adam's apple bobbed. He was very angry but did not know what to do with this woman.

The Meng family displayed 'Time Flows' in the most eye-catching position so that all the guests could see it. Qiao Xi stared at the dress for a while before grinning.

“Gu Zheng, you have to understand that designers hate knockoffs the most. Because that’s tantamount to trampling on the hard work of a designer.”

While she was talking to Gu Zheng, Madam Meng walked over with a group of noblewomen.

Madam Meng had an apologetic expression on her face. She was gentle, generous, and appropriate. “Gu Zheng, Xi Xi, you’re here.” She was like a gentle elder, pretending as if there had never been any conflict between them. Her ability to put on an act was really admirable.

If she had not forcefully squeezed between Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng, it would have been even more admirable.

After Madam Meng separated Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng, she said with a smile, “Xi Xi, I heard about what happened just now. Wan Wan was insensible and caused you trouble. I’m really sorry.”

She pulled Qiao Xi over and introduced her to the others. “This is Qiao Xi, a junior whom I admire very much. I specially invited her over today as well. Qiao Xi, didn’t you say you wanted to see ‘Time Flows’? It’s right there, I’ll bring you over.”

Qiao Xi narrowed her eyes. One who was unaccountably solicitous was hiding evil intentions!

She wanted to see what kind of evil ideas this Madam Meng had!

Qiao Xi chuckled and followed Madam Meng to where ‘Time Flows’ was being displayed. There were already quite a number of people surrounding it. It was very difficult for ordinary people to possess a regular piece by Gu Shan, let something like ‘Time Flows’. Being able to possess an item like this was not only a symbol of money but also a manifestation of one’s status.

“Miss Meng, I heard that ‘Time Flows’ was bought by a mysterious person for 800 million yuan. From the looks of it, that mysterious person is from the Meng family.”

“‘Time Flows’ is indeed a custom-made and unique gown. The design is really impressive. It’s truly a feast for the eyes...”

Meng Wan stood in the middle of the crowd and listened to their compliments. She could not help but be proud of herself. She was still the smartest. A replica could attract so much attention for the Meng family.

When Meng Wan saw her mother and Qiao Xi walking over, she adjusted the smile on her face and walked over elegantly. “Miss Qiao, it was my fault what happened just now. You won’t be angry with me, right?”

These two were indeed mother and daughter. Their words were exactly the same.

Madam Meng tapped Meng Wan’s forehead. “Say, you’re too much. Xi Xi likes Master Gu Shan’s design, and you’re very familiar with Xi Xi. So what if you let her in? You’re usually quite a smart person, but you became muddle-headed and started following the rules so stringently instead.”

Meng Wan quickly acted pampered. “Mom, don’t lecture me. I was just too agitated. Fortunately, Xi Xi isn’t angry with me. Otherwise, I wouldn’t know what to do.”

With just a few words, they blamed everything that had happened at the door on their insensitivity. They said they were too anxious and made the wrong decision. They immediately clarified the matter about Meng Wan deliberately stopping me.

How impressive.

“Sigh, you child.” Madam Meng pretended to be helpless. “Xi Xi, it’s all my fault. If I had known that you were coming, I would’ve gone out to welcome you myself.”

If it were not for the fact that the timing and location were not right, Qiao Xi really wanted to give the two of them a round of applause. Their acting skills were superb.

The enemy’s acting skills were so powerful, so of course, she could not fall behind. Hence, she chuckled and said, “It’s okay, I understand. It seems that Miss Meng values ‘Time Flows’ a lot since this banquet is very important to you.”

Meng Wan’s gaze flashed as she grabbed Qiao Xi’s wrist. “Of course. ‘Time Flows’ is the piece Gu Shan is most proud of. I heard you like it a lot too, right? Come, I’ll bring you to take a closer look.”

When the people around saw Meng Wan approaching, they all tactfully moved aside. Qiao Xi had wanted to take a closer look at the high-quality imitation of ‘Time Flows’ since a long time ago. It had to be said that this high-quality imitation was indeed high-quality. However, although the overall imitation was very similar to ‘Time Flows’, a fake was still a fake. The fabric was wrong, the embroidery was wrong, the pearls were wrong, and even the angle of the neckline was wrong.

How did the Meng family have the cheek to display such a defective product? Or did they think that the dress she designed was of this standard? It was too insulting.

Chapter 89: Can’t Bear To Let Her Go To Prison

“Alright, the banquet is about to start. Everyone, let’s go to the front hall.” Madam Meng smiled as she waved at everyone. “If Xi Xi wants to see ‘Time Flows’ for a while longer, you should accompany her, Wan Wan. I’ll bring the others to the front hall.”

After all, this dress belonged to the Meng family. Once Madam Meng spoke, even if the others wanted to look at it for a while more, they would be too embarrassed to do so. Everyone turned their backs to Qiao Xi and the others as they walked toward the direction of the hall.

Now, only Qiao Xi and Meng Wan were left. From an angle where the others could not see, Meng Wan looked smugly at Qiao Xi, who was seriously admiring the gown. This fool was actually looking at the replica with such relish. She probably did not know what she was about to face, right?

She would make sure this woman could not show off anymore!

Meng Wan’s eyes shifted, and her face was filled with viciousness. She suddenly took out something from her pocket and stuffed it into Qiao Xi’s hand when she was not paying attention. Then, she quickly opened her mouth and said with a terrified voice, “Qiao Xi, what are you trying to do? Do you want to destroy ‘Time Flow’? No! Stop this instant!”

Everyone subconsciously turned around and saw Qiao Xi holding a small knife in her hand. The tip of the knife was aimed at ‘Time Flows’.

Meng Wan pounced over in a panic and used her body to block Qiao Xi as she begged, "Qiao Xi, stop! That's 'Time Flows'! There's only one 'Time Flows' in the world! No matter how much you dislike it, you can't destroy it!"

She deliberately grabbed Qiao Xi's hand and showed the cold blade to everyone.

The guests gasped and looked at each other in dismay. "Didn't they say that the people who are attending the banquet today can't bring knives? When I came in, I was searched."

"This... Madam Meng and Miss Meng were kind enough to invite Qiao Xi to admire the dress, but Qiao Xi actually wants to destroy it? If she really came with such an ulterior motive, the knife must have been hidden quite well. We probably couldn't find it even if we searched her body."

"F*ck, isn't this woman too vicious? Does she not like high fashion, or is she jealous that the Meng family owns such a beautiful dress?"

They felt that the second speculation was more likely to be the case.

Madam Meng's expression changed as she hurriedly returned. "What's going on? Wan Wan, what did you just say?"

Everyone was in no rush to go to the front hall and waited for Qiao Xi's explanation.

Meng Wan said in tears, "Just now, I wanted Qiao Xi to get closer so that she could better observe the dress. Unexpectedly, she suddenly took out a knife and cut the dress. I heard the sound of fabric tearing and quickly turned my head. I tried my best to stop Qiao Xi from continuing to destroy the dress. Boo-hoo, what should we do, Mom? What about the dress..."

Madam Meng went to check the dress. When she saw the tear on it, she said with heartache, "Qiao Xi, our Meng family invited you with good intentions. Is this how you repay us? The banquet has set a rule that guests can't bring any knives with them, but you sneaked in a knife. Why is that? Did you plan to destroy 'Time Flows' a long time ago?"

Qiao Xi played with the knife in her hand and curved the corners of her mouth in amusement.

Wang Nuo was the first to jump out and roar, "I knew that you had ulterior motives for coming to the Meng family's banquet! Do you know how much this dress is worth? 800 million! You're deliberately destroying their family's prized possession. I'm calling the police! The amount of money that dress is worth is enough for you to rot in prison!"

Everyone came back to their senses and recalled Madam Meng and Miss Meng's attitude toward Qiao Xi. They then looked at the knife in Qiao Xi's hand. They were very dissatisfied.

"The Meng family treated her as an honored guest, but she actually ruined 'Time Flows'? How can there be such a person in this world?"

"I think Miss Meng is right. Let's quickly call the police. The amount of money involved this time is huge. The police won't ignore it."

Madam Meng was deep in thought, as if she was considering the idea of calling the police.

Meng Wan laughed bitterly. "Forget it, Mom. Don't call the police. If the police really come, won't Qiao Xi's life be ruined? Although she destroyed 'Time Flows', I can't just watch her spend the rest of her life in prison."

Madam Meng sighed. "Wan Wan, I know you're kind, but Qiao Xi has caused too much trouble this time..."

"Mom!" Meng Wan cried out miserably. "I'm begging you, Mom. Qiao Xi must have done it in the heat of the moment. How can a dress compare to someone's life? Let's give Qiao Xi another chance. I really can't bear to see her go to jail."

Madam Meng shook her head helplessly. "Alright, I'll listen to you. Let's let Qiao Xi off this time, alright? But I don't want to see her at the banquet anymore. Miss Qiao, please leave."

Chapter 90: Going To Watch A Show

When the others heard their conversation, they all praised Meng Wan for being kind.

After all, Qiao Xi had destroyed a dress that was worth 800 million yuan!

"Miss Meng is kind and magnanimous. On the other hand, Qiao Xi... is extremely jealous. As expected of someone from a small family. Her character is really bad."

"The reason she wanted to attend this banquet was to ruin 'Time Flows', right? She probably knew that Miss Meng would be kind and let her off, which was why she was so bold."

Meng Wan's eyes were still filled with tears. When she heard the whispers around her, the corners of her mouth curled up into a cold smile. Great, Qiao Xi was finally doomed. In the eyes of others, she and Qiao Xi were good friends, but Qiao Xi had ruined the Meng family's dress because of jealousy.

Meng Wan squeezed out two drops of tears and pretended to be aggrieved as she cried. "Qiao Xi, I really didn't expect you to be such a person. I really treated you as a friend, but you..."

"Forget it. We're friends, after all. I don't want to bicker with you anymore, but you definitely won't be able to stay for the Meng family's banquet. I can let you off, but if Grandpa knows about this, he might not. So, you'd better leave."

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At this moment, in the banquet hall.

Gu Zheng swirled his wine glass and lazily listened to the conversations going on around him.

"I heard that someone wanted to destroy 'Time Flows' and was caught by Miss Meng. I heard that person is Miss Meng's friend."

"Ah, I heard about it too. That person's name is Qiao Xi, right? I heard that Miss Meng likes her a lot. Even though she's just the eldest daughter of the Qiao family who came back from the countryside, she was invited to the banquet. I didn't expect her to be such a person."

"She's probably jealous of Miss Meng. They're both young mistresses of wealthy families, but one is high and mighty while the other knows nothing. It's normal for her to be jealous."

“Normal? Why doesn’t she take a look in the mirror? She’s just a country bumpkin. How can she compare to Miss Meng, who was raised and educated by her family since she was young? In my opinion, the countryside can’t produce any good people. Otherwise, why would she dare to destroy ‘Time Flows’?!”

Song Shiyu, who was listening on the side, was anxious. “President Gu, hurry up and take a look at what’s going on there. Although Madam came from the countryside, she’s much more magnanimous than Meng Wan. The two of them can’t compare at all. Moreover, Madam and Miss Meng aren’t friends. Why are these people spouting nonsense? Miss Meng always says nasty things to Madam. When did the two of them become friends?!”

Madam must feel alone now, right? So many people thought that she was in the wrong. If President Gu appeared at this moment and publicly said that he trusted Madam, Madam would definitely be very touched, right?

President Gu had never been in a relationship and did not know how touching it was when a man showed his trust in his partner. However, it did not matter. He could help President Gu from the side, but the prerequisite was that President Gu had to be obedient!

Gu Zheng took a sip of red wine, his eyes looking calm. “Help her? Doesn’t she like to show off? I told her not to cause trouble but she still caused trouble. I’d like to see how she’ll handle this.”

He had already said that he would handle the Meng family’s matter on behalf of her, but she just had to do it herself. Gu Zheng was having a headache.

Song Shiyu: “...”

He did not know if he should voice out his opinions or not. He felt that Madam would not have done something like that. Madam was not stupid enough to destroy ‘Time Flows’ in public. How idiotic would that be?

“President Gu, there must be a misunderstanding here.” Song Shiyu tried to persuade him. “No matter what, we can’t just watch Madam get bullied, right?”

Gu Zheng slowly put down his glass and glanced at the time on his watch. It was about time. He stood up. “Alright, let’s go.”

Song Shiyu was stunned. “Huh? Where are we going?”

“To watch a show.”

Gu Zheng put on his suit and walked toward the back of the banquet hall.

Song Shiyu complained in his heart. What were they going to watch? He was clearly going to help Madam!

President Gu had a low EQ. He would say one thing and do another. Would he really be able to win her heart this way?!

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At the back of the banquet hall, Meng Wan was crying and trembling. She was on the verge of collapsing. "Qiao Xi, I don't want to chase you away either, but you've gone too far. From today onward, we're no longer friends."

Qiao Xi stood without moving, and her face was expressionless.

Wang Nuo could not help but mock, "You must be unwilling to leave, right? After doing such a disgusting thing, you still want to be so shameless and stay for the banquet? The Meng family is already being lenient by not calling the police on you. Now get lost!"

Qiao Xi's eyelids twitched as she looked at her like she was looking at a dead person.

Wang Nuo was shocked by her gaze. "What are you doing? Did I say something wrong? B*tch! If you don't leave now, I'll call the police!"