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Chapter 881: The Heir Of The Yin Family

The next day, a guest came to Longwan Residential. Yin Jinglin rushed over from Shengdu and specially brought over an imperial green jade bracelet. He brought it to Qiao Xi and explained, "This is a jade bracelet worn by the direct descendants of the Yin family. My father and your mother both have it. My father's jade bracelet was passed down to my third brother. Of course, Aunt's jade bracelet is for you."

Yin Jinglin's third brother was Yin Jingting, Yin Yunyi's son. He was also the third young master of the Yin family. The aunt he was talking about was Xia Yunqiu.

If this had belonged to her mother, Qiao Xi naturally had no reason to refuse. She carefully sized up the jade bracelet. There was a special pattern engraved on it.

Among the three Yin siblings, only her uncle, Yin Yunyi, and her mother had bracelets. It seemed that Xia Yunlou did not. The other bracelet was in Yin Jingting's hands, which meant that the Yin family had chosen her and Yin Jingting as candidates to be the heir.

Then, Yin Jinglin handed her a transfer of assets. It was already stamped with Yin Yunyi's seal. "Cousin, the Yin family has been developing in Shengdu since ancient times and is deeply rooted there. Grandma hopes that you can return to Shengdu to manage things, but she won't force you. Since you've already settled down in Li City, the Yin family's branch in Li City will be handed to you to manage. Third Brother is in charge of Shengdu. You and Third Brother are both the heirs of the Yin family. You'll naturally be able to have whatever he has.

"These things were originally supposed to be handed to Aunt. Unfortunately, she's no longer alive. You should inherit them. Also, if the Xia family comes looking for you, ignore them. They definitely won't have good intentions."

Yin Jinglin thought of the Xia family and could not suppress the anger in his heart. "Old Master Xia is heartless. Back then, he abandoned Grandma and got married to a mistress. Now, he still has the cheek to ask us to call him 'Grandpa' and even goes around saying that my father is unfilial. He has never done his duty as a father. Why should my father be filial to him?

"Ever since Grandma brought my father back to the Yin family and my father changed his surname to Yin, we have already cut off all contact with the Xia family. We look down on scum like Old Master Xia who goes back on his word. He even has the cheek to interfere in Third Brother's marriage, saying that he's our grandfather. He says that Third Brother is his grandson, so he should be the one deciding on his marriage! Pfft! How shameless!"

Hearing Yin Jinglin's complaints, she knew how much the Yin family hated the Xia family. Qiao Xi could not help but nod. She had seen the Xia family before. Xia Mengyan was an example. To be able to raise a daughter like her, the Xia family was probably not a good family.

The old master of the Xia family, Xia Cheng, had cut off all ties with his first wife for so many years. Now, he was interfering in Yin Jingting's marriage. He had probably taken a liking to Yin Jingting's position as the Yin family's heir and wanted to get closer to this grandson of his.

At this point, Yin Jinglin was even angrier. He took a few deep breaths before calming down. "But my third brother isn't someone who can be manipulated by the Xia family!"

The Yin family was a century-old family with many connections. They naturally had their reasons for choosing Yin Jingting as the next head of the family. This cousin of theirs was definitely not a pushover.

"Xi Xi, when can you come back to Shengdu with me? I really want to bring you to meet my friends and tell them that I have a younger sister! Otherwise, they'll always mock our Yin family for not having girls!"

After Yin Jinglin left, Qiao Xi received a call. The president of Liuli, Lu Zhi, was looking for her to discuss the fashion design plan. Qiao Xi brought the design drafts and asked him to meet her at a Western restaurant.

Lu Zhi and Qiao Xi had known each other for seven years. Lu Zhi was the mysterious president of Liuli. He had always been the chief designer of Liuli Corporation, so Qiao Xi did not understand why Lu Zhi suddenly returned to the country.

Qiao Xi had just arrived at the Western restaurant and sat down when Lu Zhi teased, "It's rare to get you to treat me to a meal, yet you're treating me to a meal in a restaurant under Gu Corporation. You're really making full use of your family's benefits."

"When I meet a man, I have to do it where my husband can see us. Otherwise, he'll be jealous," Qiao Xi replied with a smile. She quickly signed the contract. Lu Zhi suddenly saw the jade bracelet on her wrist, and his eyes flashed.

Qiao Xi pointed at the jade bracelet. "You know about this bracelet?"

"Back then, the Yin family made a total of three imperial jade bracelets with the family's emblem. Moreover, only the direct descendants of the Yin family are qualified to wear these bracelets. Almost all noble families know about this. So, what's your relationship with the Yin family?" Lu Zhi raised his eyebrows and asked.

Qiao Xi and Lu Zhi had known each other for seven years. The two of them were considered good friends, so there was no need to hide it from him. Hence, she said frankly, "My mother is from the Yin family."

Chapter 882: Meeting An Idiot

Lu Zhi's eyebrows relaxed. "I see. I thought that it was a gift from the future head of the Yin family. I misunderstood."

Initially, he thought that since Gu Shan was already married to President Gu, how could she accept a bracelet from another man? Moreover, this was not an ordinary bracelet but a family heirloom that represented the Yin family's identity.

"The future head you're talking about is Yin Jingting?"

"Yes, he looks gentle on the surface, but he's decisive. If the Yin family is handed to him, he'll definitely lead the family to greater heights! No wonder so many noble families want their daughters to marry

him. I heard that Old Master Xia has accepted many generous gifts from noble families just relying on the fact that he's Yin Jingting's grandfather."

Qiao Xi frowned. "With my cousin's temper, he definitely won't just allow it."

"Of course, so the Xia family is being blamed and ostracized by all parties now." Suddenly, Lu Zhi paused and smiled. "By the way, guess why I came to Li City this time."

Qiao Xi had a confused expression. She was also curious about what Lu Zhi was doing in Li City. Liuli's headquarters was overseas, and he did not have any business in Li City. Could it be that he came all the way to Li City to travel?

Lu Zhi smiled and said, "I'm here in Li City for your husband. I have a potential collaboration to talk to him about. I don't think he'll refuse."

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to glance at him and asked casually, "What collaboration?"

Lu Zhi looked mysterious. "It has nothing to do with you. You don't need to know."

Qiao Xi supported her chin and blinked. "What big matter are you hiding from me?"

Lu Zhi looked at her sparkling eyes and shook his head helplessly. "Madam, although I'm working for you, I'm still the president of Liuli Corporation. Do you have to interfere in my private matters?"

Qiao Xi nodded thoughtfully. "You don't have to tell me about your private matters. I don't want to know either, but..."

When Lu Zhi heard the word 'but', he knew that things were not that simple. The next second, Qiao Xi said with a serious expression, "But since it concerns Gu Zheng, I have to know!"

She had to know everything about Gu Zheng. Even though he had an unbearable childhood and a dark past, she had never despised him. She just thought it was a pity she didn't meet Gu Zheng earlier.

Lu Zhi was in a difficult position. After a moment, he said in a low and hoarse voice, "This matter is a little complicated. Miss Lu Qingyun died from poison, and someone in our family was also poisoned. It's difficult for me to find any useful clues alone, so I want to work with President Gu to see if we can make any progress."

Qiao Xi had long guessed that Lu Zhi was related to the Lu family, but she did not expect that he was actually here to look for clues about the poison.

"I'll talk to President Gu about this. I'll get going first." Lu Zhi stood up and put away the contract. He pursed his lips and said, "Your husband is probably already on his way here. He was so nervous to know you were having a meal with me. He's rushing over as if he's afraid I'll kidnap you."

With that, Lu Zhi left. Qiao Xi's phone flashed. It was a message from Gu Zheng asking her to wait for him at the Western restaurant.

Qiao Xi sat in the private room and looked at the people coming and going outside through the wide and bright French windows. She savored the coffee and leaned comfortably on the soft and comfortable

sofa. Her mind was a little chaotic. The faces of the Lu family members flashed past her eyes one after another when the door of the private room was suddenly pushed open.

Qiao Xi thought that Gu Zheng was here and hurriedly looked up. Unexpectedly, it was a few women dressed exquisitely and luxuriously. The woman in the lead was wearing gold and silver as she walked in arrogantly. She was wearing luxury brands from head to toe. Her outfit was worth at least a few hundred thousand yuan. Coupled with the jewelry on her body that definitely exceeded a million yuan, she exuded a strong aura of a nouveau riche.

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Everyone was stunned for a few seconds when they saw Qiao Xi. The woman standing at the back said awkwardly, "Ting Ting, there's someone in the private room. Let's change rooms."

Unexpectedly, the woman called 'Ting Ting' frowned and shouted rudely, "Why should I leave? I've always sat in this private room. If you want to leave, leave. I'm not leaving!"

As soon as she finished speaking, the woman aggressively walked over to Qiao Xi and said coldly, "You! Get out!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes and looked at the woman in front of her as if she was looking at an idiot. 'Where did this idiot come from? Can an idiot leave the house as they please now?'

She ignored her and leisurely picked up the coffee. Coincidentally, she shook the jade bracelet on her wrist. Yu Manting's expression instantly darkened, and her eyes were bloodshot. She grabbed Qiao Xi's hand as if she had gone mad and cursed, "Vixen! Why are you wearing the Yin family's bracelet?! Take it off!"

Chapter 883: The Well-Chosen Fiancee

Qiao Xi's eyes turned cold as she forcefully broke free from Yu Manting's hand. Then she pushed her hard. Yu Manting screamed and almost fell. She roared crazily, "B*tch! What method did you use to make him give you the bracelet? No wonder you're occupying this private room. You're here to show off! Quickly take it off. This bracelet is mine!"

Yu Manting's face was pale as she panted heavily. She had followed Yin Jingting to Shengdu from Luo City, and now, she was in Li City. However, Yin Jingting did not even bother to look at her, much less give her the jade bracelet that represented the Yin family's direct descendants. She did not expect this bracelet to appear in the hands of another woman.

This woman was so seductive. She must have seduced Brother Jingting!

Anger burned in Yu Manting's heart. She was the future young madam of the Yin family whom Brother Jingting's grandfather had decided on. Who was this woman? What right did she have to wear the jade bracelet?!

At this moment, her eyes were filled with anger. She snorted in disdain. "I admit that you're quite good-looking, but I'm warning you now. Brother Jingting is my fiance. If you dare to seduce him, I'll definitely not let you off!"

With that, she waved at the other women. “All of you, attack and snatch my bracelet back!”

Qiao Xi had a confused expression. Who was ‘Brother Jingting’? Did she know him?

Yu Manting’s friends walked toward Qiao Xi with unfriendly gazes and mocked, “Where did this little vixen come from?! How dare you take our Ting Ting’s things?! I advise you to quickly hand over the bracelet so that you don’t suffer later. Don’t think that just because Young Master Yin dotes on you now, you can fool around in front of him. The future young madam of the Yin family can only be Ting Ting!”

“You’re overestimating yourself! You want to be a princess? Why don’t you look in the mirror and see if you’re worthy?! Hurry up and give the bracelet to Tingting. Don’t force us to attack!”

When she heard a few of them say ‘Young Master Yin’, Qiao Xi finally realized that it was her cousin, Yin Jingting! After all, he also had an identical bracelet. So, this woman in front of her was one of the blind dates Old Master Xia had arranged for her cousin?

Qiao Xi looked at everyone with disdain and sneered. “Miss Yu, don’t you have any manners?”

Yu Manting was furious. She shouted with widened eyes, “Who are you calling rude?! You b*tch, how dare you speak to me like this?!”

Qiao Xi replied casually, “Miss Yu, you forcefully barged into my private room, and you even intend to snatch my bracelet. How should I speak to you? I think I’ve already shown you enough respect.”

Was this the fiancée the Xia family had carefully selected? The Xia family was really harming many people!

“You sharp-tongued b*tch! You’re just relying on your good looks! How can you compare to me? Brother Jingting is just temporarily bewitched by you. He’ll realize my true value sooner or later!”

She was the fiancée recognized by Yin Jingting’s grandfather. When she became the young madam of the Yin family, everyone would look up to her with envy. However, this woman had seduced Brother Ting. No wonder Brother Jingting did not return to Shengdu. It turned out that he was tied down by this b*tch.

Yu Manting’s face was filled with resentment. She picked up the coffee on the coffee table and was about to splash it at Qiao Xi. Qiao Xi had already predicted her movements and quickly reversed the situation. The cup of rich coffee spilled all over Yu Manting’s body, and her white clothes were covered in brown coffee stains.

Everyone exclaimed and hurriedly wiped the coffee off Yu Manting’s body with a tissue. “Ting Ting, did you get scalded?!”

“B*tch! You dare to splash coffee on Ting Ting? Do you know how much Ting Ting’s clothes are worth? Even if you sell yourself, it won’t be enough for you to compensate!”

The makeup on Yu Manting’s face was already ruined as she glared at Qiao Xi with a ferocious expression. “Ah!!! B*tch! Kneel down and apologize immediately! Otherwise, I’ll absolutely not let you off!”

Qiao Xi was unwilling to pay attention to this group of women and still sat on the chair as if this group of people did not exist. Her indifferent appearance angered Yu Manting even more. She gnashed her teeth in anger. "If you're not going to apologize, then give me the bracelet! Take it off immediately!"

From the moment Yu Manting saw the bracelet on Qiao Xi's wrist, she was unable to control the anger in her heart. She wished for nothing more than to rush over and scratch Qiao Xi's perfect face. She rushed over and tightly grabbed Qiao Xi's wrist, causing Qiao Xi's delicate skin to turn red.

"Tell me! What method did you use to get Brother Jingting to give you the bracelet?! You mistress! Do you know that I'm Brother Jingting's fiancée?!"

Chapter 884: Let's See Who Dares To Touch Her

Qiao Xi's gaze turned cold. "Let go! Don't make me repeat myself."

Yu Manting did not notice Qiao Xi's gaze that was gradually turning cold at all. "You b*tch! How dare you seduce my man?! Did you sleep with him? B*tch! I'll kill you!"

Qiao Xi felt a dull pain in her wrist. It turned out that Yu Manting wanted to forcefully snatch the jade bracelet from her wrist. This kind of bracelet was tight to the wrist, and forcefully taking it off would hurt the skin.

"You're courting death!" Qiao Xi's gaze sank, and her entire body emitted a chill as she abruptly grabbed Yu Manting's hands.

Yu Manting's eyes almost popped out as she muttered, "Take it off! You're not worthy of wearing this bracelet. It's mine!"

Soon, the commotion in the private room attracted the attention of the people outside. The manager rushed over and exclaimed when he saw Yu Manting, "So it's Miss Yu!"

Yu Manting's hair was stuck to her face, and her clothes were dirty. She looked disheveled as she pointed at Qiao Xi and roared, "This woman stole my bracelet and even splashed coffee on me! Get her to apologize to me immediately and give me the bracelet!"

The manager looked at Qiao Xi, who was sitting on the sofa. He only felt that she looked a little familiar. He did not know her identity, but Yu Manting was a socialite from Luo City. Although she had just arrived in Li City, she was not someone he could offend. Hence, he immediately walked in front of Qiao Xi and said unhappily, "Miss, please return the bracelet to her immediately."

Qiao Xi glanced indifferently at the manager and grunted coldly. "Let's check the surveillance footage and see who snatched whose bracelet."

There were indeed surveillance cameras in the private room. The manager looked at Yu Manting's expression and knew that this eldest miss was definitely not in the right. No matter who stole whose things, the bracelet could only belong to Miss Yu. Otherwise, she would not let the matter go.

The manager immediately put on a serious expression. "Why go through so much trouble? Before the matter blows up, return the bracelet to Miss Yu immediately. Otherwise, you'll be the one losing face in the end."

Qiao Xi slowly raised her eyes. She did not expect the manager of a Western restaurant under Gu Corporation to actually be such a petty person who did not know right from wrong and bullied the weak.

She glanced coldly at Yu Manting. She had never seen someone so self-righteous when snatching someone else's things. The Xia family was really good at choosing people. They chose the most unbearable person from so many daughters.

Seeing that the manager was speaking up for her, Yu Manting became even more arrogant. She said in a commanding tone, "Little b*tch! Return the bracelet to me!"

Seeing that Qiao Xi was not moving, the manager was about to snatch it from her in order to please Yu Manting. However, before he could approach Qiao Xi, the door was suddenly pushed open.

"Let's see who dares to touch her." A cold male voice sounded in everyone's ears, causing them to tremble. The manager was about to turn around and scold, 'Who's so blind?' When he turned around, he met those deep and cold eyes. He instantly broke out in a cold sweat. "M-Mr. Yin."

Yin Jingting's face darkened as his cold gaze landed on the manager. "What are you doing?"

The manager was so scared that his entire body trembled. The person in front of him was the next head of the Yin family. Now that this man was in charge of the Yin family's company in Shengdu, offending Yin Jingting was equivalent to going against the entire Yin family.

During this period of time, Yu Manting had been so arrogant because she was the granddaughter-in-law recognized by Yin Jingting's grandfather. Although Yin Jingting had not been in contact with the Xia family all these years, he was Old Master Xia's biological grandson, after all. He could not disobey his elders, so he continued to endorse Yu Manting as his future granddaughter-in-law.

Seeing Yin Jingting's dark face, the manager explained while trembling, "Mr. Yin, this woman stole Miss Yu's belongings. I'm just getting the item back for her."

Yin Jingting looked at Qiao Xi, who was sitting on the sofa. His expression gradually softened. However, when he looked at the manager again, his expression returned to being cold. "What did she snatch?"

The manager pointed at the bracelet on Qiao Xi's wrist. "This bracelet. Miss Yu said it's hers."

Qiao Xi looked at Yin Jingting. He exuded the aura of a king. After not seeing him for a while, this cousin of hers seemed to have become more mature. His tone was indifferent. "What evidence do you have to prove that she stole it?"

The manager's forehead was covered in sweat as he trembled in fear. "Miss Yu is a rich young miss. How could she malign this young lady? Moreover, this bracelet looks expensive. Only someone of her status is qualified to wear it."

"You're saying that Miss Qiao isn't qualified to wear it?" Before Yin Jingting could finish, another male voice came from the door. Only then did Qiao Xi notice that there was a young man behind Yin Jingting.

Chapter 885: So, She's Gu Zheng's Woman

The man's eyes were long and narrow, making him look like a good-for-nothing. He glanced at Yu Manting in disdain. "Does Gu Zheng's wife need to snatch Miss Yu's bracelet? Are you looking down on President Gu or Gu Corporation?! I remember that this Western restaurant is under Gu Corporation, right?!"

"Are you an employee of the Gu family or a dog by Miss Yu's side? How much did Yu Manting give you to make you have the guts to go against Mrs. Gu?"

These words scared the manager so much that he almost fainted. Cold sweat trickled down his forehead. "No... I didn't accept any money. I just..."

When Yu Manting saw Yin Jingting, she instantly looked shy. She immediately leaned forward and said weakly, "Brother Jingting, I knew you wouldn't ignore me..."

Before she could finish, Yin Jingting distanced himself from her. The hedonistic son at the side smiled evilly and asked in a tone as if he was watching a joke, "Miss Yu, you said that Miss Qiao stole your bracelet?"

Yu Manting's body suddenly stiffened. She was only focused on Yin Jingting and didn't pay attention to what this man had said at all. She did not know Qiao Xi's identity either. She immediately put on a weak appearance. "Brother Qin Chen, you also know that this bracelet represents the Yin family's identity. I'm going to marry Brother Jingting in the future. This belongs to me. What right does this woman have to wear it? What's wrong with me asking her to return it to me?"

Hearing Yu Manting's words, Qin Chen's lips curled into a mocking smile. "Miss Yu, you're too naive. Jingting's marriage isn't something that Old Master Xia can decide."

Yin Jingting frowned and glanced at Yu Manting in disgust. "Apologize to her!"

Yu Manting was shocked. "What? Brother Jinting, you want me to apologize to this woman? This bracelet belongs to me. So what if I want it back? She's a b*tch! She's a mistress! You can't embarrass me in public for such a vixen!"

"You're always talking about b*tches and mistresses. Is this how the Yu family educates their daughter?"

Yin Jingting's calm tone was filled with disdain, making Yu Manting extremely embarrassed. "You... How could you do this to me? I went from Luo City to Shengdu for you, and now, I'm in Li City. However, you're actually reprimanding me for this b*tch! I don't want to live anymore! Boo-hoo..."

As she spoke, Yu Manting reached out and pounced on him. Yin Jingting grabbed her hands and threw her to the side mercilessly. "I'll give you another chance. Apologize!"

Qin Chen's expression was strange. The future head of the Yin family had always been expressionless. When had he ever gotten so angry? Now, he was actually angry in public with this woman. Could it be that Yin Jingting liked her? But she was already married, and she was Gu Zheng's wife!

Yu Manting was not a noble daughter to begin with. After being treated like this by Yin Jingting, she cried without caring about her image. "I'm not apologizing! I'm your fiancée and the future young madam of the Yin family. Why should I apologize to a mistress who stole my husband?!"

Seeing that Yu Manting was so stubborn, Yin Jingting gestured to the man beside him. Qin Chen immediately understood and took out his phone to make a call. Soon, the Yu family fell into chaos.

Yu Manting's face was pale as she said sorrowfully, "Brother Jingting, what's so good about this woman? She can't enter the Yin family at all. Only I have the right to be the young madam of the Yin family! No one can snatch my position!"

Crazy roars echoed in everyone's ears. Qiao Xi could not help but sigh in her heart. This cousin of hers was really a calamity! It seemed that it was not a good thing for a man to be too good-looking.

The air was silent for a few seconds before Yin Jingting suddenly sneered. "Yu Manting, you've angered her, yet you still have hopes of entering the Yin family?"

The private room was silent as Yu Manting had stopped crying. Her face was as pale as paper. After a long time, she choked and said, "What do you mean?"

Yin Jingting did not respond. He turned to look at Qiao Xi. "Do you want her to apologize?"

Qiao Xi slowly stood up and waved her hand lazily. "Forget it. Even if she apologizes, she won't mean it. Why force her?"

As soon as she finished speaking, Gu Zheng walked in with a gloomy expression. His entire body carried a murderous aura as he walked straight toward Qiao Xi and pulled her into his embrace. That intimate scene was enough to explain everything.

Yu Manting stared blankly at Gu Zheng's handsome and cold face, then at their intimate posture. She instantly reacted and her breathing stopped. So, she was Gu Zheng's woman!

Chapter 886: Break One Of His Legs

Qin Chen smiled. "Miss Yu, do you know who you've provoked?"

Yu Manting was furious. She pointed at Yin Jingting and shouted, "I love you so much! You're not even willing to give me the bracelet, but you gave it to a married woman. She's President Gu's woman! Are you crazy?"

Yin Jingting really did not want to talk to Yu Manting. Qin Chen, who was at the side, went forward to stop this crazy woman. "Miss Yu, do you think others have to like you just because you like them? Besides, you should know that Jingting has already cut off all contact with the Xia family. It's impossible for him to accept the woman Old Master Xia chose."

If this woman really liked Yin Jingting, she should know about the grudge between the Xia and Yin families. However, Yu Manting actually naively thought that Yin Jingting would listen to that old man from the Xia family and Yin Jingting would marry her as long as Xia Cheng pressured him.

After Gu Zheng confirmed that Qiao Xi was safe and sound, he raised his eyes to look coldly at the manager. His voice was extremely cold. "Repeat what you just said. I want to see how you'll malign Mrs. Gu."

"President..." The manager broke out in a cold sweat. He knew that Yu Manting was being unreasonable, but she was the future young madam of the Yin family. He could not offend her, so he could only cooperate with Yu Manting to distort the truth. However, he did not expect this woman to be Mrs. Gu!

A trace of viciousness flashed past Gu Zheng's deep eyes. "Take him away!"

Song Shijing instructed the bodyguards to grab the manager. He struggled weakly, his eyes filled with horror. "President, I was wrong. I shouldn't have wronged Mrs. Gu. Please give me a chance. Please..."

Gu Zheng turned to look at Qiao Xi with eyes that were filled with affection. "Xi Xi, what do you think we should do with him?"

The manager's heart instantly sank. He offended Mrs. Gu just now. If he let Mrs. Gu deal with him now, his outcome would only be worse. He was just about to beg for mercy when he heard Qiao Xi fall weakly into Gu Zheng's embrace. She said delicately, "Ah Zheng, why would I deal with someone? I'm just a weak little woman! He didn't mean to offend me. He just didn't know my identity. It's just that..."

Qin Chen blinked and looked at Yin Jingting meaningfully. It turned out that he liked such weak women!

Hearing Qiao Xi's words, the manager raised his eyes with hope. He had long known that Mrs. Gu's character was gentle and weak, so she would definitely not be harsh with him.

Just as the manager thought that he had escaped a calamity, he heard Qiao Xi choke up. "But I feel really aggrieved! Why don't we break his leg to punish him?! Don't kill him, or I'll be in big trouble."

Gu Zheng said, "Mrs. Gu, you're really beautiful and kind-hearted."

The manager's face twitched before he fainted in horror.

Qin Chen: "?" Was Gu Zheng's brain working normally? Was this called beauty and kindness?

Yin Jingting smiled, then he thought of something and could not help but look at the trembling Yu Manting. Her face was pale, but she was still pretending to be calm. "That bracelet is mine. If you don't give it to me, I'll look for Grandpa Xia. He'll definitely help me snatch it back!"

After saying those harsh words, Yu Manting was probably afraid as well. She ran out in a hurry. Everyone looked at each other and ignored her. Sooner or later, she would pay the price for today's nonsense.

Yin Jingting slowly walked toward Qiao Xi and asked softly, "Are you injured?"

Qin Chen stood behind him, his gaze wandering between the three of them. Could one be so blatant when one was a mistress now? Moreover, Gu Zheng was calmly watching another man care about his wife?

Qiao Xi smiled and said, "I'm fine."

Yin Jingting nodded, but a trace of ruthlessness flashed past his gentle eyes. "Don't worry, I'll take revenge for you."

Yin Jingting must have had something to attend to as he turned around and left after saying that.

Qin Chen raised an eyebrow and said with a smile, "Miss Qiao, look at Jingting leaving in such a hurry. Actually, he was very worried about you. When he heard that Yu Manting was here to look for trouble with you, he abandoned the higher-ups in the meeting room and rushed over. He's in a rush to leave now because he wants to go back and continue the meeting."

With that, Qin Chen took out a business card and handed it to Qiao Xi. "Take it. My number is on it. You can look for me if you need anything. I'll be there to assist you at any time."

Gu Zheng frowned and looked unhappy. "There's no need. I'll protect Mrs. Gu."

Qin Chen looked at Gu Zheng meaningfully. He could also understand Gu Zheng. No man would be happy if their wife was being coveted by others.

Chapter 887: He Likes Married Women

Qin Chen placed the business card on the table and fled the private room without looking back. He caught up to Yin Jingting. "Jingting, aren't you going too far by caring about Mrs. Gu in front of Gu Zheng?"

Yin Jingting glanced at him as if he was looking at a fool and got into the elevator.

Qin Chen had a serious expression. "Although we're good friends, I have to remind you that Miss Qiao is already married. It's not good for you to continue pestering her, right?! I admit that she's indeed very beautiful. She's the most beautiful woman I've ever seen, but..."

The two of them got off the elevator. Qin Chen was still nagging behind him, "You haven't had a woman by your side all these years. I thought you had some hidden illness. It wasn't easy for you to fall for someone, but you actually fell for Gu Zheng's wife. You're really good at choosing. You chose the most difficult woman in one go. Think about it carefully. Can you win against Gu Zheng?"

Yin Jingting looked up. "Qin Chen."

Qin Chen met his deep eyes, and his heart trembled. "I'm saying all this for your own good. Don't be angry!"

"I'm not angry. I just think that there's something wrong with your brain. Find some time to get yourself checked." With that, Yin Jingting got into the car and quickly drove away, leaving Qin Chen alone.

Who was the one who was crazy? Did it make sense for him to like a married woman, then? He even gave the Yin family's heirloom bracelet to that woman. Speaking of which, was Yin Jingting the only one who had that bracelet?

He vaguely remembered that the Yin family had another jade bracelet that was in Old Madam Yin's hands. He heard that it was for Xia Yunqiu. Unfortunately, Miss Xia died at a young age. Later on, Old Madam Yin said that she would leave it to Xia Yunqiu's daughter, who was also Old Madam Yin's granddaughter. He heard that the Yin family had already found this granddaughter who had been missing for many years.

If Qiao Xi's bracelet was not given to her by Yin Jingting, then there was only one possibility. It was given to her by Old Madam Yin. Did that mean Qiao Xi was his younger sister?

The corners of Qin Chen's mouth twitched slightly. No wonder Jingting said that Yu Manting could not enter the Yin family after offending Qiao Xi!

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At the Xia family's old residence.

Yu Manting was sobbing uncontrollably. Madam Yu said unhappily, "Old Master, it's not that our Yu family is being unreasonable, but Jingting is too much of a bully. Our two families have already set the marriage contract. Manting will marry him sooner or later. How could he give the family bracelet to another woman?"

Xia Cheng frowned when he heard about the family bracelet.

Madam Yu was indignant. "Manting said that Jingting is especially good to that woman. He suspended an important meeting in the company for that woman and went all the way over there as he was afraid that she would suffer! Our Manting just wanted to defend her marriage, so she criticized that woman. Unexpectedly, Jingting actually spoke up for that woman and even asked Manting to apologize to her. Didn't he embarrass Manting in public?"

As soon as she finished speaking, Xia Mengyan helped Old Madam Xia over. When she heard their conversation, she was surprised. "Manting, you said that Brother Jingting has a woman outside?"

"Yes! I saw it with my own eyes. That woman's surname is Qiao, and she's involved with President Gu. Just because she has a good-looking face, she's seducing men everywhere. She's a vixen!" Yu Manting said through gritted teeth.

Surnamed Qiao?

A person could not help but appear in Xia Mengyan's mind. Xia Cheng, who was at the side, seemed to have reacted as well. He was about to explain when he heard Xia Mengyan lean forward to comfort her. "Manting, Brother Jingting isn't that kind of person. He might have gone there to look for you. How do you know that he went over for Miss Qiao?"

Yu Manting instantly beamed. "You're right. Maybe Brother Jingting knows that I often go there, so he went to look for me. It's just that he saw me arguing with that woman, so he reprimanded me."

Xia Mengyan smiled gently. "Yes! That sounds more like Brother Jingting. He must know that Miss Qiao has President Gu backing her, so he couldn't be biased toward you. He could only pretend to scold you in front of everyone. If he didn't do that, Miss Qiao would've gotten President Gu to deal with you. You'd be the one suffering then.

"Brother Jingting reprimanded you, so even if Miss Qiao and President Gu wanted to punish you, they had no reason to! So I think you must have misunderstood him. He still has feelings for you."

After Xia Mengyan finished speaking, she heard Yu Manting's excited voice. "That's right. Brother Jingting reprimanded me and even asked me to apologize, so President Gu couldn't say anything after

that. Meanwhile, the manager's leg was broken. It seems that Brother Jingting really did it to protect me!"

Chapter 888: Ignorance

Hearing Xia Mengyan's explanation, Madam Yu smiled. "Jingting is so meticulous! He thought up of such a way to protect Manting."

Xia Cheng understood what Xia Mengyan meant and said, "In-law, you know that although Jingting didn't grow up in the Xia family, we know him. He would never have an affair. Moreover, he's even stricter with those close to him. This means that he already treats Manting as his wife.

"He rushed over from the company because he was afraid that Manting would be bullied. When he saw that Manting was at a disadvantage, he reprimanded her. He didn't want President Gu to make a move."

Yu Manting's face turned red as she said delicately, "In that case, Brother Jingting likes me. He'll definitely be willing to marry me. He's just not saying it now."

"That's right." Xia Cheng chuckled.

Then, Madam Yu and Yu Manting left in satisfaction. The two of them had just left when Xia Cheng's expression suddenly darkened. He slammed the table. "Bastard!"

Xia Mengyan hurriedly comforted him. "Grandpa, don't be so angry. Aunt Yunqiu passed away when she was young. Without anyone to discipline Xi Xi, she's developed a stubborn and mischievous character. However, you're Xi Xi's grandfather. You can't just watch her do whatever she wants."

"Don't think I don't know what she's up to! If she wants to ruin the marriage between the Yu family and us, she has to ask for my permission first! Yin Jingting is my grandson. I have to decide who he will marry!" Xia Cheng said fiercely.

"When I divorced that woman, I wanted to take Yunyi away, but she insisted on going against me. As Yunyi's father, how could I harm him? Jingting is the future head of the Yin family and has a lot of wealth. He needs to marry a stupid woman to prevent people from coveting the Yin family's assets. Why doesn't Jingting understand my painstaking efforts?!"

Xia Mengyan shook her head helplessly. "It's been so many years, but Brother Jingting still blames us. He thinks that Grandma ruined your marriage with Grandma Yin, so..."

At the mention of this matter, Old Madam Xia's eyes turned cold. It had been decades, but she still could not get rid of her identity as a mistress. As long as the Yin family was still around, no one would dare to acknowledge her identity as the mistress of the Xia family.

"Mengyan, why did you hide it from Yu Manting?" Xia Cheng asked.

Xia Mengyan explained with a faint smile, "As the saying goes, the ignorant are not guilty. Manting doesn't know Xi Xi's identity, so the Yin family can't blame her. If she finds out Xi Xi's identity, she'll anger the Yin family. At that time, how will she marry into the family?"

Xia Cheng nodded thoughtfully, thinking that Xia Mengyan's words made sense.

"Mengyan, you have a lot of influence overseas. Now that you're back in the country, you have to perform well and strive to make a name for yourself in the country. You'll bring glory to the Xia family."

Xia Mengyan revealed a confident smile. "I'm prepared to collaborate with Gu Corporation. President Gu is able to separate personal and work matters. He won't delay the company's development because of my misunderstanding with Xi Xi."

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In the private room of a Western restaurant.

Qiao Xi leaned against the sofa with a cup of hot milk in her hand as she muttered, "The Xia family is really shameless. Xia Cheng clearly cheated on his first wife and abandoned his children. Now, he actually has the cheek to interfere in his grandson's marriage? Where does he get his dignity from?!"

"Yin Jingting won't marry Yu Manting. Xia Cheng's plan will fail sooner or later. Yu Manting keeps saying that she's the future young madam of the Yin family, but she has only met Yin Jingting a few times. If she hadn't done many disgusting things, Yin Jingting would've forgotten who this woman is."

Gu Zheng's voice was indifferent, but he could not help but chuckle.

Yu Manting was really naive. How could the future head of the Yin family be controlled by others? He would not listen to Xia Cheng's instructions to get married and have children. All of this was just her imagination.

Qiao Xi nodded. There was no love in Yin Jingting's eyes when he looked at Yu Manting. They were clearly filled with disgust. Not to mention marrying her, he would even feel annoyed if he spoke to her.

"The Yu family is average in high society. Yu Manting has a bad temper and is stupid and irritable, but Old Master Xia likes this granddaughter-in-law a lot. Do you know why?" Gu Zheng asked casually.

"Because she's stupid?" Qiao Xi asked.

Gu Zheng smiled. "That's right. The future mistress of the Yin family he chose is a stupid woman who has close ties with the Xia family. This is a good thing for the Xia family. Xia Cheng is upset that he had to give up on the Yin family's assets after the divorce, so he now wants to take advantage of this marriage to gain benefits from the Yin family."

Chapter 889: Gu Zheng Personally Cooks

Qiao Xi was stunned by Xia Cheng's shamelessness. He originally relied on the Yin family's wealth to make a name for himself. After he became established, he abandoned his first wife and children. Now, he still had the cheek to covet the Yin family's assets? If it were not for her grandmother's prompt decision to cut off all contact with the Xia family, the Xia family might have long trampled over the Yin family.

Just as Qiao Xi was feeling extremely angry in her heart, a pair of scorching palms suddenly grabbed her waist and pulled her into his embrace. His hot breath sprayed on her neck as his low voice sounded from behind her ear. "I won't abandon you."

The afternoon sun shone on the two of them through the window. Qiao Xi narrowed her eyes. Suddenly, the man approached and blocked the dazzling sunlight. His deep eyes were filled with affection, and his slightly cold lips moved slightly. "Not all men are like Xia Cheng. At the very least, I won't like other women, nor will I let you suffer."

Qiao Xi's entire body stiffened while her heart thumped violently. She looked at the man in front of her and felt her eyes sting.

Gu Zheng said extremely seriously, "Xi Xi, I love you, so I won't give myself any chance to get close to other women. I swear that I'll only love you in this life. I'll only have you."

With that, he slowly lowered his head and pecked her lips.

"Gu Zheng!"

His slightly cold fingers pressed against Qiao Xi's lips and gently rubbed them. After a long time, he slowly stood up. Qiao Xi fell weakly onto the sofa as if she had lost all her strength.

Gu Zheng smiled helplessly. "I only kissed you once, yet you already lost your strength. You're too weak. You should train your body more. Otherwise, how can you withstand me?"

Qiao Xi's face flushed red as she glared at Gu Zheng angrily. Her voice was filled with grievance. "What are you talking about?! It's all because you bully me that I..."

Gu Zheng bent down and picked her up. "It's my fault, Mrs. Gu. Don't be angry anymore. Do you still have the strength? Do you want me to carry you away?"

Qiao Xi: "...". This was a Western restaurant. Gu Zheng wanted to carry her downstairs to the parking lot? They would meet many people along the way. If they saw her like this, how could she face others in the future?!

Qiao Xi jumped out of his arms angrily and held onto the table to steady herself. She walked unsteadily to the mirror. The woman in the mirror had limpid eyes and slightly red lips. It was obvious at a glance that the two of them had done something unspeakable in the room. What was even more infuriating was that Gu Zheng had unknowingly left a hickey on her neck. It was especially obvious on her fair skin.

Gu Zheng also noticed the mark on her neck. After a moment of silence, he said softly, "Wear a scarf. It's a little cold outside."

Qiao Xi glared angrily at the man in front of her, but Gu Zheng ignored her fierce gaze. He picked up the scarf on the table and put it on for her. "Are you hungry? Do you want to eat at home?"

Qiao Xi turned around with her cheeks puffed up and refused to talk to Gu Zheng.

Gu Zheng's face was still gentle. "I'll cook. What do you want to eat?"

Qiao Xi raised her eyes in surprise. Did she hear wrongly? Gu Zheng wanted to cook? She still vaguely remembered the dishes on Gu Zheng's table.

Gu Zheng said casually, "Mrs. Gu, do you despise my cooking so much? In that case, let's go home and do something meaningful."

Qiao Xi's face instantly flushed red. She knew what Gu Zheng meant. Ever since the two of them slept together, this bastard had always used such things to threaten her. Who would have thought that the cold and abstinent Gu Zheng would be so crazy in bed?

She suddenly remembered that the butler had said before that Gu Zheng had been studying recipes recently and even went to the kitchen often. The butler was still puzzled. Was the company doing too well recently? Was the president so bored that he wanted to learn how to cook?

Qiao Xi looked at Gu Zheng with slight doubt. Could it be that she despised Gu Zheng's cooking earlier and he kept it to heart, so he wanted to make up for his previous humiliation?

With an uneasy heart, Qiao Xi obediently followed Gu Zheng to the supermarket. Today, he specially gave the servants at home a break. He wanted to take advantage of the fact that everyone was not around to personally cook for Qiao Xi.

Qiao Xi said in horror, "You don't have to personally cook, right? We can eat in a restaurant."

"Mrs. Gu, I've been studying recipes. I promise that the food this time will be delicious. Believe me, okay?"

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Looking at Gu Zheng's handsome face, Qiao Xi really could not bear to refuse. She could only follow him into the supermarket. The moment the two of them appeared, they immediately attracted many gazes.

Chapter 890: That Woman Must Be A Mistress

At this time, there were many people in the supermarket. Gu Zheng was dressed in noble clothes and had a handsome face. He held Qiao Xi's hand as they walked around the fruits and vegetable section. Everyone cast envious and probing gazes at him.

Not far away, a woman was on the phone. "What? He wants to work with Qingfeng Entertainment? Heavenly Voice Entertainment is already the top company in the industry. Why does President Gu still want to work with Qingfeng Entertainment? If he wants to work with Qingfeng Entertainment, won't I have to give up half of my power?"

"It's okay. I want to see who's in charge of Qingfeng. If it's an obedient person, I can agree, but if it's... Wait..."

The woman gasped and widened her eyes as she looked not far away. She said in disbelief, "I actually spotted President Gu in the supermarket!"

This woman was the director of Heavenly Voice Entertainment, Jiang Qin. All these years, Gu Zheng had always let Heavenly Voice Entertainment develop by itself and rarely interfered in the company's matters. This time, however, he suddenly said that he wanted to collaborate with Qingfeng Entertainment. She felt that her status was being threatened, but who knew that she would meet Gu Zheng at the supermarket?

Qiao Xi was focused on buying groceries and was utterly unaware that someone was staring at them from behind. However, Gu Zheng was abnormally vigilant. He turned around but did not say anything.

Half an hour later, the two of them paid and were about to leave. Gu Zheng easily picked up two large bags. Qiao Xi hurriedly reached out to take them. "I'll help you carry one. It's too heavy."

Gu Zheng's voice was gentle. "Do you think I need your help? You're looking down on your husband too much."

Qiao Xi lowered her eyes and smiled. Coincidentally, she passed by a couple. The woman had an envious expression. "Her boyfriend is handsome and considerate, but what about you? I bought so many things, but you're not even helping me carry them."

The guy snorted. "What's there to be envious of? It's easiest for a handsome and rich man to have an affair. He can't be as devoted to you as I am. The woman beside him must be a mistress!"

The woman frowned. "How do you know that she's a mistress? That woman is very beautiful! Her figure is also very good. Why can't they be a couple?"

The guy retorted, "Look at that man's clothes. He's a big shot. Someone like him has servants in his house. How could he personally come to the supermarket to buy groceries? He must have come with this woman! That woman is secretly covering her face with a scarf. She must not be in a legitimate relationship!"

"The watch on that man's wrist is a limited edition ZR. It's worth more than three million yuan. The clothes he's wearing are probably not cheap either. Looking at this woman's ordinary clothes, she's definitely not a daughter of a noble family, so the two must be having an affair! Such a man will have an affair. You don't have to be envious of others. If you're with me, I'll treat you well."

With that, the guy even took a photo and posted it on Weibo with the caption: [So what if he's rich and handsome? He still cheats.]

The woman looked at her boyfriend in shock. She suddenly felt that their values were not compatible. Why did she get together with him back then? He kept saying that he was good to her, but he refused to even help her carry a bag. As long as another guy was better than him, he would use all kinds of reasons to retort.

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On the other hand, Jiang Qin, the director of Heavenly Voice Entertainment, watched Gu Zheng leave in a daze. That man was indeed President Gu, but who was the woman beside him? If she was Mrs. Gu, why would she cover half of her face with a scarf and wear sunglasses? She looked very mysterious. Could she be a mistress?

Jiang Qin seemed to have thought of something and took out her phone to take a photo of the two of them. If President Gu really had an affair, it meant that his feelings for Mrs. Gu were not sincere. If that was the case, Miss Xia would have a chance to rise up.

Miss Xia had given her a sum of money to help facilitate the collaboration. If she could help Miss Xia marry President Gu, Miss Xia would definitely remember her kindness. At that time, wouldn't it be a small matter for her to completely control Heavenly Voice Entertainment?

Jiang Qin called the company's technicians and asked them to find the guy's Weibo account. She also hired fake commenters to make this Weibo post a trending topic.

Gu Zheng and Qiao Xi did not know about this. After returning to Longwan Residential, they started preparing to cook. Gu Zheng took off his jacket, put on an apron, and rolled up his sleeves. He turned his head to look at the woman beside him. "Mrs. Gu, are you going to keep staring at me like this?"

Qiao Xi's face was filled with worry. She decided to stay in the kitchen and personally supervise Gu Zheng's cooking for the sake of their health. It did not matter even if the food tasted bad. As long as she did not kiss Gu Zheng, her taste buds would not work.