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Chapter 921: Banquet Interview

Xia Cheng's expression darkened as a trace of horror flashed past his eyes. His health was getting worse. If he could not find the divine physician or his descendant, it was hard to guarantee that he would not suddenly fall ill one day.

"Mengyan, I heard that President Gu is also looking for the descendant of the divine physician. If you become his woman, you'll be able to find the divine physician very quickly. Moreover, on the account of President Gu, the divine physician won't refuse to treat us."

Xia Mengyan nodded and replied shyly, "Grandpa, I'll remember. I'll perform well tomorrow."

"Gu Corporation will definitely invite reporters to the banquet tomorrow. At that time, you'll announce in front of everyone that you're the one engaged to President Gu. The position of Mrs. Gu should belong to you. Even if you can't get Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng to divorce, you can at least give them some pressure and have them be under your control," Xia Cheng instructed.

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The next day.

Every year, Gu Corporation's large-scale banquets would be broadcasted live. Reporters from all platforms would rush over and wait at the venue of Gu Corporation's banquets.

"President Gu only accepts interviews at this time every year. Have you thought of what to ask? This time, President Gu will definitely bring Mrs. Gu along!"

"Definitely! There are two seats for the interview! President Gu will definitely accept the interview with Mrs. Gu. We've already prepared the questions. We must seize the opportunity this time!"

"I think someone's here!" someone exclaimed. Everyone rushed over with their equipment, but it was not Mrs. Gu or President Gu. Instead, it was a young and beautiful woman and two old people.

Just as the reporters were about to ask who this person was, the woman said gently, "Hello, reporters. I'm Xia Mengyan. Behind me is my grandparents."

Xia Mengyan?

Everyone suddenly reacted. Wasn't the hottest news on the internet recently about the marriage contract? The main characters of this matter were Xia Mengyan and Qiao Xi. Now that Xia Mengyan was here to attend the banquet, it was unknown what sparks would fly when the love rivals met.

Just then, Gu Zheng got out of the car. Song Shijing came to welcome him with his bodyguards. "President."

Qiao Xi stuck her head out of the car. "So many reporters!"

Song Shijing replied, "Yes, the president only accepts interviews at this time every year, so all reporters will rush over to get first-hand news."

Just as Qiao Xi was about to get out of the car, Song Shiyu rushed over. "President, I need you to handle a document. I'm sorry for having to take a few minutes of your time."

Gu Zheng turned around and said softly to Qiao Xi, "Wait for me. I'll be right back."

When facing Qiao Xi, the usually cold and murderous Gu Zheng was always so gentle. The higher-ups of Gu Corporation were dumbfounded when they saw this. After a long time, they realized that the man in front of them was indeed their president.

Qiao Xi smiled and nodded. "Work is important. You can go first."

Gu Zheng left with Song Shiyu to handle his work. The gentleness in his eyes dissipated instantly, replaced by coldness and dignity. He had once again returned to being the all-powerful leader of Gu Corporation.

On the other hand, the reporters were still interviewing Xia Mengyan. "Miss Xia, everyone knows that President Gu will be bringing Mrs. Gu to the banquet, but why are you here too? Aren't the two of you..."

When Qiao Xi heard this, she abruptly turned around and saw a group of reporters surrounding a few people. They were like a group of bugs hovering over a lightbulb. She focused her gaze and saw that the woman standing at the door and being interviewed was actually Xia Mengyan! However, Xia Mengyan was sitting at the interview spot that was originally prepared for her and Gu Zheng. It seemed that Xia Mengyan was not here for the interview but to declare her sovereignty.

At this moment, the reporters were asking Xia Mengyan many questions. She was not impatient and answered everything gently. She avoided answering the questions about Qiao Xi.

"Miss Xia, can you respond to the rumors online? I heard that Mrs. Gu stole your engagement. Is this the truth or a rumor?"

As soon as the reporter asked the question, the entire venue was silent. Everyone was very curious about this matter, but no one dared to offend her. They could only ask indirectly in hopes of getting useful information, but Xia Mengyan always avoided those questions. Now that someone had asked the question directly, everyone looked at Xia Mengyan curiously.

Xia Mengyan was stunned for a few seconds, then she smiled helplessly. "Since everyone knows, there's nothing to hide. It's indeed true."

The reporters instantly went crazy and leaned forward to ask, "So you're the one who's engaged to President Gu, Miss Xia. If she hadn't acted first, you'd be Mrs. Gu now!"

Chapter 922: Beautiful Misunderstanding

Xia Mengyan smiled bitterly. "This engagement is indeed mine, but it doesn't matter whether I'm Mrs. Gu or not. Don't blame my cousin anymore. No matter what, she has the Xia family's bloodline. It's only right for her to marry President Gu."

The reporters instantly understood. They originally thought that Mrs. Gu and President Gu had fallen in love. Now, they knew that Mrs. Gu had snatched someone else's engagement to claim the title of Mrs. Gu. Everyone had already thought of how to write the news articles.

"It's been so long since the matter of snatching the marriage contract, but Mrs. Gu hasn't responded. Miss Xia, are you here today to ask for an explanation?"

Hearing the reporter's question, Xia Mengyan shook her head and looked at her grandparents beside her. She took a deep breath and said, "There's nothing to fight over between us cousins. I'll just treat this as a beautiful misunderstanding. Xi Xi and I..."

At this point, she suddenly choked, making everyone feel regretful and angry for her. This marriage contract originally belonged to Xia Mengyan. She could have married Gu Zheng and become the most powerful woman in Li City. Moreover, everyone knew that Gu Zheng doted on Mrs. Gu very much. This love should have belonged to Xia Mengyan. Which woman would not be angry if they were in her shoes?

If she had lost something, she could ask the other party to compensate her. However, Xia Mengyan had lost an engagement. How was she going to ask for compensation?

At this moment, Xia Cheng walked forward with a serious expression. "If you have any questions, ask me. I'll answer them for everyone. Firstly, we only came to the banquet after receiving President Gu's invitation."

The moment that was said, everyone was dumbfounded. President Gu had actually invited the Xia family to the banquet? The Xia family and Mrs. Gu were already at odds. Xia Mengyan's fans went to Mrs. Gu's account every day to curse and send countless private messages to her. However, President Gu actually invited the Xia family over at this time. Why?

Even if President Gu hated the Xia family and wanted to take revenge on them, he would never do it in front of everyone. If he really did that, their reputation would be completely ruined.

"That's right. The engagement was originally Mengyan's. Although Xi Xi did something wrong, she's my granddaughter, after all. I can't let her get a divorce. If she can be happy, as her grandfather, I'll be relieved.

"But Mengyan is also my granddaughter. I can't bear to see her suffer. Xi Xi stole her fiancé, and President Gu didn't know about it. No one can understand what this sort of pain is like."

With that, Xia Cheng sighed helplessly. The reporters also looked regretful.

President Gu did not know about this and was already married to Qiao Xi. Xia Cheng could not let Qiao Xi divorce Gu Zheng, but who would bear the grievances Xia Mengyan had suffered?

Xia Cheng's old eyes were slightly red. "When I first received the invitation, I didn't want to bring Mengyan along. I was afraid that she would be sad. Most importantly, Xi Xi has been refusing to meet us recently. I'm not making things difficult for Xi Xi today. I just want her to apologize to Mengyan."

The reporters continued to ask, "Old Master Xia, when President Gu founded Heavenly Voice, he said that he wanted to give it to an important person. Now that he has handed Heavenly Voice Entertainment to Mrs. Gu to manage, it means that they've known each other for a few years, so..."

President Gu was able to establish Heavenly Voice for Mrs. Gu. Now that he had given it to Mrs. Gu, it was enough to prove that President Gu had already liked Mrs. Gu many years ago. The couple's union had nothing to do with the marriage contract.

Hearing the question, Xia Cheng slowly lowered his head, and his eyes were filled with sorrow. "I didn't want to talk about this. Actually, Qingfeng Entertainment is the Xia family's business."

The reporters gasped.

"Qingfeng Entertainment used to be a small studio in the Xia family. I always handed it to my daughter, Xia Yunqiu, to manage. After my daughter passed away, I handed the studio to Xi Xi. However, she was too young to manage the company, so I often had Mengyan handle company matters."

The reporters hurriedly asked, "You mean that the person President Gu has been thinking about is Miss Xia, but he got the wrong person?"

Xia Cheng remained silent, but in everyone's opinion, he was tacitly agreeing to this matter. They originally thought that it was just a conflict between Xia Mengyan and Qiao Xi because of their engagement, but they never expected that there was such a thing behind it.

Everyone could not help but have a guess. Perhaps President Gu had long known that he was engaged to the Xia family. Coincidentally, he met a young lady in the studio and fell in love with her at first sight. Hence, he decided to establish Heavenly Voice Entertainment for her.

Chapter 923: Public Opinion Is A Killing Weapon

This was originally a beautiful love story, but after Qiao Xi snatched Qingfeng away and secretly contacted President Gu behind the backs of the Xia family, President Gu thought that she was the daughter of the Xia family he was engaged to. After all, so many years had passed, so her appearance had definitely changed. Moreover, the two of them had only met in a hurry, so President Gu could not be sure if she was really the girl from back then.

However, when he found out that Qiao Xi was the president of Qingfeng Entertainment, he confirmed that Qiao Xi was the person he had been looking for. Just like that, Qiao Xi married Gu Zheng and became Mrs. Gu. Gu Zheng doted on her and tolerated her, but he did not know that the person he was supposed to marry was Xia Mengyan.

The reporters all opened their mouths wide. This kind of plot that only appeared in TV shows actually happened in real life. Moreover, Xia Mengyan was an internationally renowned perfumer with many

fans. Now, because of her marriage contract being snatched, she had gained another million fans overnight.

Xia Cheng sighed, and his voice trembled slightly. "Now that things have come to this, there's no way to change it. However, Xi Xi did something wrong, so she should apologize to Mengyan. There's no doubt about that!

"Mengyan is the daughter of the Xia family. She's so outstanding. She doesn't care about marrying into a rich family or not being able to marry President Gu. She'll meet the right person in the future.

As Xia Cheng spoke, he looked at Xia Mengyan with heartache. "Previously, some people said that Mengyan liked President Gu and wanted to break up President Gu and Xi Xi's marriage. This is all nonsense! She's clearly the one who was wronged, but she refused to say it. How could she have done such a thing?!"

At this moment, those watching the live-streams were in an uproar. The netizens said indignantly: [Miss Xia is so pitiful. She clearly had a beautiful marriage and could've been with the person she liked, but now, she can only watch helplessly as her loved one is in love with another.]

[Moreover, Miss Xia is so kind. Even though she knows that her cousin impersonated her to marry President Gu, she can't bear to criticize her. She's even protecting her cousin's reputation.]

[Old Master Xia is right. Miss Xia is from a noble family. There's no need for her to fall out with Mrs. Gu over a man. She'll meet better men in the future, but Mrs. Gu's conscience is tainted! She has to apologize to Miss Xia!]

Xia Mengyan looked at the comments online and revealed a proud smile. Public opinion was a sharp weapon to kill. Now, Qiao Xi had already become a fish on the chopping board that she could slaughter at will. She only needed to generously forgive Qiao Xi and make Qiao Xi apologize to her in public. From then on, Qiao Xi would never be able to raise her head again.

After that, she would seize the opportunity to constantly get close to President Gu so that he would distance himself from Qiao Xi. She would take the opportunity to rise to power. At that time, everyone would probably understand her because she would only be taking back everything that belonged to her.

At this moment, Qiao Xi was standing not far away and looking at them indifferently. Only then did everyone notice that Mrs. Gu was standing behind them.

"Mrs. Gu is here!" Someone shouted, and everyone immediately raised their heads to look for her. They immediately pinpointed Qiao Xi's location and saw that she was wearing a long beige dress and a coat of the same color. It made her look extremely elegant. When faced with everyone's different gazes, she was not nervous in the slightest and just raised her eyes indifferently.

When Xia Cheng saw her, he immediately walked forward. Before the reporters could follow him, he lowered his voice and threatened, "Qiao Xi, you'd better keep quiet today! Otherwise, you'll suffer!"

"Old Master Xia, are you threatening me?" Qiao Xi grunted coldly, her eyes filled with disdain. "Do you think I'm Xia Mengyan who's at your mercy?"

“If you ruin Mengyan’s plan, I definitely won’t let you off!” Xia Cheng’s voice was low, and his eyes were filled with ferocity and warning.

Qiao Xi lowered her eyes and replied coldly, “Old Master Xia, are you using public opinion to force me to get a divorce so that Xia Mengyan can take over my spot? You’re really scheming!”

Xia Cheng’s eyes were cold as he looked at the reporters rushing over from behind. He could only remain silent.

“Old Master Xia, you’re too funny. You and Xia Mengyan are slandering me, so why can’t I retort? What kind of logic is this? Should I be treated as a pushover by you?”

Xia Cheng’s face was livid. “This marriage contract belongs to the Xia and Gu families. The entire Xia family is on Mengyan’s side. What right do you have to marry President Gu? What right do you have?!”

“If Yunlou were here, she’d definitely accuse you of snatching Mengyan’s engagement in public. At that time, you’ll lose all your dignity. We’ve already left you a way out. Don’t be ungrateful!”

Chapter 924: Listen To My Advice

Qiao Xi said casually, “So you’re sure that I’ll be at your mercy? Do you think I can’t do anything to you?”

Xia Cheng smiled proudly and lowered his voice. “Xi Xi, on the account that we’re related by blood, let me give you a piece of advice. You don’t have any substantial evidence, so it’s useless to explain. Now that everyone has already suspected you of snatching the marriage, the internet is filled with criticisms. I advise you to cooperate with us obediently. Otherwise, your outcome will definitely be very miserable.”

Qiao Xi had an indifferent expression. “Oh.”

Xia Cheng’s tone was very arrogant. “Everyone now knows that you stole Mengyan’s marriage contract. You’ll never be able to raise your head again. Even if President Gu has power and influence, he won’t be able to stop the public from talking. How can you endure all these curses? Listen to my advice. Give up your position as Mrs. Gu as soon as possible. Mengyan and President Gu have known each other since they were young. If you hadn’t interfered, the two of them would’ve gotten together a long time ago. As long as you agree to the divorce, I’ll definitely introduce you to a more suitable man. The Xia family won’t treat you badly.”

Qiao Xi sneered. “Old Master Xia, you really have a good plan.”

Looking at Qiao Xi’s indifferent appearance, Xia Cheng felt a trace of uneasiness in his heart. Things were already like this, so why was Qiao Xi not nervous at all? Today, all the reporters from Li City were gathered here, and there were even fake commenters hired by the Xia family in the live-streams. Even with Gu Zheng’s help, Qiao Xi would not be able to make a comeback. Moreover, Gu Zheng himself would be criticized. At that time, he would definitely hate Qiao Xi.

Xia Cheng heaved a sigh of relief. Not far away, Xia Mengyan greeted Qiao Xi with a gentle smile. “Cousin.”

Qiao Xi raised her eyes and glanced coldly. The bodyguards at the side immediately went forward and said, "Miss Xia, the spot you're in are the president and young madam's seats. Please leave."

As soon as these words were spoken, the surroundings fell silent.

Xia Mengyan's face darkened, and her eyes instantly turned red. Her voice was trembling as she said, "Cousin, I know that there have been too many comments attacking you on the internet recently, but I don't want that to happen either. Grandpa and I are here today to persuade everyone to forgive you. Can you not have such bad intentions toward me?"

Qiao Xi crossed her arms and looked at her with interest. It had only been a short while since they last met, but Xia Mengyan's status had improved! It seemed that she had the guidance of an expert behind her. Could it be that the old two-faced b*tch from the Xia family had given her guidance?

Seeing that the two of them were at daggers drawn, the reporters hurriedly rushed in front of Qiao Xi and raised the microphones to ask, "Mrs. Gu, do you have anything to say about Old Master Xia and Miss Xia's words?"

"You haven't stepped forward to retort because you've already tacitly agreed to this matter, right? Did you really snatch your engagement with President Gu?"

The moment that was said, everyone revealed disdainful gazes. The words that were originally filled with suspicion gradually turned into accusations. "Look at her fearless appearance. She doesn't have the slightest intention of repenting!"

"No wonder Old Master Xia doesn't like his granddaughter. How can anyone like her after what she's done?"

Xia Mengyan lowered her eyes as sparkling tears fell. She pretended to speak up for Qiao Xi. "Everyone, don't criticize Xi Xi. Xi Xi is very good to me. She just did something wrong. Now that she's already married to President Gu, let's let everything go."

When the reporters heard this, they immediately praised, "Miss Xia, you're really beautiful and kind-hearted. You've clearly been wronged, yet you're still speaking up for Mrs. Gu. On the other hand, Mrs. Gu did something wrong, but she did not apologize and is also so arrogant. Speaking of which, not only did she snatch away the engagement, but she also stole Qingfeng Entertainment, which originally belonged to Miss Xia!"

At the mention of Qingfeng Entertainment, Xia Cheng's eyes instantly lit up. He seized the opportunity and hurriedly said, "Ever since Qingfeng Entertainment was established, there has been no clear rule regarding who the heir is. Originally, it was only handed to my daughter to manage. Later on, I once thought of handing the company to Mengyan, but my daughter loved Xi Xi, so she gave the company to Xi Xi behind my back."

As soon as he finished speaking, the reporters all aimed their cameras at Qiao Xi. She smiled calmly. "Old Master Xia, are you saying that Qingfeng Entertainment is the Xia family's business? You decided to give the company to Xia Mengyan, but I'm occupying it now?"

The banquet hall was silent for a moment. Xia Cheng's heart could not help but tremble. Why was Qiao Xi still so calm at a time like this? It made him feel that something was wrong!

Before Xia Cheng could figure it out, Old Madam Xia rushed over with an angry expression. “Mengyan, you’re indulging her too much. If you hadn’t tolerated her so much, how would she have dared to snatch your engagement?”

Chapter 925: Old Madam Yin’s Support

Old Madam Xia looked at Qiao Xi with a vicious gaze. She did not look like the kind and caring Xia family matriarch in the slightest. Her tone was sharp and unkind. “Qiao Xi! You stole Mengyan’s engagement and Qingfeng Entertainment, yet you’re still unwilling to apologize! You’re a mistress. President Gu will despise you sooner or later!”

Hearing the old madam’s curses, everyone was slightly puzzled. Why did Qiao Xi’s grandmother hate her so much? Could it be that it was because she was scheming, so Old Madam Xia hated her?

For some reason, Xia Cheng felt uneasy in his heart. Every time he looked at Qiao Xi’s face, he would feel inexplicably nervous. He advised, “Xi Xi, although your grandmother is a little strict, it’s also for your own good. You stole Mengyan’s engagement. Actually, you’re the third party here. You should officially apologize to Mengyan. Mengyan is your cousin, so she’ll naturally forgive you.”

“Xia Cheng! How dare you bully my granddaughter?!”

At this moment, a dignified female voice came from outside the door, scaring everyone. Everyone hurriedly looked in the direction of the voice and saw Old Madam Yin wearing a wine-red suit. Her makeup was exquisite, and she exuded a noble aura.

The fifth young master of the Yin family, Yin Jinglin, helped Old Madam Yin in. Qiao Xi hurriedly went forward with a smile. “Grandma, Cousin, you’re here!”

Grandma? Cousin? Qiao Xi’s grandfather was Xia Cheng, so wasn’t her grandmother Old Madam Xia? Why did she call Old Madam Yin her grandmother?

A reporter who was bribed by the Xia family hurriedly criticized, “Mrs. Gu, Old Madam Xia only reprimanded you a few times, yet you’re already dissatisfied. Why do you have to call her ‘Grandma’ in front of so many people?!”

Some reporters who knew the truth glanced at him meaningfully. The reporter was still puzzled. Who was this Old Madam Yin? Why was everyone silent the moment she arrived?

Yin Lianxin was calm and arrogant. The moment she appeared, the entire venue seemed to grow quiet. Someone like Xia Cheng was not even worthy of carrying her shoes!

Yin Jinglin looked coldly at the reporter who had just spoken. “Are the requirements for being a reporter so low now? Can any Tom, Dick, or Harry be a reporter?”

The reporter’s face was livid as he gritted his teeth. “Mrs. Gu, please answer my question.”

“Is there a problem with my cousin calling her ‘Grandma’? Let me formally introduce you. The person beside me is the noble madam of the Yin family, Yin Lianxin. Everyone has heard of her, right?!”

Of course, everyone had heard of Old Madam Yin. Her name had already resounded throughout the entire Shengdu decades ago. She was the noblest daughter of the Yin family and the only female head of the Yin family in the past hundred years. She did things swiftly and decisively. Under her management, the Yin family was even more prosperous than before. Those who looked down on her in the past could not help but be convinced.

If Old Madam Yin was Qiao Xi's grandmother, then was Qiao Xi's mother Old Madam Yin's daughter?

Yin Jinglin smiled as he looked at Qiao Xi. "Cousin, they're so silly! They don't even understand such a simple thing!"

Qiao Xi's eyes were indifferent as she replied with a light smile, "Their IQ is too low. It's really difficult to talk to people like that!"

"Haha!" Yin Jinglin could not help but laugh out loud. Then, he looked at Xia Cheng with a smile. "Oh! Grandpa! You're here too! It's been decades since we last met, right?"

Xia Cheng's face was livid as he lowered his head and did not say anything. He finally knew why Qiao Xi was so calm. How could Gu Corporation not have invited the Yin family to such a grand banquet? With the Yin family backing Qiao Xi up, she would naturally be fearless.

Yin Jinglin had a gentle temperament. He was fair and clean-looking. He was not much different from a popular celebrity. The reporters all aimed their cameras at him. Then, they heard him say unhurriedly, "Grandpa, you don't seem to want to see me! Actually, I understand. After all, I've never seen you since I was born. Cousin Mengyan grew up by your side, so you're naturally close to her."

Yin Jinglin actually called Xia Mengyan 'Cousin'? What was their relationship?

The moment Old Madam Xia saw Yin Lianxin, she felt as if she had been struck by lightning. Her angry face was filled with horror. She was afraid of Yin Lianxin, and it was a fear that came from her bones.

Xia Mengyan's heart trembled. She had a bad feeling.

At this moment, Yin Lianxin slowly looked up and asked coldly, "It looks like the Xia family doesn't want to see me!"

Xia Cheng's face was ferocious, and the corners of his mouth twitched slightly. His expression was extremely ugly. "Yin Lianxin..."

Chapter 926: Identity Of The Third Party Exposed

"Xia Cheng, you just said that Xi Xi is the third party? Do you dare to repeat it in front of me?"

Old Madam Yin was the head of the Yin family. She had a domineering and arrogant aura. Even a simple question like that could make everyone break out in a cold sweat. Xia Cheng could not withstand her sharp aura and could only lower his head without saying anything.

"What did Xi Xi do wrong? The engagement between Yunqiu and Eldest Miss Lu was naturally for her daughter. How could it be for the granddaughter of a mistress?"

The moment that was said, it was like a thunderclap exploded in everyone's ears. The granddaughter of a mistress? The mistress Yin Lianxin was talking about was Old Madam Xia?

Xia Cheng's face was livid. After a few seconds of silence, he gritted his teeth and said, "Yin Lianxin, watch your words!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Qiao Xi suddenly sneered and crossed her arms. Her gaze was cold and filled with disdain. "Old Master Xia, are you angry from embarrassment? Isn't that the truth?"

Yin Jinglin mocked, "In Grandpa's heart, there's only Old Madam Xia and our cousin, Xia Mengyan. The children and grandchildren of the first wife are not important to him at all."

Everyone was dumbfounded. They did not expect to hear such shocking news. After all, the marriage between the Yin and Xia families happened decades ago. Moreover, ever since Yin Lianxin and Xia Cheng divorced, the two of them had never contacted each other again. Hence, only a small number of people knew that the two of them had once been husband and wife.

Yin Jinglin did not want to save Xia Cheng any dignity either. He said helplessly, "Old Madam Xia, back then, you ruined Grandpa and Grandma's marriage and became a mistress. Our Yin family didn't bicker with you over this, but how could you have the cheek to ask Xi Xi to call you 'Grandma'? Cousin Xi Xi is very close to Grandma Xia, so she naturally can't call you 'Grandma'.

"Don't be in a rush to retort. Back then, my grandmother married the entire Xia family. Everyone in Shengdu knows that she's the legitimate mistress of the Xia family, but your son is even older than Aunt Yunqiu. Doesn't that explain everything?"

The son of Old Madam Xia and Xia Cheng was older than Xia Yunqiu, which meant that Xia Cheng had an affair and secretly had an illegitimate child with Old Madam Xia. It was enough to confirm Old Madam Xia's identity as a mistress.

Old Madam Xia did not expect the most unbearable thing in the past to be exposed. She was instantly embarrassed and wanted to dig a hole to crawl into. She wished she could escape from the banquet hall immediately. Her body could not help but tremble as she fell onto the chair beside her.

Everyone looked at all of this in disbelief. It turned out that Old Madam Xia was a mistress! In other words, Xia Mengyan's father was an illegitimate child? Xia Mengyan's image as a perfect daughter was instantly shattered.

Decades ago, the Xia family was still a run-down family. As the daughter of the Yin family, Yin Lianxin could be said to be extremely glorious. When the two of them got married, Xia Cheng married into the Yin family. As a result, he obtained many benefits from the Yin family. However, after he took advantage of the situation, he cheated. If it were not for the Yin family's funds and connections, how could the Xia family be at its peak now?

Xia Cheng was ungrateful. Not only did he cheat on Yin Lianxin, but he even forced his granddaughter to call the mistress 'Grandma'. Wasn't this making things difficult for her?

Yin Lianxin walked forward and grabbed Qiao Xi's hand. Her cold gaze landed on Old Madam Xia as a trace of disdain seeped out of her nose. "Are you worthy of scolding my granddaughter? You're just a mistress. Who gave you the guts? Xia Cheng?"

Old Madam Xia lowered her head and broke out in a cold sweat. Faced with Yin Lianxin's question, she did not dare to say a word.

Yin Jinglin quickly echoed, "Some people are just so shameless. Back then, she seduced a man to climb up the social ladder. Now, she's coveting Aunt Yunqiu's assets and even wants to bully my cousin. Her skin is thicker than city walls!"

Xia Mengyan looked at Old Madam Xia, who was trembling all over. Tears trickled down her face as she choked. "Cousin, how can you say that about Grandma? That's all in the past. Now..."

"She has the cheek to do it, but I can't call her out on it? Besides, she's not my grandmother. Do I have the obligation to respect her?" Yin Jinglin chuckled, his eyes filled with coldness.

"Moreover, it seems that Old Madam Xia scolded Xi Xi first, so I merely counterattacked. She's just an immoral mistress. How dare she scold the daughter of the Yin family? How laughable!"

Old Madam Xia's legs went weak, and her expression was ferocious. If the reporters were not around, she would definitely not have swallowed her anger!

Xia Mengyan hurriedly calmed Old Madam Xia down, then said with a sad expression, "Cousin, what exactly do you want?! Do you want to force my grandmother to her death?"

Chapter 927: Scumbag

"I couldn't tell that she wanted to die! Aren't you guys quite shameless? Why are you already unable to take it when I've only said a few words to you?" Yin Jinglin mocked sarcastically. "Actually, it's Grandma's fault for being muddle-headed back then. Why did she marry a scumbag?! She should have let that couple be together earlier. Unfortunately, Old Madam Xia has been carrying the reputation of a mistress her entire life. It won't be pleasant if news of this gets out!"

"I also heard that it was Old Master Xia who took the initiative to marry Grandma back then. He even agreed to marry into the Xia family. Grandma knew that the Xia family was greedy for the Yin family's wealth and power, but she still married him. It's because she thought that such a man would definitely be loyal to her. However, she didn't expect that this man would still cheat on her. If she had known earlier, why would she have married into the dilapidated Xia family? With her looks and family background, she could have found a man a hundred times better than Old Master Xia!"

"All these years, Old Madam Xia, you must still hate Grandma. You must hate her for occupying the position of the rightful madam and making you bear the infamy of being a mistress. That's why you're venting your anger on Xi Xi. But Xi Xi is so innocent! She doesn't know about the grudges between your previous generation at all!"

Yin Jinglin said casually, and everyone in the Xia family looked extremely embarrassed, especially Old Madam Xia. The scene of her being pointed at appeared in her mind.

At this moment, the reporters looked at the Xia family with doubt and disdain. They discussed animatedly. "No wonder Old Madam Xia and Xia Mengyan hate Qiao Xi. It turns out that the seeds of resentment had been planted since the previous generation."

“Old Madam Xia is clearly a mistress herself, yet she still has the cheek to accuse Mrs. Gu of being a mistress? Even if Mrs. Gu is really a mistress, she has no right to criticize her!”

“Old Master Xia looks like a decent person, but he actually had an affair when he was young and even left behind an illegitimate child. After using the Yin family, he happily divorced. He’s really a scumbag among scumbags!”

“Old Madam Yin is from a rich family and is beautiful. She’s a hundred times better than that mistress. Is Xia Cheng blind? He actually abandoned his first wife and chose such a woman?”

The discussion of the crowd reached the ears of the Xia family. Old Madam Xia’s vision darkened, and she almost fainted. Xia Mengyan hurriedly supported her with tearful eyes.

Xia Cheng’s expression darkened, but his tone softened. “Lianxin, stop fooling around, alright? Let’s go back and talk about this.”

Yin Lianxin did not fall for this at all. From the moment Xia Cheng cheated on her, their relationship as husband and wife had been completely severed. At this moment, she felt disgusted just looking at Xia Cheng.

After a long silence, Yin Jinglin said, “Old Master Xia, who’s causing trouble? Anyway, we don’t expect you to speak up for Xi Xi. After all, you only have eyes for your mistress and her children and grandchildren.”

Xia Cheng’s expression froze as he glared at the people in front of him.

Yin Jinglin did not seem to notice his angry gaze and said with a faint smile, “But our Yin family can’t bear to see Xi Xi suffer! Xi Xi and President Gu are in love and got married because of that, but you refuse to let go of the so-called arranged engagement. You just had to call Xi Xi a mistress when it’s actually Xia Mengyan who wants to be a mistress! Your Xia family is really strange. The grandmother of the family is a mistress, and the granddaughter also wants to be a mistress. What kind of family education do you have? How embarrassing!”

Yin Jinglin was handsome, but his mouth was really vicious. He continued to say, “President Gu said that he and Xi Xi have known each other for 10 years. He specially founded Heavenly Voice Entertainment for Xi Xi, but you didn’t mention this at all. You just had to say that Xi Xi is a mistress on the day of Gu Corporation’s banquet. Do you want to completely ruin Xi Xi’s reputation and pave the way for Xia Mengyan to rise to power?”

The employees of Gu Corporation all confirmed, “Mr. Yin is right! The president did say that he and Young Madam have known each other for 10 years and have a deep relationship. Would our president lie?”

“Old Madam Xia has been a mistress for so many years. She must have taught her granddaughter how to be a mistress. These two are really shameless!”

“Shut up! All of you, shut up!” Old Madam Xia shouted crazily, her voice extremely ear-piercing.

It had been so many years, so why were there still people clinging to this matter? So what if she was a mistress? Now that she was the madam of the Xia family, what right did they have to offend her?

“Yin Jinglin! You bastard! What right do you, a junior, have to say that about me? Ah Cheng and I are in love with each other. At that time, his engagement with Old Madam Yin was only in name. What did we do wrong?”

Chapter 928: Abdication

Yin Jinglin snorted. “Love? Since Old Master Xia didn’t like my grandmother to begin with, why did he ask to marry her back then? Was it for the Yin family’s power or—”

“Shut up! Shut up immediately! How did your Yin family educate your juniors? How dare you make things difficult for your elders on such an occasion? You’re really too much!” Old Madam Xia roared heart-wrenchingly, wishing she could stuff Yin Jinglin’s mouth.

In the past, perhaps some people knew that she was a mistress, but because of the Xia family, no one could spread the news. However, now that the reporters were doing live broadcasts, everyone would know that she was not the noble madam of the Xia family at all but an unpresentable mistress. She had worked hard for so many years to change her background and image. Now, it was all ruined by Qiao Xi and Yin Jinglin.

At this moment, Yin Lianxin slowly took a few steps forward. Her body was filled with pressure, and her aura was fully released. Wherever her gaze landed, everyone’s breathing stopped. Finally, her gaze landed on Xia Cheng and Old Madam Xia. She frowned in disgust as if looking at them would dirty her eyes. She said in a low voice, “The Yin family isn’t considered outstanding when it comes to educating the younger generation, but at least I can guarantee that every child in the Yin family has a good character. Meanwhile, the children raised by your Xia family are all scheming. Are you worthy of talking to me about education?”

Xia Mengyan clenched her fists tightly. She knew that Yin Lianxin was hinting at her. Before she could retort, the surroundings were already filled with everyone’s restless voices. “A mistress still has the cheek to talk to the first wife about educating the younger generation? Moreover, the Yin family is a century-old family. Old Madam Yin was carefully nurtured since she was young and later became the head of the Yin family. The two of them are simply worlds apart. She actually has the cheek to compare herself to Old Madam Yin?”

The anger in Old Madam Xia’s heart burned fiercely. Her eyes almost popped out. She was about to curse when she was pulled back by Xia Mengyan. Xia Mengyan was also forcefully suppressing her anger. Her nails dug into her palms, and the sharp pain reminded her to be rational.

Xia Mengyan calmed down for a long time before slowly looking up. Her eyes were filled with tears as she said pitifully, “Old Madam Yin, although the matter back then is over, we still owe you an apology. I apologize on behalf of Grandma, but today is Gu Corporation’s banquet. We can’t cause trouble here. It’ll affect President Gu as well. Let’s not quarrel anymore. We’ll talk after the banquet, alright?”

After that, she looked at Qiao Xi and advised earnestly, “Xi Xi, you’ve grown up. You can’t rely on the love of your elders to fool around anymore.”

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows as if she did not expect Xia Mengyan to suddenly mention her, and a trace of surprise flashed through her eyes.

“Xi Xi, today is Gu Corporation’s big day. President Gu still has to do an interview later. You’ve already caused a scene for so long and affected the progress of the banquet. If you affect the interview again, President Gu will be unhappy.

“You’re already married now. As President Gu’s wife, you have to think about him. You can’t always do whatever you want for yourself. Aren’t you being a little selfish by doing this?”

Hearing Xia Mengyan’s persuasion, Qiao Xi dug her ears impatiently. How annoying! She was nagging like an old lady at the entrance of the village!

At this moment, the reporters bribed by the Xia family received Xia Mengyan’s gaze. They immediately stood up and berated loudly, “Mrs. Gu! You clearly know that today is an important day for Gu Corporation, yet you still brought so many people to cause trouble. Do you know how much impact this will have on Gu Corporation? Do you know how much loss there’ll be?”

“It’s been decades, yet you’re still talking about the past and making everyone feel awkward. The reporters don’t even have time to interview President Gu. As Mrs. Gu, you should put President Gu first. However, you only care about your own happiness and don’t care about President Gu’s reputation at all. You’re not worthy to be Mrs. Gu at all. Only a virtuous woman like Miss Xia is most suitable to be Mrs. Gu.”

Xia Mengyan lowered her eyes shyly. These reporters were very understanding. It seemed that their money was not spent in vain.

Yin Lianxin glanced at Xia Mengyan, her eyes filled with disgust. “Shameless!”

Xia Mengyan’s body trembled as if she had been greatly insulted. A tear fell from the corner of her eye. She was really pitiful!

The reporters hurriedly retorted, “Old Madam Yin, as an elder, how can you say that Miss Xia is shameless? A certain someone doesn’t have the ability, but she just insists on sitting in the position of Mrs. Gu. In my opinion, Miss Xia is the most suitable person for President Gu. If Mrs. Gu knows what’s good for her, she’d better abdicate her position and give up her position!”

Chapter 929: Make Them Disappear Forever

When Xia Mengyan heard the reporters’ words, she pretended to go forward and persuade them. “Stop arguing, Xi Xi...”

“I want to hear who dares to say bad things about Mrs. Gu!” A cold voice interrupted Xia Mengyan. Gu Zheng’s voice was magnetic, but it was filled with killing intent at this moment, making one shudder.

Gu Zheng was dressed in a black high-end suit, looking elegant and noble. His gaze swept coldly across the Xia family. Even someone as experienced as Xia Cheng could not withstand his oppressive gaze.

His gaze landed on Xia Mengyan, and the corners of his mouth curled into a cold smile. "You're indeed shameless."

Boom!!!

Xia Mengyan's body trembled, and she instantly swallowed the words in her throat. Her heart seemed to be clenched tightly, and she almost could not breathe. Her face was livid, and she was extremely embarrassed.

Gu Zheng retracted his gaze and questioned coldly, "This is Gu Corporation's banquet. What right does the Xia family have to criticize Mrs. Gu?"

The reporters were so scared that they did not dare to make a sound. The microphones in their hands trembled.

"Since things have already come to this, I don't mind spending more time chatting with the Xia family." As soon as Gu Zheng finished speaking, his gaze landed on the reporters who previously mocked Qiao Xi. His gaze was sharp. "You're reporters from Tianyun Network, right? You're very bold! You actually dare to interfere in my family matters? Do I need your permission to marry someone I like?"

The reporters met Gu Zheng's sharp gaze and were so scared that they broke out in a cold sweat. They could not even control their mouths anymore. "President Gu, we..."

Song Shijing walked forward and smiled coldly. "President, I'll contact Tianyun Network immediately. I'll make them disappear from your sight forever."

Gu Zheng nodded in satisfaction and gently held Qiao Xi's hand. His voice was icy-cold to the extreme. "What everyone just said has been recorded. I'll pursue the matter according to the law."

As soon as he finished speaking, someone said, "President Gu, Chengyue Law Firm is willing to serve you!"

Everyone instantly gasped. Chengyue Law Firm had never lost a case. If they decided to sue someone, that meant they were confident in not losing their reputation.

Gu Zheng held Qiao Xi's hand and walked to the interview seats. Facing the many reporters, his voice suddenly became dignified. "Everyone, if you have any questions, you can ask me. You don't have to listen to the rumors spread by outsiders. I'll answer them directly."

He looked at Xia Cheng, who instantly panicked. Could it be that Gu Zheng had evidence? Impossible! Back then, Xia Yunqiu and Lu Qingyun's marriage was only a verbal engagement. Now that the two of them were dead, who knew which daughter of the Xia family he was supposed to be engaged to? It would be difficult to explain if they continued insisting the engagement belonged to Xia Mengyan.

The entire venue was silent. Song Shijing gestured for the reporters to come forward. "Our president will only give you 10 minutes. You can ask now."

The reporters' eyes lit up. They squeezed to the front with microphones and asked the questions in their minds.

Qiao Xi turned her head and looked at the man who was standing beside her and replying indifferently. His entire body emitted charm as if a god had descended. No wonder so many women had fallen for him, but Gu Zheng had given all his gentleness and love to her. Qiao Xi did not know what good deeds she had done in her previous life to actually be able to obtain Gu Zheng's love in this life.

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10 minutes later, the reporters had already obtained the answer. However, even though Gu Zheng had publicly explained that Qiao Xi did not snatch someone else's engagement, the audience in the live broadcast still did not believe him.

[Everyone in Li City knows that President Gu dotes on Mrs. Gu. He's naturally on her side. Mrs. Gu is very beautiful, but I just hate her for snatching someone else's engagement. B*tch!]

[Old Madam Xia is a mistress, but Sally isn't! This is all in the past. What does it have to do with Sally? She's the victim!]

Xia Mengyan looked at the audience in the live-stream and could not help but heave a sigh of relief. As long as there was no evidence, no matter how Gu Zheng and the Yin family explained, no one would believe them. In everyone's eyes, Qiao Xi was still the mistress who stole someone else's engagement.

There were also some people in the live-stream who spoke up for Qiao Xi, but those people were quickly drowned out by the curses of Xia Mengyan's fans.

At this moment, everyone had already entered the banquet hall, and only the Xia family was standing at the door. Old Madam Xia gritted her teeth, and her eyes were vicious. She let out a vicious roar. "Ah! They actually said that in public!"

Chapter 930: Using Others To Make A Move

Xia Mengyan hurriedly went forward to comfort her. "Grandma, you have to take care of your health! We were invited to the banquet today. President Gu won't let the Yin family make things difficult for us. Moreover, that's all in the past. Why is Old Madam Yin still clinging to it? Isn't she too petty?"

Xia Cheng's expression changed slightly. Lianxin must still be unable to let go of her past grudges. They had already been divorced for decades, but she was still alone and had not remarried. Perhaps it was because of their past relationship. Now, for the sake of his granddaughter's happiness and the Xia family's future, he could only stand opposite Lianxin.

Speaking of which, Qiao Xi, that child, could not be considered a member of the Yin family at all. She did not grow up in the Yin family either. He did not understand why Lianxin doted on Qiao Xi so much. What was so good about her? Even the Qiao family was unwilling to acknowledge her identity. She was just a wild girl that no one wanted. How was she worthy of the noble Gu Zheng?

Gu Zheng was the president of Gu Corporation. His wife should be as sensible and generous as Mengyan, not like Qiao Xi, who would only embarrass him. It would not be long before Gu Zheng got tired of her.

Xia Mengyan reminded them gently, "Grandpa, Grandma, the banquet is about to start. Let's all go in. I also want to hear what President Gu has to say. No matter what, Qingfeng Entertainment belongs to the Xia family, and the marriage contract is also mine. Xi Xi can't deny it at all."

The few of them nodded and entered the banquet hall together.

"Mengyan?"

At this moment, a familiar voice came from behind. Xia Mengyan turned around and saw a tall man walking toward her. The man said warmly, "I'm Sun Chuan! We were classmates!"

Sun Chuan? Xia Mengyan pondered for a few seconds before realizing that Sun Chuan had liked her since she was in university. She did not expect to meet an old friend on such an occasion.

Xia Mengyan suddenly thought of a good idea. Her eyes turned red as she lowered her head aggrievedly. "I'm sorry. I've been in a daze and didn't manage to recognize you. Please don't mind me."

Seeing her pitiful look, Sun Chuan hurriedly asked, "What happened?"

Xia Mengyan bit her lip and said awkwardly, "Actually, it's not a big deal. I just had a conflict with my cousin. She's already ignoring me now. Our matter has spread online. I really don't know how to explain it to her."

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Sun Chuan knew that she was unwilling to say it, so he hurriedly took out his phone to look at the recent news. He finally understood why Xia Mengyan was so sad and in a daze.

He shouted indignantly, "When I pursued you in university, you said that you were already engaged, but I didn't expect your fiance to be President Gu! How could Mrs. Gu snatch your engagement? She's too much!"

Xia Mengyan wiped her tears and smiled bitterly. "It's all in the past. It can only mean that President Gu and I are not fated. You can't blame my cousin for this. Don't be angry."

Sun Chuan could not accept that the woman he liked was being bullied. He immediately patted his chest and promised, "Mengyan, don't be sad. I'll help you teach Mrs. Gu a lesson and make her pay the price!"

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"You've been engaged to President Gu for so many years. What right does she have to interfere?"

Xia Mengyan pretended to be worried. She quickly advised Sun Chuan not to be rash, but Sun Chuan did not listen at all. He swore to seek justice for her.

She pretended to pull Sun Chuan, but she stood where she was as she watched him leave angrily. Then, the corners of her mouth curled into a proud smile.

Hah! Stupid man.

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In the banquet hall.

Gu Zheng held Qiao Xi's hand and entered the venue. Suddenly, a waiter who was walking in a hurry arrived with a few glasses of wine in his hand. He walked to Qiao Xi's side and slipped. The wine in the glass instantly spilled out. Fortunately, Gu Zheng reacted quickly and protected her in his arms, but Gu Zheng's suit was drenched in wine.

Seeing that he had splashed Gu Zheng, the waiter immediately apologized in fear. "President Gu, I'm sorry. I... I didn't do it on purpose."

Gu Zheng ignored her and looked at Qiao Xi who was in his arms. "Were you scared?"

Qiao Xi shook her head, and her gloomy gaze landed on the waiter. She was wearing a long white dress today. If the glass of wine from earlier had splashed on her, she would definitely be in an extremely sorry state and would definitely be mocked.

Song Shijing quickly brought over a clean suit jacket. Gu Zheng took it but was not in a rush to change. Instead, he pulled Qiao Xi into his arms and comforted her carefully. She leaned into Gu Zheng's arms, her body enveloped by his warm breath.