

## Lady gu 931

### Chapter 931: Her Skills Have Upgraded

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes as a trace of cold killing intent flashed past his eyes. The waiter felt the coldness spread throughout his body and trembled in fear. "President Gu, I... I was really careless! Mrs. Gu! Please forgive me!

"Mrs. Gu, I beg you. I can't be fired. I rely on this job to support my family. You're the wife of a rich man. You're a magnanimous person. Don't bicker with a poor person like me."

When everyone heard the noise, they all looked over and saw Gu Zheng hugging Qiao Xi. His back was already drenched.

Someone looked at the terrified waiter and came forward to persuade Mrs. Gu. "Mrs. Gu, he didn't do it on purpose. Why are you making things difficult for him?"

"Mrs. Gu, it's true that you're the wife of a rich family, but you can't look down on waiters! Waiters are also people. They rely on their own hard work to earn money. Why must you humiliate this waiter like this?"

Just then, Xia Mengyan entered with a surprised expression. "Why are they arguing?"

When the waiter saw Xia Mengyan, it was as if he had grabbed onto a life-saving straw. He rushed toward Xia Mengyan anxiously and shouted in sorrow, "Miss, you must know Mrs. Gu, right? Please help me. I really can't lose this job. As long as Mrs. Gu doesn't bicker with me, I'm willing to do anything. I can kneel down and kowtow to apologize!"

The waiter's cries attracted many guests. Gradually, everyone surrounded them. The huge banquet hall suddenly fell silent.

Xia Mengyan seemed to be frightened by the waiter and took a few steps back in fear. Then, she looked at Qiao Xi, her eyes filled with worry. "Xi Xi, are you okay?"

Qiao Xi sneered in her heart. She had already guessed what Xia Mengyan was going to do, but her expression remained indifferent.

Xia Mengyan ran to her nervously and sized her up. Seeing that she was fine, she heaved a sigh of relief. "It's good that you're not injured. What exactly happened?"

The waiter covered his face and cried. "I walked to Mrs. Gu with a few glasses of wine just now. I don't know why, but I slipped and accidentally spilled the wine. It almost drenched Mrs. Gu's clothes, but I really didn't do it on purpose. Mrs. Gu, please let me off!"

Gu Zheng's gaze turned cold. Qiao Xi patted his hand and said with a smile, "Don't be anxious. Let him speak."

"Miss Xia is really tenacious! She put on an act at the door and now, she's acting in the banquet hall," Gu Zheng whispered into her ear.

He stroked the hair by Qiao Xi's ear and said in a gentle and charming voice, "Xi Xi, how are you going to deal with her?"

Qiao Xi leaned into his embrace and did not say anything. She only revealed a crafty smile.

When Xia Mengyan saw that Qiao Xi was silent, she was even prouder in her heart. The banquet had just begun, yet Qiao Xi had already left such an arrogant image in everyone's hearts. It seemed that Sun Chuan was not too stupid.

"Don't cry. I'll plead for you. Xi Xi is kind-hearted and won't make things difficult for you," Xia Mengyan said gently.

When the waiter heard this, he immediately said excitedly, "Thank you, Miss! You're such a good person!"

Xia Mengyan hurriedly looked at Qiao Xi and bit her lip. She seemed to have made a huge decision before saying uneasily, "Xi Xi, he has also apologized. You're not injured either. It's just a small matter. Why are you pushing him into a dead end? If you cause him to lose his job, it won't do you any good. At that time, everyone will say that you're petty."

"Don't think I'm being long-winded. I'm doing this for your own good. I just don't want others to misunderstand you. Moreover, today is Gu Corporation's banquet. There are so many guests present. Even if you don't think for yourself, you have to think for President Gu!"

Qiao Xi's eyes narrowed slightly. She had to admit that Xia Mengyan's methods were getting more and more advanced. First, she hired a waiter to act, then she stood up and accused her of being petty. Qiao Xi did not fall for this trick at all. She leaned into Gu Zheng's embrace and crossed her arms. Her voice was indifferent but filled with a trace of coldness. "I'm pushing him into a dead end?"

Xia Mengyan stood in front of Qiao Xi, and her aura instantly weakened. She explained in a panic, "That's not what I meant, but now that you're married to President Gu, you have to think about how your actions will affect him. It's fine if you fooled around in the past, but your reputation represents President Gu's reputation now. It's just a small matter. Can't you forgive him?"

"Xi Xi, you stole my engagement, but I can let the matter slide. I just hope you'll cherish it. I hope you can do your duties well and be praised by everyone."

### **Chapter 932: You Can Definitely Be An Actress**

As Xia Mengyan spoke, tears suddenly fell from her eyes. She was extremely sad. On the surface, she was a gentle and kind cousin. Even though her cousin had done something wrong, she would not complain in the slightest. However, in her heart, she was constantly looking forward to Qiao Xi making a fool of herself and being hated by others. At that time, everyone would say that Qiao Xi was vulgar and not worthy of Gu Zheng at all. Only she, Xia Mengyan, was the most suitable person to be Mrs. Gu!

There were many women who liked Gu Zheng, and Qiao Xi had also seen many two-faced b\*tches. She had to admit that Xia Mengyan's acting was not bad. At the very least, she had deceived many guests, but she was still far inferior to her.

Qiao Xi abruptly raised her eyes and looked at Xia Mengyan with a sharp gaze. After a few seconds of silence, she suddenly asked, "Miss Xia, what major are you studying at university?"

Xia Mengyan did not understand why Qiao Xi suddenly asked this and replied with slight confusion, "Me? Finance and incense-making. What's wrong?"

Qiao Xi had a mocking expression as she said with a smile, "I think you're more suitable for acting. You'll definitely be able to be an actress!"

At first, Xia Mengyan did not understand what Qiao Xi meant. She hesitated for a moment and was instantly stunned. Her gaze that was initially gentle suddenly burst with viciousness.

Qiao Xi! What right did she have to be so arrogant? How could she mock her like this in front of everyone?

"Xi Xi, I know you hate me, but I'm doing this all for you..." Xia Mengyan's voice trembled as she suddenly choked. Tears welled up in her eyes as she looked aggrieved.

Qiao Xi looked at her with a faint smile and sneered. "Miss Xia, you keep saying that you're doing this for me, but I'll tell you very clearly that I never reprimanded the waiter from the beginning till the end, nor did I say I would punish him.

Everyone thought for a moment. It was true that they did not seem to have heard Qiao Xi say anything to the waiter.

"I've never criticized anyone, but the waiter and Miss Xia seem to have agreed to put on a show. You're both accusing me of being unreasonable and committing crimes. But in fact, I'm a victim here."

Only then did everyone realize that it was the waiter who rushed over and almost bumped into Mrs. Gu, causing President Gu's clothes to be wet. The two of them did not criticize or punish him, but the waiter suddenly cried and started begging for mercy in horror. Speaking of which, his wine had spilled on President Gu. Even if he was begging for mercy, he should be begging President Gu! Why did he keep mentioning Mrs. Gu?

Moreover, after Xia Mengyan entered, she did not ask for the reason and just felt that Mrs. Gu was pushing that waiter to a dead end. She kept saying that it was for Mrs. Gu's own good and accused her cousin without distinguishing between right and wrong. What was she up to?

Xia Mengyan lowered her head and shed tears aggrievedly. "Xi Xi, I'm sorry. When I entered, I saw him begging you for mercy. I thought that you wanted to punish him, so I pleaded on his behalf."

Qiao Xi chuckled and looked up. "Song Shijing."

Song Shijing understood what she meant immediately and said respectfully to Gu Zheng and Qiao Xi, "President, Young Madam, please wait a moment. I'll go and find out who this waiter has been in contact with before this. I want to know who instructed him to frame Young Madam."

Hearing this, Xia Mengyan shuddered. "Xi Xi, I was just a little anxious, so I said something wrong. But this waiter didn't do it on purpose. What are you asking Song Shijing to investigate? Why are you making things worse? Don't affect the banquet."

“Didn’t do it on purpose?” Qiao Xi suddenly laughed out loud, causing her appearance to seem even more stunning.

She threw Gu Zheng’s suit to the floor, her voice filled with cold killing intent. “Then open your eyes wide and see if it’s intentional.”

Everyone took a closer look and instantly gasped. They were so scared that they took a few steps back. This suit had already been corroded by the wine. If the glass of wine had spilled on Mrs. Gu’s face just now, the consequences would have been unimaginable!

Ye Qingyuan quickly arrived with the first aid kit. He first helped Gu Zheng check his body, then checked his clothes that were covered in alcohol. “The alcohol is poisonous. This poison is highly corrosive. If it’s inhaled through the nose or mouth, it’ll immediately corrode the mucous membrane and the person will eventually suffocate.”

Everyone’s faces were filled with horror as they hurriedly covered their mouths and noses. They did not expect that someone would poison them at the banquet. Was this waiter’s target Mrs. Gu? If President Gu had not protected her, wouldn’t Mrs. Gu be either dead or injured?

At the thought of this, everyone looked at Xia Mengyan at the same time. “When she first entered, she accused Mrs. Gu of making things difficult for the waiter. Now that Mrs. Gu wants to investigate this matter thoroughly, she thinks that Mrs. Gu is blowing things up and it’ll affect the banquet. Who is she to say such things?”

### **Chapter 933: Don’t Make A Fool Of Yourself**

“Look at how nervous she is. Could it be that she instructed the waiter to poison Mrs. Gu? After all, she has been speaking up for the waiter since she entered. The waiter even ran to her and begged her when he saw her. They must’ve come up with this plan together.”

“I heard that Xia Mengyan was President Gu’s fiancée. She must hate Mrs. Gu for snatching her engagement, so she’s using this method to punish Mrs. Gu.”

“Xia Mengyan didn’t seem to care about the engagement anymore, but she secretly poisoned Mrs. Gu. Even if Mrs. Gu stole her engagement, she shouldn’t try to poison her!”

Hearing everyone’s discussion, Xia Mengyan’s face was as pale as paper. She bit her lip and did not say anything. She knew very well that this waiter was Sun Chuan’s subordinate, but she did not know if anyone had seen them meet. It would be bad if they were discovered.

Not long after, Song Shijing rushed back and said something in Qiao Xi’s ear. She asked coldly, “Who’s Sun Chuan?”

Coincidentally, Sun Chuan was standing not far away from his father. When he heard someone calling him, he immediately frowned and said angrily, “I didn’t do anything! You’re framing me!”

Song Shiyu sneered. “My young madam is just asking who Sun Chuan is. She hasn’t said why she’s looking for you, yet you’re saying that she’s framing you? Are you confessing without even being questioned?”

Sun Chuan's face was livid as he gritted his teeth. "You just said that you wanted to investigate this waiter, then you said my name. Who wouldn't know what you mean? Let me tell you, I didn't do anything. Don't slander me!"

The waiter quickly explained, "Mrs. Gu, I poisoned you of my own accord. I hate you! I want you to die! It has nothing to do with anyone else!"

Qiao Xi grunted coldly. "What a good dog! You're quite loyal."

At the side, Sun Chuan instantly gained confidence and retorted loudly, "What does this have to do with me? I don't know Mrs. Gu at all. I think it's because you didn't find out anything, so you casually found someone to be your scapegoat!"

Xia Mengyan pretended to be dizzy and looked weak and pitiful. She said weakly, "Xi Xi, I know that you were almost poisoned. Of course, my heart aches, but you can't implicate innocent people just because you were hurt!"

"No matter the reason the waiter poisoned you, it won't be good if news of this gets out. They'll say that you're too unruly and treat others badly, so that's why people hate you so much that they'll go as far as to poison you! Today is Gu Corporation's big day. You can't bear to ruin this banquet, right? Your reputation has already plummeted. What will everyone think of you in the future if this goes on?"

Qiao Xi had an indifferent expression. She thought that Xia Mengyan was quite smart, but she was anxious to speak up for Sun Chuan at this moment. Was she not afraid of being implicated?

Qiao Xi slowly raised her eyes, and her sharp gaze seemed to be able to pierce through Xia Mengyan's heart. She said in a mocking tone, "Cousin, the person who was almost poisoned and murdered wasn't you. But you're telling me to not investigate things and let this incident go? You've been speaking up for that waiter since you entered, yet you still think that I, the victim, am guilty? There's something wrong with your morals!"

"I suspect that someone instructed this waiter to harm me. Can't I investigate it? Why are you stopping me?"

Xia Mengyan's face was livid as she hurriedly explained, "Cousin, you've misunderstood me. I just think that we should consider the overall situation. Why don't we wait until the banquet is over? Isn't everyone gathered here for the banquet? It's not appropriate for the guests to fool around with you!"

"Even if this banquet is canceled, so what?" Gu Zheng, who was standing beside Qiao Xi, suddenly spoke. His voice was filled with dignity. "I don't even care if the banquet is held or not, but you, an outsider, do."

Xia Mengyan was at a loss and panicked.

Qiao Xi said with a blissful expression, "Ah Zheng dotes on me and knows that someone poisoned me. Of course, he has to find out the truth immediately. How can a banquet be more important than a person's life? But Miss Xia, you're insisting on stopping me. Are you guilty?"

"No!" Xia Mengyan blurted out.

Qiao Xi's gaze suddenly turned sharp. "The person who poisoned me is this waiter, and the victim is me. Since it has nothing to do with you, Miss Xia, please shut up!"

Xia Mengyan's entire body trembled. Qiao Xi actually dared to embarrass her in public? She gritted her teeth tightly and felt a trace of uneasiness in her heart. When Sun Chuan instigated the waiter to poison Qiao Xi, he should have avoided the surveillance cameras, right?

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Gu Zheng waved his hand. "Song Shiyu, call the police." With that, he held Qiao Xi's hand and walked toward the lounge.

The waiter was subdued by the bodyguards. He fell to the floor, his face filled with horror.

### **Chapter 934: Investigating The Mastermind**

At this moment, the originally lively banquet hall was silent. The person who instructed the waiter to poison Qiao Xi had not been found yet. Everyone was worried that the murderer would attack again. Everyone sat in their seats in fear and looked around.

After Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng entered the lounge, Qiao Xi was suddenly pulled into Gu Zheng's embrace. His eyes gradually turned from light brown to scarlet, and his entire body emitted a cold aura. This was the first time Qiao Xi had seen Gu Zheng lose his composure like this.

He pulled Qiao Xi tightly into his embrace, and an icy-cold and trembling voice sounded from his throat. "You were almost injured. If that glass of wine had really spilled on you..."

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to meet his and comforted him softly, saying, "With you protecting me, I'll be fine."

Gu Zheng grabbed her waist tightly and gritted his teeth. "What if I wasn't around? Or what if there was an accident that you couldn't avoid? You knew that the wine was poisoned, but you still didn't tell me!"

Qiao Xi lowered her head guiltily. She could indeed recognize that the wine had been laced with poison, but when she noticed it, the waiter had already walked over. She did not have the time to tell Gu Zheng. In any case, the poison could not have hurt her. She just did not expect Gu Zheng to be so agitated.

He tightened his arms, afraid that the woman in his arms would leave him. After a long silence, he gradually calmed down and muttered softly, "Xi Xi, don't take risks again."

Qiao Xi nodded obediently. "Senior, even if that glass of wine had really splashed on me, I wouldn't be poisoned. Don't be angry."

Gu Zheng hugged her waist and lifted her up. Qiao Xi subconsciously wrapped her legs around Gu Zheng's waist. The two of them were in an intimate posture, and their hot breaths intertwined. His voice was hoarse as he chuckled. "Qiao Xi, you have to compensate me."

Qiao Xi instantly blurted out, "How do you want to be compensated?"

How else could she compensate Gu Zheng other than by buying him a new suit?

The man lifted a strand of her hair and said in a charming voice, "Compensate me with a kiss."

Qiao Xi's mind buzzed, and she instantly blushed. When did Gu Zheng become so good at flirting? Had he secretly learned something from her behind her back?

Just then, Song Shijing knocked on the door of the lounge. Gu Zheng put Qiao Xi down and helped her tidy her clothes and hair. Then, he said indifferently, "Come in."

At this moment, Gu Zheng's expression was normal, and he didn't have the slightest trace of that seductive appearance from before. On the other hand, Qiao Xi's face was still red, and her shy expression was still there.

Song Shijing and the person in charge of the hotel walked in. The moment the person in charge saw Gu Zheng, his legs went weak and he almost knelt on the floor.

"President, we've already checked the surveillance footage. Sun Chuan and that waiter had indeed met. The two of them seem to be discussing something."

The person in charge knew that President Gu doted on Mrs. Gu very much, and this matter concerned Mrs. Gu's safety. He wanted to cry but had no tears. "President Gu, we'll investigate this matter thoroughly. We'll definitely give Mrs. Gu a satisfactory answer."

Gu Zheng's eyes suddenly turned cold as he looked at the person in charge with a sharp gaze. "If you can't investigate what happened today, you should know the consequences."

His tone was light, but it made one shudder. At this moment, police sirens came from outside.

Song Shijing said quickly, "The police are here, President. I've sent the surveillance footage to the police, but Sun Chuan has no grudge against Young Madam. Why would he take the risk to poison her? He has no motive!"

Qiao Xi was sure. "It's Sun Chuan."

Unfortunately, they did not have any evidence. This was because the surveillance cameras had only captured Sun Chuan meeting the waiter, but they did not know what the two of them had said. However, this poison was very rare. Only the Sun family had a small portion of it. Xia Mengyan probably did not have the means to buy this medicine.

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Soon, the police quickly entered. Sun Chuan was a little flustered and could not help but look at Xia Mengyan. Xia Mengyan had an innocent expression. "Sun Chuan, did you poison Xi Xi? How could you do such a thing?"

Of course, it was impossible for Sun Chuan to admit it. He just lowered his head in fear and tried his best to reduce his presence.

Xia Mengyan said gently, "Don't be nervous. Even if you've met that waiter, it can't prove that you instructed him to poison you. As long as that waiter doesn't say that it was you, who has the right to arrest you? Moreover, you're not that kind of person. I believe you!"

Sun Chuan immediately reacted. When the police asked about it, he calmly said that he had met up with the waiter, but he only asked the waiter to deliver a glass of wine. He did not instruct the waiter to poison anyone.

### **Chapter 935: There Are Many Ways To Punish Him**

Qiao Xi's eyes narrowed slightly. Before the police came, Sun Chuan had a nervous expression, but now that the police were here, he was no longer afraid. He insisted that she had nothing to do with this matter. Had Xia Mengyan said something to him?

Yuan Shan frowned. "You're the most suspicious person now. I hope you can cooperate with us..."

"I'm a suspect just because I spoke to the waiter? Just because Mrs. Gu suspects me, you want to arrest me? You want to bully the commoners just because you have power? This is unfair!"

Sun Chuan looked proud. As long as he did not admit it, they had no evidence. Even Gu Zheng had no right to arrest him!

The scene fell into an awkward silence. Gu Zheng smiled casually, and a wave of killing intent instantly burst out, filling the entire lounge. Sun Chuan was so scared that his expression changed. "W-What are you doing?"

Gu Zheng was expressionless, and the color of his eyes was faint. However, for some reason, his expression made one shudder as their hearts thumped violently.

Song Shijing knew Gu Zheng well. The calmer he looked, the angrier he was. Sun Chuan had completely angered him.

Song Shiyu took a few steps forward and said impatiently, "Young Master Sun, you have to be clear about one thing. If our president wants to deal with someone, he doesn't need evidence nor does he need to resort to formal sentencing. Maybe you can save your life if you go to jail!"

The smug look on Sun Chuan's face vanished abruptly, and he broke out in a cold sweat. He quickly wanted to look for the police for help, but he was interrupted by Song Shiyu coldly. "Young Master Sun, since you didn't do anything, what's there to be afraid of? Our president is indeed worried about Young Madam, but she's fine now. Why would we make things hard for you?"

"Young Master Sun, you don't admit that you instructed the waiter to poison Mrs. Gu, so we can't force you to admit it. However, I remember that your family's company hasn't been doing well recently. You came to the banquet this time to take this opportunity to get a few collaborations."

Sun Chuan's face was pale. His body was stiff, and the blood in his body seemed to have frozen. If looks could kill, he would have died in Gu Zheng's hands thousands of times. He said in a trembling voice, "This... This has nothing to do with our company. You... You're forcing me to confess!"

"Young Master Sun, there's no need for you to confess," Gu Zheng said coldly. He did not even bother to look at Sun Chuan. To him, Sun Chuan was just an ant. There were many ways to punish him. Since there was no evidence to prove that he was the one who instructed the waiter to poison Qiao Xi, there was no need to torture him.



Gu Zheng retracted his gaze and said gently, “Xi Xi, the banquet has begun. Let’s go prepare.”

Qiao Xi smiled and nodded, and the two of them entered.

Song Shiyu said respectfully to Yuan Shan, “Officer Yuan, I’m really sorry. Our president has decided to withdraw the case. There are some things that we should solve ourselves. There’s no need to trouble you.”

Yuan Shan understood what Song Shiyu meant and left with his team. Sun Chuan’s legs went weak as he knelt on the floor, his eyes filled with horror.

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Everyone knew Gu Zheng’s methods. He did not have to deal with a situation himself. As long as Song Shijing made a few calls, the Sun family’s company would soon fall into a desperate situation.

Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng were still changing in the inner room when Song Shijing knocked on the door. “President, Sun Chuan’s father, Sun Kai, is waiting to see you.”

The corners of Gu Zheng’s mouth curled up slightly. There were so many people who wanted to see him, so there was no need for him to see all of them. However, he changed his usual demeanor today. His voice was cold and dignified. “Let him in.”

As soon as the door of the lounge opened, Sun Kai scrambled in. The moment he saw Gu Zheng, it was as if he had seen his savior. He knelt in front of him and cried bitterly. “President Gu... President Gu, I beg you to let our Sun family off! The company is already in a difficult spot. Once you make a move, our Sun family will be completely doomed! I really don’t understand how I offended you. Why do you suddenly want to make things hard for me?!”

He originally wanted to attend Gu Corporation’s banquet and get to know a few more big shots in the business world, but he did not expect that before the banquet even started, his phone would explode. At this moment, the company was almost bankrupt.

After asking around, Sun Kai found out that it was President Gu who arranged this. However, he really did not know how he had offended President Gu that he would take revenge on him like this. He quickly found Song Shijing and asked to see President Gu. Even if he had to die, he had to die in peace.

The lounge was silent. After a long time, Mr. Sun heard a sneer above his head. Gu Zheng’s voice was indifferent. “Mr. Sun, do you really want to protect your company?”

### **Chapter 936: Give Him A Chance To Change**

When Sun Kai heard his words, a trace of hope instantly lit up in his eyes. He could not wait to say, “I want to! Yes, I want to! The Sun family’s company is my life’s work. I worked hard to build the company from scratch. I hope you can let me off—”

Before he could finish, Gu Zheng’s indifferent voice came from above. He said word by word, “Then I’ll give you a chance. Choose yourself whether you’d like your son or your company.”

The lounge was dead silent. Sun Kai was stunned for a moment. Could it be that his son had offended President Gu?

Gu Zheng did not bother to talk to him anymore, so Song Shijing spoke up on his behalf, "President Sun, a waiter splashed poisoned wine on our young madam just now. Before that, that waiter had a conversation with Sun Chuan. Moreover, this poison is very special and only your Sun family has it. Although Sun Chuan didn't admit that he instructed the waiter to poison her, the evidence is already pointing to him. Our president has always doted on Young Madam. How could he let the person who tried to kill her off?"

Sun Kai gasped, his eyes filled with horror.

"On the account of President Sun's sincere attitude, the president is giving the Sun family a chance to turn over a new leaf. As long as you're willing to use Young Master Sun's arm as compensation, the president will let you off. Anyway, he's not interested in your company. He just wants to avenge Young Madam."

Sun Kai knew very well that the waiter was instructed by his son. President Gu must have already investigated it. Even if Sun Chuan did not admit it, so what? President Gu would do his best to attack the company so that their family would be left to their own devices.

He knelt on the floor, his body trembling uncontrollably. That was his biological son. How could he bear to do this? But if he did not agree, then the company...

Song Shijing guided him patiently. "Mr. Sun, I heard that your son is ignorant and incompetent. He causes trouble all day long. You've been having a headache over him. I think it's quite worth it to use him in exchange for the company's survival. Moreover, you're in your prime and can have another son. Can you bear to ruin your years of hard work for such an unfilial son?"

Sun Kai instantly came back to his senses and knew what to do.

"President Sun, let me remind you again. Before Young Master Sun met that waiter, he met Miss Xia. You also know that Miss Xia has a grudge against our young madam. Perhaps Young Master Sun... You're a smart person. You should understand what I mean."

Song Shijing did not say it directly, but Sun Kai immediately understood. His son had been infatuated with Xia Mengyan since he was in university and was tricked by her a few times. Now, he was bewitched by this b\*tch again and actually dared to poison Mrs. Gu in public. Was he crazy? It did not matter if he wanted to die, but if anything happened to Mrs. Gu, President Gu would definitely raze the entire Sun family to the ground.

Sun Kai walked back to the banquet hall like a zombie. Sun Chuan walked over nervously, but Sun Kai's eyes were filled with viciousness when he looked at Sun Chuan. "You unfilial son! You almost killed me for a b\*tch!"

"Since you've already done it, you have to pay the price for it. If your arm is gone, you won't go out and fool around anymore. Just stay at home obediently to avoid causing trouble for me. If the Sun family's company is saved, it won't be a problem for me to support you for the rest of your life."

Sun Chuan's pupils constricted abruptly, and his body trembled violently. At this moment, he finally understood what President Gu meant when he left. Just because he withdrew the lawsuit did not mean that he would not pursue the matter. Instead, he wanted him to pay an even more painful price.

If Gu Zheng made his father kill him, perhaps his father would not be able to bring himself to do it. However, if Gu Zheng only asked for one of his arms in exchange for the survival of the Sun family's company, of course, his father would not refuse. However, if he lost an arm, how was he qualified to be the heir of the Sun family?

His life was ruined after attending a banquet. All of this started because of... Xia Mengyan!

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Sun Chuan suddenly looked up, his eyes glowing green like a jackal's. He pounced on Xia Mengyan crazily. "It's all your fault! You caused me harm! Xia Mengyan!"

Everyone did not expect Sun Chuan to suddenly attack. In the blink of an eye, Xia Mengyan was already pushed to the floor by Sun Chuan. Sun Chuan grabbed Xia Mengyan's neck tightly. Xia Mengyan's face was ashen. She struggled weakly with her hands and could not say anything.

Seeing this, everyone hurriedly went forward to pull Sun Chuan away. Xia Mengyan took a few steps back in horror and coughed violently. Her eyes were red, and tears kept falling. She looked pitiful.

Sun Chuan roared crazily, "You destroyed me! If it weren't for you, why would I have attacked Mrs. Gu? It's all your fault, b\*tch!"

### **Chapter 937: Sudden Engagement**

Everyone could not help but look at Xia Mengyan. Could it be that Xia Mengyan had instructed Sun Chuan to poison Mrs. Gu? Everyone had seen with their own eyes that the glass of wine was extremely poisonous and had corroded the fabric of President Gu's suit jacket. If that glass of wine had splashed onto Mrs. Gu's face, even if she did not die, she would be completely disfigured and become ugly.

Actually, everyone knew that Sun Chuan did not know Mrs. Gu, let alone have a grudge against her. The only reason he could have poisoned her was Xia Mengyan. Now that Sun Chuan was cursing Xia Mengyan in public, she must have said something to Sun Chuan to make him poison Mrs. Gu on impulse.

Everyone looked at Xia Mengyan suspiciously. She lowered her head and clenched her fists.

Idiot! He actually exposed her! He said that he liked her and treated her as his goddess, so he was willing to sacrifice everything for her. Now, not only did he curse her in public, but he even attacked her! Not only did he not ruin Qiao Xi's face but he even caused trouble for her. How could she ever like such a stupid man?

Sun Chuan was suppressed by everyone. He struggled crazily and roared at Xia Mengyan. Looking at his crazy appearance, Xia Mengyan curled her lips. Suddenly, tears trickled down her face as she sobbed softly. "Sun Chuan! Why are you maligning me? I know you've liked me for a long time, but I don't like you. You can't force feelings. You can't hate me just because I rejected you. Now that your plan to poison Mrs. Gu has been exposed, you're slandering me. How can I like you if you do this?"

“Actually, I told you a long time ago that I was already engaged and couldn’t be with you. But no matter how much I refused, you continued to pester me. Now that you can’t woo me, you want to harm me?”

“I also understand why you poisoned Xi Xi. You must have seen the news online and mistakenly thought that my relationship with Xi Xi wasn’t good, so you decided to poison her. You hoped to gain my favor, but your actions will only make me hate you even more!”

Looking at Xia Mengyan’s weak and tearful appearance, Sun Chuan suddenly stopped struggling. It was clearly Xia Mengyan who had cried in front of him and even asked him to look at the news online. That was why he decided to poison Qiao Xi. Now, Xia Mengyan was unwilling to admit what she had said and wanted him to bear all of this himself?

Xia Mengyan covered her face and cried. Everyone looked at each other, not knowing who was telling the truth.

Seeing the beauty cry, the gentlemen around finally could not sit still anymore. They worked together to chase Sun Chuan out and comforted her softly. “Miss Xia, it’s alright. Don’t cry anymore.”

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Xia Mengyan wiped her tears and looked sad. “It’s my fault! I really didn’t know that he would poison Xi Xi. I should have known that he was vicious. I thought that everything would be over after I rejected him. Who knew that he actually...”

Seeing her cry, the men’s voices became even gentler. “Sun Chuan was rash and caused huge trouble. How can we blame you?”

‘That’s right! How can you blame me? It’s clearly Sun Chuan who’s stupid and willing to be used by others. Fortunately, Gu Zheng got rid of him. Otherwise, I’d have to personally take action against him.’

Xia Mengyan lowered her eyes and curled her lips into a sinister smile. She had finally managed to protect her reputation.

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The person who attempted to poison Mrs. Gu had already been arrested. Only then did everyone continue with the banquet in peace. They drank and chatted. Suddenly, everyone’s phones rang. A notification appeared. It was the marriage contract between the president of Gu Corporation, Gu Zheng, and Xia Mengyan.

Qiao Xi naturally saw the marriage contract as well. Her expression was indifferent. She found a quiet corner and was eating a delicious cake without the slightest nervousness.

At this moment, the comments section was peaceful. They were all blessings from Sally’s fans to celebrate Gu Zheng finally abandoning that scheming woman at home and choosing Xia Mengyan, who had been engaged to him since they were young.

The marriage back then was decided by Lu Qingyun and Xia Yunqiu. Although the two of them had already passed away, the elders of the two families were still around. The Xia and Lu families had discussed it, and they were sure that this marriage contract belonged to Xia Mengyan. This was because

Qiao Xi was not even born when they got engaged. How could Xia Yunqiu be sure that the child she gave birth to would definitely be a girl?

However, everyone had forgotten an important piece of news. Ever since Old Madam Yin and Xia Cheng divorced, Xia Yunqiu had also cut off all contact with the Xia family. Since they had no contact with each other, why would Xia Yunqiu set up an engagement with Xia Mengyan? However, as public opinion grew, everyone seemed to have already confirmed this matter. Moreover, the Lu family had also appeared to confirm it.

### **Chapter 938: Xia Yunlou's Secret**

The Yin family stepped forward to refute the rumors, but there was no substantial evidence. It was hard to explain.

After Qiao Xi finished eating the cake, she wiped the cream off the corner of her mouth and revealed a satisfied smile. Even though she was sitting in the corner, she was still the center of attention.

At this moment, someone suddenly asked, "Old Master Xia, the official account of Xia Corporation has already released the news of Miss Xia and President Gu's engagement. But President Gu and Mrs. Gu..."

Xia Cheng smiled kindly. "Everyone, you're thinking too much. Of course, President Gu has agreed to this marriage. Otherwise, why would I dare to take matters into my own hands?"

At this moment, Xia Mengyan's father, Xia Ji, and Xia Yunlou were also present. As Qiao Xi's biological mother, Xia Yunlou was noticed by many reporters the moment she appeared.

When Xia Mengyan saw that her father and aunt were here, she hurriedly went forward with a blissful expression. When Xia Cheng saw his children, he immediately beamed. "Yunlou, Xia Ji."

Qiao Xi sized up Xia Yunlou. She seemed to have become a little more mature and did not care about her adopted daughter, Xu Anran, anymore. She had a rare chance to return to the Xia family and start a new life. It was time for her to restrain herself.

Looking at the harmonious appearance of the Xia family, Qiao Xi could not help but narrow her eyes. She really did not understand. Xia Yunlou doted on Xu Anran so much and was very close to Xia Mengyan, but she was so cold to her biological daughter.

She sized up the Xia family and found it a little strange that everyone was here except for Xia Mengyan's mother. Moreover, Xia Mengyan did not ask about her mother either. She seemed to be used to it. Qiao Xi heard that Madam Xia never attended any banquets and had always been reclusive. Qiao Xi even suspected that this person did not exist at all.

Xia Yun held Xia Mengyan's hand and said with a loving expression, "Mengyan, don't worry. You're the legitimate Mrs. Gu! You're the daughter of the Xia family who we've nurtured since you were young. Only you're worthy of President Gu."

Xia Mengyan blushed shyly, but she pretended to be troubled. "Aunt, you're Xi Xi's biological mother. If she finds out that you're speaking up for me, she'll definitely be sad. Moreover, she and Ah Zheng haven't divorced yet. We—"

"I'm her biological mother, so I know her well. I know that she's not worthy of being Mrs. Gu!" Xia Yunlou's gaze turned fierce when she heard Qiao Xi's name.

"Mengyan, just wait to be Mrs. Gu! She'll have to give up her position sooner or later. The Lu family won't even acknowledge her identity, so how can she continue to stay by President Gu's side? Our Xia family is on good terms with the Lu family, and with the Lu family's help, this position will be yours sooner or later!"

Actually, Xia Yunlou was also a little unwilling. At first, she planned to let Anran marry Gu Zheng. After all, she was the daughter she raised since she was young. However, ever since she was chased back to the Xia family and Xia Ji told her something, she decided to wholeheartedly help Mengyan rise to power.

Xia Yunlou comforted her in a low voice. "Xu Zhi and I haven't divorced yet, so I'm still Madam Xu. The Jiang family and the Xu family are old friends. The two families are close. With the Lu family's confirmation, this marriage will naturally succeed."

Xia Ji also smiled and said, "Yunlou is right. Mengyan, just wait for your marriage!"

Qiao Xi looked at Xia Yunlou and could not help but sneer. Back then, this woman doted on Xu Anran like she was her own daughter. In the end, she heartlessly abandoned her. Now, Xu Anran was living like a street rat, but she did not care about her. Instead, she was concerned about Xia Mengyan.

In the Yin family's memories, Xia Yunlou was kind and sensible when she was young. Although she was the youngest, she was very obedient. In order to not let her parents' relationship fall apart, she took the initiative to leave home with her father when she was young. She was afraid that her siblings would be sad, so she decided to return home to accompany them. How did such a child become like this?

Xia Yunlou's eyes were filled with viciousness and selfishness. She might have really loved Xu Zhi and doted on Xu Anran, but these two people were nothing compared to her. All her actions were for herself. For example, she was helping Xia Mengyan snatch her biological daughter's engagement for the sake of wealth and benefits.

How could this woman be the obedient little girl described by the Yin family?

Qiao Xi felt that it was very strange. Before she could think clearly, someone suddenly blocked her line of sight. Xia Yunlou stood in front of her with a vicious gaze. When she thought about how she had been chased out of the house by Xu Zhi during this period of time and was mocked by the entire Luo City, she wished for nothing more than to tear Qiao Xi into pieces.

### **Chapter 939: Cousin Is Domineering When Protecting His Sister**

Qiao Xi slowly raised her eyes, and her stunning face was shrouded in shadows. She took a sip of the fruit wine, and her lips were stained with the sparkling wine, making her look even more charming.

However, Xia Yunlou did not find Qiao Xi stunning in the slightest. Instead, she said with a gloomy expression, "You're still so rude. You don't even greet me when you see me."

Qiao Xi leaned comfortably against the sofa and said indifferently, "I'm wondering if I should call you Madam Xu or Madam Xia."

These words were like a heavy blow to Xia Yunlou's heart. In the past, she was the glorious Madam Xu, but now, Xu Zhi wanted to divorce her. Although the procedures had not been done, her marriage with Xu Zhi had already ended. The title of Madam Xu was a blatant mockery.

"Qiao Xi! Is this how you speak to your mother? I really hate it when you're like this. You're so arrogant. I'd rather dote on my adopted daughter and niece than waste a single second on you!"

Xia Yunlou glared angrily and pointed at Qiao Xi as she shouted in exasperation, "Other people's daughters are all obedient and sensible, but you act like my enemy. As long as you curry favor and say a few good words, I'll naturally dote on you. You've never had a mother to dote on you since you were young. Could it be that you don't desire maternal love?"

Qiao Xi put down her wine glass and lazily leaned against the sofa. Her thin lips parted slightly. "What a coincidence. I don't like you either. Moreover, there are many people who are good to me. You're not the only one who can dote on me."

These simple words almost made Xia Yunlou faint from anger. She glanced at the people around her before suppressing the anger in her heart. She gritted her teeth and warned, "Let me tell you, you need to shut up today. Don't spout nonsense in front of others. Now that Mengyan and President Gu's marriage has been decided, I won't let you off if you ruin it!"

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows indifferently with a disdainful expression. She, the legitimate wife, was still around, yet Xia Mengyan wanted to marry Gu Zheng. She was really daydreaming!

Xia Yunlou was infuriated by her appearance. She berated coldly, "Look at you. Are you worthy of President Gu? Moreover, this engagement doesn't belong to you. You stole Mengyan's engagement, so it's time to return it to her.

"Once the news of the engagement is out, the Xia family's business will improve a lot. If you dare to ruin it, you'll be disloyal to the Xia family and unfilial!"

Qiao Xi snorted coldly. "Is there something wrong with you? What does the Xia family have to do with me?"

Xia Yunlou was angered to the point of having a ferocious expression. The flesh on her face trembled slightly as she pointed at Qiao Xi and shouted, "What are you talking about?! You're also half a member of the Xia family! Mengyan is your cousin. She's so good to you, yet you still snatched her engagement away. Why are you so selfish?!"

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Qiao Xi had always been very curious. How could the Xia family be so shameless and lie through their teeth? Xia Mengyan was good to her? Hmph, she was so good that Qiao Xi wished for nothing more than to kill her!

Xia Yunlou suppressed her anger. "In any case, if you still want to acknowledge me as your mother, you're not allowed to fool around today. You and President Gu are not compatible. You'd better divorce obediently. I'll find a more suitable man for you."

Qiao Xi raised her eyes and glanced at her with slight doubt. She chuckled and asked, "Madam Xia, why do you think I want to acknowledge you as my mother?"

Xia Yunlou originally thought that she had deceived Qiao Xi, but she did not expect that Qiao Xi did not care at all. She was angered to the point her face flushed red, and her tone was vicious. "Qiao Xi! I'm warning you. If you ruin this marriage, I won't let you off!"

"Madam Xia, you're also a socialite from an aristocratic family. Why are you losing your composure?! Are you qualified to give me a warning?" As soon as Qiao Xi finished speaking, she stood up and left. Xia Yunlou looked at the surrounding guests and was angered to the point her entire body trembled. She quickly rushed to Qiao Xi's side with the intention of grabbing her.

At this moment, Xia Mengyan hurriedly rushed over and comforted her softly. "Aunt! Don't make things difficult for Cousin. It's normal for her to be sad, but Cousin, I've already gone to see President Gu. He said that he'll announce the marriage between the two families at the banquet. I advise you not to cause trouble lest you anger President Gu."

As soon as she finished speaking, a tall figure suddenly appeared in front of Qiao Xi. Yin Jinglin raised his eyebrows with a disdainful expression. "Announce the marriage contract between the two families?"

Xia Mengyan smiled in embarrassment. "Cousin, I know you dote on Xi Xi, but President Gu has already agreed to this marriage. If Xi Xi continues to pester him, she'll be laughed at. At that time, everyone will be in a difficult position."

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Yin Jinglin's eyes turned cold. "Don't call me your cousin. Are we close? Is the daughter of an illegitimate child worthy of being my relative? Are you worthy?"

#### **Chapter 940: Trash Should Stay In The Trash Can**

"Xia Mengyan, don't think that your little tricks can hide from me. When you instigated Sun Chuan, I happened to see and record it. Even without the recording, do you think I can't find evidence? If you don't want others to know what you did, don't do it!

"You keep saying that you're on good terms with Xi Xi, but you plotted to poison her behind her back. Little girl, you're so two-faced! You're just trash, so you should stay in the trash can. Do you think everyone is like that idiot, Sun Chuan, who's tempted by your appearance? Just because he's a fool doesn't mean that the others are the same!"

With a loud bang, some photos and documents fell in front of Xia Mengyan.

The entire venue was silent. The guests were so scared that their bodies trembled as they looked at Xia Mengyan. Everyone also suspected that Xia Mengyan was related to the poisoning. After all, when Sun



Chuan was chased out, he shouted that Xia Mengyan had harmed him. In the end, Xia Mengyan cried and the matter was over. Now, Young Master Yin actually had evidence.

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Xia Mengyan's face was pale. She did not expect Yin Jinglin to have recorded her conversation with Sun Chuan. He even exposed it in public. At this moment, she looked at the photos and information on the floor. Her body was stiff, and her mind was a mess.

Hearing Yin Jinglin's words, the men who liked Xia Mengyan felt offended and retorted indignantly, "Young Master Yin, who knows if your evidence is real or fake? Your Yin family is so rich. It might be fake."

"Can't you see for yourself whether it's true or not? Right! I forgot that you're blind to have taken a liking to a beast like Xia Mengyan!" Yin Jinglin retorted crazily, "Since you're blind, I'll tell you out of goodwill. Miss Xia secretly bought this poison a long time ago. This poison might still be hidden in the Xia family now! As expected of the granddaughter of a mistress. You only know how to play tricks behind others' backs. Your grandmother is a shameless mistress, so you learned to be one too. You want to ruin Xi Xi's marriage, and you even tried to poison her. Do you still have the cheek to live in this world?"

"How does the Xia family educate their children? It's really bad luck to have met you people! Fortunately, Grandma divorced the scumbag decades ago and left the Xia family with her father. Otherwise, the younger generation like us would have been raised in the Xia family. Wouldn't we become as vicious as you, Miss Xia?"

Yin Jinglin's words were not polite to the Xia family at all. His words were a harsh slap to their cheeks. They were all so angry that their faces turned red.

Xia Yunlou gritted her teeth. "Qiao Xi!"

"Jinglin." A cold and dignified voice slowly sounded. A man in a gray suit walked over. His eyes were cold, and his face was handsome. However, he gave off an invisible sense of oppression.

Yin Jingting exuded a noble and elegant aura. This was the aura of the future head of the Yin family. He looked at the Xia family coldly, but his tone was very calm. "Jinglin, you're the young master of the Yin family. How can you quarrel with a group of immoral people? Won't you lose your status by doing this?"

Yin Jinglin smiled arrogantly. "Third Brother, you're right. What's there to quarrel about with a group of immoral people? Anyway, they don't even care about their reputations anymore. What else could they care about?"

As soon as he finished speaking, he looked at Xia Mengyan with a mocking expression. "Don't think that the matter of you poisoning my cousin is over. My grudge with you has just begun! You tried to harm my cousin, so I'll make you pay a painful price!"

Xia Mengyan's expression changed, and she broke out in a cold sweat. Her eyes were red as she choked. "Cousin, I really didn't poison anyone. I was wronged. Moreover, today is Gu Corporation's banquet. Why are we so tense? President Gu even said that he wanted to announce something important. We can't affect the overall situation over such a small matter."

Yin Jinglin really could not stand Xia Mengyan's pretense and was about to retort when he was stopped by Yin Jingting. His eyes were indifferent and carried a trace of mockery. "Miss Xia, you just said that President Gu is going to announce an important matter. Is it the engagement between the two families? Does this engagement really belong to you?"

Xia Mengyan pretended to be calm, and her voice trembled slightly. "Cousin, why don't you believe me? I admit that the poisoning incident is indeed related to me. Sun Chuan attacked you because he wanted to avenge me, but I've already apologized and Sun Chuan has been punished. Why won't you forgive me?! I know you must be blaming me for being with Ah Zheng, but what's wrong with me just taking back what belongs to me?"