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Deep down, Director Lin trusted Qiao Nian. However, he was the organizer in this situation, and he had to give everyone an explanation. He asked, "Miss Qiao Xin, Nian Nian, please tell me the truth. Who exactly does

this pot of Suranne Grass belong to?"

When Qiao Xin heard Director Lin's words, she turned to glance at him, looking as if she wanted to speak, but was holding herself back. Her gaze finally fell on Qiao Nian's face, and a trace of hesitation flashed across

her face. For a moment, she looked like she was caught in a serious dilemma.

After a while, Qiao Xin's gaze hardened as she said, "The Suranne Grass belongs to Sister!"

Qiao Nian didn't speak. There was nothing wrong with Qiao Xin's answer, save for her acting as if she were giving in.

Everyone couldn't help but feel indignant for Qiao Xin.

"Qiao Nian, you've gone too far. How can you bully your sister like this?"

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"Qiao Nian, you're really shameless. You're going crazy trying to attract attention!"

"Miss Qiao Xin, you can't keep backing down. This will only make some brazen people, whom I won't name, demand for more and more!"

Gu Zhou stood at the side, his thin lips pursed and his phoenix-like eyes narrowed. His gaze fell on the people who had spoken up for Qiao Xin.

The coldness in his eyes gradually intensified. His well-defined hands clenched tightly into fists, and the veins on the back of his hands bulged viciously, as if he was holding back something.

Seeing this, Chen Qing hurriedly jotted down all their names. Those people clearly didn't know what was good for them. Second Young Master Gu would definitely require those names.

Tears welled up in Qiao Xin's eyes. She turned to look at Qiao Nian, who was standing next to her, and put on a pitiful expression. "Everyone, stop talking. This was cultivated by my sister. Please stop attacking her.

Thank you."

Not only did Qiao Xin's words fail to make the people around her sympathize with Qiao Nian, but it also increased their dissatisfaction with Qiao Nian several times over.

Some of them were so angry that they yearned to step forward and tear Qiao Nian to shreds. This was the first time they had seen such a brazen woman.

At this moment, a middle-aged man walked in. He was wearing a suit and leather shoes, and had his hair combed back. He walked up to Qiao Xin and said gently, "Second Young Mistress, I'm really sorry for being late!"

Everyone's gaze fell on the middle-aged man.

The man was none other than the big shot of the scientific research field, Song Hua.

The famous Song Hua had developed medicine to treat leukemia when he was 25, saving countless families.

Song Hua was very well-known in the medical field and was deeply respected.

After that, Song Hua had made many contributions to the country. This time, he came specially to look for Qiao Xin.

Everyone's gaze fell on Qiao Xin again.

Initially, they didn't know where Qiao Xin had gotten the Suranne Grass from, but now they understood. So there was someone above Qiao Xin.

Song Hua's gaze swept across the crowd. He said solemnly, "Ladies and gentlemen, Qiao Xin was the one who planted the Suranne Grass. I was once fortunate enough to witness its growth."

Song Hua's words seemed to reassure everyone. Now, everyone was completely certain that Qiao Xin was the one who had planted the Suranne Grass.

Qiao Nian frowned slightly. She hadn't expected Song Hua to appear, much less that he was here to help Qiao Xin.

She finally understood why Qiao Xin was so bold as to say that the Suranne Grass belonged to her. So there was a big shot backing her up.

So Qiao Xin had put in a lot of effort in preparation for this battle.

Qiao Nian asked calmly, "Mr. Song, do you know how Suranne Grass is planted?"

With his hands behind his back, Song Hua said with an air of frankness, "Naturally, one has to first plant the seed. The plant will take root, germinate, and finally sprout."

"Heh." Qiao Nian was now completely certain that Song Hua didn't know anything. He was simply describing the process of how the Suranne Grass grew according to his imagination. "Is that so?"

When the people around them heard Qiao Nian's words, they were all displeased. They felt that Qiao Nian was too arrogant. She didn't even respect her elders..

Chapter 122 How Disgusting

"Qiao Nian must be so angry that she can't speak!"

"When I saw her previously, I thought she was a smart and generous young lady. I didn't expect her to be so vicious!"

"Such a vicious person should go to the eighteenth level of hell!"

Hearing everyone's words, Qiao Xin bit her lip and put on a selfless facade, saying, "Uncle Song, it's all my fault. I lied to you. This Suranne Grass... This Suranne Grass was planted by my sister."

Seeing Qiao Xin's air of conceding defeat, Song Hua gently patted Qiao Xin's back and said sympathetically, "Good child, you can't always compromise. Don't be sad. Uncle will stand up for you!"

With that, Song Hua's gaze fell on Director Lin's face. A trace of a smile appeared on his serious face. "Director Lin, long time no see. I apologize for coming uninvited."

Song Hua and Director Lin used to be schoolmates.

"Since you're already here, what's the use of saying all this now? You're just being a hindrance!" Director Lin knew that Song Hua was a despicable person, so he didn't bother treating him with hospitality either.

Song Hua's skin was thicker than a city wall. He didn't take Director Lin's displeasure to heart at all. His gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face. "Qiao Nian, one has to have principles. As an older sister, how can you always steal

what belongs to your younger sister? You'll never have a foothold in the medical field if you continue being like this. If you're willing to apologize to Qiao Xin now, then I'll let bygones be bygones for what you've done in

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the past."

"Stealing someone else's fruits of labor without putting in any effort. Song Hua, you're right!" Director Lin seemed to be implying something.

Song Hua completely ignored Director Lin's words. No one else present right now could compare to him, especially regarding his status in the medical field. Many in the crowd would still need to fawn over him to get

where they wanted to be.

"Qiao Nian, apologize to your sister!" Song Hua shouted sternly.

"Mr. Song, what you're saying is a little strange. Just because you said that she planted the Suranne Grass, does that mean that she must have been the one who planted it? Are you God? I must have missed the memo."

Qiao Nian's expression was one of utter calmness.

When the people around them heard Qiao Nian's words, they turned red with anger.

"Qiao Nian, do you know who he is?"

"Qiao Nian, how you fight with your sister is none of our business. But now, you're slandering Mr. Song. Have you lost your mind?"

Qiao Nian stood there and watched as these people pointed fingers at her, each preaching morals at her. Her lips curved up in disdain. "It's just a stalk of Suranne Grass. Surely it'll be fine if you can't get it back!"

"Qiao Nian is really a lunatic. A stalk of Suranne Grass is worth tens of millions!"

"If she's not crazy, how could she not know how valuable Suranne Grass is?"

"Alright, let's all leave. Qiao Nian must be trying to attract attention and steal her sister's credit!"

“Qiao Nian is so disgusting!”

At this moment, Director Lin’s assistant stumbled into the room, panting heavily.

“Director Lin, Miss Qiao Nian’s gift has arrived!”

When the people around them heard the assistant’s words, they all began to laugh.

“A gift that can make Director Lin’s assistant panic. Qiao Nian’s gift must be really unique!”

“Did Qiao Nian send over a bucket of shit?”

“Who knows? That might be true!”

When Director Lin heard the words of the people around him, his expression darkened. His gaze fell on the assistant’s face. “Why are you panicking? What haven’t you seen before?”

The assistant looked aggrieved. He asked carefully, “Then... then, should I get the gifts to be moved in now?”

“Do so!” Director Lin knew very well that no matter how bad Qiao Nian’s present was, it wouldn’t be as bad as others made it out to be.

The assistant nodded and walked out.

The onlookers looked at Qiao Nian with interest, waiting to laugh at her.

Song Hua looked at Qiao Nian arrogantly and said calmly, “I have a photograph of Qiao Xin cultivating the Suranne Grass here.”

With that, Song Hua unlocked his phone and pulled up a photograph, handing his phone to everyone.

In the photograph, Qiao Xin was happily holding a small flower pot. A green shoot had sprouted from the pot. Needless to say, this must be Suranne Grass..

Chapter 123 Soul Questioning

Song Hua’s gaze fell on Qiao Nian’s face and he snorted. “Qiao Xin has always kept in mind that you’re her older sister, so she has always tolerated you, but you can’t go too

far. You can’t keep bullying her just because she’s kind. If you don’t apologize to her today, don’t even think about leaving this place!”

Everyone looked at Qiao Xin sympathetically. They all believed that Qiao Xin often gave in to Qiao Nian at home as well.

Qiao Xin wiped her tears with a tissue and said gently, "Uncle Song, it's good that the truth of this matter has already come to light. Please don't blame Sister. She didn't do it on purpose."

In the eyes of the crowd, Qiao Xin looked extremely pitiful. She was the younger sister, yet she had to be constantly magnanimous, and had to give in to her older sister,

Qiao Nian, all the time. This young lady was truly a kind and understanding soul!

In comparison, the crowd had no sympathy for Qiao Nian. She snatched her sister's belongings all the time. She was simply inhumane!

"Qiao Nian, apologize to Miss Qiao Xin!"

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"Qiao Nian, apologize quickly. You shouldn't have bullied Miss Qiao Xin. You've ruined Director Lin's opening ceremony!"

"Qiao Nian, if you still have a shred of humanity left in you, hurry up and kneel down to apologize!"

Hearing the criticizing words of the people around her, Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows slightly and asked, "Do any of you know how Suranne Grass is cultivated? Do you

know the environmental conditions required for it to germinate? How can you all be sure that the pot Qiao Xin was carrying in that photograph contained Suranne Grass?"

Everyone was stunned speechless for a moment. None of them had anything to say in response to the three questions Qiao Nian had fired out. However, they quickly

regained their footing. Qiao Nian was clearly resorting to sophistry!

"Qiao Nian, don't even think about trying to free yourself from your wrongdoings. This is clearly your fault!"

"You're still refusing to tell the truth, even now."

"Does Qiao Nian have no sense of propriety at all? She's simply a hopeless case. How can a person like her come to Director Lin's opening ceremony?"

Song Hua smiled coldly, his gaze falling on Qiao Nian's face. He questioned, "In that case, tell me: how did you cultivate the Suranne Grass?"

Qiao Nian looked at Qiao Xin and questioned, "How about you tell us how you cultivated the Suranne Grass?"

Qiao Xin's eyes darted to the side. Pretending to be aggrieved, she said, "Sister, you were there when I was cultivating the Suranne Grass. Don't you remember?"

"I have no idea how you cultivated Suranne Grass," Qiao Nian said expressionlessly.

Indeed, Qiao Xin didn't know how this pot of Suranne Grass had been cultivated. She had found the method of cultivation on Baidu. "Sister, I've just told you how I cultivated

Suranne Grass!"

"Qiao Xin, don't tell me you truly believe that Suranne Grass can be cultivated so easily!" Qiao Nian laughed scornfully.

"You..."

Without hesitation, Qiao Nian cut Qiao Xin off and continued, "Suranne Grass is so valuable because it doesn't have any seeds. Apart from loosening the soil to increase porosity, and adding fertilizer, sesame seeds must also be mixed into the soil. Moreover, Suranne Grass is grown from the grafting of two different plants. Every morning,

the morning dew has to be collected before the newly grown grass roots are buried in the soil. Then, it needs to be watered with ginseng water and the collected dew. It has

to remain in a dark room at a constant temperature. In another half a month, the first sign of Suranne Grass will appear."

Qiao Nian paused for a moment, then looked at the people around her and continued, "Just relying on ginseng water and morning dew is not enough to provide nutrients

for Suranne Grass. During this period, it needs to be watered with the blood of scorpions. The growth cycle of Suranne Grass takes about three years. This pot of Suranne

Grass only grew its leaves last week."

"You... you're spouting nonsense," Qiao Xin said in a panic.

“If I remember correctly, ten years ago, botanists determined that Suranne Grass had gone extinct. Since it’s already extinct, where did you find the seeds?”

Qiao Nian looked at Qiao Xin intently and continued, “If you could find seeds of Suranne Grass, that means that there’ll be more Suranne Grass at that place. Then, in that case, I’m sure you’ll have more with you. Just take out a few more stalks of Suranne Grass for everyone to see!”

Chapter 124 Forced

Everyone had not yet fully absorbed the process of cultivating Suranne Grass. When they heard Qiao Nian’s words, they nodded thoughtfully.

If Suranne Grass was really grown with seeds, then Qiao Xin would definitely know where to find other stalks of Suranne Grass.

Everyone’s gaze fell on Qiao Xin’s face. They were curious where all the other Suranne Grass was.

When Song Hua heard Qiao Nian’s question, he frowned and said, “What nonsense were you spouting just now? Grafting, ginseng, and the blood of what? How could you cultivate Suranne Grass with such a strange method?”

“Suranne Grass has always been a hybrid plant. It went extinct because of its exacting growth conditions.”

Qiao Nian didn’t even bother giving Song Hua a glance. Instead, she stared unblinkingly at Qiao Xin and continued, “If you insist that Suranne Grass is grown with seeds, that means that its seeds aren’t poisonous. The roots of Suranne Grass won’t be poisonous either. Do you dare to remove the roots of Suranne Grass with your bare hands?”

Before Qiao Xin could speak, Qiao Nian continued, “Just a friendly reminder. The roots of the Suranne Grass are highly poisonous. If you touch it with your bare hands,

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you’ll be instantly poisoned. The Suranne Grass will also die immediately!”

Qiao Nian was so frightened that her face had turned completely pale. Swaying on the spot, she looked at Qiao Nian in fear and unease. “Don’t spout nonsense!”

“I’m not spouting nonsense. You just have to touch the roots of the Suranne Grass. If you’re poisoned, that means I’m right. If you’re not poisoned, that means you cultivated this pot of Suranne Grass.” Qiao Nian looked at Qiao Xin, her voice deliberately provoking. Her entire body was radiating a frigid aura.

Sensing Qiao Nian’s aura, everyone was momentarily stunned. None of them dared to speak.

Qiao Xin was so anxious that cold sweat had broken out on her forehead. She didn’t dare to touch the roots, because she was really worried that she would be poisoned.

Qiao Xin found herself in a hard position. She had no way of backing down from this situation. If she continued to argue with Qiao Nian, she might give herself away. The only solution was to leave.

After a moment of silence, Qiao Xin looked at Qiao Nian with tear-stained cheeks. “Sister, you’re spouting nonsense. I know you hate me. I’ve already given in to you. What

else do you want?”

With that, Qiao Xin walked towards the exit in tears.

“Has Qiao Nian said anything wrong?”

Gu Zhou, who had been silent all this while, suddenly spoke. His voice was very calm, but one could sense the coldness in it.

Qiao Xin stopped in her tracks, her mind blank. She looked at Gu Zhou in shock.

Everyone was also stunned. They had thought that Gu Zhou was here to confess his love to Qiao Xin, but they didn’t expect Gu Zhou to choose to believe in Qiao Nian.

Gu Zhou raised his eyebrow slightly, looking as if he wasn’t afraid of making a scene. His gaze was as sharp as a dagger as he glared at Qiao Xin with that pair of dark eyes, his voice aggressive. “Or is Qiao Nian telling the truth? You clearly don’t dare to try. Are you planning to escape the scene?”

Qiao Xin was on the verge of breaking down. She didn’t dare to gamble with her life. Tears welled up in her eyes, and her expression grew uglier and uglier.

“Did Qiao Nian really cultivate the Suranne Grass?” An onlooker couldn’t help but ask.

“I’ve heard from others in the past about the methods of cultivation of Suranne Grass. Although I don’t know if Qiao Nian’s method of cultivation is right, I think there’s something wrong with Qiao Xin’s expression!”

“That’s right, that’s right. If Qiao Xin was really the one who cultivated it, then she should know the Suranne Grass very well. Why wouldn’t she dare to try it?”

“Yes, that’s what I’m wondering about!”

“Could Qiao Xin be lying on purpose?”

Qiao Xin stood there uneasily, listening to the discussion. She was so anxious that her palms began to sweat.

She had never expected that within the space of ten minutes, everyone would start to side with Qiao Nian.

When Qiao Xin thought of how Qiao Nian had treated her so harshly, she hated Qiao Nian to the core. However, she didn’t dare to voice her hatred. In the end, she couldn’t help but burst into tears!.

Chapter 125: Stunning the Entire Crowd!

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Seeing how hard Qiao Xin was crying, Su Yan’s heart ached for her. He hurriedly pulled Qiao Xin into his embrace and comforted her gently. “Don’t cry. Don’t be sad. I believe you. Qiao Nian has treated you so badly. Just don’t take her to be your sister in the future!”

Qiao Xin sobbed her heart out, looking a pitiful sight. She looked up at Su Yan and spoke, her voice choked with emotion. “Brother Su Yan, it’s all my fault. I wanted to help you, but I didn’t expect things to turn out like this...”

Seeing the state Qiao Xin was in, Su Yan glared viciously at Qiao Nian. He hadn’t expected that Qiao Nian would bully her younger sister like this all the time!

The more Su Yan thought about it, the angrier he became. For his sake, Qiao Xin had taken the initiative to give him the Suranne Grass. She had gone to such lengths just to allow him to secure the opportunity for collaboration with Director Lin.

But this stupid woman, Qiao Nian, had come to cause trouble yet again. And this brainless fool still wanted to be with him! She must be dreaming!

Su Yan's expression darkened. "Since no one welcomes us here, we'll take our leave!"

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With that, Su Yan began to help Qiao Xin out of the room.

"Haha."

At this moment, Qiao Nian began to laugh. Her voice was dripping with sarcasm.

Su Yan stopped in his tracks involuntarily. He turned back to look at Qiao Nian and questioned, "What are you laughing at? Don't think that just because you bullied Qiao Xin, I'll get together with you. In your dreams!"

Qiao Nian raised her eyebrow slightly, giving a bright smile. "Mr. Su, you're wrong there. From the beginning, everyone has only targeted me. According to how Qiao Xin is acting right now, a few sharp words of criticism can be enough for one to fall into the depths of despair and yearn to end one's life. In that case, shouldn't I have already died a thousand times over?"

She refused to let Qiao Xin leave. She had to make Qiao Xin pay!

Su Yan frowned when he heard Qiao Nian's words. His eyes were filled with coldness as he said impatiently,

"Are you saying that you want Qiao Xin to die a thousand times over? How can you be so vicious?"

"Is there something wrong with your brain? If so, I'm sure that there's at least one neurosurgeon present today, among the big shots of the medical field who have been invited. Ask him to examine your brain, will you?" While speaking, Qiao Nian knocked lightly on her head and gave Su Yan a half-smile. "Or were you already aware that Qiao Xin was lying? Did you know from the start that this pot of Suranne Grass belongs to me?"

Su Yan's face turned green with suppressed rage when he heard Qiao Nian's words. He still remembered how gentle Qiao Nian had been in the past. Now that he thought about it, Qiao Nian seemed to have become a completely different person.

When Song Hua heard Qiao Nian's words, he walked up in a rage, glaring fiercely at her. "You're spouting nonsense. I know many big shots in the botanical field, but I've never heard of anyone cultivating plants according to the method you just described. Everything you've said so far is just a big joke!"

Song Hua was very well-known in the medical field. When the onlookers heard his words, they began to waver. One by one, they stood on Qiao Xin's side.

“Qiao Nian must be the one who’s bullying Qiao Xin!”

“Although we’ve never studied how plants grow, everyone knows that most plants are cultivated with seeds. How could plants become a new breed after grafting?”

“Mr. Song is famous in the medical world. How could he wrongly accuse a young lady?”

At this moment, Director Lin’s assistant entered. There was a large group of people behind him, and everyone instinctively looked toward the door.

When everyone saw the parade of items behind Director Lin’s assistant, their jaws dropped!

Director Lin’s assistant was holding a pot of Suranne Grass. Not only that, every person behind him was each holding a pot of Suranne Grass.

Oh my god, there were five pots of Suranne Grass in total!

Everyone’s eyes had gone wide open in astonishment.

Was this Qiao Nian’s gift to Director Lin?

What everyone was seeing right now was no longer the Suranne Grass, but piles of glittering gold. All of them were so excited that they nearly fainted from the shock..

Chapter 126 Changing Sides

In an instant, all the blood drained from Qiao Xin’s face. Her legs trembled uncontrollably as her weight fell on Su Yan. Without his presence, she might have collapsed to

the ground.

Director Lin placed a hand over his heart, trying hard to calm himself down. He was genuinely afraid that he would faint from the shock.

At this moment, Director Lin suddenly understood why his usually composed assistant had been so flustered.

However, what shocked Director Lin even more was that the five pots of Suranne Grass were just the beginning. The gifts that followed almost caused Director Lin to faint from suffocation.

Goodness, this was Moonlight Grass!

These pots of Moonlight Grass had even bore fruit!

One stalk of Moonlight Grass was worth tens of millions. Moreover, Moonlight Grass that had bore fruit was even rarer and more valuable than Suranne Grass!

When everything had been carried in, the onlookers began to count the items one by one in childish excitement. It was as if they had all reverted to kindergarteners.

Five pots of Suranne Grass, six pots of Moonlight Grass, and twelve ripe Moonlight Fruits.

Each ripe Moonlight Fruit was worth more than a hundred million.

Director Lin was almost knocked out. He moved his arm in front of Lin Tao and said excitedly, "Quick, pinch me!"

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A gleeful smile appeared on Lin Tao's face. Not holding back, she pinched Director Lin's arm hard.

"Oh, that hurts! So everything is true!" Director Lin looked at the items in utter disbelief. He was afraid that he would faint from excitement. He was breathing so heavily

that he wondered, momentarily, if an inhaler was necessary to assist his breathing.

Qiao Xin looked at the five pots of Suranne Grass, neatly arranged in a row, and her breathing grew more and more erratic.

She had initially thought that Qiao Nian was just going to hide the other pots of Suranne Grass she had seen, but she had never expected Qiao Nian to give all of them to

Director Lin.

Was Qiao Nian a fool?

Those pots of Moonlight Grass shouldn't have been sent by Qiao Nian, right?

Qiao Xin remembered that there were no pots of Moonlight Grass in the van at the mental hospital that day.

That's right. These definitely weren't sent over by Qiao Nian!

If Qiao Nian was so rich, why had she still stayed in the mental hospital, subjecting herself to suffering? It couldn't be true.

Director Lin's assistant stood at the side, looking excited. His voice trembled as he said, "Director Lin, we've already moved in all of Miss Qiao Nian's gifts!"

Everyone's legs gave way. The shock had left them all in a frenzied state of mind, a thousand thoughts buzzing about. They all wanted to kneel down and apologize to Qiao Nian!

Director Lin's legs gave way as well. If Lin Tao hadn't been supporting him, he might have fallen to his knees!

He had always known that Qiao Nian was very talented at cultivating plants, but he had never expected Qiao Nian to have spent these past few years preparing such a big gift for him!

This was truly a great surprise!

At this moment, Su Yan was also stunned. He had never expected Qiao Nian to be the one who had delivered these items.

He was from the medical field, so he was naturally aware of the value of these items. These plants were truly priceless. Most wouldn't be able to ever own one in their lives, even if they were to run through their entire fortunes.

But these gifts had been sent over by Qiao Nian, whom he despised the most.

What shocked Su Yan the most was that Qiao Nian had probably cultivated these plants herself.

Su Yan felt his face burn with shame, as if he had just been slapped.

As for the others, they looked at the Moonlight Grass and Suranne Grass in disbelief.

"Goodness! I'm actually able to see real Moonlight Grass bearing fruit with my own eyes!"

"Our lives have truly not been in vain. Yet, we were blind to not recognize a giant among us. We misunderstood Miss Qiao Nian, and actually believed the words of that despicable Qiao Xin!"

“Miss Qiao Nian is truly a genius. One can only dream of getting anywhere near her level!”

Listening to the praises the others were heaping upon Qiao Nian, Song Hua clenched his fists tightly. His heart skipped a beat.

He had stood on Qiao Xin’s side today. Because of this matter, the good reputation he had been building up for decades was ruined, just like that.

Song Hua glared viciously at the Moonlight Grass and Suranne Grass. He had never expected Qiao Nian to be so generous!

She had gifted so much to Director Lin at once!

At the thought of this, Song Hua felt certain that Qiao Nian had other treasures in her possession!.

Chapter 127 Pushing the Blame

Qiao Nian had sent over so many treasures. This made everyone realize that the Suranne Grass didn’t belong to Qiao Xin at all. Instead, it belonged to Qiao Nian.

Every person in the crowd was admiring these expensive plants. They all looked at Qiao Nian with respect.

Qiao Nian had never been one to be taken advantage of easily. She had no intention of letting Qiao Xin off the hook.

Qiao Nian’s beautiful fox-like eyes opened a little wider as she spoke, her words unhurried. “Qiao Xin, are you still going to insist that this pot of Suranne Grass is yours?”

Inch by inch, Qiao Xin turned her head to look at Qiao Nian. Her face was as pale as a sheet of paper. Her eyes were filled with fear and unease.

Qiao Nian pointed at the pot of Suranne Grass Qiao Xin had brought over and said with a smile, “Why don’t you give my suggestion a try? Anyway, you’ll only be ruining one pot of Suranne Grass. I’m sure Director Lin won’t feel the pinch.”

Shaking her head, Qiao Xin stepped back.

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Matching her steps, Qiao Nian approached Qiao Xin, not giving her a chance to catch her breath. “Don’t worry. Although the roots of the Suranne Grass can poison you, the hospital is very near. If we send you there, the doctor will help you detoxify the poison

easily. By the way, even if you're cured, touching the roots of Suranne Grass will still cause a person's body to be covered in festering sores. There's no way to treat that!"

At the thought that her entire body might be covered in boils, Qiao Xin said in fear, "No, I won't!"

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on Su Yan's face and she smiled. "Mr. Su, you can take Qiao Xin's place."

Su Yan's heart leaped to his throat. He glanced at Qiao Xin, who was trembling, then at Qiao Nian, who appeared completely unruffled. The answer was clear.

So the pot of Suranne Grass really didn't belong to Qiao Xin.

At this moment, Su Yan longed to find a hole to hide in. He had never expected Qiao Xin to do something like this!

Su Yan was utterly humiliated. He was clenching his fists so hard that the veins on the back of his hands were bulging. Cold sweat had broken out on his forehead.

Qiao Nian glanced at Su Yan's fists. Smiling, she asked sarcastically, "Are you going to throw a tantrum? If you want to start a fight, the police station isn't far from here either. Perhaps the police will give you a luxurious suite in prison on account of the Su family name!"

"Qiao Nian, you're going too far!" "Mr. Su, do you not use your brain?" Qiao Nian was so angry that she began to laugh. "Aren't you the ones going too far?"

Su Yan almost vomited blood. He couldn't find any words to rebuke her.

Qiao Nian's gaze finally fell on Song Hua's face. She smiled and said, "Mr. Song, neither Su Yan nor Qiao Xin are willing to give it a try. Why don't you give it a try? Don't worry, if you're poisoned, I'll pay for your medical fees. I believe you'll definitely be impartial. A man of your status won't side with anyone!"

On the surface, she was praising Song Hua, but everyone present knew that Qiao Nian despised him utterly. Song Hua was so angry that his chest ached. In all his years in the medical field, this was the first time he had been rebuked by a young lass to the point of speechlessness. His reputation had been ruined.

Previously, Song Hua had sided with Qiao Xin because he had taken Qiao Shan's money.

But now, everyone understood that Qiao Xin was the one who had stolen Qiao Nian's Suranne Grass in order to please Director Lin.

If he still chose to stand on Qiao Xin's side, he would only be more humiliated.

However, Gu Zhou, who was in the crowd, was gazing at Qiao Nian with admiration. To Song Hua, Qiao Nian was like a cunning little fox. No one could take advantage of her.

Song Hua's mind raced, cold sweat breaking out on his forehead. If he took up Qiao Nian's suggestion and ended up poisoned, his life would be over. Nothing could be more humiliating than that. He had no choice but to relent and say, "Second Young Mistress Qiao, I was in the wrong. If Qiao Xin didn't show me that photograph, along with a false date, I would never have thought that she would lie to

me!"

Qiao Xin looked at Song Hua in disbelief and murmured, "Uncle Song..."

Song Hua's chest continued to ache with rage. He glared at Qiao Xin and berated angrily, "Qiao Xin, you used to be a good child. Why have you become like this? I remember now. You only did this to help Mr. Su, didn't you? But taking someone else's things is still wrong, no matter what. Hurry up and apologize to your sister!"

Chapter 128: Rather Destroy It Than Let It Fall Into Your Hands

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When Su Yan heard Song Hua's words, he couldn't help but frown. After some thought, he realized that that was indeed the case.

Qiao Xin knew that Song Hua was giving her an out. The only thing she could do was to step out and say pitifully, "Sister, I'm sorry. I didn't do it on purpose."

The smile on Qiao Nian's face grew even brighter. She said disdainfully, "You say that you didn't do it on purpose. If it really wasn't on purpose, you wouldn't have asked Mr. Song to vouch for you!"

Qiao Xin swayed on the spot. This time round, her reputation was truly in tatters. Being young, she couldn't help but burst into tears again.

At this moment, everyone who had spoken up for her previously looked at Qiao Xin from a distance, without a trace of sympathy or pity in their eyes.

Qiao Nian looked meaningfully at Qiao Xin and said, "Qiao Xin, I'd already given you a chance. I told you to think carefully about whether you could afford to keep my Suranne Grass around."

Tears continued rolling down Qiao Xin's cheeks. Her hands trembled as she took out the key to the display cabinet containing the Suranne Grass. Handing the key to Qiao Nian, she begged pitifully, "Sister, it's all my fault. I just wanted Brother Su

Yan to clinch this partnership. Now, I know that what I did was wrong. I won't do it again. Can I return the Suranne Grass to you? Please, please don't tell anyone about this, otherwise I..."

"You've already dirtied the Suranne Grass by handling it. I don't want anything you've touched!" Taking a step back, Qiao Nian retorted coldly.

When Qiao Xin heard Qiao Nian's words, a trace of cunning flashed in her eyes.

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Although she had humiliated herself in front of everyone, she could still make a lot of money by selling this pot of Suranne Grass on the market.

But Qiao Xin had never expected Qiao Nian to take the key from her hands, open the display cabinet, and take out the pot of Suranne Grass.

Qiao Xin looked at Qiao Nian in confusion. Didn't Qiao Nian think that this pot of Suranne Grass was dirty? Why would she take it out?

Just as everyone was feeling puzzled, they saw Qiao Nian raise the pot of Suranne Grass high up in the air and smash it viciously onto the ground.

The sound of the ceramic pot shattering resounded throughout the hall.

Everyone watched as the broken ceramic shards cut through the roots of the

Suranne Grass. From the roots, the Suranne Grass began to gradually wither until it turned completely black. Its life-force had completely disappeared.

Qiao Xin felt as if a knife had been stabbed viciously into her chest. It was as if her heart was dripping with blood. She couldn't breathe.

Tens of millions were gone just like that.

Not only was she utterly humiliated today, but she had also lost tens of millions!

When the onlookers saw this, they were all stunned.

Oh my god!

Qiao Nian had actually ruined that pot of Suranne Grass. But that was Suranne Grass! It was worth tens of millions!

Qiao Nian took out a tissue and gently wiped the dust off her hands. She said impassively, "Since this is something I don't want, there's no need to keep it around any longer!"

Seeing this, the others were practically in tears. Qiao Nian's personality was simply too powerful.

Su Yan and Qiao Xin were now both looking extremely grim.

Song Hua felt as if Qiao Nian had given him a vicious slap in the face. He didn't dare to say anything more. Reaching into his pocket for his phone, he pretended that he had to take a call, and left the room quickly.

Now, Song Hua's image among the crowd had been severely tarnished.

Lin Tao walked over to Qiao Nian. She gave Qiao Xin and Su Yan a vicious glare, then took Qiao Nian's arm, smiling. "Nian Nian, do come over and comfort my father. I'm a little worried that he might have a heart attack!"

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on Director Lin. Her smile was warm and bright. "Uncle Lin, if you hadn't taught me how to cultivate plants in the past, I wouldn't have been able to cultivate so much Suranne Grass and Moonlight Grass. For your opening ceremony today, I thought that you might be missing some plants and flowers, so I moved some over."

"Plants and flowers?" Director Lin felt like his heart was about to jump out of his chest.

In a moment, Director Lin recalled that Qiao Nian had just offered to work with him. Her only request was to grow the plants and flowers she liked.

Several acres of valuable plants...

When the onlookers thought of this, they nearly suffocated.

Qiao Nian's gaze lingered on Su Yan's face for a moment, then she smiled at

Director Lin. "Uncle Lin, what do you think of using that piece of land to cultivate these plants?"

None of the other people who wanted to work with the Director dared to speak up, because they were completely certain that Director Lin would decide to work with Qiao Nian.

Everyone looked at Qiao Nian with envy. It seemed that Qiao Nian was going to be the new director of the research institute..

Chapter 129: Research Director Qiao

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Without hesitation, Director Lin nodded.

“Congratulations, Research Director Qiao Nian.”

“Congratulations, Director Qiao!”

“Director Qiao is truly deserving of her reputation!”

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The others hurriedly congratulated her, showering her with compliments.

Seeing this, Qiao Xin found the situation extremely ironic.

Those people were simply fence-sitters! What a fickle lot!

Hatred flashed in Qiao Xin’s eyes. She didn’t know how Qiao Nian, that wretch, could possess so much good fortune.

Qiao Nian was clearly inferior to her in every way.

She could not take this lying down!

She simply couldn’t!

Meanwhile, Su Yan had never expected the project he had been optimistic about to disappear just like that.

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If he could secure this big project, he would be able to bring the Su family to greater heights.

Moreover, before he came, he had already sworn to his family that he would get this project without fail. But now, this project had been snatched away by Qiao Nian.

Su Yan’s chest burned with rage, and his mind raced. Suddenly, his eyes lit up.
“Director Lin, Research Director Qiao won’t be able to provide medical equipment. Shouldn’t you find another partner?”

Su Yan's thought process was simple. Even if he couldn't be the leader of this project, he should find some way to join the project. That way, he would have something to say when he got back to his family.

Director Lin glanced at Su Yan with a complicated expression, but remained quiet.

Qiao Nian stood at the side and sighed.

"Why are you sighing?" Su Yan asked in confusion.

Qiao Nian gave Su Yan a disdainful look. "I just think that your skin is thicker than the city walls."

Su Yan's anger was obvious. He clenched his fists so tightly that his nails dug into his palms. Blood coated his fingernails, but he didn't seem to feel a thing. 'You...'

Qiao Nian cut Su Yan off mercilessly. Her gaze fell on his face as she raised an eyebrow. "Are you an idiot?"

Su Yan's face flushed red with embarrassment. To be humiliated by Qiao Nian in public!

"Qiao Nian, you've gone too far!" Su Yan bellowed.

"Please watch your manners." Qiao Nian smiled at Su Yan and continued, "I'm the first partner. As for who is willing to provide medical equipment to us, the choice is mine. Mr. Su, do you think I'll let you work with me? Do you think I'm a fool, or is it you who's stupid? Do you think I'll allow someone who slanders me to work with

Without waiting for Su Yan to reply, Qiao Nian continued, "With all the mud you slung at me just now, how can I be sure that you won't betray me in the future?"

Director Lin stood at the side and nodded seriously. "Qiao Nian is now the director of the research institute. From now on, she will be in charge of everything to do with the institute."

Director Lin's words implied that he agreed with Qiao Nian.

How could Su Yan not tell? His expression was livid, but he had to secure the contract for medical equipment. Otherwise, his life in the Su family would be terrible from now on.

Su Yan knew very well that Qiao Nian was angry at him mainly because he had been protecting Qiao Xin. Qiao Nian was probably filled with jealousy and resentment.

After some time had passed, he would say some nice things to Qiao Nian. With Qiao Nian's fondness for him, it wouldn't be difficult for him to secure the partnership.

Su Yan was about to take the opportunity to leave when he heard Qiao Nian speak.

“Second Young Master Gu, I remember you mentioned the collaboration as well just now. Are you still interested?”

Qiao Nian walked up to Gu Zhou and looked at him intently.

Gu Zhou met Qiao Nian’s gaze, his gaze lingering on her cherry-red lips. His eyes darkened a few shades, the expression in them undefinable.

Everyone turned to look at Gu Zhou, waiting for his reply.

Su Yan gritted his teeth and glared at Gu Zhou with a ferocious expression.

Gu Zhou’s thin lips opened slightly. “It will be my honor to work with Director Qiao Nian!”

His voice was as cold as ever, carrying a refined gentlemanliness.

Many of the women present were watching Gu Zhou speak affectionately to Qiao Nian, One by one, their hearts all surged with emotion.

Oh my god!

This man was so handsome!

His voice was so pleasant to the ear!

How great would it have been if he wasn’t sick!

It doesn’t matter if he’s ill. I’m willing to continue taking care of him! I’m willing to give birth to his child!

Su Yan was livid when he heard the infatuated voices of the women.

This was his first time attempting to enter the business world, but he had suffered such a huge setback, and was even utterly humiliated.

The more Su Yan thought about it, the angrier he became. He turned around and walked out..

Chapter 130 Invitation

At this point in time, Qiao Xin had already stopped crying. Although she was also very angry, she still bowed respectfully to everyone before following Su Yan out of the room. Qiao Nian watched as the two of them left, her lips curving up slightly.

Who the hell did Su Yan think he was? How could he have thought that he had a chance to work with Director Lin?

If Qiao Nian wanted something, she would never let anyone else have it.

Just like that pot of Suranne Grass. She would rather ruin it than let Qiao Xin have it. She refused to let Qiao Xin take advantage of her in any way.

The grand opening ceremony began.

As the new director of the research institute, Qiao Nian, as well as Gu Zhou, who represented the third-party collaborator, stepped onto the stage. The firecrackers that followed were a perfect conclusion to the farce just now.

Just like that, the opening ceremony came to a close. Qiao Nian glanced at the time and was about to leave when she was stopped by an old man.

“Miss Qiao Nian, please wait for a moment.” An old man walked up to Qiao Nian and stopped her!

Qiao Nian turned to look at the old man. She had a good impression of him.

Previously, when everyone was criticizing Qiao Nian relentlessly, only this old man had refrained from attacking her personally, despite his doubts about her.

“Sir, may I help you?” Qiao Nian asked with a smile.

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“I’m the dean of the Second Academy of Medicine. Our school will be holding a lecture soon, and I would like to invite Miss Qiao Nian to be a lecturer. Would Second Young Mistress Qiao be free?” The old man said with a genteel smile.

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The Second Academy of Medicine was a famous university. It was ranked second in the country, and was also well-known internationally.

No wonder this old gentleman was completely different from the other onlookers. He was actually the world-famous Director Chen.

Qiao Nian hurriedly extended her hand and said politely, “Director Chen, it’s an honor to meet you.”

After a brief exchange of pleasantries, Director Chen asked, “Miss Qiao, may I ask if you have the time to give a lecture to the graduate students of our hospital this year?”

Qiao Nian suddenly recalled that Jiang Yue seemed to be a student from the Second Academy of Medicine.

Those who had the opportunity to give a lecture at the Second Academy of Medicine would be mostly top students who had graduated from that university, and most of them would go on to become big shots in the field.

For Director Chen to invite her to be a lecturer was a sincere affirmation of her medical skills, and a supreme honor.

Although Qiao Nian didn't really care about the opinions of the public, it wasn't appropriate for her to decline Director Chen's invitation, especially when it came directly from the great man himself. Smiling, she said, "Thank you for your invitation, Director Chen. I'll definitely be there!"

"I should be the one thanking you!"

Qiao Nian smiled and said, "Director Chen, you're too polite!"

Qiao Nian spoke a few more words to Director Chen before walking out.

Qiao Nian had just walked out of the research institute when Chen Qing, who had been waiting by the side, chased after her. "Madam."

Qiao Nian stopped and turned to look at Chen Qing

"Will you be returning to the Gu family villa?" Chen Qing asked respectfully.

Qiao Nian nodded, humming in assent.

"Then I'll send you back first!" Chen Qing said.

"What about him?" Qiao Nian asked.

Chen Qing explained, "Second Young Master still has some things to discuss with Director Lin. He asked me to send you home first!"

Qiao Nian turned around and looked at the hall in the distance. She saw Director Lin talking to Gu Zhou. Both men had smiles on their faces. It seemed that they would be able to come to an agreement regarding the contract on medical equipment very soon.

Gu Zhou seemed to sense something. He looked up, gazing in Qiao Nian's direction. Their eyes met. Gu Zhou's eyes were like two bottomless pools of water. His gaze was arresting.

Qiao Nian quickly looked away, turning to look at Chen Qing instead. Pretending to be calm, she said, "Alright, let's go!"

Qiao Nian had woken up early today. After getting into the car, she closed her eyes to rest.

After she had rested for a short while, her phone suddenly began to ring.

Qiao Nian didn't even bother opening her eyes. With her eyes still closed, she picked up the phone and said lazily, "Who is it?"

"You wretched girl! Get back here, right now!"

Su Xue's hysterical roar came through the phone.