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Chapter 131 Investigation

Qiao Nian opened her eyes. Her gaze was now tinged with coldness. She said icily, "Mom, if there's anything, just tell me over the phone!"

Su Xue's voice was filled with anger. "You utter wretch! I'm ordering you to go home right this instant! If it weren't for you, your sister wouldn't have been humiliated!"

Although Qiao Nian kept the phone pressed to her ear, Su Xue's voice was so loud that it was as though Qiao Nian had put the phone on speaker. Su Xue's hysterical roar reverberated around the entire car.

Chen Qing's grip on the steering wheel tightened involuntarily. He stared straight ahead, silently committing Su Xue's every word to memory. Qiao Nian gripped her phone tightly, her eyes gradually turning colder. She noticed that Su Xue had used the words "go home" instead of "come home". Her eyes flickered. "Since you're not at home, why should I go back?" With that, Qiao Nian hurriedly opened WeChat and sent a text to Old A.

(Please get me the location of the person who's currently speaking to me on the phone. I'll need it now.)

Su Xue was clearly gritting her teeth as she spoke. "Are you sure you have the time to ask me where I am? Let me tell you, if you don't apologize to your sister with enough sincerity, I will never forgive you! I will never let you off the hook, you wretched girl!"

Chen Qing's frown deepened. He was going to tell Second Young Master Gu everything he had heard, word for word.

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Qiao Nian's expression didn't change. She was already used to Su Xue's insults. If she cared about what Su Xue said, she would just end up in a bad mood.

In fact, Qiao Nian had no desire to continue talking with a lunatic like Su Xue. However, in order to buy time, she continued speaking. "Apologize? Why should I apologize to her? She's the one who should apologize to me!" "You... you're a beast!" Su Xue was livid.

“If I’m a beast, then you must be a beast as well. Sometimes, I even wonder if I’m your biological daughter. Otherwise, why would you treat me as your enemy?”

When Su Xue heard Qiao Nian’s words, her heart skipped a beat. With a tinge of guilt in her voice, she cursed, “You wretched girl! Aren’t you getting too big for your boots? You aren’t even taking us to be your parents!”

Qiao Nian continued staring at her WeChat. Right then, a notification appeared. She opened the message and saw that she had just received Su Xue’s current location.

“I think my suspicions are well-founded. Why don’t we do a paternity test some other day?” Qiao Nian said, sarcasm dripping from her words.

“I’m very disappointed in you. When you get home, I’ll definitely teach you a lesson!”

With that, Su Xue hung up without hesitation.

Sitting in the back seat of the car, Qiao Nian turned to look out of the window, her eyes narrowing slightly.

In the past, she had always thought that she was her parents’ biological daughter, and that they had only treated her the way they did because they didn’t like her. But now, she was a little unsure.

Because Su Xue had panicked.

Although Qiao Nian hadn’t grown up with Su Xue, Su Xue had always been calm and composed when Qiao Nian had seen her. This was the first time she had seen Su Xue panic. “Chen Qing, send me to Feng Yun Gym!” “Yes, ma’am.”

Chen Qing turned on the GPS. Feng Yun Gym was not far away. They arrived in ten minutes.

From the car, Qiao Nian looked at the words on the building: Feng Yun Gym. Her beautiful eyes narrowed dangerously.

In fact, Qiao Nian hadn’t decided to seek out Su Xue on a whim. Previously, because of the Suranne Grass incident, she had ordered people to keep an eye on Su Xue and Qiao Xin. What puzzled her was that Su Xue often visited this gymnasium.

From the impression Qiao Nian had of Su Xue, Su Xue wasn’t someone who liked to work out.

Qiao Nian gripped her bag tightly. She wanted to see what Su Xue was doing in the gymnasium.

“Wait for me in the car.”

“Yes, ma’am.”

Qiao Nian got out of the car and walked into the gymnasium. Immediately, a fitness instructor bulging with muscles came up to greet her warmly, inviting her to apply for a membership.

“I’m sorry, I’m not here to work out. I’m here to look for someone.” Qiao Nian smiled. Her voice was gentle, like springtime sunshine.

Chapter 132 The Truth

“Who are you looking for?”

“I’m here to look for my mother. She should be a diamond-tier member here! She even said that she wanted to book a session today and asked me to bring over her bank card.”

Qiao Nian’s smile was very sweet, and her voice was very gentle. Coupled with her exquisitely beautiful face, the man believed her words without a doubt.

“May I know your mother’s name?”

“Su Xue.”

When the young man heard Su Xue’s name, he immediately said with enthusiasm, “So you’re the precious daughter of the Qiao family. Miss Qiao, Madam Su is in Room 19 in the private area reserved for guests. Just follow this path!”

“Thank you.”

“No worries. I’m just doing what I should.”

When Qiao Nian turned around, the smile on her face instantly vanished.

In less than two minutes, Qiao Nian walked to Room 19 in the private area.

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Qiao Nian’s gaze fell on the room number. It was indeed correct.

She pressed her ear against the door. The room seemed to be soundproofed, and she couldn’t hear anything.

This door was locked with a password.

Qiao Nian hurriedly sent a text to Old A, asking him to unlock the password.

In less than two minutes, Old A had broken the password lock and opened the door remotely.

The owner of Feng Yun Gym specialized in private fitness spaces reserved for members of the upper-class society, so the security and privacy of the gymnasium were excellent.

Every room was very spacious, spanning 200 square meters. Qiao Nian walked in carefully and saw all kinds of fitness equipment in the hall. There was a pool not far away.

Not only that, there was also a resting area and bathroom.

There was no one in the hall. Qiao Nian walked towards the resting area. From afar, she heard strange noises coming from within the room.

Just as Qiao Nian was feeling puzzled, she heard slapping sounds coming from inside.

“Sister Su, you’re really beautiful. I’m going to die because of you!” A man’s rough voice came from inside.

Su Xue’s sweet voice rang out as well. “Hurry up, then. I haven’t had enough!”

Qiao Nian froze on the spot, as if she had been struck by lightning. She had never expected Su Xue to be with a gigolo.

Qiao Nian felt a wave of nausea. She nearly threw up. “Didn’t you just call your daughter to ask her to return home? Won’t you be in a hurry to return home?” The gigolo asked.

“Daughter? She doesn’t deserve that title!” At the mention of this, Su Xue flew into a rage. She said furiously, “How could I have given birth to a wretch like that?”

“Sister Xue, don’t be angry. Your health might get worse, and my heart will ache for you if that happens! I’ll serve you well right now. Just lie back and enjoy the sensation!”

“Sure.” Su Xue’s voice seemed to gentle as she spoke. “Faster, faster!”

Qiao Nian stood outside. The expression in her eyes grew colder and colder, and her hands clenched tightly into fists.

Qiao Nian quietly stepped out of the room and closed the door again, as if she had never been there.

The moment she stepped out of the door, Qiao Nian bumped into the instructor who had welcomed her warmly.

“Miss Qiao, have you seen Madam Su?”

Qiao Nian looked around. There was no one else around. This meant that only this instructor was aware of what was happening here.

Qiao Nian’s expression changed slightly. She took out a cheque from her bag, took out a pen, and wrote a string of numbers on the cheque. Then, she handed it to the coach and said, “This is one million dollars. In the future, don’t tell anyone that I came here.”

The instructor glanced at the cheque and looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief. Turning to glance at Su Xue’s room number, he seemed to come to an understanding.

One million.

This was a huge sum.

He had never even seen so much money.

A trace of hesitation flashed in his eyes, and he shook his head. Smiling politely, he said, “Miss Qiao, don’t worry. I won’t take the cheque. I’ll take it that I didn’t see you here today.”

Chapter 133 Doubts

Qiao Nian glanced at him with a complicated expression. Seeing that he didn’t seem to be a busybody, she put the cheque away. Her gaze was cold. “Remember your promise!”

Although this sentence couldn’t be considered a threat, it still made the instructor’s heart skip a beat. He hurriedly nodded and said, “Understood. I’ll remember your instructions!”

Qiao Nian didn’t say anything more. She walked out of the gymnasium.

At this moment, Chen Qing, who had been sitting in the car, was still on the phone. He was telling Gu Zhou everything he had heard from the phone call between Su Xue and Qiao Nian.

“Looks like it’s finally time for the Qiao family to learn what it means to be sensible.” Gu Zhou’s voice trailed off, sounding extremely dangerous.

Chen Qing was also extremely dissatisfied with Su Xue's verbal abuse of Qiao Nian. Hearing Gu Zhou's words, he approved wholeheartedly. "That's right, that's right. The things they say to Madam are awful. I can't stand it!"

"Got it." Gu Zhou's tone was very calm.

Chen Qing frowned in confusion.

That was it?

Was Gu Zhou not going to say anything else?

Chen Qing did not dare to ask.

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Gu Zhou continued impassively, "Now, all you have to do is follow her around. You don't have to pick me up."

Before Chen Qing could reply, Gu Zhou had already hung up. When Chen Qing heard the dial tone, he was momentarily stunned.

He was extremely puzzled. Second Young Master Gu had typically always defended Madam, but Second Young Master Gu seemed extremely impassive today. It seemed that he had no intention of defending Madam.

While Chen Qing was still in a daze, Qiao Nian walked out of the gym.

Chen Qing hurriedly got out of the car and opened the car door for Qiao Nian. Seeing that Qiao Nian's face was pale and that she was radiating a cold aura, he asked carefully, "Madam, where are we going next?"

Hatred flashed in Qiao Nian's eyes. "The Qiao family house."

Chen Qing quickly replied, "Yes, ma'am." He made a note to himself to investigate Feng Yun Gym later.

Chen Qing got back into the car, started it, and drove towards the Qiao family home.

Qiao Nian sat in the car. She paid no mind to the scenery outside the car. All she could think about was what Su Xue had just said.

Qiao Nian clenched her fists so tightly that the veins on the back of her hands bulged.

Perhaps in the eyes of that gigolo, Su Xue didn't mean what she said. Perhaps the gigolo thought that Su Xue was only speaking out of anger. However, Qiao Nian knew in her heart that that wasn't the case.

Moreover, judging from the gigolo's reaction, Su Xue had expressed similar sentiments to him many times.

She still remembered how every time Su Xue got angry at her, she would always say,

"I must have been cursed with bad luck to have raised a wretched child like you!"

"I raised you painstakingly, but in the end, you've grown up into an ingrate!"

"If I had known that you were like this, I wouldn't have brought you home back then!"

Wait a minute.

This time, Qiao Nian suddenly realized something. Every time Su Xue scolded her, she never used the phrase "give birth". She would only use the word "raise".

In the past, she hadn't thought too much about it, so she hadn't noticed this detail.

But now Qiao Nian finally understood Su Xue's choice of words.

Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes, the coldness in her gaze intensifying. She had to figure out if she truly was a biological daughter of the Qiao family!

In twenty minutes, the car arrived at the entrance of the Qiao family's villa.

Qiao Shan seemed to know of Qiao Nian's visit. He had been waiting at the door since early in the morning. When he saw Qiao Nian getting out of the car, he quickly walked forward.

Qiao Nian stood at the side, staring unblinkingly at Qiao Shan's face. This was the first time she had sized up Qiao Shan's facial features so seriously.

Indeed, not only did she not look like Su Xue, but she also did not look like Qiao Shan.

Seeing that Qiao Nian was standing there with no intention of admitting her mistake, Qiao Shan flew into a rage. He aimed a slap at Qiao Nian's face.

Qiao Nian continued looking at Qiao Shan intently, not saying a word.

Chen Qing was standing at the side. Seeing Qiao Shan's actions, his expression flickered. Quickly, he stepped forward and grabbed Qiao Shan's hand. He questioned coldly, "Mr. Qiao, what are you doing? Are you looking down on the Gu family?"

Qiao Shan was so angry that his blood was boiling. His darling daughter, Qiao Xin, had returned from the research institute in tears. In an aggrieved manner, she had told him everything that had happened there.

Chapter 134 Qiao Shan's Anger

If Qiao Nian hadn't caused trouble at the research institute, his darling daughter wouldn't have made a fool of herself. Now, Su Yan wouldn't be treating her with disdain either!

Qiao Shan's eyes were red with rage. He glared viciously at Chen Qing and roared, "Let go of me! Who do you think you are? I'm dealing with my own daughter. What has that got to do with Gu Zhou?!"

"Miss Qiao Nian has already married into the Gu family. Don't you think that's relevant?" Chen Qing said coldly.

With that, Chen Qing shook off Qiao Shan's hand forcefully.

Qiao Shan was no match for Chen Qing. He staggered two steps back.

At this moment, Qiao Xin ran out of the room, sobbing pitifully. She glared resentfully at Qiao Nian for a while, then her gaze finally landed on Qiao Shan's face.

"Father, after what happened today, I really can't meet anyone else. Sister was so ruthless, and humiliated me utterly in front of so many people. She didn't hold back at all. I can't live like this! Father, I'm really sorry. I won't be able to stay by your side any longer. Forgive me for not being a dutiful daughter! If there's a next life, I'm willing to be your daughter again! I'm sorry!"

With that, Qiao Xin ran full-tilt towards a tree. Her expression was one of determination and despair.

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Qiao Shan instantly turned pale in fear. Swiftly, he pulled Qiao Xin back, tears falling from his eyes. "My darling daughter! Qiao Xin, you're my darling daughter. There must be a way to resolve this matter. Listen to your father. You must live well! Even if we have to go bankrupt, your father will find a way to settle this matter for you!"

When Qiao Nian heard Qiao Shan's words, her eyes narrowed dangerously.

In the past, she had always thought that Qiao Shan and Su Xue were just biased against her. Now it seemed that there was more to this than she had thought.

“Dad, don’t stop me. I really don’t have the dignity to continue living!” Qiao Xin cried until she was out of breath.

“My darling daughter, my darling daughter, you must not die. If you die, how will your mother and I live?” Qiao Shan’s eyes were red. He held on tight to Qiao Xin, worried that Qiao Xin would take things too hard. He vented all his anger on Qiao Nian. Qiao Shan glared at Qiao Nian with hatred written all over his face. “You! You heartless and despicable wretch. It was you who brought such suffering to my darling daughter. Even the valuable plants belonging to the Qiao family have been all given away by you. Look at you now! You even hired a bodyguard to protect you. Do you think I won’t dare to hit you just because of this? Servants! Bring me the whip!”

Qiao Shan was livid.

At this moment, a few servants stepped out of the Qiao family home.

“Take good care of Qiao Xin.” After Qiao Shan handed Qiao Xin over to two of the servants, he said to the remaining servants, “Whip!”

One of the servants handed over a whip that had been prepared beforehand.

Qiao Shan grabbed the whip and pointed it at Qiao Nian. He said to the remaining servants, “The few of you, get this b*tch over here!”

B*tch.

Qiao Nian sneered and clenched her fists tightly, her nails digging into her palms. Her palms were already bleeding, but she didn’t seem to feel any pain.

The servants rushed towards Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian’s gaze swept coldly across everyone. She raised her eyebrow, her voice increasing in volume. “Do any of you dare to touch me?”

At this moment, Qiao Nian’s aura swept across the entire yard. In an instant, the servants who were rushing towards her found themselves subdued.

Qiao Shan watched as his servants retreated one by one. He was so angry that his lips were trembling. The whip in his hand cracked in the air. “You’re rebelling. You’re rebelling against your parents! How did I raise a beast like

you?!”

Yet again, the word “raise” was used.

Indeed, it wasn't only Su Xue who had never used the phrase "give birth". Qiao Shan hadn't as well.

Something sparked in Qiao Nian's eyes. If she wasn't a biological part of the Qiao family, perhaps that would be a good thing.

"When did you raise me?" Qiao Nian looked at Qiao Shan coldly.

When Qiao Shan heard Qiao Nian's words, he turned red with anger. "You ingrate! How did I not raise you? Did you grow up on air? You gave away such an expensive plant just like that. Did you even bother to ask me for permission? Do you still remember your parents? You only think of yourself in every scenario. Selfish beast!"

Chapter 135 Are You Worthy?

Qiao Nian tucked her hair behind her ear and said unhurriedly, "Is that so? I've really never witnessed you raising me. I always thought I was an orphan!"

Qiao Shan was so angry that he choked. Livid, he raged, "You..."

"What about me?" Qiao Nian interrupted Qiao Shan's words without hesitation. Her tone dripping with ridicule, she said, "I was sent to live in the countryside with a distant relative, at an age too young to remember anything. What sort of family does that? Did you even pay any child support fees? I don't think so. If the elderly man who lived next door didn't take pity on me, and didn't raise me painstakingly as a child of his own, I would have died a long time ago. You keep saying that you've raised me, but when have you ever even taken care of me? You have the nerve to mention that you've raised me. You're truly shameless!" Qiao Shan's expression contorted with rage, his face alternating between shades of green and white. He said furiously, "You ingrate! Did I bring up any of that? I'm talking about those expensive plants and how you bullied your sister today. Your sister usually treats you so well! She even gave you her shares. Yet you've embarrassed her today!"

Qiao Shan rattled off so much in one breath that he nearly couldn't breathe. Taking a deep breath, he said, "Do you know that after what you've done today, your younger sister has become a joke in An City? Don't you know how to act like an elder sister? Don't you know how to take care of your younger sister?" Qiao Nian couldn't help but laugh. No matter what, Qiao Shan was still harping on those expensive plants and Qiao Xin's reputation.

"Forget about those plants. As long as it belongs to me, Qiao Nian, it has nothing to do with the Qiao family," Qiao Nian said expressionlessly.

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At this moment, Su Xue returned. The moment she got out of the car, she heard Qiao Nian's words.

At this moment, Su Xue no longer cared that Qiao Nian was the Young Madam of the Gu family. She pounced on Qiao Nian, ready to hit her.

But before Su Xue could get close to Qiao Nian, Qiao Nian kicked her away, causing her to fall flat on the ground.

Seeing Su Xue lying on the ground in a sorry state, Qiao Nian smiled and said, "Mom, did you do something shameful outside? Is that why you came back looking so apologetic?"

Su Xue, who was lying on the ground, felt her heart skip a beat, but she quickly calmed down. She spat out the mud in her mouth and stood up, wincing from the pain.

"You wretch! How dare you hit me? Are you no longer taking me to be your mother?!" Qiao Nian's gaze instantly turned icy. A cold smile appeared on her face as she asked, "Are you worthy?"

When Su Xue heard Qiao Nian's words, her eyes widened to the size of dinner plates. She thought she was hallucinating. "What... what did you say?"

At this moment, Qiao Xin was also stunned. Qiao Nian seemed to be acting a little strange today. Did Qiao Nian already know that she wasn't her parents' biological daughter?

This was impossible!

No one else knew about this.

But Qiao Nian was indeed a little strange today.

In the past, Qiao Nian would still acknowledge that she was Su Xue's biological daughter, at least on the surface level. But now, Qiao Nian no longer bothered even putting on a facade of respect.

Qiao Nian glared at Su Xue coldly. Thinking of what she had heard in the gym just now, she felt a wave of nausea. She questioned, "How are you fit to be a mother? When have you ever educated me? When have you ever provided for me? If you haven't, then don't speak to me as an elder! You're just a woman who's several decades older than me!"

Su Xue stood there in a daze, staring at Qiao Nian in disbelief. She hadn't expected Qiao Nian to say anything like that.

Qiao Shan's lips trembled in anger. "You're rebelling! I'll beat you to death!" This time, Qiao Shan didn't show any mercy. Using all his strength, he swung the whip in his hand towards Qiao Nian!

Qiao Shan's strength was immense, and he acted extremely quickly. Chen Qing, who was standing not far away, had no time to react.

Chapter 136 Women Aren't Inferior to Men

Chen Qing's heart jumped to his throat. He was worried that Qiao Nian would be injured, and even more worried that she would be disfigured.

However, to Chen Qing's surprise, Qiao Nian had already moved in front of Qiao Shan in the blink of an eye.

Qiao Nian grabbed hold of Qiao Shan's hand. In a burst of strength, Qiao Shan's hand was neatly dislocated with a sharp crack. It was so painful that he couldn't move.

Qiao Shan was in so much pain that he dropped the whip in his hand. His face had gone pale, cold sweat breaking out on his forehead.

Chen Qing, who was standing not far away, heaved a sigh of relief. Only then did he remember how Madam had dealt neatly with everyone at Matriarch Shen's birthday banquet.

Madam was truly a heroine! She was the epitome of the statement: Women aren't inferior to men.

Qiao Xin, who was standing not far away, was utterly stunned by this scene. She looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief, muttering, "Qiao Nian, are you crazy? How dare you hit Mom and Dad? Aren't you afraid that the heavens will punish you? You'll be struck by lightning!"

"Why won't I dare to hit them?" Qiao Nian glared daggers at Qiao Xin, frightening Qiao Xin so much that she took two steps back. "Even if the gods choose to dole out punishment, the rest of you will be the first to be struck by lightning. You don't deserve to be a parent if you didn't bother raising your own children. From now on, I'll no longer have anything to do with you!"

In terms of science, she probably wasn't a biological daughter of the Qiao family!

In terms of kinship and affection, the other members of the Qiao family had always treated her extremely coldly. They had never cared for her.

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Suppressing his pain, Qiao Shan put on his head-of-the-house voice and roared, "How dare you?"

"Why not?"

A cold voice rang from the side, the tone raising at the second word. The contempt was very obvious.

Everyone looked over and saw Gu Zhou walking over, wearing a well-fitted suit. Gu Zhou had arrived!

Chen Qing looked at Gu Zhou in disbelief. Previously, on the phone, Second Young Master hadn't seemed to care much about Madam's affairs, yet he had rushed over in such a short time. This was simply unbelievable!

Gu Zhou walked up to Qiao Nian, shielding her behind him. His eyes swept coldly across everyone present as he said, "Let's see who dares to go against anything I say today."

It was just a simple sentence, but Gu Zhou's aura was so powerful and overbearing that one couldn't help but feel afraid. His voice made one feel as if submission was the only option.

Qiao Shan's hand was aching terribly, but at this moment, he was so frightened by Gu Zhou's aura that he forgot about the pain. Fury burned in his chest, and his expression darkened to the extreme.

Gu Zhou was clearly looking down on the Qiao family.

Holding a tissue, Su Xue wiped the dust and mud off her face. Her face turned pale, and she couldn't say a word of rebuke.

Qiao Xin stood not far away, her body trembling non-stop. She hadn't expected Gu Zhou to protect Qiao Nian.

Gu Zhou smelled faintly of medicinal herbs. For some reason, that aroma was strangely pleasing

Qiao Nian hadn't expected Gu Zhou to arrive so soon either. She looked up at Gu Zhou and asked, "Have you finished discussing all the details regarding the research institute?"

When Gu Zhou heard Qiao Nian's voice, he turned to look at her. Instead of answering her immediately, he studied her carefully.

Qiao Nian met Gu Zhou's concerned gaze, and a warm smile appeared in her eyes.

Gu Zhou raised his hand and gently removed a leaf on Qiao Nian's head. In the next moment, he turned around, his expression dark. He glared coldly at Qiao Shan and his wife, his brow furrowed. "What have you done to my wife? How dare you bully her when I'm not around?"

Qiao Xin: "?"

Su Xue: "?"

Qiao Shan: "??!!!"

Heavens, who exactly was bullying whom?

Chen Qing, who was standing not far away, forcibly repressed his laughter. In the end, he simply couldn't hold back any longer. He turned to the side and secretly laughed.

Qiao Nian was speechless.

Actually, Qiao Nian really wanted to say that she wasn't a porcelain doll. She wasn't that delicate or fragile.

When she fought with Qiao Shan just now, she had already gotten what she wanted.

Su Xue stepped forward with a smile. Her face was dirty, but even so, there was a flattering smile on her face.

Now that Qiao Nian had married into the Gu family, she didn't want to lose this money tree.

"Second Young Master, you've really misunderstood us. We just had a small conflict just now. I spent ten months pregnant with Nian Nian before giving birth to her. How could I bully her? Don't misunderstand."

Chapter 137 Kneel and Apologize

Su Xue swallowed and continued, "Nian Nian has been stubborn ever since she was a child. I just wanted her to take good care of you. I wanted her to place her focus on taking care of you, not on her work. That made her angry."

Qiao Shan had initially wanted to use this opportunity to cut ties with Qiao Nian, but when he heard Su Xue mention work, he realized that Qiao Nian might possess things that were worth even more than Suranne Grass and Moonlight Grass.

For the sake of money, Qiao Shan felt that he could give up his dignity.

Suppressing the pain, Qiao Shan gave a tragic smile. "Son-in-law, you've really misunderstood me. How could we bear to bully her?"

Looking at Qiao Shan and Su Xue's pretentious faces, Qiao Nian felt a wave of disgust.

Gu Zhou did not speak.

When Qiao Shan and Su Xue's faces had already grown stiff from smiling, Gu Zhou turned to look at Chen Qing. "Chen Qing, you tell me."

Chen Qing's eyes lit up. It was finally his turn.

Chen Qing stepped forward and cleared his throat. In a vivid manner, he repeated the awful words Su Xue had said to Qiao Nian on the phone. He also acted out in detail the scene of Qiao Shan and Qiao Xin bullying Qiao Nian the moment she had returned to the Qiao family's residence.

Chen Qing felt that his acting skills were off the charts. If he became an actor, he might even receive an Oscar.

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Nearing the end, Chen Qing began to add his own embellishments. "I won't repeat the other insults they threw at Madam. After that, Qiao Shan even got the servants to surround Madam. He said that he wanted to break Madam's legs, pull out her tendons, and skin her alive. He insisted on beating Madam to death. If it weren't for the fact that Madam still had a little ability to protect herself, I'm afraid Madam would have been tortured to the point where only a pile of bones would remain!"

Qiao Shan: I don't remember being that fierce??

Su Xue's face turned red with anger. "You're spouting nonsense!"

Qiao Xin said weakly, "Brother Chen Qing! You can't embellish the story!"

Chen Qing straightened his back, raising an eyebrow. "Even if I am embellishing, there must have been something to add embellishments to in the first place. Besides, I'm just stating the facts. At most, I'm repeating what you all thought deep down."

Gu Zhou radiated off a cold aura, causing the people around him to shiver in fear.

"Who among these people insulted Madam?"

Chen Qing's gaze swept over everyone. Without hesitation, he said loudly, "All of them!"

Gu Zhou's eyes turned cold. "In that case, all of you kneel down and apologize to my wife!"

Qiao Shan froze. What?

Asking him to kneel down and apologize to Qiao Nian?

How was this possible?

His head could be chopped off. His blood could flow. But no matter what, his knees could not touch the ground!

Gu Zhou smiled at Qiao Shan and raised his voice. "Why? Are you unwilling?"

A trace of panic flashed across Su Xue's face. Her body swayed on the spot. If a servant hadn't been supporting her, she might have collapsed.

Su Xue said hesitantly, "How... How can you say that? No parent would kneel down and apologize to their daughter..." "Your daughter?" Gu Zhou's expression darkened. "She's now officially my wife!"

Gu Zhou's tone was so forceful that even Qiao Nian was stunned.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou's tall and broad figure. For a moment, she couldn't tell if Gu Zhou was doing this for her or for the sake of the Gu family's dignity.

Qiao Xin gritted her teeth.

When she left the research facility today, Brother Su Yan was already giving her the cold shoulder. He had left her on the road, driving off without a backward glance.

At that time, she was heartbroken.

But how was this fair?

How could Qiao Nian be shielded by such a good man like Gu Zhou while her boyfriend Su Yan found her embarrassing to be with?

She was clearly more outstanding than Qiao Nian. Why wasn't anyone protecting her today? "I'll make this clear today. Qiao Nian is my wife. No matter how big of a mess she has gotten into, I'll bear the consequences. If any of you dare to say a single word of abuse to her, or even lay a finger on her, don't blame me for being impolite!"

With that, Gu Zhou turned to look at Chen Qing. "Everyone who insulted Madam. Hit them!"

Gu Zhou's tone was arrogant and overbearing, frightening everyone present.

Chapter 138 A Slap

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, her breath caught in her throat. In that instant, everything around her seemed to fade away. All she could see was Gu Zhou.

It was as if something had struck her heart, rippling through her body.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou's tall and broad back. Other than her grandfather, he was the only man who had ever defended her like this.

Qiao Nian wasn't the only one who was stunned. Qiao Shan and his family of three were also shocked.

Qiao Shan looked at Gu Zhou in disbelief. He didn't know what kind of drug Qiao Nian had given Gu Zhou to make him be so loyal to her.

The corners of Chen Qing's mouth couldn't help but curve up. He flexed his muscles. He had wanted to beat up those members of the Qiao family for a long time, but he hadn't dared to act rashly. These people from the Qiao family were simply scum. They belonged to the dregs of society. Their very existence was a waste of space, and their lives were merely a waste of oxygen.

However, before Chen Qing could make a move, Gu Zhou stopped him. "Wait."

Chen Qing looked at Gu Zhou in confusion.

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face. He said, "You should do it. Get your dignity back!"

Chen Qing gave a small sigh. It was truly a pity that such a good opportunity did not fall into his lap. His Second Young Master was truly treating him better and better. He wouldn't let Chen Qing do any work.

He would even pay Chen Qing a salary every month. As Second Young Master's bodyguard, he really wanted to do something for Second Young Master, or at least contribute in some way. Unfortunately, he did not have the chance to do so.

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At this moment, Qiao Shan was dumbfounded. He looked at Gu Zhou in disbelief.

Did Gu Zhou want Qiao Nian to hit him personally? It was simply unforgivable for a daughter to strike her father. The heavens would not accept it! She would be struck by lightning!

Gu Zhou was clearly trampling on the Qiao family's dignity.

If Qiao Nian hit him, he would be utterly humiliated. How would he continue living in An City?

Gu Zhou was trying to ruin him!

Before Qiao Nian did anything, Su Xue was already trembling in fear. She could already sense the impression of Qiao Nian's slap on her face.

She, Su Xue, had held her head high her entire life. She had never faced any obstacles in getting what she wanted, her entire life. Never had she been wronged so badly!

Qiao Xin's eyes were as red as a rabbit's. Her gaze fell on Qiao Shan and Su Xue's pale faces. She bit her lip, the anger in her eyes obvious.

All of this was Qiao Nian's fault!

It was Qiao Nian who sided with outsiders instead of their family. She gave away all of their family's good things, and even squandered the family's fortune!

How could Qiao Nian get Gu Zhou's protection just by acting innocent? She didn't deserve it at

all!

This wasn't fair. This wasn't fair at all!

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face, signaling for her to make a move. He exuded a suffocating aura, frightening everyone to the point where they didn't dare to move.

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on Gu Zhou's face, and her heart gradually warmed. Heat flowed through her veins to every part of her body, and her entire body felt warmed from within.

Of course, Qiao Nian would never plead on behalf of the Qiao family. Moreover, she had been waiting so long for the opportunity to slap them!

The first person she wanted to hit was Su Xue.

In her high heels, Qiao Nian advanced towards Su Xue step by step.

Narrowing his phoenix eyes, Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian's straightened back. A trace of approval flashed in his eyes.

The wife of Gu Zhou should indeed look like this.

Su Xue's legs began to tremble involuntarily. Looking at Qiao Nian, who was getting closer and closer, her heart began to race.

Qiao Nian had already been violent with her when she had just returned home.

She was very certain that Qiao Nian would hit her!

Qiao Xin quickly walked up to Su Xue and shielded her behind her. She looked at Qiao Nian angrily and said angrily, "Qiao Nian, you can't hit Mom. You'll be struck by lightning. You..."

"Pa!"

Qiao Nian gave Qiao Xin a resounding slap across the face. Since Qiao Xin wanted to protect Su Xue, then she would start with Qiao Xin!

Qiao Xin was dumbfounded. She was so shocked that she couldn't speak.

Qiao Nian didn't hold back at all. She had learned Taekwondo, so the strength behind her slap was immense. A purplish-green palm print appeared on Qiao Xin's pale face.

Staring at Qiao Nian, Qiao Xin covered her cheek, her tears falling uncontrollably.

Chapter 139 Qiao Xin Wants to Fight Back

Hatred flashed in Qiao Xin's eyes as she glared viciously at Qiao Nian. If looks could kill, Qiao Nian would have died a thousand times over.

The sound of the slap rang out, so loud that it might have reached the ends of the earth. Su Xue's heart began to race. She hurriedly pulled Qiao Xin over and said with heartache, "Oh my god! Xinxin, turn around. Let Mom take a look!"

Qiao Xin stood rooted to the ground, glaring at Qiao Nian with resentment written all over her face.

She was the precious daughter of the Qiao family. In the past, her life had always been smooth-sailing. However, this morning, Qiao Nian had ruined her reputation in front of all the big shots in the medical field. Now, she had even slapped her in public.

The humiliation was so great that she couldn't even cry. She could only glare at Qiao Nian indignantly, full of rage.

Qiao Nian stood there calmly. She gently blew on her palm and looked up, the epitome of casualness. "If you're indignant, then hit me back."

Qiao Xin clenched her fists tightly. How could Qiao Nian hit and scold her whenever she wanted? Qiao Nian was clearly a bastard child. That's right, Qiao Nian was a bastard!

Qiao Nian's mother was a country bumpkin, a woman who amounted to nothing!

The more Qiao Xin thought about it, the angrier she became. She was the precious daughter of the Qiao family. She belonged among the elite, while Qiao Nian was just a contemptible woman of low status. Why should she allow Qiao Nian to bully her?

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Qiao Xin's eyes burned with rage. She raised her hand and aimed a slap at Qiao Nian's face.

Then, her hand was grabbed by Gu Zhou in midair.

Gu Zhou exerted strength with his ten fingers.

Crack!

Immediately following that was the sound of a wrist being dislocated, followed by Qiao Xin's tragic scream. Gu Zhou let go with a disdainful expression.

Qiao Xin staggered back in pain, almost passing out from the agony.

When Qiao Shan and Su Xue heard Qiao Xin scream, their hearts ached. They yearned to bear the pain in Qiao Xin's stead.

Gu Zhou took out a tissue and wiped his hands slowly. Then, he threw the tissue aside in disdain, as if there was something dirty on it.

There was a dangerous glint in Gu Zhou's eyes. His gaze swept over the three members of the Qiao family. Turning to Qiao Nian, he said, "Go on."

Seeing Gu Zhou like this, the three Qiao family members stood rooted to the ground in fear, not daring to move.

Seeing Gu Zhou like this, Chen Qing's heart surged with emotion. He felt that Second Young Master and Madam were simply carved from the same mold.

The two of them were truly a well-matched couple!

Just now, Madam had also dislocated Qiao Shan's wrist, displaying her powerful personality.

For the rest of his life, he would refuse to take anyone else to be Young Madam Gu!

Seeing Qiao Nian flex her wrist, as if she was really going to hit everyone, Qiao Shan couldn't help but panic.

If Qiao Nian really slapped him, he would be thoroughly embarrassed today.

This wouldn't do. This wouldn't do at all. He had to take control of the situation. He would deal with Qiao Nian slowly when he had the chance in the future.

At the thought of this, Qiao Shan's tone softened. A flattering smile appeared on his face as he spoke, attempting to persuade her. "Nian Nian, does your hand hurt? We're all family. How can we hurt each other? By the law of action and reaction, your hand will hurt when you hit other people! Be good, listen to Dad. Don't hit anyone again. By the way, you won't have to move those plants back home anymore."

When Qiao Nian heard Qiao Shan's words, she snorted. "Those plants had nothing to do with you in the first place. You took my things, yet you're pretending to be generous. If not you, who else would I hit?"

"Nian Nian, listen to Dad. Dad won't harm you. You..."

Before Qiao Shan could finish speaking, Qiao Nian slapped him hard across the face.

Qiao Shan's eyes widened. He touched his burning cheek and looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief.

Oh my god.

Qiao Nian was truly rebelling.

His legs gave way. How dare Qiao Nian hit him, her father!

This was the first time in Qiao Shan's life that he had been slapped by someone. Moreover, it was by Qiao Nian, this wretched, worthless girl.

Chapter 140 Do It

Qiao Shan had been humiliated utterly. He had no dignity left.

"You..." Qiao Shan was so angry that his lips were trembling

"Mr. Qiao Shan, have you forgotten that I no longer have anything to do with the Qiao family?" Qiao Nian said calmly.

Qiao Xin, who was standing at the side, had already lost her mind. She roared, "Qiao Nian, are you crazy? How dare you act out? This is Dad we're talking about. Do you still want to hit Mom after hitting Dad?"

Hearing Qiao Xin's words, Su Xue hurriedly covered Qiao Xin's mouth.

Her silly daughter. How could she say anything more at a time like this? What if Qiao Nian really stepped forward to hit her?

Su Xue's heart jumped to her throat. She looked at Qiao Nian in fear, meeting her gaze.

Su Xue didn't quite dare to meet Qiao Nian's eyes. She lowered her gaze uneasily.

She was already prepared to be slapped.

At this moment, Su Xue felt as if there was a knife hanging over her head. She didn't know when this knife would fall.

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Su Xue waited for a long time. Seeing that Qiao Nian didn't make a move, she looked up at her.

She saw that Qiao Nian had been staring at her the entire time. It was a terrible feeling, and it made her hair stand on end.

"I'll save your beating for another day. Be prepared for it in the future," Qiao Nian said coldly.

Once she figured out what the conversation between Su Xue and the gigolo meant, she would get even with Su Xue.

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, Su Xue heaved a long sigh of relief, thinking that she had finally escaped the ordeal.

"Chen Qing." Gu Zhou raised his eyebrow, his gaze falling on Su Xue's face.

Chen Qing followed Gu Zhou's gaze and instantly understood. Su Xue felt a chill run down her spine. She cursed silently when she saw Chen Qing walking towards her.

Su Xue stepped back uneasily, but Chen Qing grabbed her by the collar.

Chen Qing looked at Su Xue's sanctimonious face and felt a wave of irritation. He flung a slap at her face.

Chen Qing's strength was so great that Su Xue's neatly arranged hair flew into a mess.

At this moment, Su Xue was already seeing stars. Half of her face was swollen, and she didn't even dare to cry. She looked extremely disheveled.

Only then did Gu Zhou retract his gaze in satisfaction. He looked at Qiao Nian and said in a low and magnetic voice, "Let's back home. Grandma wants us home for dinner."

With that, Gu Zhou took Qiao Nian's hand and got ready to leave with her.

Qiao Xin, who was standing not far away, noted Gu Zhou's gentle manner towards Qiao Nian. Her eyes couldn't help but turn red.

This kind of quiet happiness should have belonged to her.

She couldn't take this lying down!

She wouldn't go down without a fight!

She had to get back the happiness that belonged to her. After Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian left, Qiao Xin's lips trembled in anger. She said furiously, "Mom, Dad, Qiao Nian has gone too far. How dare she be so arrogant!"

Qiao Shan was also furious, but he didn't dare to touch Qiao Nian at all. He was worried that Gu Zhou would interfere with the Qiao family's business.

But Qiao Xin couldn't think about that. All she could think about was revenge!

Qiao Xin said tearfully, "When Big Brother comes back, we must teach Qiao Nian a lesson!"

When Qiao Shan heard Qiao Xin's words, his heart skipped a beat, and his lips curved up involuntarily.

His eldest son, Qiao Yu, was the most capable child in the Qiao family. If Qiao Yu knew that they had been bullied to such a state by Qiao Nian, he would definitely punish Qiao Nian.

The knot in Qiao Shan's heart gradually loosened.

Qiao Xin sobbed as she asked, "Dad, when will Big Brother be back?"

Qiao Shan raised his hand, and his face turned pale from the pain. However, when he thought of his eldest son, his eyes were filled with pride. "He will definitely return home before the lecture at the Second Academy of Medicine begins."

Covering the swollen half of her face, Su Xue smiled. She asked happily, "Really?"

"Of course it's true. He was specially invited by Director Lin to give a speech. No one has received such a great honor in An City!" Qiao Shan straightened his back and said proudly.

