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Chapter 181 The Curtain Rises

At the Huangtian Hotel.

After Chen Qing parked the car in the parking lot, he saw many luxury cars around him.

Qiao Nian walked at the front of the group. Suddenly, a security guard stopped her and said politely, "Miss, please show me your reservation number."

Gu Zhou strode over to Qiao Nian's side.

When the security guard saw Gu Zhou, his expression froze. He said respectfully, "Welcome, CEO. May I know if you need anyone to receive you?"

Radiating a cold aura, Gu Zhou said in a low voice, "I'm just passing by. Do not make my presence known."

"Yes, sir." The security guard hurriedly stood aside.

Qiao Nian glanced at the security guard and muttered, "No wonder everyone says that the Gu family is the emperor of An City. You can't walk five feet without passing by one of the Gu family's businesses!"

When Qiao Nian thought about how Gu Zhou had mocked her yesterday, suggesting that she thought he couldn't afford to stay at the Huangtian Hotel, she felt awkward.

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The Gu family was truly very wealthy.

After entering the elevator, Qiao Nian pressed the button for the ninth floor.

When Qiao Nian had booked a room for Qiu Nan, she had also booked a room for herself next door. That way, she would be able to know what was happening in the next room in advance.

After entering the room, Qiao Nian walked to the French windows and pulled open the curtains. She sat lazily on a hanging basket chair, enjoying the morning sun. Gu Zhou, on the other hand, sat down on the sofa in the living room. He picked up a magazine and began reading it earnestly.

After Chen Qing prepared drinks for Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian, he suddenly sensed that he was a huge third wheel. He was disturbing Second Young Master and Young Madam's leisure time. After some thought, he decided that it was better to stand outside, so he pushed the door open and left.

After a while, the phone began to ring.

Qiao Nian took out her phone and saw that it was Qiao Shan calling. Thinking of what was about to happen, her lips curved up slightly. In a good mood, she picked up the phone. "Hello?"

"Qiao Nian, I've already arrived at the hotel, but I can't seem to get through to your mother. Has she arrived?"

Qiao Nian looked at the ocean in the far distance and replied obediently, "I can't get through to her either. Did she set her phone to airplane mode? I'm already on the ninth floor. When I asked at the front desk, they told me that a lady had already taken the room key. I'm guessing it's Mom. I think she might have already arrived at the room."

"That's good. Qiao Yu has an important meeting today, so he won't be able to attend our family meeting. However, I've brought Xin Xin with me. Let's have a meal as a family of four!"

The joy on Qiao Nian's face instantly vanished. She narrowed her eyes slightly. What a pity. She couldn't let Qiao Yu, this pervert, see his beloved mother's true colors.

But it didn't matter. There was still time!

Sooner or later, Qiao Yu would see Su Xue's ugly side.

She looked forward to seeing Qiao Yu's expression then. It would definitely be interesting

Qiao Nian said sweetly, "Then I'll wait for you at the elevator. Let's go in together!"

After Qiao Nian hung up, she stood up and walked out.

Gu Zhou stood up and followed Qiao Nian.

The two of them stood at the elevator door. A minute later, the door slowly opened.

Qiao Shan was wearing a well-cut suit and leather shoes. His hair was combed back, and he looked very formal.

Qiao Xin had also dressed up meticulously. In a pink gown, she looked extremely adorable. Along the way, she had attracted the attention of many passers-by.

This was the first time Qiao Xin had been to such a high-end place, so she wanted to dress up. It would be great if she could meet a lifelong benefactor here.

“Sister!” Qiao Xin greeted gently when she saw Qiao Nian. Her gaze fell on Gu Zhou’s face. “Brother-in-law.”

Qiao Nian gave a polite and distant smile. Seeing Qiao Xin’s smug expression, she felt a wave of excitement for what was to happen later. She was looking forward to seeing Qiao Xin’s expression then.

Seeing Qiao Shan walk over, Qiao Nian handed the room card to him.

Chapter 182 Caught in the Act

Qiao Shan enjoyed very much the air of ceremony Qiao Nian had created. He greeted Gu Zhou calmly and led everyone to the door.

Qiao Shan stood tall and straight in front of the door, his vanity soaring. He placed the key card on the door lock.

Click!

The door opened.

Indescribable noises came from inside the room.

A woman’s excited screams. A man’s beast-like roars. The sounds of slapping rose and fell, creating a discordant harmony.

Even if none of them could see what was going on inside, they could all imagine how frenzied the two people in the room were being.

Everyone flushed. Just as Qiao Shan was about to retreat, he heard the woman scream again. He stopped in his tracks.

This voice clearly belonged to Su Xue.

Qiao Shan’s feet seemed to have been nailed to the ground. His face flushed bright red, and his temples throbbed viciously, veins bulging on his forehead. His hands were clenched into tight fists. His mind had gone completely blank.

Blushing, Qiao Xin took two steps out of the room. Seeing that Qiao Shan was still standing there in a daze, she whispered, “Did we get the wrong room key? Let’s go out first. Don’t disturb them!”

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Qiao Xin frowned and said unhappily, "Qiao Nian, you've gone too far. Are you crazy? How can you slander Mom?"

Qiao Nian pretended not to understand. She quickly stepped forward and pulled open the white curtains by the bed.

"Ah!"

The woman on the bed screamed and burrowed under the blanket in a frenzy.

Qiu Nan took a while longer to react. When he saw a group of people in the room, his expression changed. He hurriedly pulled the blanket over his head.

There were clothes scattered on the floor around the bed, and everything was in a mess. There were even some unidentifiable liquids on the blankets. It was clear what Su Xue and Qiu Nan were doing.

Qiao Nian took two steps back.

Gu Zhou gave Chen Qing a look.

Understanding immediately, Chen Qing walked over and lifted the blanket off the bed.

"Ah!!"

As Su Xue screamed, two naked bodies were exposed just like that.

When Su Xue saw how irate Qiao Shan was, she felt as if she had been struck by lightning. She collapsed onto the bed, her mind in a mess.

Oh my god!

It was over!

Everything was over!

She was sure she had done everything with utmost discretion. How did Qiao Shan still find out that she was having an affair?

Su Xue hurriedly covered her face with her hair.

As for Qiu Nan, he had already wet himself in fear.

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How would she and her brother live their lives in the future?

Qiao Xin's stomach churned. She quickly walked towards the bathroom and threw up.

Gu Zhou lowered his gaze indifferently and turned to look out of the French window. He did not want those dirty things to taint his eyes.

Qiao Nian put on an astonished expression. Her lips curved up slightly. "You were so passionate!"

Qiao Shan had no time to bother with Qiao Nian. He glared daggers at Su Xue. Just now, when he only heard the voice, he had still managed to retain some rational thought. Now, however, all he could feel was rage.

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Chapter 183 Watching the Dogfight

Su Xue screamed in pain, curling up into a ball. She wanted to hide, but there was nowhere for her to hide. She tried to crawl under the blanket, but Chen Qing had already thrown it aside.

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“Did I not give you enough to eat? Did I not give you enough to drink? I’ll teach you what it means to cheat on me!” Qiao Shan was so angry that his face had turned green. He grabbed Su Xue’s hair and forced her to look at him. Using all his strength, he slapped Su Xue’s face again and again. “How dare you cheat on me? Do you want to die?!”

Su Xue’s head was spinning, and she was seeing stars. She was on the verge of fainting. As she dodged her husband’s blows, she begged for mercy.

“Hubby, I’m sorry. I’m really sorry! I know I was in the wrong! Please stop hitting me. Ah, it hurts! There are outsiders around now. It’s really humiliating to do this in public! Please, please don’t hit me anymore…”

“Humiliation? How dare you mention humiliation! When you were doing such dirty things, why didn’t you think it was humiliating? Now that you’re being beaten up, you’re humiliated. I’ll beat you to death, you cheap wretch!” The more Qiao Shan thought about it, the angrier he became. He hit Su Xue with increasing force.

Su Xue could no longer handle the pain. Her gaze fell on Qiu Nan, who was curled up not far away. A glint flashed in her eyes.

At this moment, it was every man for himself. She could only push Qiu Nan out!

She no longer wanted to be beaten up.

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“Hubby, I beg you. Please stop hitting. You really can’t blame me for this. It’s all Qiu Nan’s fault. It’s all his fault. If he hadn’t seduced me, I wouldn’t have made this mistake!”

Qiu Nan, who had been trembling in fear, looked at Su Xue in disbelief.

“Sister Xue, you…”

Before Qiu Nan could finish his sentence, he received a furious punch from Qiao Shan. Two of his teeth were immediately knocked out.

Coughing, Qiu Nan spat out a mouthful of blood. Before he could recover, Qiao Shan's fist landed on his face again.

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Qiu Nan could only curl up into a ball, not daring to resist.

Su Xue's hair and face were disheveled. She slipped from the bed to the ground and hurriedly wrapped herself in the blanket, continuing to try to clear her name. "Hubby, the sun and moon will testify to my devotion to you. My love for you is like the surging river. If he hadn't gotten me drunk, how could I have done such a thing? You have to believe me. I was being threatened. If I didn't agree to do this with him, he would announce the scandal to the public!"

Seeing that Qiao Shan's hatred for Qiu Nan had deepened, Su Xue heaved a sigh of relief. In any case, she just had to pretend to be the victim. "Hubby, I'm doing this for your sake. I'm afraid that if anyone finds out about this, they'll think that you're an embarrassment. I'm doing this for the sake of the Qiao family and our children!"

Qiao Shan's rage intensified. He hit Qiu Nan harder and harder.

"You gigolo! Who the hell do you think you are? How dare you seduce my wife? If I don't kill you today, my name isn't Qiao Shan!"

Initially, Qiu Nan had been enduring Qiao Shan's punches, thinking that Su Xue might receive fewer beatings. After all, Su Xue was his sugar mama. He still planned on taking money from her in the future.

However, Qiu Nan had never expected Su Xue to cut ties with him directly. He said with utter disappointment, "Sister Xue, you've gone too far. Where is your conscience? Would you dare to swear on your life and the lives of your children that what you said was the truth? You told me that your husband could no longer perform in bed. You told me you couldn't feel the joy of being a woman. You insisted on being with me so that I could nourish you, and coaxed me into your bed with lies. How can you slander me now!"

Qiao Shan stopped what he was doing. He looked at Su Xue with a livid expression, his eyes burning with rage. If looks could kill, this adulterous couple would have died a thousand times over!

Su Xue was so frightened by Qiao Shan that she was trembling. She shook her head and scolded angrily, "Pfft, how shameless! Don't slander me!"

“Then can you swear that you didn’t say those words?” Qiu Nan said relentlessly.

A trace of guilt flashed across Su Xue’s face. Just as she was about to say something, Qiao Shan slapped her face.

Qiao Nian watched the show indifferently, a cold smile on her lips.

After an arduous period of time, Qiao Xin had finally finished throwing up. When she came out of the bathroom, she saw Qiao Shan beating Su Xue up. She was so shocked that she stood rooted to the ground.

“Dad, stop hitting her!” Qiao Xin threw herself at him in tears.

Chapter 184: Clear My Name

Qiao Shan paused and turned to look at Qiao Xin.

Qiao Xin was crying so hard that her whole body shook. Qiao Shan’s heart ached as if it had been pricked by a thousand needles. He looked at Su Xue in rage, his hand trembling as he pointed at her. “Look at what you’ve done!”

Seeing Qiao Xin cry so hard, Su Xue’s heart ached for her. She, too, cried until she was out of breath.

The more Qiao Shan thought about it, the angrier he became. He shouted angrily, “You’ve done such a humiliating thing. Our children are already grown. Now that the matter has been exposed, this child is still pleading for you. Do you mean to force Qiao Xin and Qiao Yu to keep their heads lowered in public for the rest of their lives?”

Su Xue sobbed. A trace of determination flashed across her face as she wiped her tears away. She couldn’t open her swollen, bruised eyes. Turning to glance at Qiu Nan, who was not far away, she said awkwardly, “Hubby, I know my mistake now. Please forgive me. I won’t do anything like this again. This is all Qiu Nan’s fault. It has nothing to do with me. Now, we have to think about how to keep this matter a secret. If word of this gets out, the Qiao family will be finished!”

Su Xue’s mind raced. Suddenly, her eyes lit up. She pointed at Qiu Nan and said loudly, “Hubby, I’ve thought of something. Let’s hurry up and send him to prison. That way, no one will know about this!”

Qiu Nan looked at Su Xue in shock and said angrily, “Su Xue?!”

Qiao Shan stood there with a dark expression. He did not speak. In his heart, he was wondering if this course of action was feasible.

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Seeing Qiao Shan's hesitation, Qiao Xin hurriedly said, "This man is a scourge on society. If it weren't for him, Mom wouldn't have become like this. Let's send him to prison, quickly. As long as he stays in prison, our Qiao family will be at peace!"

When Qiao Nian heard Qiao Xin's words, she sneered.

"Heh!"

This family was truly shameless to the extreme.

Only when Su Xue heard Qiao Nian's voice did she notice her presence. Her heart skipped a beat, and she grew so nervous that her heart jumped to her throat.

She had been with Qiu Nan for more than a year, but she had never let any hint of their relationship slip. Yet, she had actually been caught this time.

Moreover, she remembered being very confused when she had arrived. How had Qiu Nan afforded such an expensive room?

Su Xue recalled how Qiu Nan had hugged her when she arrived, pressing her against the door and kissing her wildly.

Before long, Qiu Nan carried her to the bed and the two of them began to make love.

Therefore, she had been wholly immersed in the romantic surprise and had not noticed the danger at all.

Now that she thought about it, it seemed like someone had deliberately planned all of this. They had deliberately gotten Qiao Shan to come and catch them in the act.

Qiao Nian!

It had to be Qiao Nian!

Su Xue finally came back to her senses. She jumped up from the ground and pointed at Qiao Nian's face, scolding angrily, "You did this!"

When Qiao Nian heard Su Xue's words, her lips curved into a faint smile. She leaned against the wine cabinet and said lazily, "Looks like you're not that stupid after all."

Su Xue's eyes widened. She hadn't expected Qiao Nian to admit it so bluntly. Her face flushed red with anger as she scolded, "B*tch, I've raised you for so

many years for nothing. How dare you treat me like this? Do you still have a conscience? I'm your... Ah!!"

Qiao Nian walked up to Su Xue. Just as Su Xue was about to say the last few words, Qiao Nian gave Su Xue a vicious slap. That slap was enough to cut off whatever Su Xue was about to say. The words remained lodged in her throat.

"You're not worthy!"

Qiao Nian's hand ached terribly. This slap had taken all her strength.

Su Xue's face was swollen. She collapsed onto the bed, unable to get up for a long time.

Qiu Nan, who had been curled up at the side, was stunned.

He had not expected the daughter to hit her mother in public. This was the first time he had seen such a thing.

It seemed that Qiao Nian was not one to be trifled with.

Chapter 185: Are You My Mother?

Gu Zhou, who had been looking at the scenery outside the window, walked over. He took Qiao Nian's hand, which had turned red from hitting Su Xue, and caressed it gently a few times before handing a dagger to Qiao Nian.

His hand was slightly hot, and the warmth traveled from Qiao Nian's hand to every part of her body. Qiao Nian felt a warmth in her chest. She turned to look at Gu Zhou then slowly downwards, her gaze finally landing on the dagger in her hand.

The dagger was very exquisite. There was a circling golden dragon engraved on the handle, and a phoenix that had been reborn in flames was engraved on the blade.

"It'll hurt if you use your bare hands."

Gu Zhou's deep voice came from above Qiao Nian's head. His tone was disdainful, as if he didn't take Qiao Nian's slap on Su Xue seriously at all. At the same time, he seemed to be standing on Qiao Nian's side, fully approving of her hitting Su Xue.

When Su Xue heard Gu Zhou's words, her face turned red with anger. She glared fiercely at Qiao Nian and stood up in a rage. She wanted to slap Qiao Nian, but when her gaze fell on the dagger in Qiao Nian's hand, she cowered.

Qiao Nian gripped the dagger in her hand tightly, her heart beating involuntarily faster. She looked into Gu Zhou's eyes, falling into those bottomless eyes.

Su Xue was so frightened that her expression turned even uglier. She stepped back involuntarily and said with a trembling voice, "What... What do you want to do? I'm warning you. I'm your mother. This is a sin!"

Qiao Nian came back to her senses and lowered her gaze to hide her flusteredness. When she looked at Su Xue again, her eyes were filled with disdain. "Ha. Are you my mother?"

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Su Xue looked at Qiao Nian in confusion.

"Whether or not you're really my mother... I'm sure you know better than me."

Qiao Nian toyed with the dagger in her hand, her eyes narrowed.

Su Xue, who was sitting at the side, gasped. She looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief. Did Qiao Nian know everything?

How.

How was this possible?

Su Xue began to tremble against her will.

Qiao Shan, who had been standing at the side, was also stunned when he heard Qiao Nian's words. He didn't expect Qiao Nian to know.

Qiao Xin looked at Qiao Nian in confusion.

Qiao Nian said coldly, "No mother of mine will bring such shame to the family name like you!"

Su Xue trembled slightly. She couldn't guess what Qiao Nian was thinking. She stood there unmoving.

Qiao Nian glanced at Qiu Nan, who was curled up in a corner. She questioned, "When the matter was exposed, you were willing to send your little lover to prison just to protect yourself. Is it really as you said? Did he seduce you?"

Qiao Shan stared at Su Xue like a hawk.

Su Xue said anxiously, "Hubby, I really didn't want to betray you. It really was he who seduced me!"

Qiao Nian sneered and shook her head slightly.

Seeing Qiao Nian like this, Su Xue said angrily, “Qiao Nian, what kind of expression is that? I’m your mother. Are you going to make a scene even when I’ve told the truth?”

“You really won’t give up. Must you hit a dead end before you turn back?” As Qiao Nian spoke, she took out her phone and played a recording.

Su Xue’s girlish, twittering voice. “Qiu Nan, what are you doing?”

“Sister Xue, what’s wrong?” Qiu Nan’s voice sounded normal.

“I’m so lonely. Qiao Shan works outside all day long, and he won’t spend time with me. I’m all alone. This house is so big, but it’s so cold!”

Qiu Nan said patiently, “Sister Xue, Mr. Qiao is working so hard for the sake of your family. If you think it’s boring to be alone, you can go shopping, watch movies, or even travel. You can also come to the gym to work out!”

“Sigh, there’s no point in shopping. As for traveling, I’ve been to all the famous places in the world.” Su Xue said coyly, “None of them are interesting.”

“Why don’t you come to the gym to work out? Exercise can help you forget all your worries. Moreover, women who work out look much younger than their peers.” Qiu Nan began to promote his gym services.

Su Xue said flirtatiously, “But... but I don’t dare...”

“Why?”

“Oh, when I see you, I feel as if I’ve returned to when I was young. I just want to... you know... I just can’t control myself...”



Chapter 186 Breaking the Law

“Ahem.” Qiu Nan coughed awkwardly.

Su Xue said girlishly, “It’s true. I felt my heart flutter the moment I saw you. Can you come shopping with me?”

There was silence on Qiu Nan’s end.

Su Xue continued to seduce him. “I really feel so lonely. I’ll only feel happy when you’re by my side. Come over and accompany me, okay?”

Qiu Nan himself was also a lustful person. It would be a pity to decline a woman who had delivered herself to his doorstep. “Sister Xue, in that case, send me the location!”

“Okay, I love you!”

The recording ended abruptly. Qiao Nian didn’t need to say anything else. Everyone knew what happened next.

Su Xue’s face had turned pale with fear. She lowered her head, not daring to look at Qiao Shan’s face.

She had never expected Qiao Nian to have a recording of their conversation from a year ago.

Now, it was clear that Qiao Nian had long wanted to deal with her.

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At the thought of this, Su Xue felt a chill run down her spine. Qiao Nian was truly a terrifying person.

Qiao Xin, who was standing at the side, was completely stunned. She looked at her mother in shock. Her mother was usually kind and gentle, and had always devoted herself diligently to the family. How could she do such a thing behind their backs?

If her mother had found a man who was more outstanding than her father, Qiao Xin felt that she could perhaps understand. After all, it was natural for every woman to want to find a better man.

But what about this Qiu Nan?

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Qiu Nan was just a fitness instructor who relied on his figure and face to make a living. Such a man was not even worthy of being her father's shoeshiner. How could her mother lower herself to be with such a man?

Qiao Xin's face turned red with anger. She questioned, "Mom, are you blind? How can you be with such a man? He's not even fit to be Dad's shoeshiner!"

Su Xue's body swayed. At this moment, she had lost all her dignity. She could no longer face her daughter.

Qiao Nian stood at the side, adding fuel to the fire. "It takes two to tango. Su Xue, you were the one who first started. Even if Qiu Nan has to go to jail, you should be the one sitting in there with him. You're the main culprit, and he's the accessory. However, seeing how much you like him, I can get someone to smooth things over and let the two of you stay in the same cell. That will allow the two of you to continue interacting and improving your relationship."

Continue interacting?

Were they to continue having sexual interactions?

Qiao Shan clenched his fists tightly. In an instant, he lost all rationality. He stepped forward and grabbed Su Xue's hair. Gritting his teeth, he slapped Su Xue a few more times.

nose

Qiao Shan only stopped when Su Xue's nose began to bleed. Su Xue's face was as swollen as a pig's head. She raised a hand to wipe the blood from her nose, glaring at Qiao Nian with hatred in her eyes. She cursed angrily, "Qiao Nian, you set me up. You'll die a horrible death, never to be reincarnated!"

When Gu Zhou heard the last sentence, he frowned. "Chen Qing."

Chen Qing had long disliked Su Xue. When he heard Gu Zhou calling him, he swiftly rolled up his sleeves and walked towards Su Xue.

Now, it was finally his turn to show off his skills!

With just one slap, Chen Qing had broken the skin on Su Xue's face, causing her to stumble and fall onto the bed.

"Qiao Nian is my legal wife. Scolding her is equivalent to insulting me. I'll make sure you remember this slap to the face. You're not worthy." Gu Zhou's voice wasn't loud, but it was soul-stirring. With that, he turned to look at Chen Qing. "Where are the police now?"

Upon hearing this, Su Xue and Qiu Nan were both shocked. Their bodies trembled.

Qiao Shan and Qiao Xin were also stunned.

Chen Qing took in their reactions and said calmly, "They should be here soon!"

Su Xue's lips trembled in fear. Puzzled, she asked, "What... What do you mean?"

Qiao Nian answered Su Xue's question in a kindly manner. "You've already committed the crime of adultery under the matrimonial law. According to the law, you should be detained for a month."

Su Xue felt as if she had been struck by lightning. Her heart stuttered, and she took a moment to react.

Detention.

If she was detained, she would forever be labeled as an adulteress. She would be looked down upon by everyone in high society.

Chapter 187: Paternity Test

Not only that, Qiao Yu and Qiao Xin would also be criticized relentlessly. They would never be able to hold their heads high again.

At the thought of this, Su Xue broke down in tears. She cursed, “Qiao Nian, you...”

Before Su Xue could finish speaking, she sensed the coldness around her. Her gaze inadvertently fell on Gu Zhou’s face. When she met Gu Zhou’s icy gaze, she immediately swallowed her words.

Su Xue was so angry that she was panting heavily. With a cold expression, she questioned, “Qiao Nian, do you have no sense? If you call the police, you’ll only bring shame to the Qiao family!”

Qiao Shan was so angry that he could barely feel anything. If murder wasn’t illegal, he would have shot that b*tch, Su Xue, dead.

Qiao Nian looked at Su Xue in confusion. She asked languidly, “Before you did this, why didn’t you think that you would bring shame to the Qiao family?”

Qiao Nian sighed slightly and looked at Qiao Xin with a pained expression. She said softly, “Brother has already begun to take over the Qiao family’s business. I don’t think anyone will dare to say anything in front of him, nor gossip behind his back. I’ve already married into the Gu family, so I don’t think anyone will dare to spout nonsense about me either. However, I pity Qiao Xin. She’s still a student. If her schoolmates in An University find out about this, how will Qiao Xin deal with those gossip mongers in school? Even if she manages to graduate, people will still talk behind her back when she goes out to look for a job. People will say that she has a mother who doesn’t know her place and who cheats on her husband.”

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Qiao Nian paused for a moment, then continued, “In the future, when Qiao Xin gets married, the groom-to-be and his family are sure to be hesitant. They might be worried that Qiao Xin would do something like her mother, something that will bring shame to the family!”

Qiao Xin couldn’t help it. With a shriek, she burst into tears.

Su Xue’s face was bright red with anger. She questioned furiously, “Qiao Nian, do you have a conscience? How dare you call the police? Qiao Xin is your biological sister, and I’m your mother. How can you be so heartless as to ruin your sister’s life, and mine?”

Qiao Nian glared at Su Xue coldly, a trace of anger flashing in her eyes. She gripped the dagger in her hand tightly. “Shut up!”

Su Xue was startled by the cold aura Qiao Nian was exuding.

Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes and spoke icily, "I'll cut off your tongue if you dare to call yourself my mother one more time!"

All Su Xue could think about right now was finding a scapegoat, so the blame on her would lessen. Hence, she tried to place all the blame on Qiao Nian. She said fearlessly, "What did I say wrong?"

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Qiao Nian snorted. Su Xue was truly a stubborn mule of a person. She took out a folder she had stuffed into her bag and flung the results of the paternity test at Su Xue's face.

Fuming with rage, Su Xue opened the folder. When she saw the contents, her eyes widened in disbelief. "How... How could you do a paternity test?"

A trace of shock flashed across Qiao Shan's face.

Looking down at Su Xue with condescension, Qiao Nian enunciated each word clearly as she spoke. "If you don't want to go to jail, sure. In that case, tell me who my biological parents are."

As soon as Qiao Nian said this, everyone in the Qiao family was stunned.

Walking up to Su Xue, Qiao Shan forcefully took the paternity test from her. When he saw the results, his expression changed. He turned to look at Qiao Nian and asked in confusion, "How did you suspect that you're not our biological daughter?"

Qiao Nian found Qiao Shan's words especially amusing. She asked sarcastically, "You've made it so obvious. How can anyone not be suspicious?"

Qiao Shan's expression darkened as he recalled what had happened in the past.

Qiao Xin looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief. She really hadn't expected Qiao Nian to be so clever.

In fact, Qiao Xin had also thought of chasing Qiao Nian out of the house in the past, just so she could look forward to seeing Qiao Nian beg for mercy on her knees.

However, Qiao Xin had never expected Qiao Nian to discover the secret of her birth.

"Sister..."

“Shut up.” Qiao Nian interrupted Qiao Xin coldly, her expression filled with disgust. “I’m not your sister. I’m not related to you by blood at all. I’m not even remotely related to the Qiao family. Moreover, no mother of mine is such a shameless, disgusting person.”

Chapter 188: The Truth?

Su Xue’s face alternated between shades of green and white. She could hardly stand the humiliation.

Qiao Nian had plenty of time today. She pulled over a chair and sat down elegantly in front of Su Xue. She raised her eyebrows slightly. “Now, can you tell me the truth? Who are my biological parents? Also, why did you bring me into the Qiao family? I advise you to tell me everything in detail.”

Qiao Shan couldn’t help but frown. It was a long story, and he didn’t know where to begin.

Su Xue saw that Qiao Shan was deep in thought. Her eyes darted to the side, and she hurriedly spoke. “I remember this matter very clearly!”

When Qiao Shan heard Su Xue’s words, he remained expressionless. In reality, Su Xue was in charge of most of the matters in the Qiao family anyway.

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Qiao Shan temporarily put aside the fact that Su Xue was having an affair and listened to her continue.

Su Xue heaved a small sigh of relief. She glared at Qiao Nian viciously, as if she was determined to fight to the death. “In the past, I was worried that you would be upset, so I kept it from you. I didn’t tell you the truth. Now that you’ve found out, there’s no need for me to hide it from you anymore. You’re a bastard child I picked up from the hospital! A wild child abandoned by your parents!”

Qiao Nian sat there in silence, looking at Su Xue expressionlessly.

A smug smile appeared on Su Xue’s face. She asked, “Did you think that you were the precious daughter of some rich family?”

“Qiao Nian, stop dreaming.” Su Xue stood up, wiping her tears and the blood from her nose. She said coldly, “Your mother was just some woman from the countryside. She fell in love with a rich man, but that rich man already had a wife. Your mother was looked down upon by her family because she had gotten pregnant before marriage. She wanted to abort you, but if she did, she

might never be able to get pregnant again for the rest of her life. That's why she secretly gave birth in the hospital without telling her family. She was hoping to give birth to a son. (Search newNovel.Org on google) Since a son would be treasured more than a daughter, she was planning to take the chance to marry the rich man, because his wife had only given birth to one daughter.

"Yet when she gave birth to a daughter, that rich man gave her two thousand dollars and left. Your mother had never expected that to happen. The rich man told her that he had only wanted to use your mother's womb to have a son." Su Xue looked at Qiao Nian with a challenge in her eyes.

"I was your mother's doctor back then. After she gave birth to you, she threw you into the trash. I took pity on you and brought you home." At this point, Su Xue snorted. "In that case, I'm the one who saved your life!"

Qiao Nian frowned a little, staring unblinkingly at Su Xue. The coldness in her eyes grew more obvious. "Is that so?"

Su Xue laughed and retorted, "What do you think the truth is? Back then, sons were so valuable. Who would break up their family just for a daughter?"

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Qiao Nian's eyes narrowed.

That wasn't untrue. More than twenty years ago, every family valued boys over girls. In order to have a son to inherit the business, many rich people would spend a lot of money to find someone who could give birth to a son for them.

If the child was a son, the rich man would take the child home. If it was a daughter, she would be left on the streets.

Seeing that Qiao Nian was seriously considering the credibility of her words, Su Xue continued, "If it weren't for me, you would have died long ago. I saved you. I'm your life savior, your lifelong benefactor. Now, you're actually helping outsiders plot against me. You're really an ingrate!"

"Heh." Qiao Nian gave a cold laugh.

Su Xue felt a chill run down her spine from Qiao Nian's gaze. Frowning, she questioned, "What are you laughing at?"

Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes and looked at Su Xue coldly. "In that case, should I thank you?"

Su Xue couldn't tell if Qiao Nian believed her. She said coldly, "You're the one who owes me a debt. It's common knowledge that raising a child is a far more arduous task than giving birth, and far more deserving of gratitude. For so many years, I've tirelessly raised you. If it weren't for me, you would have died in the hospital long ago!"

Chapter 189: The Two-Faced Person's Time to Shine

"If that's the case, you might as well let me die in the hospital," Qiao Nian said, enunciating each word.

Su Xue's expression changed. She had an ominous feeling.

Qiao Nian asked again, "I'll ask you one last time. Who are my biological parents?"

Su Xue was so angry that she was about to vomit blood. She had never expected Qiao Nian to not believe her. With her eyes as wide as dinner plates, she roared, "Qiao Nian, are you crazy? What good will it do me to lie to you at a time like this? Do you think I'm waiting to be struck by lightning?"

The more Su Xue thought about it, the angrier she became. "Back then, I gave birth to a dead baby. I was worried that Mother-in-law wouldn't be able to take the blow, so I brought you back to raise you!"

Seeing that Qiao Nian was silent, Su Xue suddenly seemed to realize something. She smiled. "I see now. I understand why you're not believing me. Are you still dreaming that you're the daughter of a rich family?"

"If you're really the daughter of a rich family, how could I have possibly taken you away from your parents? If they really care about you, how could they not have come looking for you after so many years? Think carefully! Use that brain of yours!" After Su Xue finished speaking, she suddenly felt happier. Even if her reputation was ruined, she had to make Qiao Nian suffer.

Qiao Nian kept staring into Su Xue's eyes. She hoped to find evidence of a lie in Su Xue's eyes, but she didn't find any traces of Su Xue not telling the truth.

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This meant that Su Xue was telling the truth.

Su Xue's hair stood on end under Qiao Nian's glare. The more she thought about it, the angrier she became. She didn't intend to let Qiao Nian have an easy time either. "Qiao Nian, there's no need for you to look at me like that. I'm telling the truth today. When I took you away, your mother said that she never wanted to see you again. She hoped that I would never bring you to

visit her again. She still wanted to remarry and live a peaceful life. She didn't want this mistake of hers to appear in front of her and disrupt her life!"

Qiao Nian looked at Su Xue quietly for a long time, her heart filled with complicated emotions.

For the sake of her reputation, Su Xue would definitely not lie again.

Was her father really just a heartless man who wanted a son?

Her mother was an unethical mistress who ruined other people's families.

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Then, was she a universally hated illegitimate daughter?

Qiao Nian's eyes turned cold. She felt that she had to investigate this herself.

Qiao Xin, who was standing at the side, couldn't help but smile when she saw Qiao Nian's expression grow worse and worse.

Qiao Nian had always prided herself on being morally superior.

Now, Qiao Nian was just the daughter of a village woman and a rich man. Moreover, she was an illegitimate daughter, despised by the world. She wanted to see what else Qiao Nian had to be proud of.

Qiao Nian was just a bastard child that no one wanted.

One needed skill and good karma to reincarnate. Qiao Nian had been inferior to her since she was born.

At the thought of this, Qiao Xin felt much better. She was the precious daughter of the Qiao family, and she had an outstanding older brother. Qiao Nian would never be able to compare to her.

She had won!

At the thought of this, Qiao Xin felt extremely happy, but she still put on a worried facade. "Sister, are... are you alright?"

Qiao Nian sat there in silence, seemingly lost in thought.

Out of the corner of her eye, Qiao Xin glanced at Gu Zhou. With the halo of an angel around her head, she said in a considerate and understanding manner, "Sister, in that era, it wasn't easy for a woman if she got pregnant before marriage. It must have been really difficult for her to have a child and raise it. People would gossip about her. You have to understand your mother's perspective. Don't hate her."

Qiao Nian still ignored Qiao Xin. Her mind was filled with Su Xue's words.

After receiving so much information today, she needed to take some time to digest it. More importantly, she had to dig deeper into the matter and find key clues before she could get someone to investigate her background.

Seeing that Qiao Nian remained silent, Qiao Xin comforted her softly. "Sister, don't keep quiet. Don't take things too hard. Don't worry, Brother and I will definitely help you!"

Chapter 190: Calling the Police

Seeing that Qiao Nian didn't speak, Qiao Xin continued to persuade her. "If your biological mother finds out that you're upset because she abandoned you, she'll definitely blame herself."

Impatience flashed in Qiao Nian's eyes. She looked up at Qiao Xin. "Are you done speaking?"

Qiao Xin felt a chill run down her spine under Qiao Nian's cold gaze. She couldn't help but shiver, stumbling backwards.

Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes, her voice as cold as ice. "Do you think I'll believe everything Su Xue says?"

Qiao Xin's gaze faltered. So Qiao Nian didn't want to admit to herself that she had a contemptible background.

Pursing her lips, she asked, "Sister, if Mom is lying, why haven't your relatives come looking for you?"

Qiao Nian looked at Qiao Xin expressionlessly.

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Qiao Xin's words hit the nail on the head.

It had been more than twenty years. Why hadn't her biological parents come looking for her?

Back when she was sent to live in the mountains, she didn't have enough to eat. As a result, she constantly faced the risk of starving to death. If an elderly man hadn't saved her, she might have died alone out there, with no family to her name.

What puzzled Qiao Nian the most was that her biological parents had never come to look for her.

If a child who was loved by their family had gotten lost, their relatives would definitely try their best to find them. They wouldn't be able to bear to let their child live alone on the streets.

Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes. If Su Xue and the others hadn't gone too far in their treatment of her, she might not have known until her death that she wasn't Qiao Shan and Su Xue's biological daughter.

Perhaps it was really as Su Xue had said. To her biological parents, she was just a burden—a burden that they wanted to throw away.

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Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian's back and frowned slightly, his thin lips pursed. He remained silent.

Chen Qing noticed the change in Gu Zhou's expression, but he couldn't guess what Gu Zhou was thinking.

At this moment, the ringing of the phone interrupted everyone's thoughts.

Qiu Nan, who had been in a daze, jumped in fear when he heard the phone ring. He began to tremble.

Su Xue looked at Qiao Nian in panic.

Qiao Nian casually took out her phone from her bag. The caller ID was?110¹. Su Xue turned pale with fear. If she was really thrown into prison, Qiao Shan would probably have gotten together with someone else by the time she was released.

As for the two children, they would probably find her humiliating as well. They might never acknowledge her as their mother again.

Cold sweat had broken out on Su Xue's forehead. She looked at Qiao Nian anxiously and said with impatience, "Qiao Nian, you just said that as long as I give you the details of your birth, you won't call the police!"

Qiao Xin looked at Qiao Nian anxiously. She was really worried that the family's scandal would spread to the public. If others knew that her mother had done such a thing, she would probably be too embarrassed to face anyone. She hurriedly said, "Sister, Mom saved you when you were just a baby. And Mom and Dad treat you like their own daughter. Without knowing the results of this paternity test, I wouldn't even have guessed that you're not related to us by blood. I think it's better if you don't let the police know, or we'll all be humiliated."

Qiao Shan stood at the side with a cold expression. Deep down, he still hoped that Su Xue would go to jail. Su Xue had done something so dirty and despicable. She should pay the price.

However, when Qiao Shan heard Qiao Xin's words, a trace of pity rose in his heart. If news of what Su Xue had done got out, Qiao Yu and Qiao Xin would be the ones to suffer the most.

At the thought of this, Qiao Shan could only suppress the dissatisfaction in his heart. "Qiao Nian, on account that your mother once saved you, don't let the police handle this matter. We'll handle it privately."

Qiao Nian looked at her phone and lowered her gaze slightly, hiding the emotions in her eyes. When she looked up again, there was only coldness in her gaze. She glanced at the people in front of her and said mockingly, "You sure make it sound nice. Back then, you saved me, but you didn't take any responsibility for me. You even left me alone in the mountains. If it weren't for Grandpa, I would have died long ago. So what's the difference between you and my biological parents who abandoned me? I think you're even more disgusting. You've never done me any favors, but you want to take everything you want from me!"