

Mr. Gu, Your Replacement Bride Is A Big Shot!

Chapter 21: Jealousy

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on the last line of words on the document.

"Qiao Nian and Su Yan used to date. Because Qiao Xin stepped in, Qiao Xin got together with Su Yan instead."

Gu Zhou closed the file and stuffed it into Lin Nan's hands. Calmly, he said, "Go and investigate the reasons behind Qiao Nian and Su Yan's breakup. Investigate Su Yan as well, and find Mr. W."

"Yes." Lin Nan committed everything Gu Zhou said to memory.

When Qiao Nian went downstairs, she saw Gu Zhou and Lin Nan following her downstairs as well. She was surprised but did not show it on her face.

Gu Zhou caught up with Qiao Nian in two or three steps. He walked closer to her and said into her ear, "Mr. W has left again. Something cropped up."

Qiao Nian froze for a moment and looked at Gu Zhou in confusion. She didn't know any Mr. W.

"The owner of the jade pendant." Gu Zhou said, standing on the stairs. He looked down and saw Qiao Xin standing in the living room. He frowned unhappily. A little girl who had stolen her sister's boyfriend must have some ulterior motive. "Ask your sister to return home first!"

Qiao Nian agreed and followed Gu Zhou down the stairs. She was curious why Gu Zhou had even brought Qiao Xin here in the first place. Was it really because of the owner of the jade pendant?

Gu Zhou went downstairs and politely exchanged a few words with Matriarch Gu before leaving.

"Sister!" Qiao Xin quickly went up to Qiao Nian and looked at her ingratiatingly. In a stark contrast to the disdain that Qiao Nian was used to, Qiao Xin stepped forward and grasped Qiao Nian's arm affectionately.

Who didn't know how to act?

Sisterly love?

Qiao Nian looked at Qiao Xin with a smile and slipped her arm out of Qiao Xin's grasp in a smooth motion. She said languidly, "Xin Xin, your brother-in-law told me that the owner of the jade pendant, Mr. W, is busy and will only come over after some time. Why don't you go back home for a while?"

Qiao Xin naturally understood that Qiao Nian wouldn't dare to give her the wrong information under Gu Zhou's name. She lowered her gaze slightly, the corners of her lips still raised, hiding the disdain in her eyes. Sweetly, she replied. "Alright, I will."

Qiao Nian glanced toward the door. Seeing that Qiao Xin was still standing there, unmoving, Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows and said, "I have other things to do, so I won't accompany you!"

Qiao Nian then walked towards Matriarch Gu.

Qiao Xin stood there coldly, her hands clenched into fists. She turned back and saw Matriarch Gu gazing at Qiao Nian dotingly.

How was this fair?!

How could Qiao Nian be loved by Matriarch Gu?

She was clearly much better than Qiao Nian in every way. Her academics were much better than Qiao Nian as well. Qiao Nian was just a lunatic!

Qiao Xin hid the coldness and loathing in her eyes. She couldn't give away her true emotions so early in the game. She had to protect herself first.

At this thought, Qiao Xin took a deep breath and walked in front of Matriarch Gu, saying politely, "Grandma, I'll..."

"Any Tom, Dick or Harry dares to call me 'Grandma'. Surely the threshold to enter the Gu family isn't this low?" Matriarch Gu cut in sarcastically. She gave Qiao Xin an indifferent glance, lips curving up coldly.

Qiao Xin felt as if someone had emptied a bucket of cold water onto her head in the dead of winter. She stood rooted to the spot, clenching her fists involuntarily.

"Madam Gu, Qiao Xin still has work to do. I'll leave first!" Qiao Xin said in reply, smiling sweetly.

Sitting at the side, Qiao Nian suddenly felt that Qiao Xin's shamelessness was truly unrivaled. Qiao Xin was obviously livid, but she could still put on a sweet and charming mask with ease.

"Hurry up and leave. After you leave, it'll be easier for the servants clean the villa thoroughly. Otherwise, I keep thinking that there's some strange smell around here!" Matriarch Gu said rudely, completely disregarding etiquette. She turned her head to the side and took no notice of Qiao Xin's pitiful expression.

Qiao Xin bit her lip and turned away, beginning to walk towards the door. Her hands were clenched tightly into fists and her nails dug into her palms.

Seeing that Qiao Xin had left, Matriarch Gu turned to look worriedly at Qiao Nian, who was sitting beside her. She said anxiously, "My darling child, your younger sister is a little scary. If she bullies you again, don't be afraid. Tell Grandma, and Grandma will help you chase her away!"

Qiao Nian felt warmth touch her heart. Although she knew that Matriarch Gu only doted on her so much because of Gu Zhou, she was still touched. Smiling, she replied, "I understand. Thank you, Grandma!"

"Oh, my darling girl, why are you so polite?" The more Matriarch Gu spent time with Qiao Nian, the more she felt that Qiao Nian was an obedient and sensible girl. She was a perfectly suitable granddaughter-in-law. Matriarch Gu continued, "Oh right, I have something to give you. Use this to buy some clothes!"

As she spoke, Matriarch Gu took out a black card and handed it to Qiao Nian. Without waiting for Qiao Nian to decline, she continued, "This is what you deserve. This black credit card doesn't require a password, nor fingerprint authentication. You can use it to pay for anything without hassle. Take it. When you have your wedding with Gu Zhou, Grandma will have more gifts for you!"

Hearing Matriarch Gu's words, Qiao Nian quickly lowered her gaze. She did not speak.

She knew that Gu Zhou would refuse to marry her.. Of course, she would not marry Gu Zhou either.

Chapter 22: Provoked by a Two-Faced Person

With Qiao Nian's abilities, she could leave the mental hospital any time she wanted. The reason why she married into the Gu family was because she did not want to be monitored by the Qiao family after leaving the mental hospital.

No matter how long her marriage with Gu Zhou would last, it would not affect her investigation of what happened five years ago.

Now, she could make use of Gu Zhou to investigate what happened five years ago.

Matriarch Gu repeatedly urged Qiao Nian to buy more clothes. After talking for a while, she grew worried that Qiao Nian would be embarrassed to use the black card to spend money on new clothes. She hurriedly looked toward her and said, "My darling girl, why don't I go shopping with you? I'm afraid you won't be willing to spend money."

Qiao Nian smiled and quickly said, "Grandma, I can do it myself."

"Alright. But if you don't go shopping today, I'll be going with you tomorrow." Matriarch Gu stood up as she spoke, her gaze landing on Qiao Nian's face. "I have something on today, so I'll leave first. Remember, you must buy more clothes. Women should treat themselves better!"

"Okay." Qiao Nian agreed obediently.

Seeing Qiao Nian like this, Matriarch Gu was overjoyed.

After seeing Matriarch Gu off, Qiao Nian looked at the black card in her hand. She thought for a while and decided to follow Matriarch Gu's instructions to buy some new clothes. She didn't have many clothes after leaving the mental hospital.

When she reached the mall, Qiao Nian walked into a branded shop and looked though the clothes calmly.

Qiao Xin and her friend Zhou Xue were also shopping at the same mall. Zhou Xue wasn't very well-off, and usually went out with Qiao Xin. Qiao Xin would gift her some clothes when she was in a good mood.

Zhou Xue's gaze landed on the person not far away from them. She frowned slightly and whispered, "Xin Xin, look. Is that person your older sister?"

Without waiting for Qiao Xin to reply, Zhou Xue continued in confusion, "Didn't you say that your sister was in the mental hospital? Why has she come out?"

Qiao Xin was looking through some clothes when she heard Zhou Xue's words. She looked over and saw Qiao Nian doing the same not far away. She rolled her eyes and said in a low voice, "Sister came out a few days ago. She's already gotten married."

Hearing Qiao Xin's words, Zhou Xue looked at Qiao Xin in disbelief and asked in a low voice, "Your family must be so nice. They gave your sister such a large dowry for her marriage!"

At that, Qiao Xin was momentarily stunned. She thought of the shares Qiao Nian had extorted from her, and silently agreed with Zhou Xue.

Zhou Xue's gaze fell on the sales assistant behind Qiao Nian. The sales assistant was already holding seven to eight pieces of clothing. One had to know that the cheapest item here cost around ten thousand dollars.

Qiao Xin naturally noticed the clothes Qiao Nian had selected. Rolling her eyes, she continued, "Sister took half of my company shares!"

"What!" Zhou Xue looked at Qiao Xin in shock. Qiao Xin owned 20% of the Qiao company shares. According to Qiao Xin, Qiao Nian had taken half of her shares, which meant... "Your parents gave those to her willingly?"

Qiao Xin lowered her head dejectedly, her eyes watery as she said, "She's my older sister. I should give in to her!"

With those few casual words, Qiao Xin aired out all her grievances.

"This won't do. We have to get your shares back. Back then, she tried to snatch your boyfriend; now, she's stolen your money. You can't give in to her so easily!" Pulling Qiao Xin with her, Zhou Xue began to walk towards Qiao Nian in a rage. She had to seek justice for her good friend.

Qiao Nian was standing in front of the mirror, holding a floral dress and examining it carefully. After looking at it for a while, she shook her head in dissatisfaction and put the dress back onto the rack. She was about to look for other clothes when she saw Zhou Xue and Qiao Xin walking towards her.

"Qiao Nian, you're so shameless!" Zhou Xue's fury exploded when she saw Qiao Nian. She had never seen such a brazen woman in her life. "In the past, you tried to snatch Qiao Xin's boyfriend and now you've even stolen her shares. How can you be so vicious!"

Qiao Nian was no longer in the mood to shop. She couldn't be bothered to talk to someone who clearly lacked intelligence. She turned to the sales assistant and said, "Help me wrap these things up."

"Yes, ma'am," the sales assistant answered. Holding the items, she walked towards the cashier.

Qiao Nian stepped towards the cashier, preparing to pay, but Zhou Xue grabbed hold of her arm.

She turned around and saw Zhou Xue raising her hand, preparing to give her a slap. Without waiting for her to make a move, Qiao Nian swiftly slapped Zhou Xue, causing Zhou Xue to stagger two steps back.

In the space of that slap, Zhou Xue had no choice but to let go of Qiao Nian's arm. In a panic, she held onto the shelf beside her, barely managing to keep her balance.

Qiao Xin glared at Qiao Nian with an ugly expression, then hurriedly lowered her gaze. She quickly walked to Zhou Xue's side, holding out a hand to support her. Rolling her eyes, Qiao Xin said softly, "Xue'er, let's go.. You won't be able to beat her. I remember your boyfriend liked her back then, but she..."

Chapter 23: The Black Card!

"What?" Zhou Xue had been feeling frustrated, but upon hearing Qiao Xin's words, she narrowed her eyes and asked coldly, "Li Zheng liked her?"

Qiao Xin's breath caught. She looked toward Zhou Xue in a panic, and quickly explained, "Don't... Don't think too much. It's not like that. Li Zheng did nothing w-with her..."

The more Qiao Xin explained, the more anxious she became. Cold sweat began to break out on her forehead. In the end, she sighed helplessly and looked at Zhou Xue with red-rimmed eyes. She said in a soothing tone, "Xue'er, let's leave!"

From Zhou Xue's point of view, Qiao Xin's actions made it more obvious that she was trying to cover something up. She looked toward Qiao Nian, who was standing at the cashier counter, with a sour expression. Zhou Xue's eyes were burning with anger.

Her best friend had been bullied, and her boyfriend had once liked that bitch.

Zhou Xue had always valued her friendships. At this moment, she was so angry that she could have vomited blood. She straightened her back, pushed Qiao Xin's hand away, and walked towards Qiao Nian without hesitation.

"Qiao Nian, you're too shameless!" Zhou Xue walked up to Qiao Nian with her hand raised, ready to slap her.

Qiao Nian frowned, a little annoyed by Zhou Xue's behavior. She turned and said to the staff, "This person is causing trouble. Please call security!"

The sales assistant looked at the pile of clothes in front of her. Her sales performance this month would definitely be the best among all the employees. Smiling, the assistant picked up the phone, preparing to call security.

Naturally, Zhou Xue saw the salesperson's actions. She put down her hand angrily and glared at Qiao Nian, livid. With malice written all over her face, she said, "Qiao Nian, you impudent bitch. You stole your sister's boyfriend and now you're stealing her shares. Have you no shame at all?!"

At Zhou Xue's words, Qiao Nian's gaze landed on Qiao Xin, who was standing not far away. Qiao Xin had donned a worried facade, looking like an innocent little bunny. The pretense was obvious!

"The bill, please." As Qiao Nian spoke, she swiftly took out a black card, glancing at Zhou Xue with contempt. "Zhou Xue, I advise you to be aware of what exactly you are doing."

A black card?

The sales assistant took the black card from Qiao Nian reverently. There were only a handful of people in this city who owned such black cards. So the young woman in front of her was a rich person!

The people around them, who were watching the spectacle unfold, immediately understood. Why would someone who could afford a black card even care about the small amount of shares in other people's hands?

Such a rich and pretty young lady could just wave her hand, and a bunch of handsome men would probably fall to her feet!

"This young lady is really rich. That Zhou Xue must be slandering her!"

"Exactly. Everyone knows that a black card holds more wealth than a small country!"

"Why would a rich young lady lack a boyfriend? What a joke!"

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Zhou Xue's expression grew darker and darker as she heard the mutterings of the people around her. Her gaze fell on the black card in Qiao Nian's hand. Her eyes bulged and she shouted, "You are a thief! Tell me, where did you steal that black card from?"

The sales assistant had just swiped the black card. Smilingly, she indicated for Qiao Nian to carry out fingerprint authentication. Qiao Nian casually placed her finger on the device.

Zhou Xue's eyes were fixed on the fingerprint machine in the sales assistant's hands. The error report she had pictured did not appear.

“Miss Qiao, this is your card!” The black card displayed the owner’s surname on the screen. The sales assistant smiled and handed the black card to Qiao Nian respectfully.

Qiao Nian calmly placed the black card back into her bag. Her movements were unhurried, and the people crowding around her saw that there was another black card in her bag!

Everyone was stunned. It was all their first time seeing someone who owned two black cards.

“Excuse me.” Qiao Nian spoke to the sales assistant beside her. “Miss Zhou Xue here has framed me for stealing. Please call the police!”

The sales assistant smiled and nodded. However, before she did so, she still called the security guards over. She waited for the security guards to subdue Zhou Xue before she called the police.

Within 15 minutes, the police would arrive!

Zhou Xue flew into an instant panic. She was a nurse in the First Hospital. If the people in the hospital knew that she had slandered someone, they might chase her out of the hospital.

Zhou Xue turned to look at Qiao Xin, who was standing not far away. In desperation, she cried out, “Xin Xin, save me! I can’t be arrested!”

Even if she hadn’t committed any crime, her future would be ruined as long as she was arrested!

Qiao Xin had initially wanted to take the opportunity to slip away, but when she heard Zhou Xue calling her, she hesitated. For a long moment, Qiao Xin stood rooted to the ground, unmoving. In the end, she hardened her resolve and turned to leave.

Qiao Nian looked at Qiao Xin’s departing figure and gave a faint smile. She walked to a nearby stool and sat down, crossing her legs elegantly as she waited for the police to arrive. She glanced at Zhou Xue and asked, “Where did your good friend go?”

At this moment, Zhou Xue felt as if the sky had collapsed. She looked at Qiao Nian in a daze, bit her lip and said fiercely, “Qiao Nian, you framed me. You will die a horrible death!”

Qiao Nian looked at the unrepentant Zhou Xue and silently took out her mobile phone to send a message to Old A.

Chapter 24: Not Holding Back

In this city, the Zhou family name barely held any weight. Zhou Xue often used to fool around, so her grades were not good. In the end, through the machinations of her father, she studied nursing in university and became a nurse.

In university, Zhou Xue did not study hard either. She would watch dramas and play games all day. After she graduated, she became a nurse in the best hospital only with the help of her father's connections.

Her father continually reminded her to work hard. In the future, he expected her to marry a rich man as well.

Zhou Xue looked at the security guards standing to her left and right. She felt that her world was about to collapse. If her father knew that she had been arrested, he would definitely beat her to death.

Zhou Xue's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face. She hated Qiao Nian with all her heart, and yearned to tear her to shreds. But now, her only option was to beg Qiao Nian for help.

"Sister." Zhou Xue stepped in front of Qiao Nian shakily. With a flattering smile on her face, she said ingratiatingly, "Sister, I was in the wrong this time. You're the bigger person; why don't you forgive me just this once?"

The moment Zhou Xue's words fell, the police arrived.

Qiao Nian briefly explained what had happened. The police officer gave Zhou Xue a severe dressing down, then looked at Qiao Nian and said, "Miss Qiao, regarding whether this matter should be settled privately or not... we suggest that you settle it privately. After all, this matter..."

The police were too embarrassed to say that this was likely just a misunderstanding. But when they thought about how Zhou Xue had accused Qiao Nian of stealing the black card, they realized that the black card had more than 100 million in savings.

"It's fine if you'd like to settle it officially. After all, this matter involves a black card!" the police officer said with a serious expression. Seeing Qiao Nian looking toward him, he said tentatively, "Why don't the two of you have a private chat? Miss Qiao can make a decision after that."

Qiao Nian thought about Zhou Xue's words just now and nodded. She took a seat on a chair nearby.

Zhou Xue trembled as she walked towards Qiao Nian under the policeman's encouragement. Her mind was in a daze and all she could think about was how to get out of the situation.

"Sister." Zhou Xue stood in front of Qiao Nian and bowed perpendicularly. Her tears of grievance fell as she said, "Sister, I was in the wrong. Please forgive me!"

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on Zhou Xue's face and her lips curved into a bright smile. "Zhou Xue, there's no enmity between us, right?"

Zhou Xue straightened her back hesitantly and glanced at Qiao Nian's face. She quickly lowered her gaze to hide the hatred in her eyes. "It's all my fault!"

"I don't want to reconcile with you," Qiao Nian said impassively. She knew that Zhou Xue had no intention of admitting her mistake. With that, she got up and walked towards the policemen.

"Are you crazy!" Zhou Xue grabbed Qiao Nian's arm and glared daggers at her, her eyes red-rimmed. She pursed her lips and shouted in a rage, "It's all your fault, it's all your fault! Why can't you let others speak the truth?"

Qiao Nian calmly pushed Zhou Xue's hand away, signaling for the police to take her away.

The police officers glanced toward Zhou Xue. There was a strange light in Zhou Xue's eyes, and she seemed as though she wanted to eat Qiao Nian alive. The police officers didn't expect this young lady to still have a face full of hatred. She simply didn't know how to repent!

Qiao Nian watched as the police took Zhou Xue away. Then, she took her new clothes home.

On the way back, Qiao Nian saw that Old A had replied to her message. She asked curiously, "What are you busy with? It took you so long to reply!"

Soon, Old A sent a text back.

"I just got up from bed. I was playing video games, so I slept too late last night!"

Qiao Nian pursed her lips. She no longer knew what to say to Old A.

"Help me investigate two people, Li Chun and Zhou Xue, especially regarding that day five years ago, plus their whereabouts after that."

Five years ago, Qiao Nian went drinking with her good friend Li Chun in a KTV room. In the end, she got drunk and fainted!

Before Qiao Nian lost consciousness, she saw Qiao Xin pass Li Chun a sum of money. Li Chun soon disappeared from Country Z. When she was in the mental hospital, she had tried to investigate Li Chun's whereabouts, but she found nothing.

After that, she gave up investigating Li Chun.

When she saw Zhou Xue today, the memories hidden deep in Qiao Nian's mind were finally roused. That night, she thought she had seen Zhou Xue as well.

Her memories were a little blurry. She seemed to remember Qiao Xin and Zhou Xue entering the KTV room together, but she also seemed to remember Qiao Xin entering the room herself.

There seemed to be something wrong with her memory, which was why she wanted Old A to help her conduct the investigation.

After getting an affirmative reply from Old A, Qiao Nian turned off her phone and went to buy a car. It took her a long time to hire a taxi today, and she didn't want to have to repeat the experience again.

Qiao Nian drove home and parked her car outside the villa. She then walked in with her new clothes.

Once she got home, she took a shower, then washed both her new clothes and old clothes. She put on her soft pajamas, and settled down to read her books on medicine.

At this moment, her phone rang. Qiao Nian looked at the caller ID and smiled.. She picked up the phone and greeted, "Teacher Liu."

Chapter 25: Banquet

"Nian Nian, S University is holding a banquet tonight. Doctor Wang from the field of Traditional Chinese Medicine will be attending too. Aren't you interested in this field? You could speak to him."

Qiao Nian's smile widened. After thanking Teacher Liu and asking for the address, she took out a dress and dried it in the dryer, then put it on and headed out.

Butler Zhao, who was carrying a platter of fruits, saw that Qiao Nian was about to leave the house. She looked at Qiao Nian in surprise and asked, "Second Young Madam, it's already so late. Where are you going?"

"There's a banquet I'm planning to attend. I might be back quite late tonight." Qiao Nian stepped out in her high heels, no longer paying Butler Zhao any attention.

Butler Zhao's face clouded over as she watched Qiao Nian leave. A thought seemed to strike her, and she took out her cell phone to call Gu Zhou.

Qiao Nian drove to the university, parked her car outside and walked in.

When she arrived at the banquet hall, Qiao Nian saw that Teacher Liu had not yet arrived. She started eating dessert alone.

Qiao Xin and her boyfriend, Su Yan, appeared at the entrance of the banquet hall. Su Yan studied medicine, and Qiao Xin was invited as his date.

Qiao Xin held Su Yan's arm affectionately. She could tell that he was a little nervous, and spoke comfortingly. "Brother Yan, don't worry. You will definitely be chosen by Dr. Wang!"

On the surface, this banquet was just a networking event for the big shots in the medical field, but in fact, it was for Dr. Wang to select a few young doctors to participate in his cancer research project.

Su Yan was one of the most handsome gentlemen in An City. He had a good family background, a good education, and good looks. For countless girls, Su Yan represented the ideal boyfriend.

Su Yan was quite different from the other rich young heirs in An City. He was obsessed with the field of medicine and had a straightforward nature. Many medical professors praised him for his talent and intelligence, saying that would definitely achieve great things within the field of medicine in the future.

Back then, Qiao Xin had seen how close Qiao Nian was with Su Yan. She had always liked to steal what Qiao Nian had, so she confessed to Su Yan in public and made him her boyfriend.

Qiao Xin and Su Yan were casually having a bite in the banquet hall when her gaze landed on her sister not far away. She whispered, "Brother Yan, I see my sister. I'll go greet her!"

Qiao Xin had only been with Su Yan for such a long time because she hadn't found a better man yet.

Su Yan was momentarily stunned when he heard Qiao Xin's words. He followed her gaze and saw Qiao Nian wearing a white evening gown, casually eating some refreshments. He felt a wave of disgust, and averted his gaze in displeasure.

Qiao Xin naturally sensed Su Yan's change in attitude and she hurriedly consoled him. "Brother Yan, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to tell Sister that you will be attending tonight."

In other words, Qiao Nian was here for Su Yan.

Su Yan's eyebrows knit tightly together, his frown growing deeper. He didn't think that being missed by a lunatic was anything to be proud of. He turned away and replied lowly, "Go ahead!"

Five years ago, Su Yan was discussing medicine with Qiao Nian. He felt that Qiao Nian wasn't too bad a person. Later on, he heard from other people that there was something wrong with her character.

Not only did Qiao Nian announce to everyone that she was his girlfriend, but she also bullied her weaker classmates. Because of this incident, the value of Su Yan's scholarship was deducted.

He had spoken to Qiao Nian about this and explained the situation to her, asking her to stop spreading rumors.

But Qiao Nian pretended to be ignorant and even argued that she didn't do anything. Her innocent look made Su Yan want to throw up.

However, two days later, Qiao Nian wrote him a letter and booked a room for the two of them.

When Qiao Nian returned to school, she went around frantically looking for Li Chun, and even set fire to his desk.

After that, Qiao Nian was diagnosed with a mental illness and sent to the hospital.

Su Yan had thought that Qiao Nian would have a clearer mind after recuperating in the hospital for five years. He didn't expect her to continue pestering him, almost akin to a ghost haunting its murderer.

Su Yan walked to the door in frustration. He was about to light a cigarette when his gaze landed on the man not far away from him. He immediately put on a polite smile.

It was Gu Zhou!

He was the most famous man in An City!

Even though Su Yan didn't care about his family's affairs, his parents had always told him to be polite to Gu Zhou even when Su Yan was a child. That man wasn't someone the Su family could afford to offend.

"Second Young Master Gu." He strode towards Gu Zhou. Seeing the other man stop, Su Yan smiled. "I'm Su Yan."

Gu Zhou stared coldly at the man in front of him for a while, then recalled that this man was indeed Su Yan. He gave an impassive grunt, then seemed to have thought of something, asking in a hoarse voice, "What time does the banquet start?"

Su Yan saw Gu Zhou's brief glance toward the banquet hall, and instantly understood. "It starts at 8 p.m. Second Young Master Gu can come back later!"

Gu Zhou didn't reply. With his hands in his pockets, he turned and left with Chen Qing.

Su Yan gazed at Gu Zhou's retreating back as he left.. His eyes sparkled with admiration.