

Big Shot 401

Chapter 401: Angry

Gu Zhou's body stiffened. At the thought of Gu Qi wearing women's clothes, his heart ached, and his breathing involuntarily became heavier.

No wonder Gu Qi always wore female clothes at home. It was actually because of this?

Gu Zhou's body relaxed. He pretended to be calm and asked, "How did you know?"

"He told me himself."

Gu Zhou felt a little uncomfortable. Gu Qi had been unwilling to speak to anyone at home, yet he had said so much to Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian continued to massage Gu Zhou. Curious, she asked, "What's the name of your heartless friend?"

Gu Zhou was speechless.

Qiao Nian's heart really ached for Gu Qi. She wanted to find a chance to teach his father a lesson.

Gu Zhou's gaze landed on the mirror on the dressing table in front of him. From the mirror, he could see Qiao Nian gritting her teeth in anger.

Gu Zhou paused for a moment before continuing, "He seems to have the same surname as me!"

Qiao Nian frowned. What was the difference between this answer and not answering?

Could it be that Gu Zhou did not want to answer?

Qiao Nian couldn't be bothered to massage Gu Zhou's shoulders anymore. She retracted her hand and said calmly, "It's about time!"

Gu Zhou rotated his shoulders slightly. Indeed, his shoulders were much better than before. After some thought, he turned to look at Qiao Nian, who was walking towards the closet. "Could there be a misunderstanding between the father and son?"

Qiao Nian was about to wash up when she heard Gu Zhou's words. Her beautiful foxy eyes narrowed slightly as she stared at him unhappily. "Are you looking for an excuse for your heartless friend?"

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Gu Zhou was speechless.

"You men always have an excuse. It's clearly your fault!" Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou unhappily, her tone unfriendly. "I don't want to talk to you!"

With that, Qiao Nian took her bathrobe and walked towards the bathroom. The more she thought about it, the angrier she became. She slammed the bathroom door shut, expressing her dissatisfaction.

Gu Zhou sat by the bed and looked at the bathroom door quietly.

This was the first time he had seen Qiao Nian so irrational. She seemed to care a lot about Gu Qi when she lost her temper in front of him.

After taking a shower, Qiao Nian crawled into bed, her back facing Gu Zhou. She didn't want to see this bastard at all.

The next day.

When Qiao Nian woke up, there was no one beside her.

She remembered that she had lost her temper at Gu Zhou last night. What puzzled her was that Gu Zhou was not angry.

In her daze, she seemed to have seen Gu Zhou covering her with a blanket in the middle of the night.

This was really strange!

Could it be that Gu Zhou was a masochist?

How was that possible?

Forget it, let's not think too much!

After washing up, Qiao Nian walked downstairs. In the living room, she saw Old Madam Gu sitting on the sofa in a daze.

Qiao Nian felt that Old Madam Gu seemed to have aged instantly.

Qiao Nian knew very well that although Old Madam Gu had chased Jiang Yue away and was unwilling to see her again, she still couldn't help but miss her.

Kinship could not be severed.

This kind of thing could only be adapted to slowly with time.

Qiao Nian gathered her thoughts and walked towards Old Madam Gu. She greeted her with a smile, "Good morning, Grandma!"

When Old Madam Gu heard Qiao Nian's voice, she suddenly came back to her senses. With a smile, she held Qiao Nian's hand and sat down beside her. She said warmly, "Good morning, Nian Nian!"

"Good child, did you sleep well last night?" Old Madam Gu looked at Qiao Nian gently.

"Yes, quite."

Qiao Nian clearly remembered that she had dreamed of the dead child again last night.

If that child wasn't dead, he would probably be about the same age as Gu Qi!

She dreamed of her child at night because she talked about Gu Qi before she went to bed...

Old Madam Gu nodded slightly. She looked at Qiao Nian guiltily and said, "Nian Nian, it's all Grandma's fault for what happened to Jiang Yue. I didn't educate her well and let her do such a thing. If I had taught

her well back then, she might not have gone down the wrong path and caused you to be in danger. I apologize to you now!”

Chapter 402: Only You

When Qiao Nian heard Old Madam Gu’s words, she shook her head and said, “Grandma, this matter has nothing to do with you. She’s actually already an adult. She’s already capable of taking legal responsibility. You can’t blame yourself! for her mistakes”

When Old Madam Gu heard this, she was so touched that her eyes turned red. If Yue Yue could be so sensible, she wouldn’t have been chased out.

At the thought of Jiang Yue, Old Madam Gu’s heart ached again.

Actually, the reason why Qiao Nian was so determined to chase Jiang Yue out was mainly because Jiang Yue had once poisoned Old Madam Gu. She didn’t want Old Madam Gu to be hurt again.

Qiao Nian held Old Madam Gu’s hand tightly and comforted her softly. “Grandma, don’t worry. Don’t be sad anymore!”

When Old Madam Gu heard Qiao Nian’s words, she nodded slightly. She looked at Qiao Nian, wanting to say something but hesitated.

Seeing Old Madam Gu’s expression, Qiao Nian knew that she had something to say. She smiled and asked, “Grandma, is there anything else you want to tell me?”

Old Madam Gu was slightly stunned. A trace of hesitation flashed across her eyes, but she still asked directly, “Nian Nian, do you know about stone gambling?”

Qiao Nian nodded. She just hadn’t expected Old Madam Gu to play this game too. “A little. Grandma, what’s wrong?”

Old Madam Gu heaved a sigh of relief and asked with a smile, “Have you heard of a necklace called the Moon Goddess?”

Qiao Nian nodded. Back when the Moon Goddess necklace had first appeared, she had also paid attention to it. However, she hadn’t been able to find it for a long time.

“Grandma, do you want this necklace?” Qiao Nian asked.

Old Madam Gu nodded and said, “I originally wanted Jiang Yue to help me get it, but now that I’ve already chased her out, it’s impossible for me to ask her to help again. I also wanted Zhao Qian to go, but she doesn’t know anything about stone gambling. I’m also afraid that she’ll be deceived! You also know that with Gu Zhou’s health, he won’t be able to go that far.”

Qiao Nian immediately understood what Old Madam Gu meant. She smiled and said, “Grandma, perhaps I can try to find the necklace. However, do you know where it is?”

“In MY country. It’s a country where stone gambling culture is prevalent. And I heard from my friend that the Moon Goddess necklace is also there.”

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Old Madam Gu paused for a moment before continuing, "The CEO of HH Group is preparing to hold a stone gambling banquet in MY country. The first prize winner will receive the Moon Goddess."

Qiao Nian had heard of the famous CEO of HH Group before. He was obsessed with stone gambling.

Qiao Nian hadn't expected the Moon Goddess to be in his hands.

Old Madam Gu's frown deepened. She sighed and said, "That place is very messy. There are people from all walks of life. Initially, I didn't want you to take the risk, but I really couldn't find anyone to entrust it to..."

Old Madam Gu paused, her gaze landing on Qiao Nian's face. With a serious expression, she said, "I only have you!"

"Don't worry, Grandma. I'll work hard to get you the moon goddess."

Old Madam Gu heaved a sigh of relief and said with a smile, "It just so happens that Lu Zhu is going there too. The two of you can go together so that you can take care of each other on the way."

Qiao Nian recalled the first time she had seen Lu Zhu. Lu Zhu seemed to be a little dissatisfied with her. After a moment's hesitation, she quickly said, "Grandma, actually, I can take care of myself..."

"Nian Nian, I know that you're very outstanding and capable of taking care of yourself, but I'll still worry about you if I let you go there alone." Old Madam Gu held Qiao Nian's hand tightly and interrupted her gently.

Qiao Nian pursed her lips slightly and did not insist further.

When Qiao Nian arrived at the airport, her phone rang. She opened it and saw that it was a message from Gu Qi.

"Auntie, do you have time today? I want to pay you back what I owe you?"

When Qiao Nian saw this message, the corners of her lips curled up involuntarily. She immediately replied.

Chapter 403: What was going on?

"I'm going overseas now. I'll look for you when I return, okay?" Qiao Nian explained gently.

"Okay!" Gu Qi replied in a clear voice.

Qiao Nian was about to board the plane, so she turned off her phone.

At this moment, there was a stream of people in the distance.

"Oh my god, look! It's Eldest Young Master Lu!"

"He's so handsome. I can't take it anymore. I'm suffocating!"

"I'll be lucky if I can marry him!"

“That’s strange. Who’s the woman beside him? I’ve never seen her before. Is she his girlfriend?”

“When the two of them stand together, they look like a perfect match!”

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When Qiao Nian heard the words “Song Yue”, she turned her head and saw Song Yue’s beautiful face and bright red lips that made her look sparkling.

Song Yue and Lu Zhu walked side by side, but in Qiao Nian’s opinion, they were indeed a match made in heaven.

Just as Qiao Nian was deep in thought, the two people who attracted her attention had already walked up to her.

Lu Zhu stopped in front of Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian raised her eyes slightly. Even though Lu Zhu was looking at her with such indifference, she couldn’t help but have a good impression of him.

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Qiao Nian hurriedly threw such thoughts to the back of her mind.

Lu Zhu glanced behind Qiao Nian and frowned slightly. Puzzled, he asked, “Are you alone?”

A faint smile appeared on Qiao Nian’s face. She said jokingly, “There’s you!”

Lu Zhu’s frown deepened, and a hint of displeasure flashed across his eyes. Actually, his impression of Qiao Nian had already changed during his younger brother’s concert. However, this impression had completely disappeared with her joke.

Song Yue had been by Lu Zhu’s side for a long time, so she remembered every expression of his. At this moment, when Lu Zhu frowned, she couldn’t help but frown as well.

Song Yue looked at Qiao Nian in disgust and said, “Miss Qiao, Brother Ah Zhu and I have never thought of bringing you along. Please behave yourself!”

Song Yue had heard of Qiao Nian before. At the time, she had only attended as an investor of a financial company. She felt that Qiao Nian was indeed very talented in planting flowers and plants.

However, what Qiao Nian had just said instantly wiped away her good impression of her.

Could it be that Qiao Nian had heard that she and Lu Zhu were going to MY, so she deliberately wanted to stop them?

Most of the people who went to MY were there to gamble on stones. Did Qiao Nian know how to do it too?

Qiao Nian was an expert at planting flowers and plants, but she was definitely an amateur at stone gambling.

Sigh.

Song Yue didn't need to think to know that Qiao Nian was the kind of person who wanted to marry into a wealthy family!

She really couldn't understand how Qiao Yu could have such a brainless sister.

Hearing Song Yue's words, Qiao Nian's beautiful fox-like eyes narrowed slightly. She said, "Miss Song, it doesn't seem like you have the final say in whether I'll be brought along or not!"

Song Yue raised her chin arrogantly with a look of disdain. "Brother Ah Zhu, it's impossible..."

Lu Zhu interrupted Song Yue without hesitation, his voice turning cold. "It's getting late. It's time to board the plane!"

When Song Yue heard Lu Zhu's words, she was stunned. Was he talking to her or Qiao Nian?

Just as Song Yue was feeling puzzled, Lu Zhu continued, "Lin Nan, help Miss Qiao get her luggage!"

Song Yue's body swayed slightly, and she was in a mess.

She clearly felt that Lu Zhu didn't like Qiao Nian. Why did he have to bring Qiao Nian along?

Song Yue frowned. Lu Zhu was not giving her any face!

Qiao Nian didn't care what Song Yue thought. She smiled gently and said, "Thank you!"

After saying that, Qiao Nian glanced at Song Yue indifferently, the smugness and contempt in her eyes obvious.

Song Yue pursed her lips tightly. She could feel the warning from Qiao Nian. Qiao Nian seemed to be warning her to speak less in the future.

Chapter 404: Ignorant

Qiao Nian's gaze made Song Yue very uncomfortable. However, now that Song Yue had left with Lu Zhu, even though she was unhappy, she still followed.

On the plane, Qiao Nian turned off her phone and leaned lazily against her seat. She tilted her head to look out the window, and her gaze inadvertently landed on Lu Zhu's face.

Lu Zhu's facial features were well-defined, and his thin lips were pursed tightly, as if he was thinking about something serious.

When he was quiet and did not speak, he was like an otherworldly god that no one could disturb.

"Have you seen enough?"

Lu Zhu's voice was cold.

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. When she regained her senses, she looked away awkwardly.

For some reason, she felt that his tone sounded like Gu Zhou's.

She hadn't seen him since she had gotten angry at Gu Zhou last night.

Qiao Nian felt that the atmosphere was a little awkward, so she changed the topic. "Mr. Lu, when we get off the plane later, please send me to my hotel. Thank you."

Lu Zhu tilted her head and looked at the intense gaze sitting beside her. It was as cold as ice. "I want to go there too."

Hearing Lu Zhu's words, Qiao Nian frowned slightly. Puzzled, she asked, "Hasn't that hotel already been fully booked? The people inside are all there to participate in the stone gambling competition three days later. Could it be that you're also preparing to participate?"

On the other hand, when Song Yue heard Qiao Nian's words, she couldn't help but laugh. She asked, "Why else do you think we are going there?"

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Without even looking at Song Yue, Qiao Nian looked at Lu Zhu uneasily and asked, "Mr. Lu, are you doing this for the Moon Goddess?"

Lu Zhu nodded calmly and asked, "Do you have the same goal as me?"

Qiao Nian looked at Lu Zhu's determined expression and frowned, not saying anything.

Previously, her grandmother had told her to go to MY with Lu Zhu, saying that she could let Lu Zhu take care of her. However, she had never expected that the person taking care of her would actually become her competitor.

This was a little awkward.

She really did not expect Lu Zhu to participate in stone gambling for the Moon Goddess. Could it be that Lu Zhu also believed in the legend of the Moon Goddess?

The so-called Moon Goddess was also known as the Goddess of Thought.

The magical thing about this necklace was that it had a special ability. As long as one placed the items of the person they missed beside it, they would be able to see their current situation in about a month.

If it was a dead person, they could also see that person's future.

It was precisely because of this rumor that the Moon Goddess necklace had become much more mysterious.

The reason why Grandma wanted this necklace was to know about Eldest Young Master Gu's current situation.

The reason why Lu Zhu wanted this necklace was probably related to the eldest daughter of the Lu family who had died early!

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian felt a strange feeling in her heart.

She also wanted to obtain this necklace previously because she wanted to see if her child had reincarnated.

She was a medical student, so she shouldn't have believed in ghosts and gods. However, missing her child made her feel reverence for ghosts and gods.

Qiao Nian smiled and looked at Lu Zhu calmly. "I'll work hard to get the Moon Goddess!"

Lu Zhu wasn't angry when he heard Qiao Nian's words, because he could understand Old Madam Gu's eagerness to use the Moon Goddess to find Eldest Young Master Gu.

Besides, he wouldn't give up on the Moon Goddess necklace. Regardless of whether the rumors were true or not, he had to try.

When Song Yue heard Qiao Nian's impudent words, a trace of disdain flashed across her eyes.

A fool was a fool.

A faint smile appeared on Song Yue's lips. Her gaze landed on Qiao Nian's face as she said, "Miss Qiao, aren't you a little too arrogant? Do you think it's easy to gamble on stones? There are many people participating in the stone gambling competition this time. Even entering the finals is more difficult than ascending to the heavens! You actually dare to boast that you want to obtain the Moon Goddess. You don't know your limits! Can you have some self-awareness?"

Chapter 405: Too Loud!

Hearing Song Yue's words, Qiao Nian frowned and said impatiently, "Do you believe me? If you say another word, I'll throw you down!"

When Song Yue heard Qiao Nian's words, she was slightly taken aback. A disdainful smile appeared on her face. "Qiao Nian, aren't you being too arrogant? Look at yourself!"

"It's too noisy." Qiao Nian's beautiful fox eyes narrowed slightly.

Song Yue continued, "When we get off the plane later, I'll definitely..."

Before Song Yue could finish speaking, she felt a sharp pain in her ear. Her expression changed abruptly, and only then did she notice that Qiao Nian had stuck a needle into her ear.

She was in so much pain that she was drenched in cold sweat. Her face was pale as she looked at Qiao Nian. Just as she was about to speak, she felt as if her brain was being stabbed by thousands of needles. It was so painful that tears streamed down her face.

With an indifferent expression, Qiao Nian retracted the silver needle and said, "Shut up for two hours and it won't hurt anymore. If you still want to talk, don't blame me for not reminding you. You might become mute in the future. You better behave yourself now!"

Song Yue looked at Qiao Nian with resentment. She lowered her eyes slightly and stopped talking. She stole a glance at Lu Zhu, who was sitting not far away, hoping that he would stand up for her.

Lu Zhu frowned and retracted his gaze. His gaze landed on Song Yue's face. "When we get off the plane, ask Lin Nan to arrange for you to return to An City. You don't have to follow me anymore!"

From the beginning, Lu Zhu did not like Song Yue following him. If his grandmother had not said that Song Yue knew how to gamble on stones, he would not have agreed.

Even if Song Yue was talented, he didn't need such a woman.

Song Yue looked at Lu Zhu in disbelief. She had never expected him to chase her back for a gold digger.

Song Yue's aggrieved tears fell uncontrollably, but she couldn't say a word.

In the country, Song Yue was also famous in the stone gambling world. It was precisely because of this that she could persuade Grandma Lu to come with Lu Zhu.

However, all of this was destroyed by Qiao Nian.

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What Song Yue didn't understand was why Lu Zhu was speaking up for Qiao Nian when she was clearly the one who had done something wrong.

Moreover, Qiao Nian was his competitor!

At the thought of being pricked by Qiao Nian, Song Yue's face turned red with anger.

This time, Qiao Nian sat calmly in her seat. Now that her surroundings were finally quiet, she felt much better.

Two hours later, the plane finally landed.

Qiao Nian and Lu Zhu walked side by side in front, while Song Yue followed behind, panting.

Song Yue jogged to Lu Zhu's side in her high heels and glared at Qiao Nian with resentment. She temporarily gave up on arguing with Qiao Nian on the plane and said gently, "Brother Ah Zhu, don't worry. I won't say anything else this time!"

Without even looking at Song Yue, Lu Zhu said, "Lin Nan, send Miss Song back!"

Lin Nan quickly walked over and said to Song Yue politely, "Miss Song, your plane will take off in half an hour. You can go in and check in now."

Song Yue's expression suddenly changed, and she gritted her teeth. She was the daughter of the Song family, and had been very talented in mathematics since she was young. She was also quite famous in the international financial world.

Ever since she was young, everyone around her had always praised her and treated her respectfully. When had she ever suffered such grievances?

Ever since she had started pursuing Lu Zhu, her original pride had completely disappeared. She only hoped that Lu Zhu would take another look at her.

However, Lu Zhu's heart was like a rock. No matter how hard she tried, she couldn't warm it up.

Even so, Song Yue still wanted to fight for herself. "Brother Ah Zhu, I'm already an adult. I don't want to go back now. You can't force me to. Since you don't want to travel with me, I won't follow you and disturb you."

Chapter 406: Meeting Enemies on a Narrow Road

"Okay." Lu Zhu agreed without hesitation.

Song Yue was stunned.

Song Yue's face turned pale.

Seeing Song Yue like this, Qiao Nian couldn't help but laugh.

Lu Zhu was really a straight man. Could it be that he really couldn't tell what the girl meant?

Song Yue stood rooted to the ground in anger, looking resentfully at Lu Zhu and Qiao Nian's retreating figures.

She was the daughter of the Song family. How could she leave so dejectedly?

She definitely couldn't leave just like that!

If this matter were to spread, she would be humiliated!

Since Lu Zhu wanted the Moon Goddess, this matter would be easy to settle.

As long as she could get the Moon Goddess, Lu Zhu would definitely think highly of her and apologize to her.

At the thought of this, Song Yue became proud again.

Standing beside Song Yue, Lin Nan reminded her carefully, "Miss Song, your plane is about to take off. Please check in."

Song Yue was already in a bad mood. She glared at Lin Nan and said angrily, "Get lost! Stand aside. I'm not boarding!"

Lin Nan's expression darkened slightly when he heard Song Yue's words. He put down Song Yue's luggage and walked towards Lu Zhu without saying anything.

Song Yue was about to explode with anger when she saw Lin Nan throw down her luggage.

Lu Zhu was the Eldest Young Master of the Lu family. It was fine if he treated her like this.

Lin Nan was just a small bodyguard, yet he dared to be so arrogant. He simply did not take the Song family seriously.

Song Yue looked at Lin Nan with a dark expression. Then, she looked at the luggage with an aggrieved expression and reluctantly went to pull it up.

At this moment, a low and hoarse male voice sounded from the side. "Let me help you!"

When Song Yue heard this voice, she was slightly stunned. She looked up, and when she saw the man standing in front of her, her eyes widened involuntarily.

Jesus!

There was actually such a handsome man in the world!

This man was also so gentlemanly.

Song Yue's heart skipped a beat.

This man looked familiar.

Only then did Song Yue remember that this man seemed to be the legendary King of Gambling, Jiang Cheng.

Just as Song Yue was in shock, Jiang Cheng had already handed her luggage to his bodyguard.

Song Yue stared fixedly at Jiang Cheng. She felt that her heart had fallen.

Song Yue looked at Jiang Cheng with a trace of curiosity in her heart. Was he also here to participate in this stone gambling event?

However, Jiang Cheng did not notice Song Yue's abnormality. His gaze was fixed on Lu Zhu's back not far away, and his thin lips curled up slightly.

Lu Zhu!

It had been a long time since they last met. He missed him so much.

MY hotel!

Qiao Nian followed Lu Zhu out of the car.

The two of them walked into the hotel. Suddenly, Qiao Nian heard a familiar and annoying voice.

"Brother, look! Sister is there!"

This voice was too familiar to Qiao Nian. When she turned around, she saw Qiao Xin holding Qiao Yu's hand as they got out of the car.

Qiao Xin was wearing a long white dress and a straw hat. She had a gentle smile on her face, as if she was here for a vacation.

A trace of impatience flashed across Qiao Nian's eyes. Enemies were really bound to meet on a narrow road. Even if they were overseas, they could still meet.

At this moment, Qiao Yu also saw Qiao Nian. His gaze paused on her face for a moment before he walked over with Qiao Xin.

Qiao Yu didn't speak to Qiao Nian. Instead, he looked at Lu Zhu, who was standing beside her, and asked seriously, "Director Lu, the South Mountain project has been completed. When do you think we should hand over the house?"

"Next month!" Lu Zhu said simply.

Qiao Yu nodded slightly. Finally, his gaze landed on Qiao Nian, who was beside Lu Zhu. A trace of joy flashed across his eyes.

Chapter 407: Mystery

The joy in Qiao Yu's eyes instantly disappeared, and he was as calm and indifferent as ever.

Today, Qiao Nian was wearing a long red dress. Her long, seaweed-like hair draped over her shoulders. Coupled with her beautiful fox eyes, she looked indescribably seductive, but not tacky at all.

Everyone who passed by Qiao Nian couldn't help but take a few more glances at her. Their gazes couldn't help but fall on her jade-like feet, which were wrapped in black high heels.

Qiao Yu couldn't help but swallow. His eyes instantly turned cold, and his voice carried a hint of displeasure. "Do you have a brain? This is MY, and it's also the most chaotic country in the world. The women here have the highest casualty rates. What are you trying to do by wearing this?"

Qiao Nian's beautiful foxy eyes narrowed slightly. Even though Qiao Yu's tone was very unfriendly, she could still hear a hint of concern in his words.

Qiao Nian held onto Lu Zhu's arm and smiled. "Mr. Qiao, you're worrying too much. I believe no one will dare to covet Young Master Lu's female companion."

Seeing that Qiao Nian was about to stick to Lu Zhu, Qiao Yu's eyes turned even colder.

Standing at the side, Lu Zhu frowned slightly. He could smell the tension between Qiao Yu and Qiao Nian, but he was a little surprised.

Wasn't Qiao Yu Qiao Nian's brother?

Why did their relationship seem so cold?

Besides, why did Qiao Nian address Qiao Yu as Mr. Qiao?

However, Lu Zhu had never been a meddlesome person. He would not ask too much about other people's matters.

Lu Zhu lowered his eyes slightly, his gaze falling on Qiao Nian's hand, which was holding his arm. A trace of surprise flashed across his heart.

He had thought that he would be very against Qiao Nian.

Standing behind Lu Zhu, Lin Nan was also stunned. His young master had never liked being touched by others.

For a moment, the atmosphere suddenly froze.

At that moment, a man in a tuxedo walked over from the side with several bodyguards behind him.

His hair was combed back, and he had a gentle smile on his face. His every move was filled with a gentlemanly aura.

Qiao Nian looked at this man and found him inexplicably familiar.

“Mr. Lu and Mr. Qiao, I’m sure Old Master will be very happy that the two of you are willing to come here to support him!”

Old Master...

Qiao Nian suddenly remembered that this man in front of her was probably the chairman of HH Group, Old Master Cui’s personal secretary, Mr. Chen.

Old Master Cui had always kept a low profile and rarely went out. Few people knew him, but the public knew Mr. Chen very well.

Since Mr. Chen was Old Master Cui’s most trusted person, everyone addressed him respectfully.

Mr. Chen was a slick person. His gaze landed on Qiao Nian’s face. Seeing that Qiao Nian was holding Lu Zhu’s arm, he smiled and asked, “This must be Mrs. Lu!”

Lu Zhu shook his head gently and introduced, “Qiao Nian, my friend.”

When Mr. Chen heard Lu Zhu’s words, his gaze lingered on Qiao Nian’s face for a moment. Then, he reached out his hand and greeted her with a smile. “Miss Qiao, nice to meet you.”

Qiao Nian smiled and reached out to shake Mr. Chen’s hand, then retracted her hand.

Then, Mr. Chen, Lu Zhu, and Qiao Yu exchanged a few pleasantries.

Qiao Nian keenly noticed that both Lu Zhu and Qiao Yu were very polite to Mr. Chen.

It seemed that the HH Group could not be underestimated.

Mr. Chen smiled at them and said, “Everyone, feel free to play. Please forgive me if I haven’t treated you well!”

Lu Zhu pursed her lips and smiled slightly. “Mr. Chen, you’re too polite!”

Mr. Chen came over and only said a few words to resolve the conflict between everyone.

Qiao Nian gave Qiao Yu a cold look, then followed Lu Zhu to register for a room key.

Chapter 408: Ruthless

Qiao Nian and Lu Zhu had just entered their rooms when they heard a charming voice.

“Seriously, why are we here? It’s so dirty. How annoying!”

That delicate voice revealed a lot of dissatisfaction, instantly attracting the attention of everyone present.

The person who spoke was none other than Boss Jin’s new favorite model, Ah Miao.

Boss Jin, who was beside Ah Miao, was talking to Mr. Chen.

Mr. Chen naturally heard what Ah Miao said, and the smile on his face deepened.

Qiao Nian silently took in this scene.

Ah Miao didn’t seem to realize anything yet. She frowned at the carpet under her feet and said, “This carpet is really rotten. It’s really lame!”

As Ah Miao spoke, she gently leaned into Boss Jin’s arms. Her coquettish expression was adorable.

Many men liked such women.

Mr. Chen took out a cigar from his pocket and handed it to Boss Jin, then reached out to Ah Miao.

Ah Miao looked at Mr. Chen’s hand, and a hint of disdain flashed across her eyes. Without hesitation, she slapped Mr. Chen’s hand away and said sweetly, “Stupid man, take your hand away quickly. Don’t touch me!”

When Boss Jin heard Ah Miao say this, his face instantly darkened. He quickly pushed Ah Meow away and apologized to Mr. Chen with a terrified expression.

Mr. Chen was very magnanimous and quickly shook his head.

Qiao Nian silently retracted her gaze. She pursed her lips slightly and said, “It seems that this model called Ah Miao has offended Mr. Chen!”

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When Qiao Xin heard Qiao Nian’s words, a look of disdain flashed across her face. She said nonchalantly, “Are you thinking too much? He’s just a secretary. Do you have to make such a fuss?”

Qiao Nian stood rooted to the ground and only smiled, not saying another word.

Was the person who could make Lu Zhu and Qiao Yu afraid really just an ordinary secretary?

Moreover, she had investigated Mr. Chen before, and she had gained nothing.

The more she couldn’t find anything, the more dangerous he was.

Moreover, her goal here today was the Moon Goddess, so she needed to conserve her energy now.

At midnight.

Qiao Nian was woken up by the noise outside. Instantly, she was no longer sleepy. She glanced at the time. It was two in the morning.

Qiao Nian grabbed her bathrobe and put it on. When she opened the door, she saw everyone rushing in one direction.

A trace of confusion flashed across Qiao Nian's eyes. She stopped a girl who was running in that direction and asked in confusion, "Miss, what happened? Why is everyone running in that direction?"

"I think a little girl drowned in the lake!" The young girl quickly followed the rest.

Qiao Nian walked in the opposite direction of the crowd. She walked to the end of the corridor on the second floor. There was a window here, and she could see the lake of the hotel.

At this moment, the police cars had also arrived and pulled out the cordon. The commotion downstairs was very loud.

Qiao Nian stood on high ground and saw the corpse that the police had fished out. When the light landed on the corpse's face, her breathing tightened.

That corpse was none other than Ah Miao, who had hit Mr. Chen today.

Qiao Nian couldn't help but feel nervous. At this moment, she suddenly heard footsteps.

Before she could turn around and see the man's face, she realized that he had covered her with his windbreaker like a gentleman.

Just as Qiao Nian was about to take off the windbreaker, she suddenly smelled a familiar scent.

At this moment, a gentle voice came from above. "Night time in MY is very dangerous. It's better for girls not to dress so dangerously!"

Qiao Nian's heart jumped to her throat. This, this voice...

For some reason, she thought of Mr. Chen again.

She looked up and saw Gu Zhou's handsome face. The uneasiness and panic in her heart gradually disappeared.

Chapter 409: There's Only One Bed

Qiao Nian wrapped herself in her clothes and looked up at Gu Zhou. Seeing that he was tired, she asked in confusion, "Why are you here?"

Gu Zhou did not answer Qiao Nian. His gaze landed on the corpse by the lake, and his eyes narrowed slightly.

"Didn't Grandma say—"

"She didn't fall and drown." Gu Zhou interrupted Qiao Nian, his cold voice carrying a hint of intrigue.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou in surprise. Puzzled, she asked, "How did you know?"

She looked down at the mess. The police had already carried the body into the police car.

Although she had guessed that there was more to Ah Miao's death, she had no proof.

Gu Zhou's thin lips parted slightly as he said, "I smelled some alcohol when I passed by just now. At this time, it's impossible for a woman to be drinking by the lake outside."

Qiao Nian instantly understood what Gu Zhou meant.

Ah Miao was Boss Jin's lover. Logically speaking, she should be with Boss Jin now.

However, it was obvious that Ah Miao had been forced to drink and thrown into the lake as if she had fallen into it while drunk.

Qiao Nian's beautiful fox-like eyes narrowed slightly, and she frowned. If she wasn't wrong, Mr. Chen must have instructed his subordinates to do this. Just like before, he couldn't tolerate a single grain of sand in his eyes.

Qiao Nian had to admit that Mr. Chen was the emperor here. He could do anything.

Seeing that Qiao Nian understood what he meant, Gu Zhou said calmly, "Go back and rest!"

Actually, Qiao Nian didn't want to get involved in such matters either. She nodded and followed Gu Zhou to his room.

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When Qiao Nian reached her room, she hesitantly took out her room card and tilted her head to look at the man standing beside her.

Seeing that Gu Zhou had no intention of going to another room, she had no choice but to open the door.

At this moment, Qiao Xin had just returned from watching the show on the first floor when she saw a man walk into Qiao Nian's room.

She was slightly stunned. Although she did not see the man's face, she was completely sure that this man was not Gu Zhou.

It had to be known that Gu Zhou was not in good health, so it was impossible for him to come here.

Therefore, Qiao Nian had already cheated on him.

Realizing this, Qiao Xin looked shocked, but she quickly calmed down. A smug smile appeared on her lips.

She wanted to capture this scene. When she returned to the country, she could tell Gu Zhou about Qiao Nian's affair.

At that time, Gu Zhou would definitely divorce Qiao Nian, and she would be able to marry Gu Zhou!

She would ruin Qiao Nian's reputation.

It was now or never!

The more Qiao Xin thought about it, the more excited she became. She quickly ran into the room.

Her room was only a wall away from Qiao Nian's. After running back, she immediately carefully moved to the balcony of her room and set up a camera.

She knew that Qiao Nian had always been cautious, but these two people might just walk over to the balcony. She just had to wait quietly.

Suddenly, there was a sharp pain at the back of her head, and Qiao Xin lost consciousness.

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In the room.

Gu Zhou walked into the room with an indifferent expression. He looked around and stuffed his hands into his pockets.

For some reason, Qiao Nian felt a little uncomfortable with Gu Zhou's arrival.

Just as Qiao Nian was about to break the awkward silence, she heard Gu Zhou say meaningfully, "There's only one bed."

Qiao Nian was slightly taken aback. She glanced around the room. There was everything, except for a sofa.

Qiao Nian's last gaze landed on the large bed.

Although she had slept in the same bed as him, it was a little embarrassing for a girl like her to mention sleeping with him, so she asked, "Why don't you get another room?"

"I have something important to do this time. It's not convenient for me to show my face."

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Qiao Nian nodded. Since he didn't specify what it was about, she wouldn't ask further.

At this moment, Gu Zhou's slender hands easily pulled off the tie around his neck and threw it into the dirty clothes basket at the side.

His movements were smooth and fluid, making Qiao Nian's heart race.

But this was her room.

Gu Zhou's tie had been thrown onto Qiao Nian's underwear, and she could vaguely see the black lace.

Of course, Gu Zhou also noticed this.

Gu Zhou felt his mouth go dry. He pursed his lips slightly and swallowed.

Qiao Nian felt her temples throbbing. She wanted to walk over to cover it up, but if she did that, it would only make things worse.

Out of sight, out of mind. Qiao Nian walked to the bed and was about to turn off the light.

However, when she passed by Gu Zhou, he unexpectedly grabbed her hand.

Qiao Nian was stunned for a moment. Her heart raced, and she subconsciously raised her hand to shake Gu Zhou off.

Gu Zhou was very strong, and he did not give Qiao Nian a chance to shake him off. With his other hand, he held Qiao Nian's slender waist.

"Let go of me!" Qiao Nian said in a low voice, frowning slightly.

"Are you going out like this today?" As Gu Zhou spoke, his voice deepened. His gaze landed on Qiao Nian's chest, and he could vaguely see the beauty of it. His heart couldn't help but race.

Qiao Nian naturally noticed Gu Zhou's gaze. She smiled slightly and explained, "This doesn't count as going out. There aren't many people outside. Besides, I'm just going to take a look at the end of the corridor."

Gu Zhou stared intently at Qiao Nian. Her skin was fair, and at such a close distance, he could clearly see every soft strand of hair on her skin. Her beautiful fox eyes sparkled with a hint of charm.

When Gu Zhou met her eyes, his heart skipped a beat, but he pretended to be cold. "This isn't our country. This is MY. If someone has ulterior motives, do you think you can handle it?"

Hearing Gu Zhou's words, Qiao Nian looked up into his eyes. At some point, Gu Zhou's deep eyes seemed to have ignited with sparks.

She looked away uncomfortably and muttered softly, "Aren't you here?"

The atmosphere in the room suddenly froze.

Qiao Nian and Gu Zhou were very close.

She could hear his every breath and feel his every heartbeat.

For some reason, she suddenly felt as if the air had become hot.

Qiao Nian had a bad feeling about this and instinctively wanted to escape.

However, Gu Zhou's grip on her hand tightened, not allowing her to leave at all.

Just as Qiao Nian was panicking, she realized that Gu Zhou had let go of her wrist.

The next moment, the room darkened.

"You—"

Before Qiao Nian could finish speaking, she was pulled into Gu Zhou's arms, and the two of them fell onto the bed.

Everything was dark. All she could feel was the man's broad chest and his unique fragrance.

For some reason, she remembered that night five years ago.

Even after five years, every time she faced darkness, she would feel flustered and helpless. She could not help but hug Gu Zhou's neck tightly.

Qiao Nian buried her head in Gu Zhou's chest, as if he were the light that could lead her out of the darkness.

Gu Zhou was lying on the bed when he noticed Qiao Nian's strange behavior. He frowned slightly.

Qiao Nian's reaction had nothing to do with lust. It was as if she was simply afraid...

What was she afraid of?

At this thought, Gu Zhou couldn't help but stroke Qiao Nian's back.

Suddenly, Qiao Nian's expression changed. Without hesitation, she raised her knee.