Chapter 481: Skimming Over Their Relationship

Hearing Lu Zhu's words, Qiao Nian realized that her attitude just now was a little abnormal.

This must be the so-called confusion of concern.

Her enthusiastic attitude earlier did seem misleading to others.

However, looking at Lu Zhu's cold attitude, Qiao Nian still felt a little uncomfortable.

She had always thought she would never lose her composure again.

The light in Qiao Nian's eyes gradually dimmed, but she quickly regained her usual composure. With a calm expression, she said, "You were injured so badly because you saved me. I just didn't want anything to happen to you because of me!"

After Qiao Nian's explanation, the atmosphere in the ward eased considerably.

Lu Zhu looked at Qiao Nian calmly and smiled.

"Fortunately, you arrived in time and saved me from Jiang Chi, so you don't have to take it to heart!"

When Qiao Nian heard Lu Zhu's words, she nodded and heaved a sigh of relief. However, she didn't want Lu Zhu to draw a line between them. She said, "That's true, but you were still injured because of me!"

Lu Zhu still said calmly, "Even if it's an ordinary person, I'll do my best to save him, not to mention that you're Gu Zhou's wife. Moreover, I've already promised him to protect you. You don't have to take this to heart."

Hearing Lu Zhu's words, Qiao Nian knew that Lu Zhu didn't want Gu Zhou to misunderstand their relationship. "Thank you."

Lu Zhu narrowed his eyes slightly. In a daze, he recalled how Qiao Nian had helped him out of the Ghost City.

For some reason, he found the word "thank you" rather heavy.

Lu Zhu had a strange feeling in his heart, but in the end, he did not say anything.

Qiao Nian looked away indifferently, unwilling to speak again.

Gu Zhou looked at Chen Qing and said calmly, "Get me a cup of hot water."

Chen Qing said, "Yes."

Gu Zhou very naturally adjusted the bed. Just as he fixed the angle of the bed, Chen Qing came in with a cup of water. He handed the cup to Lu Zhu and said, "Drink some water first."

Lu Zhu did not reject Gu Zhou's suggestion. He took two sips and returned the cup to Gu Zhou.

At this moment, Xu Qian stood at the door and knocked.

Chen Qing said, "Please come in."

Seeing that Lu Zhu had woken up, Xu Qian heaved a sigh of relief. She took the electronic thermometer to the bed and said, "I'll take your temperature now."

Gu Zhou nodded.

Chen Qian held the electronic thermometer and pressed it on Lu Zhu's forehead. After hearing the electronic sound, she retracted the thermometer.

"Your temperature is normal now. You're out of danger. You have to rest well next. Try to eat lightly."

Lu Zhu said indifferently, "Thank you."

Xu Qian nodded, her gaze falling on Qiao Nian's face. Although she knew that Qiao Nian was a doctor, she couldn't help but remind her as a nurse, "Doctor Qiao, don't let Mr. Lu eat anything tonight. He can only drink some hot water. We'll feed him some porridge tomorrow morning!"

Qiao Nian nodded and said gratefully, "Thank you!"

Xu Qian was slightly taken aback.

She found it hard to imagine that a gentle and polite person like Qiao Nian was actually a mistress who ruined other people's relationships.

However, Xu Qian quickly reacted and said calmly, "You're welcome. This is what I should do."

Qiao Nian smiled gently.

After Xu Qian finished speaking, she didn't leave immediately. Instead, she stood there with her notebook, thinking about how to help Song Yue hide the fact that Qiao Nian had given Lu Zhu a blood transfusion.

"Nurse Xu, can we speak further?"

Qiao Nian's voice interrupted Xu Qian's thoughts.

Xu Qian smiled and nodded. "Okay."

When Xu Qian and Qiao Nian came out of the ward, Qiao Nian didn't forget to close the door.

Qiao Nian glanced around. The corridor was very quiet. There was no one else.

Qiao Nian heaved a sigh of relief. Only then did her gaze fall on Xu Qian's face.

Chapter 482: Where's Qiao Nian's Blood Bag?

Xu Qian looked to be in her thirties. She exuded a gentle aura and gave off a very safe and reliable feeling.

Xu Qian was not from MY, but for her to be able to be the head nurse of this hospital, there must be something special about her. She must be very professional.

Qiao Nian's eyes darted around as she said gently to Xu Qian, "Miss Xu, can you promise me something?"

Xu Qian's gaze landed on Qiao Nian's face. "Miss Qiao, please speak. If I can do it, I will try my best."

Although Xu Qian hated that she was mistress, she still admired Qiao Nian's medical skills.

No doctor in the world was younger and more capable than Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian didn't want to beat around the bush. She went straight to the point. "Miss Xu, I hope you won't tell Lu Zhu about my blood transfusion."

Xu Qian was slightly taken aback by Qiao Nian's words.

Qiao Nian's expression was serious, as if she had no intention of lying.

Why was there something strange about this?

Logically speaking, Qiao Nian couldn't wait to be with Lu Zhu. Now that she had done such a good thing, why didn't she want to let Lu Zhu know?

Seeing that Xu Qian was silent, Qiao Nian felt uneasy. She asked, "Miss Xu, can you help me keep this a secret?"

Xu Qian's frown deepened. She looked at Qiao Nian in confusion and asked curiously, "Why?"

"I simply don't want him to feel that he owes me a favor."

At this moment, Xu Qian felt that she was in a mess.

After a long while, Xu Qian calmed down and said, "Okay."

"Thank you." Qiao Nian smiled at Xu Qian sincerely.

Xu Qian suppressed the surprise in her heart and shook her head gently. She said, "We also have a rule here that stops us from revealing the identity of the blood donor. I'm just doing my job."

Hearing Xu Qian's words, Qiao Nian instantly felt relieved.

Xu Qian was the head nurse. As long as Xu Qian promised her, she would definitely do it. This meant that Xu Qian would also remind the other nurses who participated in the surgery.

Then, this matter would be suppressed.

Although Xu Qian was filled with doubts, she still said without changing her expression, "Miss Qiao, I'll be leaving to do my job. Contact me if you need anything."

"Alright." Qiao Nian smiled and agreed.

Xu Qian smiled and turned to leave, her eyes filled with confusion.

How strange. Why wasn't Qiao Nian willing to seize such a good opportunity?

Why did Qiao Nian hide the fact that she had donated blood?

Could it be that Song Yue was lying?

Or rather, Qiao Nian didn't donate bloo and was afraid that Lu Zhu would find out.

The more Xu Qian thought about it, the more confused she became. No matter what the situation was, she had to find out.

Xu Qian walked towards the nurses' station with a serious expression.

The nurses who were helping in the operating theater just now were all resting on the table because they were too tired.

Xu Qian walked up to Li Na and shook her.

Li Na opened her eyes in a daze and saw Xu Qian coming over. She asked nervously, "Sister Xu, is Mr. Lu..."

"No, come out with me first." Xu Qian interrupted Li Na without hesitation.

"Oh." Li Na yawned as she followed Xu Qian outside, trying to stay awake.

Xu Qian brought Li Na to an empty ward. Seeing how tired Li Na was, she asked with concern, "Are you especially tired?"

Li Na gave a small shake of her head. "I just got some sleep. I'm better now."

"You can go back and get some rest tomorrow morning."

"Thank you, Sister Xu!"

Xu Qian pursed her lips and asked, "Where's the blood bag that Qiao Nian donated?"

Li Na's expression changed when she heard Xu Qian's question. She instantly straightened her body and stammered, "Th-that's in the operating theater!"

Chapter 483: Stop Asking

Xu Qian's eyes narrowed slightly, and a trace of displeasure flashed across them. She said sternly, "Li Na, do you still want to continue lying?"

Li Na's body shook. She bit her lip, forcing herself to remain calm. "Sister Xu, I-I'm really not lying!"

Xu Qian let out a long sigh and crossed her arms. With a calm expression, she said, "Li Na, do you think I don't know what kind of personality you have? Ever since you graduated, I've been the one taking care of you. Every time you lie, your eyes can't help but look to the bottom right and you stammer."

Li Na looked at Xu Qian anxiously and pursed her lips. Her defense was instantly broken and her eyes turned red. "Sister Xu, I, I really can't..."

Li Na was really afraid to say it!

Xu Qian's expression turned serious as she questioned sternly, "When I was packing up the operating theater just now, I didn't find Qiao Nian's blood bag. Besides, she was clearly the first to donate blood. Why was her name the last one on the blood donation record? Tell me the truth. Did she donate blood or not? What happened in the operating theater when I left the operating theater?"

Li Na's legs buckled, and she stumbled back a step. She managed to hold on to the table, steady herself, and nodded hesitantly.

Xu Qian's expression instantly darkened. Indeed, this matter was exactly as she had imagined.

"What happened? Why are you all hiding it from me?" Xu Qian frowned.

The chief surgeon, Doctor Sha, had always been open and honest. But this time, he also lied.

Li Na looked at the door in fear. Seeing that there was no one there, she walked to Xu Qian's side and lowered her voice. "Doctor Qiao instructed us not to tell anyone."

"Why?"

"Sister Xu, I really can't say anymore. Can you let me go? Doctor Qiao also said that she would give us two million yuan to keep quiet. Why don't I give you 500,000 yuan? Stop asking around!"

Xu Qian was stunned when she heard Li Na say that.

Two million?

Qiao Nian was really generous.

Not only did Qiao Nian use money to keep her mouth shut, but she also acted like a mistress who was stealing someone else's boyfriend.

At this thought, Xu Qian's good impression of Qiao Nian instantly disappeared.

Qiao Nian had done everything she hated.

"You really can't tell me?"

"Why don't I give you a million yuan? Sister Xu, you should know that we can't afford to offend them. We should just live our lives obediently!"

When Xu Qian heard Li Na say this, she lowered her eyes thoughtfully.

Li Na was saying this for her own good.

That family of five was counting on Li Na to support them.

Li Na was willing to part with a million dollars to make a deal with her. That meant Li Na was definitely not saying anything.

Xu Qian thought for a moment before saying, "Qiao Nian gave you that money. Keep it for yourself!"

"Then ..."

"Don't worry, I won't ask that question again."

Xu Qian also understood that no matter who she asked, she would not get an answer. There was no need to continue asking.

"Thank you, Sister Xu." Li Na smiled at Xu Qian.

"Alright, go and rest!" Xu Qian said calmly.

Li Na nodded quickly and walked to the door.

After Li Na left, Xu Qian let out a long sigh. Although she had already gotten an answer, her heart felt even heavier.

The two events had become even more confusing.

Qiao Nian had given everyone two million yuan to tell the public that she had already donated blood to Lu Zhu. Why did Qiao Nian want to hide this from Lu Zhu?

What the hell was going on?

However, Xu Qian was sure that Song Yue was not lying to her.

Qiao Nian must have many unspeakable secrets.

Chapter 484: The Identification Results Are Out

In the ward.

Lu Zhu had just woken up but because his body was very weak, he quickly fell asleep again.

Qiao Nian tilted her head and looked at Gu Zhou, who was sitting on the sofa. At this moment, Gu Zhou had also fallen asleep.

Gu Zhou's frown was clear, as if he was having a nightmare.

Qiao Nian suddenly remembered something. Ever since she left Ghost City and saw Gu Zhou, she had noticed that he looked a little tired.

It was unknown what Gu Zhou had been busy with recently. Qiao Nian thought of the wound on Gu Zhou's back and frowned.

Gu Zhou must be exhausted from running around with such serious injuries.

Qiao Nian silently took out her phone from her pocket.

Her phone had vibrated earlier, but she did not want to look at it in front of Gu Zhou, so she did not take it out.

Now she finally had a chance.

It was a text from Doctor Sha.

Qiao Nian hurriedly opened it. When she saw the message, her heart was in her throat.

—The results of Dr. Joe's appraisal are out. They're with me now. Are you coming over to get them?

Qiao Nian swallowed nervously, her palms covered in cold sweat.

Her heart beat faster and faster, and she was unable to calm down.

Fortunately, Lu Zhu and Gu Zhou were already asleep, so no one saw the strange expression on her face.

Qiao Nian got up quietly and walked towards Doctor Sha's office.

When Qiao Nian reached the door of the ward, she saw Chen Qing standing guard at the side.

"Chen Qing."

"What's wrong, Second Madam?"

"Go to the nurse's station and ask for a new quilt. Second Young Master is already asleep now. You can cover him with it so that he won't catch a cold!"

A smile flickered across Chen Qing's face.

"Okay." Chen Qing agreed readily.

This was great. Second Young Madam finally knew how to care about Second Young Master!

Then he wouldn't be forced to stack tiles because Second Young Master was in a bad mood!

Although tiling looked easy, it was a lot of work. Now he could be addressed respectfully as an old master by his peers.

However, it was so tiring that his back ached every time he stacked the tiles. The most important thing for a man was his waist. He did not want to lose his waist before he could marry a wife!

As long as Second Young Master was in a good mood, becoming rich overnight was not a dream.

With that thought in mind, Chen Qing walked downstairs happily.

After Chen Qing left, Qiao Nian glanced at the time on her wrist and walked towards Doctor Sha's office.

When she reached Doctor Sha's office door, she knocked.

"Please come in!"

Qiao Nian took a deep breath and tried her best to remain calm before walking in.

Seeing Qiao Nian enter, Doctor Sha handed her a brownish-yellow folder.

Qiao Nian looked at the document in her hand with mixed feelings.

She clenched the file in her hand and didn't open it.

When she had donated blood for Lu Zhu previously, she knew that there was hemolysis between her and Lu Zhu's blood. She understood that she might be related to Lu Zhu by blood.

But now she felt even more timid.

At this moment, she was holding the identification certificate in her hand and her heart was in a mess.

Qiao Nian felt like she was dreaming.

As long as she opened this folder, she would know how close she was to Lu Zhu.

Based on this result, she would soon be able to zero in on her immediate family.

Seeing Qiao Nian's nervous expression, Doctor Sha comforted her. "Doctor Qiao, when the results of the appraisal are out, my colleague had already sealed it. I don't know what the results are. Why don't I go out first and you take your time alone?"

"Okay." Qiao Nian nodded, her gaze fixed on the document in her hand.

After Doctor Sha left, Qiao Nian was the only one left in the room.

The room was so quiet that she could hear her heartbeat.

She carefully tore open the sealed file. The sound of it being torn apart broke the silence of the room. She was on edge now.

Qiao Nian took out the evaluation report. She didn't bother reading the first half of the report, but looked at the bottom.

Chapter 485: Identification Results

After a DNA test, it was confirmed that Lu Zhu and Qiao Nian were related by blood. They were biological siblings!

Qiao Nian's hands trembled involuntarily as she stared at the results in disbelief.

The result was more shocking than she had expected.

She never expected that she and Lu Zhu were biological siblings.

She originally thought that she was just the child of Lu Zhu's family. If she was only the child of a mistress, she had no intention of going back.

Moreover, it was written very clearly on this DNA report that she and Lu Zhu had the same parents.

Why had it become like this?

If she was the biological daughter of the Lu family, why didn't anyone look for her after she was away from home for so many years?

Qiao Nian staggered back a step, her eyes turning red.

The entire Lu family was reminiscing about their dead eldest daughter. Why was she abandoned?

Suddenly, a thought flashed across Qiao Nian's mind.

The eldest daughter...

She remembered that her birthday was exactly the same as the eldest daughter of the Lu family. Even the year was the same.

How could there be such a coincidence in the world?

Could it be...

Qiao Nian seemed to have thought of something, her eyes filled with shock.

Qiao Nian's heart sank, and she frowned.

Something was wrong with this.

Is there some misunderstanding?

Suddenly, Qiao Nian heard footsteps outside the office. She didn't have time to think about this matter carefully, so she hurriedly put the paternity test report back in the envelope.

Qiao Nian opened the door and saw Xu Qian standing outside.

Xu Qian looked at Qiao Nian in confusion. She didn't understand why Qiao Nian was in Doctor Sha's office while Doctor Sha was waiting outside.

Xu Qian glanced at Qiao Nian, then at Doctor Sha, who was standing at the side. She said, "I just walked over from Miss Song's ward. Her condition has stabilized."

"Good. In that case, we can have her try to move around the ward tomorrow," Doctor Sha said calmly.

Xu Qian nodded and replied, "Okay."

When Qiao Nian heard Xu Qian mention Miss Song, she remembered Song Yue. Her face darkened.

If it weren't for Song Yue, her brother wouldn't have almost died.

When her brother brought Song Yue back to An City, she would definitely make her beg for death.

Hiding the hatred in her eyes, Qiao Nian quietly walked up to Doctor Sha and said very politely, "Doctor Sha, can I talk to you about Mr. Lu's future medicine?"

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, Doctor Sha nodded and walked into the office.

Doctor Sha walked to the desk and took out a medicine list. He handed it to Xu Qian and instructed, "This is Miss Song's medicine list. Go and arrange it."

"Alright."

Doctor Sha said politely, "You must be tired after a busy night. Go to the nurses' station and rest. I'll call you again if anything happens!"

"Yes."

After Xu Qian left, Doctor Sha closed the door. His gaze landed on Qiao Nian's face. Seeing that Qiao Nian had placed the document on his desk, he asked suspiciously, "Aren't you going to take it away?"

Qiao Nian shook her head gently and said solemnly, "Doctor Sha, you can take a look at the contents. This matter is rather serious. I don't want a third person to know about it. I don't want to take it away now because I don't have anywhere to put it. I'll leave it with you first. Please take good care of it for me."

"Okay," the doctor said, opening the file. He froze when he saw what was inside. "You—you're not going to use the identification document and acknowledge him now?"

Qiao Nian shook her head gently and said, "He's just out of danger and needs to rest. If I put this report in front of him now, he'll definitely be especially emotional. I think I'll tell him about this when he's better."

Chapter 486: You Look Nervous

Doctor Sha thought that made sense and nodded without saying anything else.

Doctor Sha looked at Qiao Nian in agreement. Qiao Nian already knew that she and Lu Zhu were siblings. She was probably looking for a suitable time to acknowledge him.

Although Mr. Lu was already out of danger, the place where he was injured was above his heart. If his emotions fluctuated too much, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Qiao Nian probably didn't want to acknowledge her family because she was worried about Mr. Lu's health!

The current Qiao Nian already treated Mr. Lu as family!

Doctor Sha locked the identification documents in the safe.

"Thank you, Doctor Sha!"

"Doctor Qiao is too polite!"

When Qiao Nian left Doctor Sha's office, she walked towards the ward. From afar, she could hear the sound of leather shoes stepping on the ground. She looked up and saw Gu Zhou.

Gu Zhou's eyes were as deep as the starry sky. Qiao Nian's heart inexplicably tightened.

Due to her relationship with Lu Zhu, Qiao Nian's gaze was no longer as calm as before.

She retracted her gaze uncomfortably and walked up to Gu Zhou. "Why are you up?"

Gu Zhou naturally noticed Qiao Nian's discomfort. He narrowed his eyes and said in a low voice, "When I woke up, I didn't see you."

Qiao Nian raised her hand to look at the time on her wrist. Gu Zhou had only slept for about thirty minutes. Recalling that Gu Zhou was still injured, she asked gently, "Do you want to go to the hotel and sleep for a while more?"

Gu Zhou didn't answer Qiao Nian immediately. Instead, he walked up to her and stared at her intently.

Gu Zhou gradually looked down and saw Qiao Nian's hands clenched into small fists. Perhaps she had used too much strength because her knuckles were white.

Qiao Nian looked nervous.

Gu Zhou reached out and gently touched Qiao Nian's hand with his index finger.

Qiao Nian's body stiffened. Then, her hand moved slightly, releasing a little.

The tip of the man's index finger pierced through the gap between Qiao Nian's fingers. His fingers pressed tightly against her palm, and his nails accidentally scratched her fingertips.

Qiao Nian's breathing involuntarily quickened. She looked up at Gu Zhou, who was standing at the side, and subconsciously wanted to retract her hand.

However, Gu Zhou gripped Qiao Nian's hand tightly. His fingers were crossed, and his fingers were tightly interlocked with hers. His dark eyes were covered in a thick fog, making it impossible to tell what he was thinking. He said in a low voice, "You look very nervous."

Hearing Gu Zhou's words, Qiao Nian's heart rose to her throat nervously. Her breathing quickened as she explained, "I-I just went to look for Doctor Sha. He said that Mr. Lu's wound might be at risk of infection, so I need to pay more attention to it. That's why I'm a little worried about him!"

Qiao Nian explained naturally. This was also why she had come to Doctor Sha's office.

Actually, Qiao Nian was still very hesitant. Should she tell Gu Zhou directly that she and Lu Zhu were biological siblings?

Without a word, Gu Zhou pulled Qiao Nian forward.

Qiao Nian didn't pull her hand out again. Instead, she followed obediently.

When Qiao Nian saw that Gu Zhou had already pulled her past Lu Zhu's ward and was still walking forward, she asked in surprise, "Where are we going now?"

Gu Zhou didn't let go of Qiao Nian's hand. "Didn't you say we were going to the hotel to rest?"

"Why don't you go back and rest? I'm not tired now. I'll stay here and watch over him." Qiao Nian smiled, but her tone was firm.

The strange feeling in Gu Zhou's heart grew stronger and stronger. He narrowed his eyes slightly and looked at Qiao Nian sternly, his gaze turning colder and colder.

Chapter 487: Jealous?

Seeing that Gu Zhou was unwilling to let go, Qiao Nian tried to pull her hand back.

At this moment, the man tightened his grip, and Qiao Nian was caught off guard and fell into Gu Zhou's arms.

The man exerted more force and pinned Qiao Nian against the wall.

Qiao Nian was shocked by Gu Zhou's sudden action. Her face turned pale as she asked in surprise, "Gu Zhou, what are you doing?"

Gu Zhou's slender fingers pinched Qiao Nian's chin, and his gaze fell on Qiao Nian's eyes. His voice was as cold as the winter frost, and there was a hint of anger in it. "Mrs. Gu, aren't you a little too concerned about him now?"

Gu Zhou's last word was slightly dragged out. It was thought-provoking.

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, she was stunned. Her heart raced involuntarily. She had never expected Gu Zhou to have such a domineering side.

Was Gu Zhou jealous?

How could that be?

However, Gu Zhou's words seemed to be reminding her of her current identity.

Gu Zhou let go indifferently and gently tucked Qiao Nian's hair behind her ear. His expression was cold, but his voice was as gentle as ever. "Be good. Go back to the hotel and rest now. Leave the rest to me. As for the favor you owe, I'll repay it for you!"

Be good?

When Qiao Nian heard him, she seemed to have returned to five years ago.

The man had said the same things to her that night.

There seemed to be some resemblance in their voices.

Gu Zhou let go of Qiao Nian and said, "Chen Qing!"

Chen Qing, who had just walked over with a blanket, overheard Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian's conversation.

He involuntarily tightened his grip on the blanket and shivered.

The Second Master was angry again.

Oh dear, is he going to make him stack up tiles again?'

At the thought of this, Chen Qing felt like he had nothing to live for.

Chen Qing bravely stepped forward and said, "Second Young Master."

"Take Madam to the hotel to rest now."

Fortunately, it wasn't anything to do with the tiles.

Chen Qing secretly heaved a sigh of relief. He looked up at Qiao Nian and said, "Madam, let's go."

Qiao Nian nodded slightly and didn't persist.

In Gu Zhou's opinion, she had just transfused 500 milliliters of blood for Lu Zhu. If she continued to accompany Lu Zhu now, Gu Zhou might suspect that she had other feelings for him.

When Qiao Nian and Chen Qing reached the elevator, she turned to look at Chen Qing and asked, "Chen Qing, when did Gu Zhou come to An City?"

Qiao Nian asked this question because she wanted to confirm if the man from that night five years ago was Gu Zhou.

This was because Gu Zhou and that person's voices were somewhat similar.

"Chen Qing?"

Seeing that Chen Qing had remained silent, Qiao Nian called out.

Chen Qing suddenly came back to his senses and said, "It should have been that winter three years ago. I remember that Matriarch Gu suddenly fell ill and was hospitalized. It was Miss Jiang Yue who called Second Young Master to come back."

"Are you sure?"

"Of course I'm sure. Besides, Second Young Master has always been living in Qin City. Everyone in the Gu family knows about this!"

Qiao Nian frowned slightly and asked, "Has Gu Zhou been to An City before this?"

"No, at that time, Second Young Master's grandmother was unwilling to let Second Young Master come here. She said that Second Young Master's health wasn't good and would pass his illness to Eldest Young Master. Therefore, Second Young Master has always lived in Qin City alone!"

When Qiao Nian heard Chen Qing's words, her frown deepened.

How could Gu Zhou's grandmother say such heartless words?

Right, she had heard Gu Zhou mention his grandmother before.

From what Chen Qing had just said, Gu Zhou's grandmother probably did not like Gu Zhou.

Qiao Nian's frown deepened.

She still remembered that Gu Zhou was afraid of women. In that case, was his illness related to his grandmother?

Seeing Qiao Nian frown, Chen Qing realized that he had said the wrong thing. He hurriedly said carefully, "Madam, can you not mention it in front of Second Young Master? If Second Young Master finds out I talked about his grandmother, he'll definitely be angry. I'm afraid I'll be in an even worse state!"

Chapter 488: Worry

Qiao Nian nodded in agreement.

Qiao Nian asked curiously, "What kind of person is his grandmother?"

Chen Qing looked a little troubled. He pursed his lips and said, "I can't discuss this behind her back. You'll know when she comes to the Gu family in the future."

Hearing Chen Qing's words, Qiao Nian didn't say anything else.

Chen Qing had never lied. From what Chen Qing said, the entire Gu family knew about his whereabouts.

If Gu Zhou had not come to An City before, it meant that the man that night was not him.

When she realized that, she felt a strange sense of loss.

But soon, Qiao Nian heaved a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, it was not Gu Zhou.

She was not willing to be enemies with Gu Zhou.

At this thought, Qiao Nian couldn't help but laugh.

She must have been stupid just now. Otherwise, why would she suspect Gu Zhou? Gu Zhou was afraid of women.

Hearing Chen Qing's words just now, Qiao Nian realized that she didn't know her husband, Gu Zhou, at all.

She did not understand Gu Zhou's past, his family, or why he had become like this.

There was also something particularly strange. If it had been any other wealthy family, the parents of the man would have come out to meet the woman.

However, after she married into the Gu family, she did not see the existence of Gu Zhou's parents. It was as if they did not exist at all.

If Gu Zhou's parents were already dead, it would definitely be reported on the news.

But now, Gu Zhou's parents seemed to have disappeared from the face of the earth.

When they came out of the elevator, Qiao Nian couldn't help but ask, "I've been here for so long, but why haven't I seen Gu Zhou's parents? Could they be living in Qin City?"

When Chen Qing heard Qiao Nian's question, he frowned. He didn't know how to explain the complicated relationship between the Gu family and Qiao Nian. Hence, he could only warn her, "Second Young Madam, don't mention them in front of Second Young Master in the future. Second Young Master doesn't like them!"

Seeing that Chen Qing's expression had changed, Qiao Nian responded faintly, suppressing her curiosity.

"Yes."

Although Qiao Nian had already agreed not to ask him, she was still very curious.

Chen Qing looked at Qiao Nian's thoughtful expression. Worried that Qiao Nian would still ask him, he tried to persuade her again. "Madam, you just have to know that Young Master has suffered a lot in the past. Don't ask these questions in front of him. If he wants to tell you, he will tell you."

Qiao Nian knew that Chen Qing wouldn't say much, so she nodded in agreement. "Okay, don't worry. I won't ask again."

"Thank you." Chen Qing heaved a sigh of relief. He was really afraid that Qiao Nian would continue asking.

After sending Qiao Nian to the hotel, Chen Qing called a few bodyguards to guard her. After making the necessary arrangements, he returned to the hospital.

After washing up, Qiao Nian went to bed.

Her mind was filled with what Chen Qing had just said. She frowned and couldn't help but sigh.

Then, she thought of Lu Zhu, who was still lying on the hospital bed. She hoped that Lu Zhu would recover soon.

For the entire day, Qiao Nian had been in a tense state. Now that she was lying in bed, the burden on her body had been lifted. She instantly felt much more relaxed.

However, she didn't even sleep for half an hour when her phone rang.

Dazed, she took her phone without checking the caller ID. "Hello?" she mumbled.

She was still half asleep. Her voice was soft and lazy.

"Qiao Xin is missing."

When Qiao Nian heard the male voice coming from the phone, she instantly woke up.

It was actually Qiao Yu?

It was unbelievable. Qiao Yu was usually old-fashioned, but now he looked flustered.

Chapter 489: It Feels Pretty Good!

Qiao Nian rubbed her eyes and said casually, "What does her disappearance have to do with me?"

Qiao Yu wasn't surprised by Qiao Nian's attitude, because Qiao Nian didn't like Qiao Xin to begin with.

"The night I first came to MY, I talked to her about the argument she had with you. Maybe she sounded a little harsh, but she said she wanted to go back on her own. But I had someone check the plane tickets and didn't see any record of her buying a ticket. Mom and Dad also said she didn't come home."

MY was a dangerous place. With Qiao Xin's personality, what if something happened to her outside?

Qiao Nian was getting impatient. "This has nothing to do with me. What are you calling me for?"

"Qiao Nian, can you help me look for her?"

When Qiao Nian heard Qiao Yu's words, she couldn't help but laugh. She asked, "Qiao Yu, are you out of your mind? Logically speaking, I should be happy that Qiao Xin is missing. Why should I help you find her?"

Qiao Yu didn't speak, but Qiao Nian could still hear his rapid and nervous breathing through the phone.

It seemed that Qiao Yu was really worried about Qiao Xin.

It made sense. He might be cold, but he was a good brother. He had been worried about her like that before.

Only that once.

"Y-you really want her to disappear?" The man's voice was laced with careful probing.

Qiao Nian's eyes instantly turned cold. After a few seconds of silence, she questioned, "Do you think I kidnapped Qiao Xin?"

"I'm sorry—"

Hearing Qiao Yu's words, Qiao Nian knew that he had admitted it.

The more Qiao Nian thought about it, the more ridiculous she found it. She snorted coldly and said, "Although I especially hate Qiao Xin, I won't be like your family and play tricks behind her back. I'll only trample on her openly. Don't think that everyone is as dirty as your family!"

Qiao Yu's grip on the phone tightened involuntarily.

Actually, when Qiao Nian fell silent, he had already regretted asking that question.

Qiao Nian had never been one to play tricks behind people's backs. He had long known her personality, but he had lost his rationality because of Qiao Xin.

"Sorry," Qiao Yu said and hung up.

Qiao Nian put her phone aside and smiled coldly.

When she was young, she was simply too naive. She actually thought that Qiao Yu would protect her.

It was ridiculous.

Although she had only slept for a while, she was much better now. She cleaned up briefly and went to the hospital.

At this moment, in the ward.

Gu Zhou and Chen Qing were talking. When Qiao Nian entered, they both looked at her.

As soon as Qiao Nian walked in, she noticed the fatigue on Gu Zhou's face. Frowning slightly, she walked up to him and said softly, "You didn't sleep last night. How do you feel?"

Gu Zhou's hand, which had been playing with his ring, paused slightly. He hadn't expected that he would be the first person Qiao Nian cared about.

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face. His thin lips curled up slightly as he said softly, "I feel pretty good!"

Qiao Nian was speechless.

Qiao Nian didn't know if Gu Zhou was praising her attitude or if he was referring to the feeling of not sleeping last night.

Qiao Nian's heart skipped a beat, and her face heated up slightly. She silently looked away.

She wanted to understand Lu Zhu's current physical condition today. If his body was still okay, the two of them could reunite today.

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian's gaze landed on Lu Zhu's face. She was asked Gu Zhou. "Did he wake up after I left?"

Gu Zhou shook his head.

When Qiao Nian heard this, she frowned slightly. It seemed that Lu Zhu's body was still very weak.

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Qiao Nian's gaze fell on Lu Zhu's face. His face was pale, and his lips were pale. He looked listless.

She retracted her gaze and sat down beside Gu Zhou. She placed the box in her hand on the table at the side. "I brought breakfast for you and Chen Qing. Eat it while it's hot!"

When Chen Qing, who was standing guard at the side, heard Qiao Nian's words, he was flattered. He hadn't expected his breakfast to be served to him.

Qiao Nian handed Chen Qing his breakfast. Chen Qing hurriedly took it.

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face. He asked softly, "Have you had breakfast?"

"Yes."

After breakfast, Lu Zhu still did not wake up.

Qiao Nian couldn't help but frown worriedly. But on second thought, Lu Zhu was so seriously injured that it was normal for him to be unconscious.

Just then, Qiao Nian's phone suddenly rang.

It broke the silence of the ward.

Qiao Nian hurriedly took out her phone and turned the volume to the lowest before walking out.

If the call was from Qiao Yu and she didn't answer, he might keep calling.

When Qiao Nian walked out, she saw that it was Qiao Yu.

She stood in the hallway before answering.

"Tell me, what else do you want?" Qiao Nian asked coldly.

There was a pause on the other end of the line, then Qiao Yu said, "I found Qiao Xin. She's in the warehouse of our back garden."

Qiao Nian was slightly taken aback by Qiao Yu's words. Puzzled, she asked, "When did she go back?"

When Qiao Yu had called her earlier, she had thought that Qiao Xin was still in MY.

"She doesn't know what's going on herself."

Although Qiao Nian was a little puzzled, on second thought, this matter had nothing to do with her. She couldn't be bothered to ask further. She said coldly, "Since she's already home, don't call me again!"

Qiao Yu's originally old-fashioned and stern voice instantly softened. He said softly, "Nian'er, I'm really sorry. I was a little anxious previously!"

When Qiao Nian heard Qiao Yu's words, her frown deepened. She hated this form of address, and her voice became even colder. "I've already told you before that I don't like this form of address very much. Don't call me that again!"

There was silence on the other end of the line for a few seconds, and Qiao Yu didn't insist anymore. He said, "Qiao Xin said that on the first night of MY, she saw someone enter your room, but she didn't see that person's face. However, she didn't expect someone to knock her out. When she woke up, she was already home. I think the person who knocked her out might be related to you. It's a little chaotic over there. I think if it's possible, you can check and see if the other party is a friend or foe."

Qiao Nian's eyes were filled with confusion when she heard Qiao Yu's words. She asked, "Is there anything else?"

"She said that she wanted to take a photo of you with that man and send it to Gu Zhou."

Qiao Nian was slightly taken aback. That man should be Gu Zhou.

Qiao Xin actually didn't recognize Gu Zhou. Was Qiao Xin mistaken?

Regardless of whether Qiao Xin had seen it wrongly, it was indeed disgraceful for Qiao Xin to want to secretly take photos of her.

Besides, she wasn't the one who sent Qiao Xin back.

However, Qiao Yu's words made Qiao Nian realize that someone had helped her that night.

If that person was Qin Chuan, he would have tied Qiao Xin up in front of her and let her do whatever she wanted with her instead of sending her back quietly.

Qiao Nian retracted her thoughts and pursed her lips. "If there's nothing else, I'm hanging up!" "Yes."

Qiao Nian hung up the phone and frowned. Other than Qin Chuan, who else would help her?