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Chapter 311: Scheming Qi Is Back Again!

Gu Qiqi didn't open her mouth to explain anything to Xiaobei. Instead, she picked up Gu Xuexue's pearl painting.

This was a little puzzling.

Everyone had no idea what she was up to.

"I heard that Xuexue personally made this painting? Yes, it's indeed a little creative." Gu Qiqi's tone was faint and nothing unusual could be detected.

Gu Meifeng saw that Gu Qiqi had changed the topic and was shocked.

It turned out that the bookworm was afraid of them and deliberately came to curry favor with them. She wanted to change the topic so that they wouldn't drag Xiaobei down, right?

A trace of smugness couldn't help but flash across her eyes. "Of course. Our Xuexue stayed up several nights to prepare it. Didn't you see that her eyes were red from the heat and her fingers were tired?"

"Mommy, for grandpa, this is what I should do."

Gu Xuexue smiled obediently.

Although Gu Qiqi was trying to divert their attention, they were happy to pull everyone's attention back to Gu Xuexue from Xiaobei!

Indeed, everyone praised her.

"Yes, Xue Xue, your filial piety is commendable. Tonight, this gift of yours is the only one that was personally made. It's especially sincere!"

"There aren't many young people who can calm down and do things now. But you were willing to stay up late to personally prepare a gift for your elder. Such a child will have a bright future in his career and will be tenacious!"

"Wasn't this what the Old Master said just now about our Gu family's most precious family style?"

"Xue Xue, not bad, not bad!"

The sudden praise made Gu Meifeng and her daughter very pleased.

Indeed, it didn't matter if she wasn't the most stunning in the beginning. It was best if she could have the last laugh..

What was Gu Yuanyuan and Gu Qiqi's birthday gift? Her Xuexue was the best!

Just as she was feeling smug...

Gu Qiqi supported her chin with her hand and said, "But I don't understand. Can't we just apply these pearl powder with a brush? Or should we apply it with gloves? Why would you stay up all night and tire your hand?"

Gu Xuexue thought that Gu Qiqi had something on her that made her nervous. She didn't expect it to be such a small problem.

Tsk! How ignorant!

She said disdainfully, "This is a painting for Grandpa. How can I possibly use a brush and gloves to paint casually? Sister, you really don't understand anything about painting. Pearl powder is so exquisite that it's impossible to draw the lines well with a brush. And gloves are even worse. They will destroy the layer!"

As she spoke, in order to verify her own theory, she deliberately stretched out her hand and pointed to a few spots on the painting.

She traced the lines of the pearl powder a few times with her finger. "Everyone, look here. Also, I slowly painted this place with one hand. I don't want to stay up late either, but once I start painting, I won't be able to stop. Also, since the pearl powder is already on my hand, I can't waste it. It's not good to interrupt my inspiration either..."

Gu Xuexue explained clearly.

Her face wasn't red and her heart wasn't beating fast.

It seemed that this painting was really her work that she had worked hard and stayed up late for.

If Gu Qiqi hadn't heard her ordering the staff to draw in the store that day, it would have been really difficult to see through her.

The Gu family was even more puzzled.

Instead, they felt even more emotional and praised Gu Xuexue for being filial once more.

Gu Qiqi remained calm and collected. She asked lightly, "Are you sure that you really spent several nights painting this? You didn't use a brush or gloves and used your fingers to apply pearl powder bit by bit?"

Gu Xuexue gnashed her teeth and insisted. "Of course."

For a moment, she felt that Gu Qiqi's gaze seemed to have seen through her secret!

But on second thought...

Hmph! Gu Qiqi couldn't possibly let her redraw it on the spot to prove herself, right?

That was too ridiculous.

Gu Meifeng even pointed it out directly. "Hey, Qiqi, you aren't jealous of Xuexue, right? Let me tell you, it's not good for you to do this. How can you not believe your own sister? Could it be that you want Xuexue to draw it on the spot?"

Draw it live?

Did she have to use such a stupid method?

Gu Qiqi's lips curved upwards.

Chapter 312: Revealing the Truth Behind Gu Xuexue's Fake Painting

Gu Meifeng and her mother struck first to gain the upper hand.

She aggressively wanted to create an impression that Gu Qiqi was looking for trouble for no reason.

If Gu Qiqi really let them redraw it on the spot, that would seem too vicious!

However, Gu Qiqi didn't follow their script at all.

A pair of big and beautiful black grape-like eyes sized up Gu Xuexue and finally landed on Gu Xuexue's arm.

Her red lips parted slightly. "After talking so much, don't you feel that your mouth is dry and your fingers are itching?"

Upon hearing Gu Qiqi's words, Gu Xuexue subconsciously scratched her fingers.

It was a little itchy.

She couldn't help but scratch it again.

It was quite itchy.

No, it was very itchy!

Gu Xuexue couldn't help but scratch herself in front of everyone.

She used her left hand to scratch her right hand and her right hand to scratch her left. In the end, even her arm started to itch.

Soon, her hands turned red!

Her arm wasn't spared either.

"Xue Xue, let Mommy see. What happened to you?"

"Mommy, I'm itchy. It still hurts!"

"Why did this happen out of nowhere?! Did you eat something that you shouldn't have just now? Food allergies?"

Gu Meifeng was anxious and her heart ached.

Her gaze landed on that painting of pearl powder just now.

An ominous premonition surfaced.

Gu Qiqi said lightly, "She didn't eat something that she shouldn't have eaten. Instead, she touched something that she shouldn't have touched. This pearl powder painting is made of natural glue made from sweet potato powder and is fixed on the drawing board. Gu Xuexue touched the sweet potato powder just now."

Gu Qiqi stopped when the outcome was determined.

He waited calmly for everyone to discover the truth.

Indeed, everyone started discussing.

“Everyone knows that Xuexue will be allergic to sweet potato flour when she comes into contact with it. Every time Meifeng brings her back, she always instructs the kitchen not to cook food made from sweet potato flour.”

“This child is so pitiful. She’s even allergic to sweet potato powder. Sigh... It’s hard for her to stay up all night to prepare a gift for Old Master...”

“Wait a minute! There seems to be something wrong! Since Xuexue can’t touch the sweet potato powder, how can she draw it herself? That pearl powder must be mixed with glue made from sweet potato powder to be fixed on the drawing board!”

“What’s wrong with that? She can use a brush or gloves to draw. It’s fine as long as she’s careful not to touch it.”

“No! Xuexue clearly said herself just now that she drew it directly with her finger.”

“But she touched sweet potato powder and her fingers were swollen. Her hand was covered in goosebumps and she kept scratching it. How could she possibly make such an exquisite painting? Was I blind?”

Everyone fell silent.

As long as one wasn’t a fool, he knew the answer at this moment!

This painting was definitely not done by Gu Xuexue herself.

The truth was that Gu Xuexue had lied.

Immediately, disdain, disappointment, anger, blame... All kinds of gazes focused on Gu Xuexue.

That’s right. She had finally become the center of attention at the birthday banquet.

Unfortunately, it was the most embarrassing scene!

Just now, she had deceived everyone’s trust and praise. How smug she was now that she was being abandoned and despised by everyone!

Old Master Gu snorted coldly and pushed that “fake painting” to the ground. “Qiqi, Xiao Bei, help me to the dining room!”

“Okay, Grandpa.” Gu Qiqi curved her lips and smiled. “Don’t be angry, Grandpa. There are people who are good at counterfeiting, but there are also people who are sincerely making gifts with their own hands. Xiaobei needs to study, and he’s not suitable to stay up late either. So, the things that he made for you are still incomplete. You have to wait for him for two days. He will definitely send them...”

Gu Qiqi exposed Gu Xuexue’s fake painting and casually explained why Xiaobei didn’t send her a gift.

These two reasons were reasonable and humane.

No one would take them seriously.

On the other hand, Gu Xuexue was boasting too much.

At this moment, she couldn't lie and was left feeling embarrassed!

At 12 noon.

The Gu family finally took a seat in the dining room.

The birthday banquet officially began.

Gu Qiqi couldn't help but look out the window.

The Gu family's door was tightly shut.

Where was Gong Jue?

Stupid man. You're hateful. You didn't keep your word. What should I punish you with tonight?

Chapter 313: Her Engagement with the Mu Family

The Gu family banquet had two big tables.

The men and women separated and sat down.

Gu Qiqi led Xiaobei to a seat among the women. Everyone was respectful and afraid of her.

They respected her for being generous. It wasn't like what Gu Xuexue said at all. She wasn't some country bumpkin. That old glass Longevity Peach she gave was the same type as the great CEO Chu!

What they were afraid of was that she could easily cause someone to suffer a setback!

There was no need to talk about Gu Yuanyuan's outcome. Even Gu Xuexue—who had always been good at acting—was embarrassed in public today!

Thus, the women tried their best to be friendly. They helped Gu Qiqi pick up food and pour alcohol to curry favor with her.

No one cared about Gu Meifeng and her daughter. They just sat there and stared!

Gu Xuexue applied medicine on her hand, but the goosebumps had not subsided yet. They were itchy but couldn't be scratched. Gradually, it became unbearable pain. "Mommy, are we going to watch her stand out?"

Gu Meifeng lowered her voice and squeezed out a few words from between her teeth. "Of course not! You should drink more bird's nest soup. Later, listen carefully to what your grandmother says!"

Gu Xuexue replied listlessly.

She thought to herself, What else can Grandma do to help me become famous again?

The men at the table beside her had already drunk thrice.

Old Matriarch Lin took the opportunity to suggest, "Old man, the Shen family has been tormented by business matters to an indescribable extent. Can you come out and find connections?"

The old master was drinking alcohol. Upon hearing this, he put down his wine glass and his expression became stern. "Today is a family gathering, not a business discussion."

The old lady became anxious. "Our business is also the family's business. Just give your students a call and see who has a relationship with the presidential palace. Can't you just send a message in and let our Shen family off?"

The old master snorted coldly. "Are you encouraging me to knowingly commit a crime, violate the law, and bribe the president?"

The old lady was so angry that she was about to stutter. "This... How can this be called illegal bribery? The Shen family didn't commit a crime in the first place. Someone deliberately messed with the Shen family behind their back. Can't you tell?"

"Since there's no crime, the presidential palace will naturally handle it impartially."

Old Master didn't relax at all.

He had long heard about the poison in the Shen family's medicine packaging.

He was originally upright and despised the Shen family's actions. Today, he didn't drive out the younger generation from the Shen family who clearly had intentions of visiting the house. This was already giving the old lady face.

He didn't expect that the old lady would actually push her luck and ask him to speak up for the Shen family.

Don't even think about it!

Seeing the old master's determined expression, the old madam couldn't maintain her expression. "Sure, sure, sure. You insist on principles, right? We won't talk about business during the family banquet, right? Then, we can talk about the marriage of our children and grandchildren, right?"

"Go ahead."

"You've met Gong Sheng last time as well. That child is not bad. I want to introduce Xuexue to the Gong family. While everyone in the family is here, we'll settle this matter and choose a good day. I'll come personally..."

"You're taking the initiative? Does no one want our Gu family's granddaughter anymore?! It's not like we have an engagement. You're not allowed to go!"

The old master said unhappily.

Although the "Gong Sheng" wearing sunglasses last time had left a good impression on him...

But he was unexpectedly late today.

A man's most important character trait was to be punctual.

No matter how high his status was or how busy he was with work, he had to fulfill his promise on time.

But he saw Qiqi's small face turn towards the window repeatedly. She looked at the door repeatedly and was disappointed.

It made his heart ache.

No matter how good a man was, making a woman wait like this discounted his worth.

The old master suddenly changed his mind. He felt that "Gong Sheng" wasn't a good match for Gu Qiqi.

Of course, Gu Xuexue was even more unworthy!

He hadn't forgotten how Gu Xuexue lied just now.

Before she changed this terrible habit, he didn't want to let Gu Xuexue out to embarrass the Gu family.

Old Madam didn't expect that Old Master would reject her suggestions one after another.

She really wanted to slam the table and leave!

Holding onto her last trace of patience, she asked, "Old man, you mean that if there's an engagement, we can ask for a proposal?"

"Yes."

"Then, we have an engagement with the Mu family!"

Chapter 314: If You Didn't Come, I Would Be Married

"The Mu family's engagement..." Old Master Gu thought for a moment.

Old Master Mu was once his disciple.

Of course, he wouldn't forget the engagement that was set many years ago.

It was just that Mu Liuchuan was fine when he was young. But now, he was too passionate about business. He had a feeling that he was anxious for quick results. He didn't like it too much, so he kept this matter on hold and didn't want to mention it.

If it were her younger brother, Mu Tianyu... That child had become more steady in the recent few years. That wasn't bad.

Seeing that the Old Master had remembered about the engagement, the Old Madam seized the opportunity and said, "Then, let Xuexue marry the Mu family!"

She squinted and calculated clearly in her heart. If the Gong family couldn't be reached, it wasn't a bad idea to be related to the Mu family either.

The Mu family was in the western medicine business. She heard that the eldest son of the Mu family, Mu Liuchuan, had recently signed a few big deals overseas and became the boss of the Empire's western medicine corporation.

The Shen family's medicine packaging business was relevant to the Mu family's downstream industrial chain.

If she could rely on the Mu family to secure the packaging rights for those big deals, even if the Shen family's lawsuit failed, they might be able to tide through this crisis of being on the verge of bankruptcy.

The old lady had her own plans.

Unexpectedly, Old Master refused immediately. "The Mu family's marriage contract belongs to Qiqi! It's not Xuexue's turn!"

"Who said that? Where was the name written on the engagement? They only said about the Gu family's daughter!"

"When the marriage contract was formed, Qiqi was just born. You didn't have Xuexue yet, so it was naturally Qiqi. Furthermore, when the other party was serious, Xuexue wasn't even considered a Gu family daughter!" The old master wasn't polite at all.

These words made Gu Meifeng and Gu Xuexue even more ashamed. They couldn't wait to find a hole in the ground to hide in.

That's right. Gu Xuexue shouldn't have been surnamed Gu. She was the daughter of Gu Meifeng's ex-husband! At most, she was the Gu family's granddaughter.

"Mommy, are you asking me to listen to Grandma and Grandpa's words?" Gu Xuexue's face was pale. She initially had a trace of hope that Old Madam would support her and announce some good news.

In the end, she was reduced to something worthless.

It wasn't her turn to propose a marriage to the Gong family.

She wasn't even fit to marry the Mu family!

Could it be that that bookworm was compatible?

"Xue Xue, don't worry. Mom will think of a way for you. Think of a way..." Gu Meifeng didn't expect the Old Master to object either.

She had clearly planned it with Old Madam to choose either the Gong family or Mu family. They had both pushed Xuexue out for a marriage alliance.

The old madam agreed on the spot because Xue Xue was the most sensible and obedient granddaughter of this generation. She was easy to control!

She was more suitable than Gu Yuanyuan.

It was an obvious choice compared to Gu Qiqi.

But no one expected the situation to change so suddenly. Gu Meifeng was at a loss for words.

The old master and the old madam were still arguing with each other.

"Old man, I don't like to hear these words of yours. How is Xuexue not a Gu family daughter?"

"It's not up to you to decide if it's true or not. Outsiders have their own judgment. It's useless even if you call a mule a horse."

"Then, you insist on having that wild girl Gu Qiqi represent our Gu family in an arranged marriage?"

"Qiqi is educated and polite. She can differentiate right from wrong. She has the aura that a noble young lady should have. She's not a wild girl! She's most suitable to be married over!"

"I think you've been bewitched by that wild girl!"

"The engagement is Qiqi's. No matter how much you smear and quibble, it's useless. A person has to be honest! It belongs to whoever it should be!"

"You... You... You're making me so angry, old man!"

Old Madam couldn't out-talk Old Master and was angry.

At first, the people at the table listened happily and discussed the pros and cons of this marriage to the Gu and Shen families. Seeing that the two old people were getting more and more serious and fierce as they quarreled, they tactfully shut their mouths.

Gu Qiqi was eating absent-mindedly.

Suddenly, he heard the little dirty turtle mutter anxiously, "Master Jue, oh Master Jue. If you don't come soon, your wife is going to get married!"

Xiaobei tugged at her sleeves and whispered, "Sister, what if they find a new brother-in-law for you? I still prefer Brother Gong..."

Chapter 315: Brother-in-Law Gong Is Here!

The words "Brother-in-law Gong".

In an instant, Gu Qiqi returned to her senses.

When she heard the old master's insistence on her marriage with the Mu family, she was stunned!

Marriage?

No, no, no. Grandpa, you really don't have to be so good to me.

Let's leave that scumbag Mu Liuchuan to Gu Xuexue so that the scumbags and b*tches can be matched!

"Grandpa, I don't want this marriage anymore!"

Just as the two old men were arguing fiercely, a clear female voice rang.

The quarreling immediately fell silent.

A few seconds later.

Old Master asked, "Qiqi, what did you say?"

Old Madam: "At least you know your limits. You shouldn't have wanted it in the first place!"

A few uncles and elders said, "Qiqi, an engagement isn't child's play!"

Faced with everyone's reaction, Gu Qiqi was calm as usual. "Yes, I'm very serious. I'm not interested in marriage. Gu Xuexue likes it. Just give it to her."

Gu Xuexue was speechless. Why didn't she feel happy at all? It was as if she had been given alms by a bookworm!

But Gu Meifeng was very happy. "Sure. Our Xuexue and Mu Liuchuan were childhood sweethearts. They were originally very compatible!"

If the Gong family was said to be a distant star that one yearned for beyond reach...

Then, the Mu family was like a big tree near her hand.

She knew how to weigh the pros and cons!

The old master's face sank. "What nonsense are you talking about?! Childhood sweethearts with your future brother-in-law? You have the cheek to say such things?"

Gu Meifeng said in embarrassment, "Dad, that's not what I meant..."

Old Master ignored her and turned to Gu Qiqi. "Qiqi, don't be afraid. I'll stand up for you. This time, I'll definitely choose a good family for you. The Mu family has two children. Tell me which one you like!"

Gu Qiqi's lips twitched.

Grandpa sincerely planned for her.

But she really didn't fancy any of them.

"Grandpa, if there's really an engagement... I..."

Gu Qiqi muttered to herself for a moment.

Gu Meifeng and the Old Madam were extremely nervous!

They were afraid that she would agree immediately.

But in the next second...

A trace of determination flashed across Gu Qiqi's exquisite face. "I want to end the engagement."

She should have settled her scores with Mu Liuchuan long ago.

But she had yet to see Mu Liuchuan in this lifetime. Since someone started this conversation today, she would say the ugly words first.

In this lifetime, it wasn't Mu Liuchuan's turn to withdraw from this marriage.

She would end it first!

Everyone thought that she was just young and shy.

But they never expected that she really wanted to end the engagement!

For a moment, everyone's expressions were different. It was fascinating.

Of course, Old Madam and Gu Meifeng were very happy. But Old Master frowned deeply. "Qiqi, do you really think so? Is there really no one forcing you?"

Gu Qiqi nodded. "No."

The old master took a deep breath. "Do you know what kind of impact this casual withdrawal from the marriage will have on your reputation? Perhaps the upper circles in the Imperial Capital will never accept a girl like you who casually withdrew from the marriage. Your future husband's family might also mind this!"

Gu Qiqi still nodded. "It's fine, Grandpa."

What was there to mind? Those who minded these weren't fit to be her man.

A trace of embarrassment flashed across the old master's face.

Previously, he had indeed considered other candidates for Qiqi—Gong Sheng and even Chu Junmo.

But with the Mu family's engagement in front of her, the other candidates were nothing.

"Qiqi, think about it carefully!" Old Master said sincerely and meaningfully. "Some people might be good to you, but they might not keep their word. It's important to keep your promise. It's the same whether it's a man or a woman. At least, with this engagement placed here, the Mu family has never said that they won't admit it. They are still keeping their word..."

Before he could finish speaking...

A cold and domineering male voice traveled from the entrance of the hall. "There's no need to consider! I don't mind!"

Before the person arrived, his voice arrived first.

The sonorous and powerful sound of leather boots further demonstrated that man's domineering aura!

Chapter 316: Get Lost, Bai Mori!

At the Gong Residence.

Bai Mori stood in the living room in a daze.

She had actually been scolded by Gong Jue! Scolded!

After knowing Gong Jue for so many years, although Gong Jue had never given her a good look, at least on account of her older brother Bai Lang and Bai Moyuan, he was still considered polite to her.

In fact, she even obtained the opportunity to develop a special medicine for Gong Jue through Bai Lang.

But just now, just as she was greedily admiring Gong Jue's sexy and elegant sleeping face, the man shouted the words "stupid woman" again in his sleep

His voice was clearer and his expression more anxious.

With a fierce struggle, Gong Jue's eyes actually opened!

His cold eyes revealed the determination of a king.

Bai Mori was so shocked that she couldn't speak.

This medicine was real, but she had also added a strong hypnotic agent.

Logically speaking, he would sleep for the entire day.

Gong Jue actually woke up in less than half a day. How strong was his self-control and willpower?!

Or could it be that... that woman's influence was abnormally great?

Before she could figure it out, Gong Jue had already flipped over and sat up. After taking a look at his wristwatch, his expression was as cold as the ten-thousand-year-old glacier in the northern mountain range!

"1 pm? Bai Mori, is this the medicine that you concocted? Are you a pig by letting me take this medicine! Get lost!"

Gong Jue glanced at Bai Mori coldly. He was even stingy with giving her a second look.

He walked around her and strode away.

"Jue, you've only eaten a third of this medicine. It's only effective if you eat the other two-thirds together. If you leave now, you'll give up halfway!" Bai Mori tried to persuade him to stay.

However, Gong Jue only left her with a cold back view.

He couldn't even be bothered to answer her.

Bai Mori stood there in a daze. Her eyes gradually reddened.

An invisible crack appeared on her exquisite and elegant face. Although no one had touched her cheeks before, they burned with pain.

She knew why Gong Jue was angry. She also knew where he was walking to.

But this medicine was her blood and sweat. It didn't see the light of day in the laboratory for three years before she obtained the research results.

Gong Jue abandoned it like it was worn out.

He even called her a pig.

He even told her to get lost.

And the source of all this humiliation was that wild girl from the countryside!

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At the Gu residence.

Once Gong Jue stepped into the living room, everyone's gazes landed on him.

“You are...” Old Master Gu didn’t recognize her.

Gu Meifeng and Gu Xuexue had seen him before in Qing Cheng. They immediately exchanged looks. Gu Qiqi’s financier was here!

Gu Xuexue’s heart beat rapidly.

This man really had a powerful and charming aura. Every move he made made people feel breathless. They couldn’t wait to faint in his arms.

Gu Meifeng saw Gu Xuexue’s infatuated gaze and reminded her softly, “It’s a pity that this man’s identity is unknown. His family background can’t compare to Mu Liuchuan...”

Gu Xuexue said, “Mommy, I know my limits.”

What boundaries did she have!

The man was so charming. At this moment, who would still consider his family background? She even wanted to sleep with him even if she had to pay for it.

Unfortunately, that man didn’t care about anyone else and walked straight towards Gu Qiqi.

He pulled Gu Qiqi’s small hand in front of everyone and answered the old master’s question. “I’m Gong Jue. I’m her admirer.”

The entire venue fell silent!

She even held her breath.

Everyone was shocked.

He paused for a few seconds.

Finally, some uncles reacted. “Gong... Jue? That Chief from the Gong family? Such an honorable person never appears at ordinary banquets. He actually came to our Gu family personally!”

The women were even more crazy. “Gosh! He’s so handsome! I finally understand what it means for someone to be so handsome that you can’t close your legs! Such a handsome man is actually a suitor. Qiqi is too awesome!”

Gu Xuexue and Gu Meifeng were the most shocked.

They had just unanimously agreed that this man only had his looks. His family background was definitely inferior to Mu Liuchuan.

But reality had slapped them in the face in the blink of an eye!

And it was a ruthless slap to the face!

Not only did Gong Jue have a charming appearance and a top-notch family background, but he also held the top authority in the Empire’s Gong Clan Corporation!

This was definitely a top-grade man.

Chapter 317: I Have The Final Say As She Is My Woman

Gu Meifeng and Gu Xuexue looked at Gu Qiqi with jealousy and hatred. They then stared at Gong Jue enviously.

Why would such a noble man fall for Gu Qiqi?

They refused to believe it.

Gu Meifeng asked, "Master Jue, did you make a mistake?"

Gu Xuexue said, "Master Jue, my older sister is engaged to another man..."

Gong Jue's cold voice froze the doubts of those two people. "I have the final say regarding my woman!"

In other words, who the hell are you to dare to question my woman?!

He was so domineering.

It shocked all the men present.

The women fell to the ground in shock...

Gosh, such a domineering man. He clearly exuded coldness that kept people away, but why was he so attractive?

She felt that being protected by him would give her an absolute sense of security and satisfaction.

All the cousins, including aunts, were starry-eyed at Gong Jue.

Little did she know that the person who was most shocked at the scene was Gu Qiqi, who had been silent all this while.

From Gong Jue's sudden arrival to his public announcement that he was her admirer, he even made his identity public. There was no need to hide his identity anymore...

Gu Qiqi was stunned.

She initially thought that he would definitely not come again. But she didn't expect that he would come to her most awkward moment and help her out.

But was it really fine for him to reveal his identity like this?

Gu Qiqi's worry turned into greater shock when she heard everyone's discussion.

Gong Jue...

He was actually the leader of the Gong Clan Corporation!

She stood rooted to the ground in a daze as she felt one unexpected blow after another!

She didn't take this man seriously. They also often insulted each other as stupid woman and stupid man. He was actually... the legendary Chief!

So, his bad temper towards her in the past was already a small fight after he suppressed his anger?

After all, it was easy as pinching an ant to death for such a noble man to kill her.

She suddenly realized that Gong Jue's frequent words when he was angry were "I'll kill you!". He was really not arrogant and conceited.

It was real.

She actually spent the entire summer vacation with such a terrifying man and was unaware of his prowess.

How big was her heart?

Gu Qiqi couldn't help but swallow her saliva. She wanted to ask too much, but in the end, she only said, "You... Why are you here at this time?"

Gong Jue retracted his gaze and stared at her intently.

His fierce gaze softened a little.

He held her small hand with one hand and stroked her long hair with the other. He said slowly, "As a man, I have to keep my word. I promised that I would come. I won't go back on my word no matter how late it is. Don't worry in the future. I promise you anything."

It was an explanation, but it also seemed to be a promise!

Upon hearing this, the women sucked in a cold breath of air. They were about to explode.

It was fine if that cool promise stirred up a group of hearts.

That action was even more shocking.

He touched her hair!

Such a cold man actually patted her head in a doting and gentle way. It was simply a powerful contrast.

It was as if a fierce lion—who was the overlord of the jungle—raised its claws to comb the rabbit's fur... That was the kind of visual effect!

They couldn't take it anymore. Their legs had gone soft! They couldn't walk anymore! They couldn't stand up and toast anymore!

Gu Qiqi felt as if she had been electrocuted. She was electrocuted to the point where she nearly lost all ability to resist. She obediently allowed him to hold her small hand and caress her long hair. Under everyone's gazes, she enjoyed this unique doting of this noble man.

Chapter 318: Qiqi and I Are Engaged Too

Just as Gu Qiqi and Gong Jue dominated the scene and everyone was speechless...

An old and cold snort rang out from the master seat. "So what if you're from the Gong family? It's not like you can't match up to my granddaughter! Young man, you better get this straight. My Qiqi is very outstanding and she's also engaged. She's not someone you can woo as you please!"

Hmph! Where did this brat come from? He was so close to his Qiqi the moment he came up. Did he agree?!

Old Master Gu's powerful words woke everyone in the room up.

That's right!

Gu Qiqi was engaged.

She couldn't be with this man.

The younger ones thought that they could go for him, while the older ones thought that their daughters could try. For a moment, everyone became restless.

"That's right, that's right. Old Master is right. Qiqi and the Mu family are going to have a marriage alliance. She can't have a foot in both camps."

"Master Jue, our Gu family still has other daughters who are not bad..."

"Master Jue, although they call me aunt, I'm the youngest. I'm only 25 years old this year and I'm not married yet..."

Even Gu Qiqi's aunt couldn't help but take action.

Having met such a top-notch man, she had lost the reservedness of a scholarly and well-mannered young lady.

Even the Old Madam—who had been obstructing Gu Qiqi from marrying the Mu family previously—changed her mind. "Yes, Qiqi and Mu Liuchuan are childhood sweethearts. It's not good to break them up. It's better for Xuexue to get along with this Master Jue from the Gong family..."

Gu Qiqi simply rolled her eyes after the old lady showed her thick skin.

The other old ladies were really no match for her.

Just now, she was still saying that Gu Xuexue and Mu Liuchuan were childhood sweethearts. But now, her childhood sweetheart has changed! Where were her morals? Had she sold her for five dollars per catty?

She pursed her lips and wanted to retort to the old lady.

Suddenly, she changed her mind and wanted to play tricks on her.

This stupid man was late and had been hiding the identity of that awesome leader of the Gong Corporation from her. How could she not punish him?

Let's give him a small problem first!

She pursed her red lips lightly and remained calm. She allowed these people to come up with all kinds of tricks to break them up.

She was still smiling lightly and didn't comment.

In fact, her big innocent black grape-like eyes even blinked at Gong Jue.

It seemed to be saying, "What should we do?!" Everyone was objecting.

Gu Xuexue's eyes reddened.

It was fine if Gu Qiqi, this bookworm, showed off her affection in public, but she even acted coquettishly in public! She seduced him in public!

Just a minute ago, the nerd was still arguing with his grandparents about breaking off the engagement. She was so arrogant and her fighting strength was off the charts. But now, she was actually pretending to be such a lady and so timid.

This was illegal! It was illegal!

Gong Jue enjoyed it very much. He squinted and pinched Gu Qiqi's finger with his long fingers.

He seemed to be replying that it's fine and that he would handle it.

Gu Qiqi nodded obediently. Okay, go and solve it.

Gong Jue's Adam's apple tightened.

Such an obedient Gu Qiqi was simply unprecedented.

He really wanted to lift her up on the spot and carry her all the way home before throwing her onto the big bed!

He didn't need to eat anything anymore.

He was going to eat her up!

Even though he knew that she was up to no good, he was still willing to endure it.

After calming himself down with great difficulty, Gong Jue looked up lightly and met Old Master Gu's gaze neither servile nor overbearing. "Grandpa, you're a noble who forgets things. Qiqi and I are also engaged."

Everyone was shocked!

What?! Gu Qiqi was actually engaged to such a noble man? Why didn't they know?!

Were they bullying them as spectators?

Chapter 319: An Unexpected Marriage Token

Gong Jue's words made Old Master Gu choke.

When he came back to his senses, his old face sank. "When did Qiqi have an engagement with the Gong family? Why didn't I know!"

Old Madam's eyes widened. "An engagement requires a keepsake. I don't remember accepting your Gong family's keepsake."

Although she couldn't wait to have the Gong family's keepsake in her hands...

Then, she would be rich.

With Xuexue's life backing, her Shen family could rise again.

Gu Meifeng was quick to join in the fun. "That's right, that's right. I remember that the Mu family gave me a keepsake back then. It seems to be a jade pendant of some kind. Qiqi has already accepted someone else's jade pendant. She definitely can't go back on her word."

When the other women heard this, they didn't differentiate between right and wrong and nodded in agreement.

They were on the same side now.

No matter what kind of shameless tricks she used, it was fine as long as she could drive Gu Qiqi away from Gong Jue.

Only then would their daughters have a chance.

Thus, they couldn't wait for Gu Qiqi to marry Mu Liuchuan as soon as possible and leave Gong Jue. It should be said that he was the "best tribute" for them.

Unfortunately, the truth slapped them ruthlessly once more.

These fanatics couldn't affect Gong Jue at all.

He stood tall and straight. His face was cold and his tone didn't allow for any objection. "Of course, there's a marriage agreement. It's just that I respect Qiqi's wishes and am unwilling to use the marriage agreement to bind her. I hope that she can sincerely accept me and talk about marriage again. As for the keepsake..."

He paused.

He scanned the room.

In the few seconds that he paused, there were gasps everywhere he looked.

"I'm going to explode!"

"Oh my god. I'm so envious of Qiqi. She actually managed to get the commander-in-chief to support her so much. She even said that there was no engagement..."

"I guess that Master Jue will definitely be the kind of person who will be willing to travel thousands of miles to come here for a smile from a beauty in the future... It's so blissful to marry him!"

"Actually, I didn't hear what Master Jue said at all. As soon as my ears came into contact with his voice, I became pregnant. Please protect the baby!"

Amidst the girls' envious voices, Gong Jue curved his lips and said without batting an eyelid, "Grandpa, you might have forgotten that you personally accepted that keepsake."

Old Master said, "I collected it myself? Impossible!"

Gong Jue responded. "Yes, everyone saw it with their own eyes."

Everyone replied. "We were blind and didn't see it at all!"

Gong Jue raised his arrogant chin and raised his eyebrows. "It's not too late to look at it now. On the opposite wall, that painting that was framed with golden-framed painting was the keepsake that was sent over when I proposed marriage."

Everyone followed Gong Jue's gaze.

There was only a carefully framed Chinese painting on the marble wall.

The mood was remote and the strokes were breathtaking.

It was signed by the most famous painter in the Empire, Ms. Songsong.

This national painting was the priceless treasure, "Fishing On A Cold River In The Snow"!

This time, it was the uncles' turn to explode.

"What? This national painting is an engagement token? Isn't this too generous?"

"It's said that 90% of the replicas on the black market have been hyped to tens of millions."

"Ms. Songsong's painting can't be bought with money! Even if Gong Jue is her biological son, there's definitely an extraordinary meaning to taking this painting out!"

"It's over. My daughter doesn't have a chance anymore... Using a famous Chinese painting as a keepsake, we can't catch up to her..."

"Qiqi's status in his heart isn't ordinary..."

Unlike everyone's excited discussions, Old Master Gu was stunned for a few seconds and couldn't return to his senses.

That painting was actually the marriage token?

Old Master sized Gong Jue up carefully before realizing what was going on.

Chapter 320: He Was Simply Scheming!

Old Master Gu suddenly realized something. "The person who came to the Gu family to fetch Qiqi and Xiao Bei that day wasn't your older brother Gong Sheng at all. It was... you?"

Gong Jue replied, "Yes."

Old Master said, "But you didn't mention the engagement that day!"

Gong Jue curved his lips. An undetectable glint flashed across his eyes. "I told you to hand Qiqi to me. Don't worry. Grandpa, you promised, didn't you?"

Old Master asked, "Did... did I agree?"

Gong Jue: "Yes. You agreed back then and handed Qiqi to me that night."

The old master choked.

Why did he feel like he had been scammed?

What was terrifying was that he didn't know that he had been scammed. It was only at this moment that he realized that he had been scammed for a long time.

Back then, they had agreed to let Qiqi be an intern. He had entrusted Qiqi to him to study well, but he didn't say that he would hand over Qiqi to him.

It was different when they interacted with each other, okay?

Gong Jue remained calm as usual. His gaze was deep. "It's fine if you don't remember. That painting is a marriage token. If you accept it, it means that you're admitting that we're engaged."

Old Master Gu was speechless.

Gu Qiqi listened silently.

She couldn't help but admire Gong Jue in her heart. He actually dug a pit so long ago!

This man was so infuriating when he was stupid, but he was actually so terrifying when he was scheming?

Who would have thought that giving a painting would imply such a deep meaning and plan?

Anyway, she definitely didn't notice it back then.

Just as she was sighing.

She recalled that Gong Jue actually deliberately buried such ambiguous lines at that time, asking her grandpa to hand her over to him... These kinds of thoughts ran wild.

She felt that he wasn't evil anymore.

He was scheming, okay?

She only wanted to test him just now to see if he could perfectly handle the objection from these gossipy relatives of the Gu family.

She didn't expect that he would directly choke the most difficult old man to speechlessness.

She could only secretly tug at Gong Jue's sleeve to signal him to stop when he was ahead.

On the master seat at the dining table, Old Master Gu was already about to vomit blood.

He thought that Gong Jue was a technological nerd. He had a burly figure and an explosive IQ, but his EQ was definitely lacking.

He didn't expect that this boy was actually very scheming.

As early as the first time they met, he had already prepared the foreshadowing that followed.

He was indeed the head of the Gong Corporation.

Even an engagement had a strategy!

The old master held back for a long time but didn't say anything. Finally, he said, "Who asked you to call me grandpa!"

Everyone was speechless. Old Master, your counterattack was good! You finally made Gong Jue speechless, right?

Gong Jue said, "Grandpa, Qiqi isn't full yet. Let's eat first, okay?"

The chief avoided the important matter and even appeared to be protecting his wife. He really didn't forget to show off his love while retaliating. This method was advanced!

Gu Qiqi was speechless. Very good. His answer was appropriate. But why did he make her sound like a useless foodie? Rejection!

"Add two chairs." Gong Jue ordered lightly as if he was instructing a servant.

Before everyone could react, Gong Jue had already supported Gu Qiqi and personally pulled out a chair for her. He spread out a napkin and sat down at the main table.

He didn't care at all. Apart from the Old Madam, everyone at this table was male!

Uncle Gu reminded him. "Master Jue, the woman should be sitting at the other table..."

Gong Jue threw him a cold glance. "My woman is naturally on the same level as me!"

What a good "equal"!

Everyone was dumbfounded for a long time and couldn't say a word.

The Gu family's custom of men and women eating separately at important occasions had been... broken just like that!

Gu Qiqi's influence shocked everyone once more.