

Chapter 441 The Truth is Revealed

There were two photos on the ground. One of the photos landed on its back and the one on the front. The one showing up was the one with Gong Tianhao and Xiao Lingyu.

When Qin Yan saw this photo, her blood drained, and she was extremely pale. It was as if she had fallen into an icy lake. She felt like her body had turned purple. After a moment, she became stiff and could no longer stand. She was on the verge of collapsing.

'This photo... How can it be?'

Qin Yan's mind was completely blank at this moment. 'It is supposed to be a picture of Jiang Tao and this woman. How did it become a picture of Gong Tianhao and the woman?'

Well, it was originally a picture of Gong Tianhao and this woman. She had asked someone to change Gong Tianhao to Jiang Tao. Nothing else was touched.

Qin Yan was certain that someone as conceited as Old Master Jiang would believe that a junior like her wouldn't dare to play tricks on him. Therefore, he wouldn't find time to question her 'evidence.'

As for the method she had used to deliver the photo to him, she knew Old Master Jiang wouldn't mind it.

Based on Leng Feiyang's investigation, the woman in the picture was just a rural girl. Even with Gong Tianhao's protection, Old Master Jiang would deal with her easily.

So what was happening? Where did things go wrong? Why were things different from what she expected? Why would Old Master Jiang suddenly decide to look into the picture? This was completely unlike him. Qin Yan was flustered. She squatted down and picked up the photo on the ground with her pale fingertips.

Her beautiful eyes were filled with fear and unease as she looked at Old Master Jiang. She anxiously explained, "Grandpa... Grandpa, No... It's not like that. I... I don't know what's going on at all. Someone is trying to frame me..." Even Butler Jiang frowned and looked disappointed, much less Old Master Jiang. Even when the evidence was so concrete, Miss Qin was still unwilling to admit her mistake. Did she think that she could fool Old Master Jiang? Furthermore, with Old Master Jiang's status, why would he make fake evidence to deal with a junior like her? Why was Miss Qin so stubborn?

Old Master Jiang placed the teacup on the table heavily. It clanged. He stared with his sharp and astute eyes. He asked with an indifferent tone, "Miss Qin, are you saying that this old man is trying to frame you?" Qin Yan's breathing stopped. She thought to herself, 'Not good! I said the wrong thing.' If she had admitted her mistake, Old Master Jiang might forgive her. She forgot that the thing Old Master Jiang hated the most in the world was to be tricked and lied to. Plus, he wouldn't have come to her if he hadn't possessed concrete evidence.

She had gotten things wrong! Finally, Qin Yan snapped back to attention. She quickly tried to make up for her mistake. She immediately said, "Grandfather, I was wrong." Old Master Jiang snorted coldly. His

tone was filled with disdain and ridicule as he said indifferently, "Hmph. How are you wrong? Miss Qin, if there's someone who is wrong, that's me for trusting you. Because of you, I've suffered a huge loss."

Qin Yan felt the whole incident was surreal. She became more nervous. She was certain that there was something else behind this.

"Grandpa, please don't say that." Qin Yan was so scared that she started to cry, "I... I was too afraid to admit my mistake. I was afraid that Grandpa would blame me and not like me anymore." This time, Qin Yan was not acting. She was very scared. Even her voice was trembling.

"Grandpa." Qin Yan saw that Old Master Jiang only pursed his lips and looked at her coldly. Qin Yan panicked. No matter how smart and scheming she was, at that moment, she didn't know what to do. How could she save this situation?

If her engagement were canceled, she would be humiliated, and the Qin Family would be dealt a huge blow.

After all, the Qin Family needed this political marriage to get stronger. Both families would ally to acquire greater benefits.

"Grandfather," Qin Yan suddenly knelt down and cried loudly, "Grandfather, I was too scared. That was why I didn't dare to admit my mistake. I beg you to forgive my ignorance and mistakes, okay? I won't dare to do it next time."

Qin Yan's pleas could move a stone. After all, she was the No. 1 beauty in the capital. She was crying so delicately and pitiful. Even stones would be moved by her, much less human beings.

However, she was facing someone who was harder than stone. In his eyes, there was nothing else but considerations of benefits.

He looked at her coldly. He didn't say he'd forgive her or not. Instead, he asked sternly, "Qin Yan, tell me. Why did you want to use my hand to get rid of this woman in the picture? Is it because of Gong Tianhao?"

Chapter 442 Ruined Reputation

When Qin Yan walked out of the Jiang family, she looked so pale and powerless. Her steps were staggering, and she looked like she had a mental breakdown.

Her mind kept replaying Old Master Jiang's question for her. "Qin Yan, tell me. Why did you want to use my hand to get rid of this woman in the picture? Is it because of Gong Tianhao?"

"No... No..." Qin Yan subconsciously denied it and shook her head. "Don't be in a hurry to deny it." Old Master Jiang said sharply, "If you don't like that kid from the Gong Family, why did you swap his face out for Jiang Tao? "Qin Yan, I'm no fool. I've been in the army for the rest of my life. I've seen all sorts of people and encountered all sorts of things.

"A little girl like you wants to slip one over me? If not for the Qin Family, I would have fed you to the snakes already.

“It’s good to be shrewd, but your ambitions are too big. Do you think you can deceive me? “However, the most unforgivable thing you have done is that you act like you like Jiang Tao when you clearly like someone else. You even make it seem like Jiang Tao doesn’t like you because he likes someone else. You told me you wanted to bow out because you wanted to fulfill his happiness. “Qin Yan, I’ve seen a lot of fake people, but I’ve not seen someone as shameless as you. You are such a hypocrite.”

Qin Yan was scolded by Old Master Jiang until she trembled. Her face turned red, then green, and then purple. It kept changing. She was embarrassed, shocked, and scared. She staggered and fell to the ground.

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Her lips trembled. She opened her mouth and murmured, “Grandfather...”

Old Master Jiang waved his hand and said, “Don’t call me grandfather. I’m not your grandfather!”

Qin Yan felt like she was struck. She was in extreme pain and was filled with regret.

She had never expected that Old Master Jiang would be so heartless. He really didn’t show any mercy to her.

Qin Yan had no idea the repercussion she had caused. Because of her, Old Master Jiang lost two of his family assassins. Qin Yan also tried to toy with his grandson’s feelings and fool the entire Jiang Family.

Most importantly, she had caused Old Master Jiang to lose face before Old Master Gong. He had almost completely offended the Gong Family too. If he really killed Old Master Gong’s granddaughter-in-law, it would lead to an irreconcilable feud. The two families would fight to the death. Any big family would be furious if their great-granddaughter-in-law were killed for no reason.

Old Master Jiang completely ignored Qin Yan’s weakness and said, “Qin Yan, I will have to reconsider your engagement with Jiang Tao. I’ll contact your father to talk about it. You can go back now.”

After that, Qin Yan left the Jiang family in a daze.

“Miss, what happened to you?” Her bodyguards rushed over and asked worriedly.

Qin Yan’s anger was instantly directed at the poor bodyguards. She suddenly roared at the bodyguard, “Get lost! All of you, get lost!” Her expression was ferocious and twisted!

She did not expect there to be reporters not far away who would incidentally capture this scene. The next day, a piece of news from the Beijing daily attracted everyone’s attention.

Why was the number one socialite, the Beautiful Angel, being so angry with her bodyguards?

This piece of news was accompanied by an unusually clear photo.

In the photo, Miss Qin looked like she was in a state of depression and collapse. She opened her mouth wide and roared at the bodyguards. Her expression was unusually ferocious and twisted, making people feel afraid.

Was this the gentle and kind Miss Qin?

Was that Miss Qin who was full of love for stray animals and would carry injured stray animals to the pet hospital even if it was dirty and tiring?

Was someone impersonating her to ruin her reputation?

But who would be courageous enough to impersonate Miss Qin?

When this photo was released, people sneered. These socialites were creatures of pretense. They were hypocritical and vicious, and they were not what they seemed. Someone said that he had personally seen this Miss Qin enter the nightclub.

Someone said that he had personally seen this caring Miss Qin kick an injured stray dog. She had even gotten bodyguards to beat that dog to death because it was blocking her way. Back then, he was too scared to say anything to offend Miss Qin.

Someone else echoed, "Hey, brother, I thought I was the only one who saw this Angel act like a demon!"

"Ditto!"

As the news spread, more and more people exposed Qin Yan's hidden side, and the evidence was conclusive.

After the Qin family found out about this, they immediately ordered people to suppress it.

However, they couldn't suppress the internet. Overnight, Qin Yan's carefully built character collapsed. Her reputation was ruined.

Chapter 443 Qin Family Law

The sound of something smashing could be heard from Qin Yan's villa.

No one knew how long it had been going on. Perhaps eventually, she became tired because the smashing stopped. The servants working there looked scared and cautious.

They lowered their heads and then looked up again. They exchanged glances with their companions, their eyes filled with fear.

Ever since the young miss was exposed by the media, she had become even more irritable at home. She also became more vicious and violent.

She would throw things around. The breakable things in the house had all been changed.

Then, she would beat and scold the servants. Once, a maid served her tea that was too hot, and she immediately had the maid's arm cut off. She invited all the staff to watch. After the maid's arm was cut off, Qin Yan didn't call a doctor for her. She didn't allow anyone to call for help either. The maid fainted due to the pain, and she was dying.

In the end, the staff had to take the risk of reminding Qin Yan that if the maid were not treated, she would really die. If she died in the villa, and the reporters found out about it, they would add fuel to the fire. Qin Yan's reputation would worsen.

For Qin Yan's reputation and their safety, the staff had to say something. The servants and bodyguards were ordinary, tax-paying citizens. The law of the country protected them. They were not slaves who had sold their lives to Qin Yan. They were not in the feudal era where their masters could do anything they wanted. If the maid died under her employer's care, and if the evidence was conclusive, the employer would face prison or death sentence no matter how powerful they were.

Qin Yan didn't care about the maid dying. With the power of the Qin Family, it was very easy to cover up the death. However, she was in the public focus at the moment. It was better if she didn't add more chink in her armor.

However, Qin Yan was too mad. She wanted to kill everyone. Why would she care about the life of a single lowlife?

Therefore, the maid whose arm was cut off died in pain in the courtyard.

Qin Xingbao was livid with anger when he heard about this from the bodyguard. His daughter was becoming more out of control.

However, Qin Xingbao needed to deal with this first. First, he used the money to silence everyone who knew. Then, he used the money to silence the family of the dead maid.

After Qin Xingbao called Qin Yan back, he immediately gave her a fierce slap. He cursed angrily, "Bastard! What are you doing?"

Qin Yan covered her face and widened her eyes. She looked at Qin Xingbao in disbelief and said in extreme surprise, "Dad, you actually hit me? How..."

She immediately cursed and said in a wronged tone, "Dad, you have never hit me since you were young, but now you hit me because of a lowly servant?"

Qin Xingbao's anger had not yet subsided. He pointed at Qin Yan and shouted, "In fact, I want to hit you to your death!"

He looked around, but he didn't find the thing he wanted. He told the butler to go to the study to get the cane. "Butler, go and get the cane. I'll punish her with the family law!" When the butler heard that, his expression immediately changed.

He thought for a moment and persuaded, "Master, the eldest miss is a girl. She might not be able to stand the family law. Plus, if you use the family law and leave wounds on Miss' body..."

Qin Yan covered half of her red and swollen face. When she heard her father was going to serve her with the family law, her expression immediately changed, and she looked even more incredulous.

"Dad, do you... you want to use the family law on me?" Qin Yan asked in fear.

The family law of the Qin family was a twenty-time whipping. This cane was not a normal cane. It was one and a half meters long. There were barbs on the cane. It looked more like a centipede than a cane.

When the cane was used, the barns would pierce into the flesh. It was incredibly painful. This would be a lesson unforgettable for anyone.

Qin Yan had seen her father use the family law on her brother in the past. At that time, she almost fainted. She couldn't imagine surviving it.

Qin Xingbao looked at Qin Yan coldly and said loudly, "You have done something that has severely damaged the Qin Family's reputation. You have to be punished severely!" In other words, the family law was necessary. Qin Yan's heart trembled violently, and she couldn't help but take a few steps back. Her face was extremely pale, and her expression revealed fear.

"Go!" Qin Xingbao said loudly to the butler.

The butler sighed in his heart. Although his heart ached for the eldest miss, he couldn't disobey the old master's orders.

He prayed that the eldest young master and Madam would come back soon. That way, they would at least end the Miss' suffering.

The Young Miss had been pampered since she was young. She was not going to survive this torture.

After the butler brought the cane over, Qin Xingbao held it in his hand and shouted at Qin Yan sternly, "Kneel!"

Qin Yan knew that it was pointless to resist. She bit her lips and knelt down.

Qin Xingbao's face was cold and stern. He picked up the cane and swung it down.

"Sister!"

"Yan 'Er!"

Chapter 444 Qin Yan's Malice

Qin Yan was wearing a thin dress and lying on the bed. Her face revealed unbearable pain.

Madam Qin walked in with the ointment. When she saw her pale daughter, she immediately said with heartache, "Yan 'Er, my poor Yan 'Er. Are you still in pain?"

Qin Yan looked at her mother with red eyes and cried, "Mom, I'm in so much pain. How can dad be so cruel?"

Madam Qin's heart ached even more when she saw her daughter's tears.

She raised her hand and wanted to pat her daughter's shoulder and back, but she held it back when she remembered that her daughter was injured.

Instead, she echoed angrily, "I don't know what possessed your father. He even used family law on his precious daughter!" She paused to tidy Qin Yan's hair. "Yan 'Er, I've scolded him for you. He knows that he's wrong.

"You need to focus on recovery. Leave the other matters to your brother and father. How dare those people slander your name?! The Qin family will definitely make them pay the price!"

She put on the ointment and gently lifted Qin Yan's clothes. Qin Yan's fair back was covered with red, green, black, and red wounds.

Mrs. Qin immediately felt a surge of resentment and said, "Your father is really too ruthless. Look at how he has ruined your fair skin."

When she and her eldest son rushed back home, they saw something that almost caused her soul to leave her body. Her husband was serving their daughter the family law. However, they were still one step too late. Qin Yan had already received a fierce whip.

When the second whip fell, her eldest son went to shield Qin Yan.

Qin Yan picked that perfect moment to feign fainting. Naturally, the family law had to be stopped.

Even so, the single whip was enough to split open Qin Yan's skin. After that, Madam Qin immediately had someone call the family doctor.

This was only a superficial injury. After the doctor gave Qin Yan an anti-inflammatory injection, he wanted to apply ointment to the wound. However, Qin Yan didn't want the lowlife to touch her body. Madam Qin felt sorry for her daughter so she took over the job from the doctor.

Qin Yan had a second reason for doing this. She wanted her mother to see the wounds for herself. This way, her mother would feel sorry for her and would teach her father a harsh lesson.

"Mom, I'm in so much pain, sob sob..."

As soon as Madam Qin touched Qin Yan's wounds, she was in so much pain that she started to cry loudly.

She was not faking it. It really hurt.

Ever since she was young, she had been pampered and doted on by everyone. She had never even suffered a small cut, much less something like this. She felt like she was about to crack.

When Madam Qin saw this, her heart ached so much that her eyes turned red. She carefully applied the ointment on Qin Yan's back and complained, "Qin Xingbao, how can you do this to my daughter? I'll never forgive you for this!"

Madam Qin took a long time to apply the ointment on her back.

Every time she applied it, Qin Yan cried out in pain.

When Madam Qin was done, her eyes revealed a vicious look. She said to her daughter, "Yan 'Er, you've suffered so much this time. Mommy will definitely help you get revenge. "So what if a slave died? We have already compensated her family. How can she come back to harm you after she's dead? She made you suffer so much. We've paid her family, but now we'll see if they have the health to enjoy it or not!"

"Yes, Mom, you must help me take revenge." Qin Yan nodded and said. She agreed that it was the lowly maid who was at fault. What if she died? How could she cause her father to fly into a rage? The maid and her family had to be punished!

The maid's death had reached her father's ears, and that was why Qin Yan had to suffer. Because of that, the maid's family had to suffer too!

Just as Madam Qin was about to leave, Qin Yan said, "Mom, don't quarrel with Dad because of me, okay? Dad usually has a lot of things to do and is very busy. I don't want to cause dad to be unhappy because of this." She said this to show that she was sensible. When her mother told her father about how understanding she was, her father would feel guilty. When Madam Qin heard this, she immediately wiped her tears and said, "My Yan 'Er is really sensible and considerate. Yes, I know. I know what to do. You should rest well."

Then, she left the room.

When Mrs. Qin left the room, Qin Yan, who was lying on the bed, immediately showed anger, hatred, and viciousness on her face.

She blamed her father for beating her because of a commoner. She hated that damn old man from the Jiang family. He had berated her because of a photo. If he didn't do that, she wouldn't have lost her composure in front of the Jiang Family. She wouldn't be captured by the reporters, and her reputation wouldn't be ruined. However, she resented and hated the woman in the picture the most.

If it were not for her, she would not have been jealous. If she had not been jealous, she would not have angered old Master Jiang.

If she had not angered Old Master Jiang, none of these would have happened. Her reputation would not have been ruined.

She would still be the number one socialite who was beautiful, kind, dignified, and virtuous in everyone's eyes.

Qin Yan's hands were tightly clenched into fists, and her pale fingertips dug deep into her flesh.

She gritted her teeth and said, "Bitch, just you wait. I will pay you back the pain I've suffered thousand times over."

Chapter 445 Greed

"Yu 'Er, what's wrong?" Gong Tianhao held Xiao Lingyu's body and asked with concern when he felt her body shake. Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "I'm fine. I just suddenly had a cold shiver."

Gong Tianhao's handsome face was tightly wrinkled as he said with confusion, "A cold shiver? But it's not even wintertime yet. Are you coming down with a cold?"

Xiao Lingyu was pregnant. Even a common cold would be dangerous for her. She needed to be careful with her diet. It was best if she didn't take any medicine. Therefore, most pregnant women would try to drink a lot of warm water.

When Gong Tianhao noticed Xiao Lingyu's sudden shiver, he was worried that she would catch a cold.

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "I don't think it's a cold. Maybe someone is cursing me." She had no idea how real her joke was.

Then again, Gong Tianhao still took it seriously. Xiao Lingyu had already sent two villagers to jail in Taoyuan Village. It was not surprising if people would curse her.

Xiao Lingyu said with a laugh, "Don't worry, it is not a cold. I really think someone is talking behind my back. Let's go."

They were going to Taiping Field.

Xiao Lingyu had planted three Mus of peanuts, three Mus of soybeans, and three Mus of dragonfruit. The dragonfruits should be able to bear fruit next year.

Xiao Lingyu used the remaining land to plant sweet potatoes and potatoes.

The sandy land was very suitable for planting sweet potatoes and potatoes.

Of course, Xiao Lingyu had her own plans. Sweet potatoes could be eaten raw as a fruit, boiled, and eaten as a staple food. However, sweet potatoes had another use. They could be used to extract flour.

It was the same for potatoes. They could be made into flour and then noodles too.

There were many things that Xiao Lingyu wanted to plant. She had a plan for everything. However, her plans were held back because she was pregnant.

In terms of future prospects and sales, she wasn't worried.

Her future husband was the richest man in the world aside, and she already had two capable assistants. Her cooperation with Zeng Yaozu had flourished ever since the strawberry business.

After the strawberries, Xiao Lingyu didn't need any retailers. Her shop could sell everything. Her crops could be digested locally.

The villagers of Taoyuan Village planted the vegetables as per Xiao Lingyu's request. She bought all of them.

Although they didn't taste as good as the crops of her family, they were still grown with the spring water. They tasted better than the vegetables sold on the market.

Therefore, their selling price was slightly higher than the market price. But, it was still cheaper than Xiao Lingyu's crops.

For some in Xing Yin County, they couldn't afford to buy vegetables from Taoyuan Village Fresh Fruits and Vegetables daily. However, the vegetables from Taoyuan Village were still better than the ones on the market. They were also cheaper than the ones from the store. So they were a good choice too.

Taoyuan Village was big. And every household had grown vegetables. Xiao Lingyu's store couldn't even fit them anymore.

Xiao Lingyu considered it and bought a three-story building. Each floor was around 500 to 600 square meters, so the whole building was more than 1000 square meters. She used it as a vegetable supermarket. However, the second and third floors were left empty temporarily. She only used the first floor to sell the vegetables grown at Taoyuan Village.

Xiao Lingyu bought all the vegetables based on the contract she signed. She would suffer all the losses and gains.

She gave the villagers a fair price. She didn't buy them at a supplier's price but at the market price. For example, the market price for cabbage was 60 cents per catty, so Xiao Lingyu bought them from the villagers at 60 cents per catty. But at her supermarket, they were sold for 1.20 RMB per catty. After all, she had to account for the cost, store fees, labor costs, transportation costs, and other expenses.

Some people in the village had gone to Xiao Lingyu's supermarket to take a look. When they realized that Xiao Lingyu had bought the vegetables cheap from them, they felt upset.

Some people even secretly felt that Xiao Lingyu was a little unscrupulous. How could she scam her fellow villagers?

When Xiao Lingyu heard about this, she said coldly, "How much were you selling your cabbages for in the past? Two or three cents per catty, right? How much am I buying them now?"

These people were greedy! She was already very kind to them, but some people would never be satisfied.

Of course, most villagers were very satisfied. Only a few people were not satisfied.

Xiao Lingyu said calmly, "I am a businesswoman. At the end of the day, I have to turn a profit.

"You're only seeing how expensive the vegetables are at my store, but have you considered the monthly rent I have to pay for the store? What about my workers' wages? And the transportation fees. What about the vegetables that didn't get sold?"

Then, Xiao Lingyu frowned and said coldly, "If you really think I'm a scammer, you don't have to sell your stock to me. However, you've signed a contract with me. If you break the contract, you have to pay the penalty first." To be honest, Xiao Lingyu did not lack this money, but she couldn't spoil these people.

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She was not a floormat that people could just step over. Why would she serve these greedy people anyway?

Chapter 446 Sudden Tears

Gong Tianhao and Xiao Lingyu came to Taiping Field and looked at the plants that were growing very well. Gong Tianhao's eyes lit up.

He said, "Yu 'Er, these things are growing really well."

"Yes!"

"Is... is this a sweet potato vine?"

"No, is this a potato?"

Gong Tianhao's ears couldn't help but turn red. He was really dense when it came to farming!

He was someone who could remember anything with just a glance. He was a master at every kind of esoteric knowledge.

However, when it came to anything farming-related, the knowledge couldn't stay in his mind. He would recognize the crops wrongly without fail. He mistook peanuts for soybeans and potatoes for sweet potatoes. It had caused a lot of jokes among the Xiao Family.

"It's not my fault. They look so alike," said Tianhao Gong, a little embarrassed.

"..." Xiao Lingyu rolled her eyes speechlessly and said, "Do they look alike? They don't look alike at all."

The only similarity between sweet potatoes and potatoes was that the fruits grew in the ground.

As for peanuts and soybeans, only God knew how Gong Tianhao would think they look alike.

Gong Tianhao pouted, "But they really look alike to me. I can't even tell them apart."

"..." Xiao Lingyu rubbed her forehead and said, "Forget it. We've debated this question more than a hundred times." She did not expect this business genius to face such troubles when it came to farming. However, it humanized him in a way. It meant that he was not perfect.

From the beginning, Gong Tianhao gave her the feeling that he was omnipotent. He was extremely smart and handsome. However, when it came to crops, he couldn't even tell the difference between cauliflower and Brussel sprouts. He was not born to be a farmer.

Xiao Lingyu walked among the rows of crops and studied them. When they were ready for harvest, it would be around the time she was ready to give birth. It was about another month away.

Gong Tianhao looked at the crops and sighed. "Our son is really blessed. When he is born, it will be during the autumn harvest season. Doesn't the villagers say that it means he won't have to worry about food for the rest of his life?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "I didn't expect you to be so superstitious."

Gong Tianchen said seriously, "Am I being superstitious? I truly believe that our son is blessed."

Blessed?

Xiao Lingyu was a little dazed.

In her previous life, Xiao Tong was born around the same time. When he was born, his family was already in tatters. After he was born, he was mocked by the villagers. He was despised, looked down upon, and called a bastard. His biological mother ignored and hated him.

When Xiao Lingyu was pregnant, she was often in a daze. She didn't eat much. As a result, Xiao Tong was weak and sick after he was born. Every few days, he had to go to the hospital for injections.

As a mother, she never even gave Xiao Tong a

hug.

Was Xiao Tong blessed?

No, he was pitiful and miserable. That was because he had an irresponsible mother.

At this point, Xiao Lingyu started to cry.

She regretted what she had done in her previous life. She couldn't be more shameless and stupid. How could she blame everything on a child who didn't even know anything?

"Yu 'Er, Yu 'Er," Gong Tianhao panicked when he saw Xiao Lingyu's red eyes. "Yu 'Er," Gong Tianhao called out for the third time. He grabbed Xiao Lingyu's shoulder and finally woke her up.

Xiao Lingyu came back to her senses and looked at Gong Tianhao's worried eyes. She asked with a confused expression, "What's wrong?"

Gong Tianhao looked worried and asked with concern, "I should be the one asking that. Why are you crying all of a sudden?"

Xiao Lingyu asked in confusion, "Am I crying?" Then, she wiped her eyes with her hand. She felt wetness on her fingers. She muttered, "I was really crying." She would cry whenever she thought of Xiao Tong. Xiao Tong really had a harsh life.

Gong Tianhao, "... Yu 'Er didn't even know that she was crying?"

His expression became more and more worried.

'Why was Yuler crying?

'Was she thinking about something sad in the past?

'Was it something I said?'

Gong Tianhao asked anxiously and worriedly, "Yu 'Er, what's wrong? Tell me, okay? You're making me worried."

This had happened a few times before. They would be in the middle of conversations, and Xiao Lingyu would burst into tears without warning.

Gong Tianhao thought about those times, and he realized they all happened when they talked about their child.

Gong Tianhao narrowed his eyes and stared at Xiao Lingyu. Then, he asked sharply, "Yu 'Er, why did you cry? Did you remember something bad? Why is it that you cry whenever we talk about our child?" Gong Tianhao held Xiao Lingyu's hand tightly to his chest. With a pleading look in his eyes, he said, "Yu 'Er, can you tell me? I've noticed that you'd cry whenever we talk about our child." Xiao Lingyu was shocked. She raised her head and stared at Gong Tianhao's serious eyes. Her pupils constricted.

Chapter 447 Past Life

Gong Tianhao's expression was serious. Xiao Lingyu's pupils contracted, and her heart suddenly jumped. She opened her mouth and said, "Tianhao, I don't know what to say. Can you let me think about it?"

Gong Tianhao knew that Xiao Lingyu definitely had more secrets, but he would not force her.

However, it was strange that Xiao Lingyu would cry every time they mentioned the child. Her expression was filled with sadness, pain, and regret.

If Xiao Lingyu had lost a child in the past, her behavior would seem normal.

However, he knew very well that Xiao Lingyu had never had a child. She was pregnant now, and the child had a complete family, so she should be happy when they talked about the child's future. But why was she crying instead? This was obviously not right. Gong Tianhao pursed his lips tightly and stared at Xiao Lingyu with concern. Then, he replied, "Okay. But, Yu 'Er..."

As he said this, he raised his hand to comb Xiao Lingyu's hair and said sincerely, "No matter what kind of secret you have, I hope that you can try to believe me. Believe me, no matter what, I won't hurt you."

Xiao Lingyu's pupils constricted again, and then she replied, "Okay!"

She felt that Gong Tianhao had no reason to hurt her.

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"Xiao Tong, Xiao Tong, it's Mom who has let you down."

Xiao Lingyu stood in front of Xiao Tong's bed and saw a woman who looked exactly like her kneeling on the ground, leaning against the bed and crying in pain.

This scene was so familiar.

Xiao Lingyu was shocked.

What was going on?

Had she gone back to her previous life? But that was not right either because she was looking at another Xiao Lingyu. She didn't get

it.

At that moment, Mother Xiao walked over angrily. When she saw Xiao Lingyu in front of the bed, she was extremely angry. She walked up to her and slapped her in the face.

Xiao Lingyu covered her face, which had been slapped.

"Mom," Xiao Lingyu, who was floating in the air, called out subconsciously.

At this moment, she also noticed that her mother, who was not even fifty years old, had already had white hair on her temples. Her face was haggard, and she was extremely thin.

Her face was full of sorrow and anger mixed with worry and heartache. She didn't look like Mother Xiao from the new life.

Mother Xiao scolded angrily, "Xiao Lingyu, what right do you have to be crying here?"

The scenes were so familiar that it was like a replay of a movie, re-showing in front of her.

In her previous life, she was an elite in the workplace.

By the time she understood that her son was innocent, it was already too late. So, she let her mother beat and scold her.

Her world was consumed by sadness. She watched with a dull expression as Xiao Tong was brought home from the hospital and buried in the ancestral grave of the Xiao family in Taoyuan Village.

As for Xiao Lingyu in the previous life, she died of grief.

The grandson died of illness, and the daughter died of grief. In just half a month, Father Xiao and Mother Xiao had lost their two closest relatives.

The two of them instantly aged by dozens of years, and their hair turned white overnight.

Mother Xiao blamed herself endlessly. "If I didn't blame and hit Yu 'Er, perhaps she'd still be here with us. Tong 'Er, Yu 'Er, how can you leave behind your mother and grandmother like this..."

Father Xiao didn't cry, but his eyes were red, and he looked extremely sad. Father Xiao hugged his wife and did not say a word.

The other members of the Xiao family also looked sad.

They never thought that Xiao Lingyu, who had once ignored her own son, would die from grief because of her son's death.

Their deaths covered the family in a pall of despair.

'Yu 'Er, how can you be so heartless?'

Xiao Lingye saw his once happy family fall apart and disappear in just a few years.

His expression was sorrowful. His hands were clenched into fists, and his veins were throbbing as he endured the thick hatred in his heart.

The root of all this came from Chen Ran, that scumbag

For the sake of his bright future, he actually framed his sister. He even instigated the Chen Family to come and make trouble every day. They ruined his sister and his family's reputation.

That was not all. He even sent over a gang of gangsters to cripple and injure his family. That way, Chen Ran wouldn't be afraid of revenge.

Xiao Lingye sneered. Karma would come. It was always watching.

'Chen Ran, Zhao Wenwan, and the Chen Family, do you really think there won't be any retribution?'

'You've caused a great tragedy to my family. I will return it to you ten times over!'

"President," A man in a black suit walked up to Xiao Lingye and respectfully handed him the item in his hand. "This is all the information about Huiqing Group, Chen Ran, Zhao Wenman, and the results of the investigation."

Xiao Lingye took it over and quickly flipped through it a few times. He said indifferently, "Yes, not bad."

Then he ordered, "Act according to the plan! I want all those who have participated to receive their retribution!"

"Yes!" The man answered.

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“What did you say? Someone has intervened with the Huiqing Group?” Xiao Lingye’s cold face was tightly furrowed. “Then, does this person want to protect Huiqing Group?”

His face was serious.

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in this life, Huiqing Group had become one of the largest enterprises in City Z. If he wanted to ruin it, he needed to gather more power. Xiao Lingye had been preparing for two years. He sent people to collect all sorts of evidence on Huiqing Group, such as tax evasion and various scandals. He also had evidence of Zhao Huiqing having a mistress, a bastard son, and so on.

Such scandals could be horrible for a big company. Once they were exposed, their reputation would be ruined. But most importantly, the company stock would drop. Tax evasion was the heaviest because China was very strict about these things. If the tax audit really found something, the company would have to take immediate action or wait for closure.

Xiao Lingye did not want to deliver them a quick death sentence. He wanted to torture them bit by bit. Xiao Lingye hated the couple who had harmed his family. However, he knew that these people would run free as long as they had their family’s wealth and the Huiqing Group backing them. Therefore, in order to take revenge on them, he had to destroy their backer first. Without a backer, Xiao Lingye could crush them as easily as crushing an ant.

Xiao Lingye would have them taste what it was like to lose everything. He wanted them to suffer as he did back then. He once had a beautiful and happy family, but because of their selfishness and callousness, their family had been living in hell for the past few years. His sister and his nephew were gone. This added to the pain. Xiao Lingye hated them so much.

Chen Ran and the Chen Family.

Zhao Wenman and the Zhao Family.

These people and the others who had bullied his family when they were down.

Xiao Lingye had made something of himself. Why shouldn’t he take revenge?

Xiao Lingyu had been standing beside her brother the whole time.

She saw how her happy and lively little brother became this cold and fierce person.

She felt great heartache.

She now knew what she was witnessing was the things that had happened after her death. She knew that her little brother would become someone great, but she had no idea he would become a CEO.

He could destroy the Huiqing Group just like that. He was amazing.

In order to take revenge on the Huiqing Group, Xiao Lingyu had worked hard in her past life. However, even during her death, she was just a middle-level white-collar worker. She couldn’t even touch a big company like Huiqing Group. However, she was also a person who refused to admit defeat. She believed

she would take down the Huiqing Group one day. However, before that day came, she died of grief because of her son's death.

Now, her younger brother was going to help her take revenge.

She should be happy that her younger brother had grown and become so strong. However, it had come at such a heavy price.

Xiao Lingyu stood beside her little brother, her face full of tears. She wanted to hug her younger brother but realized that her hand was transparent as it passed through Xiao Lingye's body.

She couldn't touch him!

Xiao Lingyu covered her mouth and burst into tears.

Perhaps it was telepathy between the siblings because Xiao Lingye seemed to have sensed his sister's existence. His expression suddenly changed, and he lost his composure.

He anxiously shouted, "Sis, Sis, are you back?"

"Yes, I'm back," Xiao Lingyu covered her mouth and replied while crying. However, Xiao Lingye couldn't hear her at all.

His eyes were red as tears flowed down his cheeks. He said, "Sis, Mom and Dad don't blame you anymore. Xiao Tong won't blame you either. Don't hate them, okay?" The young CEO started to cry like a three-year-old child.

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "Little brother, why would you think that? How could I ever hate you guys? If anything, I hate myself..."

Xiao Lingye could not hear his sister's voice. He said, "Sis, you can rest in peace now. I've become powerful enough to protect our family. I will also take revenge on those who have harmed you and our family. I will let them know that what is owed must be repaid."

Xiao Lingyu said with tears in her eyes, "Yes, but Ye 'Er, you must be careful too."

After all, Huiqing Group had already become one of the top five big companies in City Z. They had a certain amount of power.

Most importantly, even though her brother was the CEO of a big company, his company was situated in Beijing. He would have trouble if he wanted to start something in City Z.

She was worried that once Zhao Huiqing and Chen Ran knew that her brother was causing trouble behind the scene, they would come after him. They would resort to dirty tricks.

If possible, Xiao Lingyu hoped that her parents and brother would just be safe and sound. There was no need for revenge anymore.

While Xiao Lingye was talking to his sister, Xiao Lingye's subordinates came over to report.

"President, someone has announced the purchasing of Huiqing Group." "What?"

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Xiao Lingyu was standing in front of Xiao Lingye when her vision suddenly turned black. The scene in front of her instantly changed. Xiao Lingyu was confused. Before she could see, she heard two familiar voices.

“Tianhao, a person can not be resurrected after death. You... you need to take care of yourself!”

‘Tianhao?’ Xiao Lingyu’s expression immediately changed. She opened her eyes. There were two people in front of a black desk.

She was extremely familiar with these two people.

The person who spoke just now was Gong Tianhao’s special assistant, Li Yuanhang.

‘Is this Tianhao?’ Xiao Lingyu was extremely puzzled. However, before she could think, a happy expression appeared on her face. She quickly ran over and shouted, “Tianhao, Tianhao...”

However, she stopped. Just like Xiao Lingye, there was no reaction from the people she was watching

Xiao Lingyu walked over and carefully stretched out her hand to touch Gong Tianhao’s shoulders. Her hand passed through his body. Xiao Lingyu tried the same thing again and had the same result.

Xiao Lingyu turned around and patted Li Yuanhang’s shoulder. It went through him as well.

Xiao Lingyu finally understood that these people could not see or hear her. She was in a soul state. But why did this happen to her, and why did she return to her previous life?

Gong Tianhao looked a little sad. He said, “If I had found them earlier, the mother and son would have been fine and wouldn’t have been bullied. They would still be alive and well.”

Xiao Lingyu was a little confused at first. ‘Who is he talking about? Has he married in this life already?’ Xiao Lingyu’s heart suddenly hurt.

Li Yuanhang sighed heavily and said, “But, Tianhao, this is not your fault. You didn’t even know of their existence before this. If it weren’t for the hospital’s accidental matching of blood types, we wouldn’t have discovered that you have a son.”

Gong Tianhao was filled with regret. He shook his head and said, “No, back then in City Z, I should have known about this. I thought that someone had sent the girl to my room as a gift.

“I had slept with her. But I left earlier because we had a business deal to discuss. When we came back, she was already gone.”

Xiao Lingyu, “...” Why does this sound so familiar?

Li Yuanhang listened quietly. He knew that Tianhao was filled with regret and self-blame Li Yuanhang also blamed himself. He was of the opinion that the girl had an ulterior motive so he didn’t launch an investigation. Who would have thought that the girl was drugged and ended up in Gong Tianhao’s room by accident?

Even more surprising was Gong Tianhao, who normally didn’t touch women, would sleep with her that night, and he instantly impregnated her.

However, just as Gong Tianhao was glad to find out that he had a son, he also found out that his son and the son's mother were dead.

Li Yuanhang said, "Tianhao, I'm also at fault. If we had investigated carefully back then, we might have noticed that she was completely innocent. She was drugged by someone and came to your room by accident. Perhaps..." Li Yuanhang did not continue to say anything after that.

Who knew what would have happened next? Perhaps they would have asked the girl to have an abortion. Perhaps they would give her money to keep this incident under wraps.

Li Yuanhang sighed deeply and said, "Tianhao..."

He really didn't know how to comfort Gong Tianhao.

Li Yuanhang then said, "Tianhao, do you really intend to buy Huiqing Group?"

At that moment, Gong Tianhao's eyes turned from sadness to coolness. "I need to avenge my son and his mother.

"I will not forgive these people. We will start with the acquisition of Huiqing Group. That Zhao Wenman has done many vicious things, but she hasn't been punished because of her rich father.

"Things are about to change. Without her father's money, we'll see what will happen to her. When the time comes, I'll send the husband to Africa as a slave and the wife to the brothel.

"As for Huiqing Group, it'll be mine. Zhao Huiqing will rot in prison."

Li Yuanhang nodded. Then, he thought of something and said with a serious expression, "Tianhao, before we took action, there was already another party targeting Huiqing Group."

"Who is it?" Gong Tianhao asked sternly.

Li Yuanhang sighed and said, "It's Xiao Lingyu's younger brother, Xiao Lingye." Xiao Lingyu's eyes immediately widened in disbelief.

So, Gong Tianhao was taking revenge for her.

When Gong Tianhao heard this, he frowned and asked with slight doubt, "Xiao Lingyu's younger brother, Xiao Lingye?"

Li Yuanhang nodded, "Yes, many years ago, Xiao Lingye's leg was broken by the Chen family. Because he was not treated in time, and because of the limitations of the medical technology and equipment in the small hospital, he became crippled." Gong Tianhao looked at him with confusion. A cripple managed to threaten Huiqing Group?

"Later, he worked hard and was sent to Beijing University. When he was a freshman, he started a technology company with a few classmates.

"From a small company with a few people, it developed into a large company with tens of millions of shares within two years. However, because of their greed, his classmates wanted to monopolize the company, so they plotted to take his shares.

“He was exceptionally sharp and decisively sold his part of the company’s shares. He completely withdrew from that technology company. “However, after his withdrawal, the company went bankrupt not long after. Many people said that it was Xiao Lingye’s doing because he was the only one who was most familiar with the management of the company. It was very easy for him to ruin the company from the inside.

“Xiao Lingye did not admit or deny it.

“When he was in his fourth year of university, he suddenly revealed that he had signed a contract with a major company that was ranked 50th in the world and became the company’s representative in China.

“He was out for revenge.”

When Gong Tianhao heard this, his cold face smiled and said, “Alright, since he wants revenge, we’ll help him.”

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After that, Xiao Lingyu stayed by Gong Tianhao’s side. She saw him help her younger brother cut through all the trouble in his way.

As Xiao Lingyu expected, when Zhao Huiqing and Chen Ran found out Xiao Lingye was the one who had been attacking them, their eyes widened in shock and disbelief.

The little boy who followed behind him in the past, calling Brother Ran, had grown up to be so powerful.

Xiao Lingye had received news from his subordinates that there was another group of people who wanted to buy Huiqing Group. However, there was no progress after that.

However, he was happy because he could take revenge with his own two hands. He followed his plan and dealt with them step by step.

He exposed the scandals of the Zhao family one by one.

First, Zhao Huiqing’s mistress came to the Zhao Family with her son to visit. When Zhao Huiqing allowed his son to stay at home, his wife was so angry that she fainted, but he didn’t care.

After all, the Zhao Family had a big business. Even though he had a son-in-law, he’d rather his son inherit it.

The media reported this matter wantonly.

Once the scandal was exposed, it immediately caused a stir in Huiqing Group’s stock market.

After that, Zhao Wenman was exposed to keeping a gigolo from a nightclub.

When Zhao Wenman found out that her father had an illegitimate son and her father was grooming him to be his successor, Zhao Wenman was furious. Originally, as the only daughter, Zhao Wenman was going to have everything. However, now a bastard child came to snatch everything from her. How could she accept this?

Therefore, when her three-year-old younger brother was walking down the stairs, she pushed him. He didn't die, but when he fell, his one eye was crushed into the edge of the staircase. He became one-eye blinded.

This was an attempted murder, but Zhao Huiqing covered it up for his face and his daughter.

Naturally, the boy's mother was not satisfied. She went to the police directly. Then, the media found out, and the thing blew up. With the media pressure and the pressure from above, as well as concrete evidence, the police had to arrest Zhao Wenman.

With this, the already swaying Huiqing Group collapsed. Within a day, the stock price dipped to its lowest.

Zhao Huiqing and Chen Ran were so busy saving the company that they were overwhelmed. They tried their best to find a bank loan or an investor, but there was no response.

Zhao Huiqing was so angry that he kept smashing things. The furniture crashed into Chen Ran, and his body bruised and bled. However, Chen Ran did not dare to say a word.

He had gotten used to it over the past seven years. Ever since he married Zhao Wenman, he had been living like this.

As long as this father-in-law was unhappy, he would take it out on him.

At first, Zhao Wenman, who was his wife, would protect him a little. However, as time passed, she began to feel bored. Gradually, she also got tired of this man who she had tried so hard to get in the past. The saying was true. You always want the things you can't have.

In the past, she really liked Chen Ran, this handsome and ambitious man. However, what really got her going was this man had a girlfriend of ten years. All the women in the company envied his girlfriend. Zhao Wenman adored the challenge. So she kept seducing him. From the initial rejection to the later acceptance, Zhao Wenman found it very interesting. During this period of time, she did fall in love with Chen Ran. It was why she used the trick to frame Xiao Lingyu to protect Chen Ran's reputation.

However, due to their unequal status, there was always a certain gap between them. Zhao Huiqing also looked down on this son-in-law, who came from the countryside.

Zhao Wenman became extremely impatient when dealing with these two men's conflicts. As time passed, her interest in Chen Ran waned.

During a cocktail party, she saw the most honorable man in City Z, Yan Siming.

She was mesmerized by his beauty. She put on her best dress to try to seduce him, but she was ignored. She tried to get close to him until she was barred from coming close to within 10 meters of Yan Siming. If she did, she would be thrown out by Yan Siming's bodyguards. This became a joke in the upper-class circle of City Z. Of course they laughed at the husband, Chen Ran too.

His wife openly tried to seduce another man, yet he still didn't do anything. What a useless man.

Zhao Wenman's action made the Zhao Family lose face. She became a laughingstock. Zhao Huiqing was so angry that he scolded his daughter again. He even scolded his son-in-law and ordered him to control his wife.

Chen Ran was so angry that he almost hit someone. Zhao Huiqing had raised his daughter for decades, and he still couldn't control her, so what could he do? Plus, Chen Ran was not allowed to scold or hit Zhao Wenman, so how was he supposed to control her?

Chen Ran was extremely aggrieved. But he couldn't say anything to counter. He could only endure it.

Once he got home, Chen Ran became Zhao Wenman's punching bag again. She called him a weakling, a useless thing.

She said that if it weren't for her, he wouldn't have become the general manager of Huiqing Group. In short, she insulted him like there was no tomorrow.

As angry as Chen Ran was, he could only coax his wife until she became tired. After Zhao Wenman's fire went out and she went to bed, Chen Ran went out to smoke on the balcony. He looked annoyed and regretful.

If he had not been seduced by Zhao Wenman, if he had married Xiao Lingyu, the two of them would definitely be able to live a comfortable life.

But life had no regret.

Zhao Wenman woke up in the middle of the night and walked out to the balcony. When she saw the regret on Chen Ran's face, her anger flared up again. She immediately questioned angrily, "You're thinking of that bitch again, aren't you? Do you regret it?" "No!" Chen Ran answered weakly and helplessly.

It would have been fine if he kept silent because this only gave Zhao Wenman more ammo.

"No? Then what is that remorse on your face?"

"Let me tell you. It's useless even if you regret it now. You made your own choice back then. No one put a knife to your neck. "That bitch..."

Then, everything was the same. Zhao Wenman beat and scolded him. She only stopped when she was tired. This had been happening for the past few years.

Even so, Chen Ran did not have the courage to ask for a divorce. Because once he did, he would no longer be the general manager of the Huiqing Group. He would lose his footing in the business world. If he got a divorce, he would end up with nothing. No one would dare to hire him after he was fired lest they offend the Huiqing Group.

Now that Zhao Wenman had been arrested, the company's stock quickly fell. Chen Ran did not care at all about his wife, but he was extremely concerned about the fluctuation of the stock.

In his heart, he had a sense of anger. He always thought that Huiqing Group would be his in the future. Naturally, he was more concerned about it than any other party.

After Zhao Huiqing vented his anger on Chen Ran, he calmed down. He thought for a moment and ordered, "Go and ask around. Is there anyone who is specifically against our Huiqing Group?" After all, the current Huiqing Group was already one of the largest companies. It had power and connections.

However, when he tried to search for help, all his connections avoided him. Zhao Huiqing thus knew that something was up.

However, in the entire Z business world, the only people who had the ability to challenge Huiqing Group were the Yan Corporation, or rather, Yan Siming.

Would Yan Siming take revenge on Huiqing Group due to Zhao Wenman's harassment?

Zhao Huiqing wouldn't put that past Yan Siming.

However, he also knew that no matter how powerful Yan Siming was, he couldn't cause such a big earthquake to Huiqing Group so easily and so quickly. Zhao Huiqing was uncertain and confused.