

I Regained 341

Chapter 341: Voting Manipulation

LiYing's sharp tone, interrupted the host, "Wait!"

Her outburst caused all eyes to turn towards her.

She stood up abruptly, her voice icy as she challenged, "I got tens of millions more votes than Wei Jia, so why is she the winner? I can't believe such a mistake could happen in a big company like Gu Group. However, if you set up a special prize just for me, I might let this go."

The host replied seriously, "Sorry, the organizer have no plans for a special prize."

Gu Dai stepped onto the stage, meeting Li Ying's gaze with a calm expression, "As I mentioned earlier, Gu Group values fairness and integrity. We do not tolerate vote manipulation."

Li Ying, feeling as if Gu Dai knew something, averted her gaze in fear. She quickly defended herself, "I didn't manipulate the votes! And you said Gu Group's system is secure, so how could I?"

Gu Dai nodded, then asked after a few seconds, "Are you sure?"

Li Ying affirmed, "Of course, I'm sure!"

Gu Dai approached the computer, typing a few keys. The top three vote counts appeared on the big screen.

"This is the actual vote count for our competition," Gu Dai explained.

On the screen, Wei Jia had 50 million votes, Mao Ni 20 million, and Wang Wu 6 million.

Confused, Li Ying demanded, "What does this prove?"

"Just wait and see," Gu Dai said calmly.

The screen shifted to display Li Ying's name, showing 18 million votes in blue and 82 million in light yellow, totaling 100 million votes.

Gasps filled the room, "100 million votes!"

Gu Dai explained, "We allowed only the first 100 million people into our voting system, but you received 100 million votes, meaning everyone voted for you. But the reality is you only got 18 million votes."

Li Ying stood frozen, her voice trembling, "I didn't manipulate the votes, you're framing me!"

Mao Ni interjected, "Li Ying, we're not fools. We can see your panic."

The crowd nodded in agreement.

Li Ying glared at them, then turned to Gu Dai, "Didn't you say your system is so secure, and I got 18 million votes. I should be third, right?"

Gu Dai responded, "Gu Group doesn't welcome dishonest people. We opened up the system to find the manipulator."

Li Ying lowered her head, fists clenched, teeth gritted, "Even if I did manipulate the votes, are Wei Jia's 50 million votes genuine?"

Gu Dai remained silent while gazing at her.

Li Ying, in fear, started to tremble as she continued, "Even if they are, they must have beautified her Suzhou Embroidery while leaving ours unchanged."

She was growing more certain, "You used us to make Wei Jia's embroidery look better than ours!"

Wei Jia, usually composed, couldn't hold back in Li Ying's constant bashing, "My work is original, without any beautification. Gu Group is fair and wouldn't do such a thing!"

Li Ying scoffed, "You might be in cahoots with Gu Group. Show your work and compare it with the photos online!"

She was determined to bring down Gu Group and Wei Jia after her cheating was exposed.

Unfazed, Gu Dai asked, "Are you sure your work wasn't beautified?"

"Absolutely," Li Ying asserted.

Gu Dai turned to the other contestants, "Did anyone notice differences between their actual work and the photos online?"

"No," they replied.

Gu Dai requested, "Please bring Wei Jia's work for comparison."

Soon, Wei Jia's storage was brought on stage and the work was displayed on the big screen.

"It's exactly the same!"

"No beautification at all."

“After hearing a few of her accusations, I never believed Li Ying’s rumors from the start.”

“Now the evidence is right before her eyes. Let’s see what Li Ying says now.”

Stunned, Li Ying approached, disbelief in her voice, “Wei Jia’s work was supposed to be destroyed.. How can you still have it?”

Chapter 342: Lies Exposed

Gu Dai’s eyes narrowed slightly, her voice calm and collected, “I recall nobody mentioned that it was Wei Jia’s work that was destroyed. How did you come to know this?”

Indeed, how did Li Ying know?

The crowd’s gaze turned towards her, filled with suspicion.

Caught off guard, Li Ying stammered, “I... I was just guessing.”

Gu Dai’s lips curved into a slight smile, “Your guess is quite accurate. It was the cabinet labeled with Wei Jia’s name that was damaged.”

Li Ying’s eyes lit up for a moment, then quickly clouded with confusion, “What do you mean?”

Gu Dai explained, “Last night, your and Wei Jia’s works were mistakenly placed in the wrong cabinets. So, the work that was actually destroyed was yours.”

Li Ying's world spun. She hastily opened her cabinet, and upon seeing her damaged embroidery, turned to Gu Dai in disbelief.

Suddenly, a thought struck her.

With reddened eyes, Li Ying tearfully accused, "You sabotaged my work to help Wei Jia win! You photographed mine poorly, posted it online, and then destroyed it to cover your tracks!"

The crowd's gaze upon Li Ying was akin to looking at a fool.

Lost in her delusion, Li Ying failed to notice the shift in their expressions, continuing, "Gu Group, such shameless tactics! I'll expose your actions to the world!"

Gu Dai responded, "I remember asking you if there was any issue with your work. Your answer was 'no'."

Realizing her earlier response, panic flickered in Li Ying's eyes, but she maintained her facade, "I glanced too quickly and didn't notice. Now I see there is a problem."

Gu Dai's gaze darkened. She signaled to the staff, "Bring him up."

Confused by Gu Dai's words, Li Ying's bewilderment turned to shock when Liu San was brought forward. Her body trembled slightly.

Gu Dai spoke calmly, "Gu Group does not tolerate such incidents. We apprehended the culprit immediately after discovering the tampered cabinet. Don't worry, Li Ying, we will ensure he explains everything."

Li Ying couldn't bear the thought of her deeds being exposed. Frantically, she waved her hands, "No, no need, I..."

Liu San interrupted her, confessing, "It was you who arranged for me to damage Wei, Wei... whatever's work!"

"I realize my mistake now. Even if someone pays me in the future, I won't commit such acts again." Liu San said.

Li Ying's face turned ashen, her body shaking with rage, pointing at Liu San, "You're lying!"

Liu San retorted, "I'm telling the truth, and I have call records to prove that Li Ying contacted me."

He quickly scrolled through his phone, displaying the call history between him and Li Ying.

Haunted by Gu Dai's threat the previous night, Liu San didn't dare to hesitate.

He was an orphan with no family or friends; if he died, no one would even notice.

The crowd, seeing the call records, looked at Li Ying with disdain.

"Li Ying's embroidery skills are exceptional, yet she chose to sabotage her own future."

"Indeed, but her despicable actions outweigh any pity."

"The worst are those like Li Ying who plot behind others' backs and deny everything when exposed."

Hearing the condemning words, Li Ying's eyes reddened further, her gaze filled with fury, fixated on Gu Dai.

It was all her fault. If Gu Dai hadn't brought Liu San forward, her actions and vote manipulation would have remained hidden.

Blinded by rage, Li Ying lunged at Gu Dai, aiming a strike at her face.

Before she could land the hit, Gu Dai swiftly kicked her away.

With arms crossed, Gu Dai looked down at Li Ying, sprawled on the ground, "You can't defeat me."

The security guards arrived, their gaze cold as they stared at Li Ying.

Pain engulfing her, Li Ying rose from the ground and left the scene with a dark expression.

The security asked Gu Dai, "Miss Gu, should we bring her back?"

Gu Dai shook her head, "No, let her go."

As Li Ying exited the venue, she dialed Gu Ming's number, angrily questioning him as soon as he answered, "What kind of person did you set me up with? Not only did he fail to get the job done, but he also exposed me!"

Chapter 343: He Missed You

Under the scathing accusations of Li Ying, Gu Ming's face turned ashen, his tone brimming with displeasure. "I warned you earlier that she's not easy to deal with. Although I arranged for someone, the method was your idea. You didn't plan it well, and now you're blaming me? What's the use?"

Li Ying took several deep breaths, suppressing the anger in her heart. "It's all because of that woman. Even my competition qualification has been revoked. What should I do now?"

Gu Ming replied, "I have a way for you to get your revenge, but it's up to you whether you're willing to do it."

Without a second thought, Li Ying eagerly agreed, "I'm willing!"

After hearing Gu Ming's plan, a smile curled up on Li Ying's lips. She spoke in a cold, shrill voice, "I didn't want to do this either. Blame yourself for provoking me!"

After Li Ying's departure, the competition venue once again buzzed with laughter and cheers, especially among those who hadn't won any prizes. They were thrilled upon learning about a consolation prize of 100,000.

"Thank you, beautiful sister."

"Beautiful sister is like a goddess of wealth! I've decided, from now on, the first thing I'll do every morning is to light three sticks of incense for the beautiful sister!"

"You're exaggerating. For me, it's different. I'll keep the beautiful sister in my heart for a lifetime. Even if I forget the whole world, I'll never forget her!"

Gu Dai, feeling helpless, shook her head and announced, "Everyone has worked hard in the competition these past few days. Tonight, I've specially organized a banquet for everyone to relax and enjoy."

The crowd was stunned, then burst into excited cheers, chattering about what they would wear to the event.

The banquet was held in the most luxurious hotel in the Capital City.

Not only the contestants attended, but the judges were there too.

"My gosh, this is so luxurious."

"If it weren't for the beautiful sister, I don't think I'd ever have the chance to come to such a grand place in my life."

"I need to take lots of photos to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime experience."

"Hey, who is that handsome man who just came in?"

"I saw him standing with the beautiful sister a few days ago. I guess he might be one of her admirers."

These children, usually engrossed in studying Suzhou embroidery, were unfamiliar with the financial world and thus did not recognize Song Ling's identity.

Upon seeing Song Ling, Gu Dai's brow furrowed slightly, but she quickly averted her gaze.

She didn't want to create any conflict with him in such a setting. Ignoring his presence, she stood up with a smile and said, "The dishes here are quite good. Everyone, please eat more. If it's not enough, feel free to ask the waiters for more."

"Awesome!"

Wei Jia stood up, her lips curving into a light smile. She whispered, "Beautiful sister, thank you. I know if it weren't for your help, the work that was destroyed today would have been mine, and I wouldn't have achieved this ranking."

After finishing her words, Wei Jia raised her glass and drank it in one gulp.

However, having never drunk alcohol before, she coughed continuously, her face turning red.

Mao Ni quickly patted Wei Jia's back.

Gu Dai also finished her drink and said softly once Wei Jia had recovered, "It's okay. Maintaining fairness in the competition is something I should do."

Wei Jia nodded obediently and promised, "I'll definitely study Suzhou embroidery even harder and pass on this technique!"

Gu Dai replied with a smile, "Good."

Zhen Chan nodded in approval. "Keep it up, child. Your work is excellent, in terms of color, stitching, and creativity. As long as you stay humble and diligent, you'll surely make great achievements."

Wei Jia blushed with modesty but firmly said, "I'll work hard!"

Song Ling, watching Gu Dai, who radiated charm and wore a smile, found himself smiling unconsciously.

Just then, the door was knocked upon.

Two handsome men entered, drawing everyone's attention.

One had a cool and detached appearance, unapproachable, while the other exuded a bold charisma.

Upon seeing them, Gu Dai walked over with a smile and asked, "Su Ting, Third Brother, what brings you here?"

Meng Zhi leaned against the door, glancing at Su Ting and said helplessly, "He missed you and insisted on coming to find you."

Meng Zhi, entrusted by Gu Dai to watch over Su Ting, had also come along. Seeing Song Ling in the private room, he felt relieved he had come.

Gu Dai looked at Su Ting, disapprovingly saying, "You're still injured.. How could you run around like this?"

Chapter 344: Complicated Relationship

Su Ting gently grasped Gu Dai's hand, speaking in a soft voice, "Sis, don't worry. I feel that my injury is almost healed."

Gu Dai looked at Su Ting, her urge to send him home to rest dissipating. She advised, "Be careful later, okay? Don't hurt yourself."

Su Ting nodded obediently, replying, "Okay."

Despite Su Ting's belief that his injuries were not severe, Gu Dai always seemed overly concerned about them, treating them as if they were more serious.

Song Ling's face darkened as he watched the cheerful exchange between Gu Dai and Su Ting.

He had just been discussing a partnership with the Wang Corporation at the hotel. Upon seeing Gu Dai, he had hurriedly signed the contract and rushed to her private room.

He felt like an invisible man to Gu Dai, who showed no concern for him, yet she was completely different with Su Ting.

Even Song Ling, who wasn't the sharpest, could sense that Gu Dai was targeting him, and him alone.

Mao Ni wrapped her arms around herself, leaning close to Wei Jia to whisper, "Jiajia, do you suddenly feel cold?"

Wei Jia nodded and gave Mao Ni a look, subtly hinted that the chill emanated from Song Ling.

Everyone else seemed to feel it too.

“This is certainly a complicated relationship.”

“It’s no surprise the beautiful sister has so many handsome admirers. But, don’t you think the man talking to her looks familiar?”

“I thought so too, as if I’ve seen him somewhere.”

“I think he looks like Su Ting, and it might even be him!”

“Wow, so thrilling. I always thought Su Ting would live a desireless life alone. I never expected him to have someone he likes and to act so differently in front of her, devoid of any detachment!”

While everyone was discussing, Gu Dai had already settled Su Ting and Meng Zhi into their seats.

Upon seeing Song Ling, Su Ting’s gaze turned colder.

Song Ling returned the look with icy eyes.

Zheng Ming approached Gu Dai and whispered, “Chairwoman Gu, the CEO of Wen Corporation, Wen He, is asking if you have time to discuss a partnership.”

Gu Dai nodded and replied, “Let’s go.”

As Gu Dai was about to leave, Su Ting instinctively grabbed her hand, calling out, “Sis.”

Gu Dai patiently explained, “I’ve been busy with the Suzhou embroidery collaboration and postponed the meeting with Wen Corporation. I’ll be back in about ten minutes.”

Su Ting released her hand and replied, “Okay.”

Meng Zhi and Song Ling watched as Gu Dai left.

In her absence, the three men no longer suppressed their imposing auras, eyeing each other with animosity.

Zhen Chan watched them calmly, taking a bite of her food, wondering whom Gu Dai would eventually fall for.

Meanwhile, in the hotel lobby, Li Ying lowered her cap, her gaze covertly fixed on Gu Dai, who was talking to a middle-aged man.

Li Ying's eyes flashed with disdain, her twisted thoughts belittling Gu Dai for engaging in illicit relations with the man while pretending to be pure.

Li Ying handed a card with 100,000 to a waiter, instructing, "Give this drink to that woman."

The waiter assured her with a sincere smile, "Don't worry, miss. I'll complete the task perfectly. Just wait and watch."

Gu Dai was efficient in her negotiations, quickly finalizing the partnership with Wen He. "Mr. Wen, a pleasure doing business with you."

Wen He, admiring Gu Dai's youthful ambition, smiled, "Pleasure indeed, Chairwoman Gu. Let me offer you a toast."

Gu Dai nodded, and as the waiter approached with a drink, she accepted it.

After clinking glasses with Wen He, she tilted her head back and finished the drink in one gulp.

Li Ying, watching Gu Dai drink it all, felt a surge of insanity and excitement. She called Gu Ming, "I've followed your instructions and given the drink to that woman. The rest is up to you. Remember, don't be lenient.. Teach her a harsh lesson!"

Chapter 345: Drugged

Gu Ming needed no instruction from Li Ying, as he was already plotting something sinister. “Rest assured, I’ll arrange for someone to take several nude photos of her and leak them to the media!”

Li Ying, satisfied, ended the call.

After finalizing the partnership with Wen He, Gu Dai turned to head back to the private room. Unexpectedly, she found herself feeling dizzy and unsteady after just a few steps.

Rubbing her throbbing head, Gu Dai wondered if she was drunk, but quickly dismissed the thought.

She knew her limits with alcohol, and she had only a few sips today.

Checking her own pulse, Gu Dai realized in disbelief that she had been drugged, and with an aphrodisiac.

After pressing a few acupoints to temporarily clear her mind, she hurried to the private room, seeking Meng Zhi’s help to get home.

However, she had underestimated the drug’s potency. Despite the brief clarity from pressing her acupoints, her consciousness soon blurred again, her body growing increasingly hot and restless.

Nearby, a tall man with a scarred face approached her.

In the private room, the atmosphere was tense and silent among the three men.

Su Ting kept glancing at his phone. After ten minutes without Gu Dai's return, he stood up, "It's been ten minutes, and sister hasn't come back. I'll go look for her."

Meng Zhi, also concerned, nodded, "Go ahead."

Su Ting swiftly left the room. As he descended the stairs, he saw Gu Dai kneeling on the ground with a man lying beside her.

Rushing over, he asked, "Sis, are you feeling unwell? I'll take you to the hospital!"

As Su Ting reached out to lift Gu Dai, she suddenly grasped his wrist tightly.

Realizing it was him, he quickly reassured her, "Sis, it's me, Su Ting..."

Su Ting...

Gu Dai, in a daze, looked up at Su Ting. Confirming his identity, she released her grip and suppressed her cries, "Take me to the hospital!"

"Okay," Su Ting quickly agreed.

He helped Gu Dai up, but before he could carry her, he was pushed against a wall.

A gust of cool air brushed his face, followed by a soft touch on his lips, sending a tingling sensation through his body.

Su Ting, in disbelief, stared at the close proximity of Gu Dai.

He had kissed her...

Gu Dai, feeling like she was holding a block of ice, greedily absorbed its coolness, her hands exploring.

However, the relief lasted only minutes. Frowning, she felt every cell in her body in chaos and murmured, "Hot, it's so hot..."

Hearing her, Su Ting's eyes cleared. He held down her hands, trying to undress herself, his voice hoarse, "Sister, you've been drugged. You're not in your right mind. I'll take you to the hospital!"

Gu Dai, overwhelmed by the heat, didn't comprehend Su Ting's words. Seeing his lips move, she only knew it could relieve her heat, and she pressed his head down, kissing him again.

After Su Ting left the room, Song Ling, worried as Gu Dai hadn't returned, stepped out.

Reaching the stairway, he saw the two kissing, with Gu Dai being quite proactive. His mind exploded with rage, his fists clenched tightly.

Approaching Su Ting, Song Ling raised his hand to strike him.

However, even in her delirium, Gu Dai sensed the danger and pulled Su Ting away, her body going limp in his arms.

Song Ling, seeing Gu Dai protect Su Ting, was overcome with fury, his eyes turning red.

Su Ting, not wanting to argue with Song Ling, said coldly, "Sis has been drugged. I'm taking her to the hospital!"

Song Ling, watching Su Ting's retreating figure, was about to follow when Meng Zhi, who had also come out, stopped him.

Meng Zhi suggested, "Let's take care of the man on the ground."

Song Ling, irritated, shook off Meng Zhi's hand, "Gu Dai has been drugged. As her brother, aren't you worried about Su Ting taking advantage of her now?"

Meng Zhi replied, "I trust Su Ting's character.. Besides, if I don't stop you, you fighting him on the way could cause more harm to Daidai!"

Chapter 346:1 don't want to know

Gu Dai slowly opened her eyes, gazing blankly at the white ceiling above.

She felt a general weakness throughout her body, her head spinning slightly as if she had forgotten something. She attempted to sit up, propping herself up with her hands on the bed.

Su Ting quickly entered the ward, reaching out to support Gu Dai, expressing his concern, "Sis, don't move. Rest a bit more."

Gu Dai lay back down, puzzled, and inquired, "What happened to me?"

Su Ting paused, then asked, "Don't you remember?"

After a moment of reflection, Gu Dai replied, "I only remember finalizing a deal with Wen He and having a drink. After that, my memory is blank."

Su Ting pressed his lips together and responded, "You were drugged."

Drugged?

Clutching her head, Gu Dai recalled a few vague fragments in her mind but couldn't make out the specifics.

Who could have drugged her? Surely not Wen He?

It didn't make sense, as their deal was already concluded, and he had nothing to gain from such an act.

Who among the elite figures in the capital, allowed access to the hotel, would stoop to such despicable means?

Seeing Gu Dai's troubled expression, Su Ting softly reassured her, "Don't overthink it, Sis. Meng Zhi is investigating. Right now, your recovery is what's most important."

Gu Dai nodded in agreement, "Alright."

Suddenly, she noticed something odd about Su Ting – he seemed to be avoiding her eyes.

She looked down and called out with a serious tone, "Su Ting."

Su Ting flinched, turned to face her, and whispered, "Si-Sis, what are you..."

Gu Dai noticed his flushed face and his chapped lips, and asked with concern, "Do you have a fever? And your lips, they're injured?"

Caught off guard, Su Ting avoided her gaze and mumbled, "I'm fine. I just slept poorly last night and bit my lip."

Understanding, Gu Dai nodded. Then, remembering something, she asked curiously, "Were you about to say something earlier?"

Su Ting shook his head, "Nothing important."

He feared telling her about their kiss; after all, she was under the influence of the drug, but he wasn't.

Feeling a wave of fatigue, Gu Dai drifted back to sleep without dwelling on his words.

Su Ting watched her peaceful sleeping face and sighed in relief.

Meanwhile, at Song Corporation.

Song Ling's face was ashen. Though his eyes were on the documents, his mind wandered, replaying the scene of Gu Dai with Su Ting.

Zhao Xuan, feeling the tense atmosphere in the office, wished he could shrink into himself. He carefully placed a contract on the desk and prepared to leave.

But someone moved faster than him. A gust of wind, the door slamming shut.

Zhao Xuan turned to the empty desk, shaking his head in resignation. He knew without a doubt that President Song was off to see Miss Gu again.

Song Ling drove recklessly to the hospital. Arriving at the ward, he was startled to see Su Ting with Gu Dai, looking at her with affection.

Unable to restrain himself, he rushed towards Su Ting, fist raised.

Su Ting dodged skillfully, grabbing Song Ling's arm and asked coldly, "What are you trying to do?"

Song Ling, seething with anger, retorted, "Last night, you took advantage of Gu Dai while she was drunk. I didn't settle things with you then, but I won't let you off now!"

Su Ting scoffed and glanced at the sleeping Gu Dai, whispering, "She's resting. Let's take this outside."

Song Ling snapped, "Let's go!"

Disturbed by the noise, Gu Dai slowly opened her eyes to see the two men confronting each other and asked with a frown, "What are you doing?"

Su Ting quickly approached her, softly saying, "Sis, he needs to talk to me.

We'll sort it out outside. You keep resting."

Song Ling's expression was grim, clearly harboring ill intentions.

Gu Dai placed a hand on Su Ting and said, "Don't go."

She then turned to Song Ling, "If you have something to say, say it here.

Otherwise, President Song, you may leave."

Song Ling, infuriated by Gu Dai's defense of Su Ting, pointed at him and began, "Do you even know what he did last night..."

Gu Dai interrupted Song Ling, "I don't want to know.."

Chapter 347: There's no one behind this

Song Ling, his words halted at his lips, glared at Gu Dai with a dark expression and gritted his teeth, "Fine, Gu Dai, you actually side with him!"

Gu Dai found Song Ling's reaction perplexing. Su Ting was an employee of her company; why would she side with her ex-husband instead?

Gu Dai once again issued a dismissal, "If you have nothing else, please leave."

Song Ling coldly stated, "I came to discuss the Suzhou embroidery cooperation."

Gu Dai replied, "I'm sorry, I'm currently resting. We can talk about work matters later."

Within a few short minutes, Song Ling faced several rejections, his pride deeply wounded. He left the ward with large, hurried steps.

Su Ting looked at Gu Dai, hesitated for a long time, then finally asked softly, "Sis, aren't you curious about what Song Ling was about to say?"

Yawning, Gu Dai responded indifferently, "I'm not concerned. Besides, I trust you. If there's anything, I prefer to hear it from you, not from others."

After resting for two days and regaining her strength, Gu Dai returned to work at the office.

A knock on the office door interrupted her thoughts.

Seeing Meng Zhi enter, she asked in surprise, "Third Brother, what brings you here?"

Meng Zhi answered, "Daidai, I found out who drugged you."

Gu Dai's expression turned cold, "Who?"

Meng Zhi revealed, "Li Ying!"

Li Ying? Gu Dai furrowed her brows, trying to recall who this person was.

Meng Zhi helped her remember, "She was a contestant in the Suzhou embroidery competition, disqualified later for cheating."

The image of Li Ying slowly materialized in Gu Dai's mind.

During these days, she had considered several potential suspects but never Li

Ying, as she had never regarded her as a threat.

Gu Dai instructed, "I'll arrange for someone to bring her here."

Meng Zhi interjected, "No need, I've already had her brought here. She's outside now."

At that moment, Li Ying stood at the office door, confused, "Why have you brought me to Gu Group? Did you regret disqualifying me?"

The person who brought Li Ying spoke coldly, "You'll find out soon."

Li Ying scoffed, convinced that Gu Group had regretted their decision.

Determined, she thought, even if Gu Group begged, she wouldn't join them unless they punished that special guest, preferably disfiguring her!

Li Ying entered the office and began, "I'm telling you, if you want me at Gu Group, just punish that woman..."

She halted, startled upon seeing Gu Dai, and shrieked, "What are you doing here!"

Gu Dai, relaxed in her chair, replied casually, "This is my office. Isn't it normal for me to be here?"

Li Ying laughed dismissively, "This is the office of the Chairwoman of Gu Group. Unless you're the young miss of the Gu family, how could it be normal?"

As Li Ying spoke, a realization dawned on her, disbelief etching her face.

Before Li Ying could say more, Gu Dai spoke lightly, "Coincidentally, I am the

Chairwoman of Gu Group, the 'young miss' you mentioned."

Li Ying stood frozen, shaking her head in denial.

No, impossible! She thought Gu Dai was just a low-level employee, not the Chairwoman of Gu Group!

Gu Dai, wanting to cut the conversation short, pressed, "We've found out you were the one who drugged me. Tell me, who's behind this?"

Li Ying, her mind in chaos, denied vehemently, "It wasn't me, I didn't drug you!"

Meng Zhi played the surveillance footage from the hotel, clearly showing Li Ying spiking the drink and bribing the waiter.

With her face pale, Li Ying had no choice but to confess, determined not to reveal Gu Ming, as that would leave her with no one to turn to.

She admitted softly, "Yes, I drugged you. I did it because I was jealous of you. There's no one behind this."

Meng Zhi presented a bank statement, "Your account received 5 million yesterday. That's from the person behind this, right?"

Li Ying, suppressing her panic, claimed, "There's no one behind this. That 5 million is from my family."

Meng Zhi exhaled deeply, his question piercing, "Do you take me for a fool?"

Chapter 348: Amusement Park

Li Ying's family was not wealthy, incapable of producing five million collectively, let alone giving it to her directly.

Li Ying herself knew how absurd her statement was, but having said it, she stubbornly persisted, "That's the truth. Whether you believe it or not, there's nothing I can do."

Gu Dai watched Li Ying with a light chuckle, which quickly faded into a cold expression, "We can find out, and I recall you came to the capital alone."

Li Ying, sensing a threat in Gu Dai's words, sat down abruptly on the floor, overwhelmed with fear.

At that moment, she deeply regretted her actions. If only she had known earlier that this person was the Chairwoman of Gu Group, she would never have dared to provoke her or accept the money.

She blamed Gu Ming for her plight. If he had revealed Gu Dai's identity, she wouldn't be in this situation now.

After a long stare, Gu Dai withdrew her gaze and said leisurely, "I'll let you go this time. You may leave."

Upon hearing Gu Dai's words, Li Ying scrambled out of the office in a panic.

Meng Zhi watched Li Ying's retreating figure, puzzled, "Daidai, Li Ying is obviously lying. Why let her go?"

Gu Dai explained, "Since we can't get anything out of her now, we'll let her go temporarily. Once she lets her guard down, we can gather more evidence."

Meng Zhi nodded in understanding.

Gu Dai continued with a smile, "Besides, I have more important things to do right now."

Meng Zhi, curious, asked, "Like what?"

Gu Dai glanced at the time and smiled, "It's time to take Yinyin to the amusement park."

Gu Yin's head and body injuries had mostly healed, and she could now go out.

Being a person who keeps her promises, Gu Dai, once recovered, immediately planned an outing with Gu Yin.

Standing in the amusement park, Gu Yin looked around in wonder and exclaimed, "So this is what an amusement park looks like!"

She hugged Gu Dai's leg, joyfully saying, "I've never been to an amusement park before. Thank you, cousin, for bringing me!"

Gu Dai crouched down and embraced Gu Yin, softly replying, "You're welcome. Whenever I have time, I'll bring you out to play."

Gu Dai asked, "What would you like to play, Yinyin?"

After looking around, Gu Yin made her choice, "Cousin, can we go on the merry-go-round first?"

Gu Dai agreed, "Of course."

The Zhou family was all busy, except for Zhou Ci, the odd one out.

Thus, the task of taking care of the children fell to him.

Zhou Le skipped ahead, occasionally looking back to urge Zhou Ci, "Cousin, you're only in your twenties. Why are you walking so slowly? People might think you're in your seventies or eighties."

Zhou Ci quickened his pace and lightly tapped Zhou Le, grumbling, "Shut up. I planned to play games all day at home. I don't understand why you insisted on coming to the amusement park!"

Zhou Ci couldn't fathom what was so fun about an amusement park.

Glancing around, his gaze fell upon Gu Dai on the merry-go-round, and he stood frozen in place.

Zhou Le remarked, "Okay, okay, I've realized there's nothing fun here. Let's go back and play games."

As Zhou Le was about to head home, someone suddenly grabbed his collar.

In disbelief, he looked up at Zhou Ci and angrily retorted, "Let go of me! Just because you're older doesn't mean you can bully me!"

Zhou Ci, holding onto Zhou Le, walked towards the amusement park, saying, "I suddenly feel the amusement park is quite fun. Let's go, brother will take you on the merry-go-round."

Zhou Le protested, "I want to go home now, and I don't want to ride the merry-go-round!"

Despite Zhou Le's resistance, Zhou Ci had already brought him to the merry-go-round queue.

Zhou Ci's attention was completely on Gu Dai. He instinctively took out his phone, snapped a photo, and posted it on his social network.

Zhou Le, observing his cousin's actions, slowly fell into contemplation, feeling as if he had stumbled upon something significant.

After the merry-go-round ride, Gu Dai escorted Gu Yin off the ride. Upon seeing Zhou Ci, she paused for a second, then nodded in greeting before attempting to leave.

Zhou Ci handed the tickets to Zhou Le and quickly followed Gu Dai.

He smiled and said, "What a coincidence to meet you here."

Gu Dai nodded, puzzled, "What are you doing here?"

Chapter 349: Haunted House Story

Zhou Ci explained, "My cousin insisted on coming to the amusement park, and being the great cousin that I am, I brought him here right away! What about you? Why are you at the amusement park?"

Gu Dai, looking at Gu Yin, softly said, "I brought my cousin here to play too."

Zhou Ci, excitedly responded, "What a coincidence! I'm not very familiar with amusement parks either. Let's play together later."

Gu Dai didn't mind, and after asking Gu Yin, who was indifferent, she agreed.

Then she asked, "Where's your cousin?"

Zhou Ci, startled, looked around and finally spotted Zhou Le on the merry-go-round, looking utterly dejected.

Zhou Le had ended up on the ride as it was about to start, and because he had two tickets, he even went twice.

Zhou Le was no longer in the mood to deal with Zhou Ci, but to confirm his earlier suspicion, he reluctantly joined in on many more rides.

Unable to bear it any longer, he pulled Zhou Ci aside and asked, "Do you like Sister Gu Dai?"

Zhou Ci didn't answer but covered up after a few seconds, "What would you know, you little kid?"

Zhou Le scoffed, "I know a lot more than you think. Why don't you confess to that sister if you like her?"

Zhou Ci didn't respond and walked towards Gu Dai, but as he approached, he suddenly felt something was amiss.

Frowning, Zhou Ci asked, "Song Ling, what are you doing here?"

Song Ling coldly replied, "Just passing by."

Gu Dai glanced at Song Ling and then turned to Zhou Ci.

Realizing he had shared a post on his social network, Zhou Ci quickly checked his phone and saw Song Ling had liked his post, making him feel guilty.

Alright, it was him who had inadvertently revealed their location.

At the office, Song Ling had been unable to concentrate, constantly distracted by Zhao Xuan's pitiful glances.

Song Ling, in a serious tone, questioned Zhao Xuan, "What happened?"

Zhao Xuan, frightened, quickly shook his head, but eventually couldn't hold out and confessed, "Young Master Zhou Ci seemed to have gone to the amusement park with Miss Gu Dai..."

Song Ling's heart sank. He couldn't even continue his work, Zhao Xuan's words echoing in his mind. When he came to his senses, he found himself at the amusement park, walking up to Gu Dai.

Ignoring Song Ling, Gu Dai said to Zhou Ci, "It's getting late, let's go home."

Zhou Ci, not daring to mention the haunted house they hadn't visited yet, quickly nodded in agreement.

Unaware of the situation, Gu Yin asked in confusion after hearing Gu Dai's words, "Cousin, weren't we going to visit the haunted house later? I was really looking forward to it."

Gu Dai relented, "Let's go."

Song Ling followed them into the haunted house.

Zhou Le, like a worried old mother, advised Zhou Ci, "Cousin, be smart later. When you see Sister Gu Dai scared, you must be the first to comfort her. Don't let any other man beat you to it. This is your chance to be a hero!"

Zhou Ci, seeing Zhou Le's excitement, quickly nodded in agreement, "Okay."

Song Ling's expression darkened upon hearing Zhou Le's words, his gaze fixed on Gu Dai, ready for any moment.

To their disappointment, Gu Dai was not afraid of ghosts at all.

For her, some living people were far more terrifying than ghosts.

Gu Dai softly asked, “Yinyin, are you scared?”

Gu Yin shook her head, excitedly saying, “Not at all, cousin. I’m really looking forward to the story!”

This haunted house was not just about ghosts scaring people; it also had a corresponding plot.

Gu Dai smiled and nodded, “Me too.”

As they finished speaking and looked up, they saw a ghostly woman with long black hair, dressed in white and covered in bloodstains.

Her voice was low and sharp, crying out, “He doesn’t love me. I was his wife, but he didn’t love me. He even killed me for his lover, haha. I cared for him for two whole years, but he had no lingering affection and killed me!”

Gu Dai’s gaze turned cold, memories of her caring for Song Ling flashing through her mind..

Chapter 350: Enjoy your own life

Gu Dai’s thoughts were clouded by the images in her mind, her expression growing increasingly cold.

The female ghost continued, her voice tinged with a mix of amusement and sadness. “It’s laughable, really. After my death, my ex-husband realized that the person he had always loved was me. He was

filled with regret, haha, and he imprisoned the woman he loved, blaming her for my death. He sought out masters from all corners, all to bring me back to life.”

The ghost sighed, a hint of bitterness in her tone. “In the end, he didn’t resurrect me. Instead, he went mad with grief and took his own life. As a ghost, he haunts me every day!”

Song Ling listened, his face gradually turning ashen, as the story sounded eerily familiar.

The ghost appeared conflicted. “I’m so confused now, unsure whether to forgive him or not.”

Song Ling hurriedly spoke up, his voice filled with a desperate hope. “Forgive him. He now understands his mistake. If you forgive him, he will surely treat you well!”

Although Song Ling was speaking to the ghost, his gaze was fixed firmly on Gu Dai.

Upon hearing Song Ling’s words, the ghost seemed troubled.

“I did love him,” the ghost confessed, “but after my death, I realized there are many outstanding men in the world. My love for him has faded, and I no longer understand why I loved him so much.”

Gu Dai looked down, her voice calm and collected. “You no longer love him.”

The ghost paused.

Song Ling looked startled, his eyes fixed on Gu Dai.

“People should live for themselves, not for the emotions of others,” Gu Dai stated matter-of-factly. “Now, you can enjoy your own life.”

The ghost laughed softly, understanding dawning in her voice. “I see your point. But before I move on, I have one last wish.

"I want to share a 30-second kiss with my lover as a final farewell. I can't bring myself to do it, so I hope you can help me witness this scene."

Gu Dai, arms crossed, regarded the ghost with a detached expression.

The actor playing the ghost, under Gu Dai's gaze, regretted her words and wished to take them back.

Before she could, Gu Dai spoke, "I can fulfill your request."

As Gu Dai finished speaking, both Song Ling and Zhou Ci's eyes lit up, and they instinctively moved towards her.

Song Ling looked expectantly at Gu Dai, but upon seeing Zhou Ci approach, his face darkened. He pushed Zhou Ci aside and said, "This is part of the haunted house's scenario. If we don't do as she asks, we can't leave. So, let's do it."

Gu Dai glanced at Song Ling, then nonchalantly pushed him aside. She walked towards the ghost, brushed her hair aside, and played a video of a kiss on her phone for the ghost to see.

"Is this video sufficient to ease your regret? If not, I can find another one for you," Gu Dai inquired, her tone professional yet considerate.

After a pause, she added, "With today's technology, there's no need for a live performance. Am I free to go now?"

The ghost, removing her wig and nodding eagerly, replied, "Yes, yes, of course! You've passed!"

Song Ling watched Gu Dai with a deep, unreadable gaze.

Zhou Le, frustrated, complained to Zhou Ci, "Cousin, you were so easily pushed aside by a rival!"

Zhou Ci quickly covered Zhou Le's mouth, relieved that Gu Dai hadn't heard. He whispered, "You don't understand. I knew Gu Dai would refuse, so I stepped aside on purpose."

Zhou Le rolled his eyes, inwardly despising Zhou Ci's excuse.

Tired from the day's events, Gu Yin fell asleep in Gu Dai's arms.

"It's getting late. I should be going," Gu Dai announced, her voice calm and composed.

"I'll walk you out," offered Song Ling, stepping forward.

"No need. Someone's picking me up," Gu Dai declined.

Before Song Ling could inquire further, a black car pulled up.

Su Ting emerged from the car, glanced at Song Ling, and then sweetly called out to Gu Dai, "Sis."

He took Gu Yin from Gu Dai's arms and helped her into the car, then turned to Gu Dai with a smile. "Sis, please get in."

Song Ling called out to Gu Dai's retreating figure, "I have news about the incident from three years ago!"

Gu Dai paused, turning to face him. "Go on."

Song Ling hesitated. "The information isn't with me right now..."

Gu Dai resumed walking, her tone indifferent. "In that case, we'll talk when you have the information.."