

I Regained 411

Chapter 411: Substitute

Stunned, Su Ting's expression darkened, "Brother, what are you hiding from me?"

Su Ci gently ruffled Su Ting's hair, speaking softly, "When the time comes, I'll tell you everything."

Su Ting insisted, "I want to know what's happening now!"

Su Ci's gaze lowered, "Gu Dai is in danger. I came back to protect her, but I can't reveal myself yet. It would alert those scheming behind the scenes and might make things spiral out of control."

Su Ting grasped his brother's hand in shock, "You mean someone is after Sis?"

Although Su Ci didn't respond, his silence was a clear answer.

Glancing at the time, Su Ci excused himself, "I have to go now, but we'll see each other again soon."

Su Ting nodded, grabbing his brother's hand before he left, "Can I tell Sis you're alive?"

Su Ci shook his head, "Keep it a secret for now, from her and everyone else."

Su Ting watched his brother disappear into the darkness, his lips pressed together in silent agreement.

Sitting on the sofa, Gu Dai opened her eyes upon Su Ting's return, "Let's go home."

Seeing Gu Dai leave, Song Ling also stood up to follow.

Baua, noticing Song Ling's departure, asked, "Brother, weren't we going to have a match? Where are you going?"

Song Ling replied, "Something came up. We'll have a match another time."

Baua, scratching his head in confusion, wondered aloud, "He seemed very concerned about that lady. Maybe he's more interested in her than competing with me?"

Another man nearby couldn't help but comment, "Are you naive? It's obvious he's not here for the competition. He's probably gone after that lady."

Back in the car, Gu Dai murmured, her eyes closed, "That man... he felt like Su Ci."

Su Ting was momentarily taken aback, his eyes flickering unconsciously.

Gu Dai opened her eyes and looked towards Su Ting, asking, "Is he Su Ci?"

At this moment, Su Ting could confirm that Gu Dai knew he had gone to find

Su Ci and that she even wanted him to go.

Recalling Su Ci's instructions to him, he shook his head and replied, "I saw the man take off his mask. He's not my brother."

Gu Dai closed her eyes again, fighting back the tears that welled up.

The moment she saw that man, she had hoped he was Su Ci, her heart filled with anticipation. But the disappointment she faced was inevitable, though she should have expected it...

Su Ting looked at Gu Dai's slightly pale face and turned his gaze away, unable to bear the sight.

He couldn't understand what else his brother was hiding, to the extent that even the fact of his survival had to be kept secret.

The manor wasn't far from the Gu family home, and it took less than an hour for the two to reach there.

As Su Ting looked at the Gu family's gate, he lowered his eyes and reached out to hold Gu Dai's hand.

Gu Dai stopped and turned to Su Ting, asking, "What's wrong?"

Taking a deep breath, Su Ting closed his eyes and confessed, "Daidai, I like you."

Gu Dai was taken aback, not expecting Su Ting to suddenly say this.

Without waiting for Gu Dai to respond, Su Ting continued, "I've liked you for a long time. I know about your feelings for my brother, so I don't expect you to feel the same about me, but..."

Su Ting said, "My brother and I are related; I must be the person who looks most like him in the whole world. What I mean is, you can treat me as a substitute for my brother! It's because Song Ling looks similar to my brother that he was able to win your affection, even for three whole years..."

Song Ling shouted coldly, "What did you say?"

Seeing Song Ling, Gu Dai asked, "What are you doing here?"

Song Ling clenched his fists and did not respond to Gu Dai.

He felt utterly ridiculous at that moment. He had followed a woman like Gu Dai secretly, thinking she resembled someone, only to find out he had been nothing but a substitute!

Zhao Xuan felt a chill in the air and the words “It’s over” kept flashing in his mind. He reached out to stop Song Ling from acting rashly, but his hand grasped nothing.

Song Ling strode towards Su Ting, raising his hand to throw a punch.

Su Ting struck first, sending Song Ling reeling back three steps, “Did you think I was easy to bully?”

Chapter 412: Why would I be Satisfied

Gu Dai’s gaze settled upon Song Ling, and it was then she realized the striking resemblance he bore to Su Ci. Could it be that her desire to marry him during her amnesia was due to her lingering thoughts of Su Ci?

Song Ling noticed the distant look in Gu Dai’s eyes as she gazed at him, as if she was thinking of someone else through him.

His eyes reddened with anger, and he bellowed, “Are you thinking of some other man through me?”

Su Ting retorted, “My brother knew Daidai before you did. You are merely a substitute. So, you should be clear about who the other man is.”

Song Ling’s face darkened, his eyes fierce with an intense rage, as if he wanted to tear Su Ting to shreds.

Unfazed, Su Ting met Song Ling’s gaze with a calm and collected look.

Gu Dai stepped in front of Su Ting, blocking their intense gaze. She turned to Song Ling and said, “If you have something to say, you can tell me. There’s no need to frighten Su Ting.”

Song Ling, with cold eyes, gritted his teeth and asked, "Who is the brother Su Ting mentioned? And what does he mean by me being a substitute?"

Gu Dai replied, "I cannot answer these two questions."

Song Ling snorted coldly, "Then let me ask something else. What does our marriage mean? All the care you showed me over those three years, was it all meant for another man?"

Gu Dai chuckled, looking up at Song Ling, "Then you've profited for three years, because you also enjoyed my kindness. Although you often refused it, your family benefited without spending a penny, having a maid who could do everything."

Song Ling's expression stiffened, recalling the events of the past three years.

Gu Dai continued, "Even if I really treated you as a substitute these three years, haven't you been entangled with Jiang Yue as well? In that case, we are even. Moreover, we are already divorced. Isn't it ridiculous for you to bring this up now?"

Song Ling opened his mouth but couldn't utter a word.

Gu Dai said, "There's no need for the divorced to cling to each other. Why are you still asking this question?"

Song Ling, too, wondered why.

He couldn't understand why, after their divorce, he couldn't help but glance at Gu Dai.

He used to be so focused at work, never distracted, but now his thoughts constantly drifted to Gu Dai, and he felt hostility towards every man around her...

Realizing this, he suddenly had an answer.

Song Ling stared at Gu Dai, then with a pained smile, "Because I like you. Are you satisfied with this answer?"

Gu Dai found Song Ling's sudden confession puzzling, "Why would I be satisfied with your liking for me?"

Song Ling's face turned pale, his body swaying unsteadily.

Zhao Xuan stepped forward to support him, but was immediately pushed away by Song Ling.

Gu Dai spoke coldly, "Sometimes, recalling those three years of amnesia brings me pain. The suffocating feeling of being trapped without a future is unbearable!"

Gu Dai added, "Now I have family and friends. Why would I be satisfied with the affection of someone like you? Do you think I have a masochistic tendency, wishing to relive that life?"

Stung by Gu Dai's indifference, Song Ling hadn't expected such a ruthless rejection. His genuine feelings were mercilessly disregarded by her.

Gu Dai didn't spare Song Ling another glance, turning back to the villa.

Su Ting looked at Song Ling with icy eyes, "You had Daidai for three years because of your face, but you didn't cherish her and even hurt her. You won't get another chance in this lifetime."

Song Ling coldly replied, "You're not Gu Dai. How do you know I won't have another chance?"

Su Ting said, "You may resemble my brother in appearance, but your arrogant personality is nothing like what Daidai likes. Besides, Daidai has now remembered my brother!"

With that, Su Ting turned and walked away.

Song Ling watched Su Ting's retreating figure and said softly, "I guess you're just like your brother in appearance. If I have no chance, do you think you do?"

Su Ting stopped in his tracks, his heart aching as if being cut by a knife. He looked up at the crescent moon and chuckled, "At least she didn't outright reject me just now. I can still be by her side, which is better than your situation."

Song Ling wanted to mock Su Ting for finding solace in someone even more miserable than him, but he couldn't bring himself to utter the scornful words.

How he wished to find someone more miserable than himself for comfort.

The irony was, he couldn't find anyone..

Chapter 413: Jiang Yue's Deed Exposed

Song Ling couldn't figure out how things ended up this way.

Previously, when Gu Dai was cold towards him, he consoled himself with the thought that since she had once liked him, she could surely come to like him again.

But now, he had learned she had never truly liked him. Her past affection was merely a reflection of someone else's light.

All that Gu Dai had done for him was, in truth, meant for another.

Zhao Xuan, having witnessed the recent scene, dared not utter a word.

His phone rang at that moment, and amidst the chilling air, he shakily answered the call.

"A woman has entered the warehouse where Niu Shan is being held," the voice on the other end reported.

A woman?

Before Zhao Xuan could respond, Song Ling snatched the phone from him.

"Never mind her for now. Switch the surveillance to my phone!" Song Ling ordered coldly.

In the next second, Jiang Yue's figure flashed on the phone screen.

Song Ling's expression darkened. After a deep glance at the Gu family's main gate, he turned and got into the car, "To the warehouse."

Zhao Xuan hurriedly complied, "Yes!"

Jiang Yue, fearing that Niu Shan might spill the truth under torture, grew increasingly anxious and restless.

After seeing her state, Jiang Lin commented, "You should have consulted me before acting. If I had known about your immature plan, I would have stopped you. And even if you did go through with it, you should have killed Niu Shan, not left him alive!"

Upon hearing Jiang Lin's words, Jiang Yue felt even more agitated and came up with a plan to deal with Niu Shan. She took out the poison hidden in her home and headed to the warehouse where Niu Shan was confined.

She easily found Niu Shan and sighed in relief, "Good thing the guard was lax, or it would have been difficult to act."

In the dim, damp room, filled with a heavy stench, Jiang Yue disdainfully put on a mask and kicked Niu Shan, "Take the medicine."

On seeing Jiang Yue, Niu Shan cursed, "You finally decided to save me, you bit*h!"

Jiang Yue's face darkened with the insult, but she knew this was not the time for anger, "Take the medicine!"

Niu Shan, sensing something amiss, asked warily, "What is this?"

Jiang Yue replied bluntly, "Poison."

Niu Shan froze in disbelief, "I followed your orders, and now you want to kill me? I won't take it, I refuse!"

Jiang Yue looked at him coldly, warning, "Don't forget, I still have your family. If you don't take it, they won't live through the night."

Niu Shan shouted, "Then kill them! I can always have another son, but I won't die!"

Jiang Yue was stunned, her threat proving ineffective.

Niu Shan sneered, "You dare threaten me? Have you forgotten that you also have secrets I know?"

Niu Shan vowed, "Once I get out, I'll expose everything. I'll tell the world how passionate the seemingly pure maiden you are in bed!"

Jiang Yue's eyes turned cold, "You'll need to be alive to tell. Luckily, your hands and feet are tied, or it would be difficult for me to act."

Jiang Yue forced Niu Shan's mouth open, ready to shove the pill inside.

Just then, the warehouse door was burst open. Song Ling strode in and kicked Jiang Yue to the ground, asking coldly, "What are you doing?"

Upon seeing Song Ling, Jiang Yue froze completely, her body trembling with fear to the point where she couldn't even feel the pain anymore.

Her mind raced, trying to come up a lie, "I... I was scared by Niu Shan during the day and couldn't sleep. So I came to kick him to vent my anger."

Song Ling threw the phone at Jiang Yue, commanding, "See for yourself."

Jiang Yue instinctively looked down at the phone. Seeing the footage, her eyes widened in disbelief. Realizing it was surveillance footage, she threw the phone away in terror.

Her voice trembled, "This... this..."

Song Ling looked at Jiang Yue with a complex gaze, "I had my suspicions about you, but I kept denying them in my heart, thinking there might be some misunderstanding because you saved me twice. But is this how you choose to reveal the truth?"

Jiang Yue cried, shaking her head, "Brother Song Ling, there must be some misunderstanding."

Song Ling sneered, "The surveillance footage is right in front of us.. What misunderstanding could there be?"

Chapter 414: Jiang Yue Determined to Take Revenge

Song Ling's eyes were filled with disappointment as he gazed at Jiang Yue, "You pretended to care about Yuyu in front of me, but behind my back, you were so malicious!"

After Niu Shan was released, he couldn't stop coughing. Regaining his composure, he quickly spoke, "Jiang Yue is a vicious woman. She introduced me to Song Yu and then ordered me to rape her, telling me I could do whatever I wanted..."

Jiang Yue roared in anger, "Shut up!"

Song Ling's eyes were blood-red as he said sternly, "I think the person who needs to shut up is you!"

Tears streamed down Jiang Yue's face as she looked up at Song Ling with a pale, pitiful face, "Brother Song Ling, I..."

Song Ling let out a sneer, "I won't believe a word you say anymore."

As he finished speaking, he turned to Zhao Xuan and ordered, "Arrange to have Jiang Yue locked up."

Zhao Xuan responded promptly, "Yes."

Jiang Yue's eyes widened in disbelief, "Brother Song Ling, I saved your life twice, and you're going to lock me up!"

Song Ling replied, "If it wasn't for the fact that you saved me, I would have made you disappear from this world long ago!"

Zhao Xuan, relieved that Song Ling finally saw Jiang Yue's true colors, hastened to drag her away, fearing Song Ling might change his mind.

After Jiang Yue was taken away, Song Ling walked over to Niu Shan.

Niu Shan shivered with fear and begged, "It was all Jiang Yue's orders, please don't hit me anymore, spare me!"

Song Ling stared at Niu Shan, asking coldly, "What were you and Jiang Yue doing in the hotel?"

Niu Shan stammered, finally confessing everything, but not without insisting, "I was drunk at the time, I didn't know it was Jiang Yue, otherwise I..."

Song Ling was no longer listening. The time and place Niu Shan mentioned matched the night he was drugged. Song Ling's mind went blank, stunned in place.

If Jiang Yue was with Niu Shan that night, then who was with him?

The image of Gu Dai flashed through Song Ling's mind, his heart overwhelmed with joy.

He quickly left the warehouse, driving at breakneck speed to the hotel, where he demanded, "The surveillance footage, show me your surveillance footage!"

Jiang Yue sat huddled in a dark room, trembling in fear. Her phone rang, and her eyes lit up as she answered quickly, "Auntie, I've been exposed and locked up. Please come and save me!"

Jiang Lin cursed inwardly, replying coldly, "Send me your location, I'll arrange for someone to save you."

Jiang Yue hurriedly sent her location.

Half an hour later, there was a commotion outside.

Jiang Yue's nails dug into her flesh with nervousness. The door clicked open, and a man's voice urged, "Miss Jiang Yue, hurry!"

Jiang Yue ran all the way home. Upon seeing Jiang Lin, she hugged her, crying, "Auntie, I'm so lucky to have you. I would have been doomed this time."

Jiang Lin pushed Jiang Yue away and slapped her angrily, "You act without thinking. Didn't you consider how reckless this move was?"

Jiang Yue touched her face, murmuring, "I know, but what could I do? If I hadn't taken the risk, everything would have been exposed. I did it for our better life."

Jiang Lin sneered, "A better life? You need to be alive to enjoy it. And did your risk pay off? Not only did you fail to destroy the evidence, but you also exposed your deeds even earlier."

Jiang Yue opened her mouth to argue but couldn't find the words.

Jiang Lin continued, "Stay hidden at home for the next few days. I'll contact someone to get you out of the country."

Jiang Yue frowned, "Abroad?"

Jiang Lin, taking out her phone, said, "Or do you want to be caught by Song Ling?"

Jiang Yue rushed to stop her from making the call, "I don't want to go abroad. I want to stay and take revenge on Gu Dai. If it weren't for her ruining my plans, I wouldn't be in this situation."

Jiang Lin thought Jiang Yue had gone insane, looked at her with a gaze filled with disdain, "Do you really think you can outsmart Gu Dai with your abilities?"

Jiang Yue, feeling humiliated, clenched her fists tightly. "I won't let her go. Now that I've exposed myself in front of Song Ling and have nothing left, I'd rather die taking Gu Dai down with me!"

Seeing the crazed look in Jiang Yue's eyes, Jiang Lin shook her head, giving up on any further attempts to reason with her..

Chapter 415: Severed Head

Gu Dai was overseeing the progress of the variety show. Ever since she replaced two troublemakers from the last episode, the rest of the crew had settled down. She felt quite satisfied with this change.

Silently following behind her, Su Ting dared not speak.

Ever since the confession last night, he was too nervous to talk to Gu Dai, fearing that she might reject him just like she did Song Ling.

Zheng Ming approached Gu Dai with a box in his hands, saying, "Chairwoman Gu, the courier said this was for you."

Gu Dai raised an eyebrow in surprise. Her intuition told her that the contents of the box were not ordinary. "Take it to my office. I'll look at it later," she instructed.

"Understood," Zheng Ming replied.

After arranging the variety show, Gu Dai returned to her office.

Su Ting, remembering Su Ci's warning that someone was plotting against Gu Dai, quickly suggested, "Sis, we should throw away these strange gifts to avoid any danger."

Gu Dai shook her head, "It's okay, I'm not afraid."

Seeing Gu Dai's insistence, Su Ting softly offered, "Let me open it then."

Gu Dai started to protest, "No..."

Su Ting continued, "Otherwise, we should just throw the box away."

Gu Dai looked down, "There's a faint smell of blood on this box. I suspect there's something horrifying inside. You..."

Su Ting's expression hardened, "If that's the case, I should be the one to open it."

As he finished speaking, he opened the box and was shocked to find a severed head. He looked up anxiously at Gu Dai and called out, "Sis..."

Gu Dai shook her head gently, "It's okay."

She reminisced about her travels through war-torn countries, where residents were gruesomely mutilated, their severed heads and bones scattered everywhere. Those sights were far more horrifying than this.

Examining the object, Gu Dai calmly stated, "This is just a well-made rubber replica, not a real human head."

Su Ting observed it for a moment and, realizing it was indeed a fake, nodded in relief. Then he asked, puzzled, "But what about the blood on it?"

Gu Dai explained, "It's been smeared on afterward."

Understanding, Su Ting nodded, "I'll have someone dispose of this."

His thoughts were in disarray, unable to comprehend who was targeting Gu Dai and why his brother, who was alive, hadn't come home. He wondered if there was a connection between these two mysteries.

After finishing her work, Gu Dai stood up, "Let's go home."

Su Ting stood up and followed her, "Sis, I think there's more to this. Tell me wherever you go next. I'll protect you."

Gu Dai shook her head, "It's fine. Don't let me hinder your work. I can protect myself."

Su Ting insisted, "I've already asked Zhang Zheng to cancel my appointments..."

Song Ling, watching Gu Dai and Su Ting together, felt a spark of jealousy and called out, "Gu Dai!"

Gu Dai frowned and ignored Song Ling, walking towards her car.

Song Ling quickly approached and grabbed her arm.

Su Ting, noticing this, quickly intervened and demanded coldly, "What are you doing?"

Song Ling, meeting Su Ting's gaze, looked uncomfortable, releasing his grip.

He spoke lightly, "I have something to say to Gu Dai."

Gu Dai turned to face Song Ling, asking calmly, "What is it? Speak up."

Remembering the surveillance footage he had seen the night before, Song Ling smirked, "You asked me to say it, so I will."

He paused for a few seconds, disdainfully glanced at Su Ting, and then loudly declared, "I already know about us spending the night together in the hotel."

This statement caught the attention of many employees of Gu Corporation nearby, who instinctively looked over.

Su Ting, taken aback, felt a surge of anger and punched Song Ling in the face, whispering furiously, "I despise you, Song Ling. How could you announce such a thing in public, showing no regard for Daidai's reputation?"

As Su Ting raised his fist to strike again, Gu Dai called out, "Su Ting, stop."

Su Ting's hand trembled, frozen in mid-air. He turned to Gu Dai in disbelief, "Sis, you're defending him?"

Wiping the blood from his mouth, Song Ling laughed, "Gu Dai asked me to say it here. How loud I speak is up to me.. Aren't you going to let go of me?"

Chapter 416: Gu Dai Got Kidnapped

Reluctantly, Su Ting let go of Song Ling.

Gu Dai walked up to Song Ling, her gaze indifferent. Just as he was about to speak, she swiftly kicked his shin, knocking him to the ground. Turning to Su Ting, she advised, "Remember, you're a public figure. It's not good for your image to resort to violence so easily."

Su Ting nodded subconsciously, "I understand."

Song Ling, stunned, looked at Gu Dai and asked, "What do you mean by this?"

Gu Dai looked at him coolly, "I regret saving you now. Had I known you would slander me like this, I would have left you to your fate."

Song Ling's face darkened, "I watched the surveillance footage last night. It was indeed you who took me to the room. How is that slandering you?"

Zheng Ming, who had been watching from the sidelines, finally understood what was being discussed. He stepped forward, "That night, after Chairwoman Gu found you drugged, she dunked you in cold water and called me. I waited until the drug wore off and then carried you to bed before leaving."

Hearing Zheng Ming's explanation, Song Ling suddenly remembered something and asked urgently, "But what about the red scratch marks on my body?"

Gu Dai replied, "You scratched yourself."

Song Ling hadn't expected this to be the truth. Angered and noticing the onlookers' stares, he warned coldly, "Not a word of today's events should be spoken of, or you'll answer to the Song family!"

With that, he strode away, casting a fierce glance at the crowd.

Meanwhile, Zhao Xuan, waiting in the car, shrank back nervously as he saw the cold fury in Song Ling's eyes and thought about the news he had to report.

Song Ling's icy gaze fell on Zhao Xuan, "If you have something to say just say it."

Startled, Zhao Xuan mumbled, "President Song, I just received news. Jiang Yue has escaped."

Song Ling clenched his teeth, "What use are you if you can't even keep track of one person?"

Zhao Xuan stammered, "I..."

Song Ling commanded, "Find her! She must be brought back!"

"Yes," Zhao Xuan responded quickly.

Meanwhile, Jiang Yue had contacted everyone she could to plot against Gu Dai.

A man reported, "Chairwoman Gu always has a man with her. It's difficult to approach her."

Impatient, Jiang Yue rolled her eyes but maintained a gentle tone, "You're so capable, find a way to lure him away."

The man hinted at a reward, "It's doable, but I've been working hard. Maybe you could..."

Jiang Yue assured him, "Of course, but only after the job is done."

After hanging up, she disdainfully tossed her phone aside and muttered coldly, "As if I'd ever be with such a man. Once this is over, I'll find a way to get rid of you all!"

The next day, Gu Dai received an urgent call about a problem at the company. However, looking at the unfamiliar number, she narrowed her eyes slightly, realizing that something was amiss.

However...

She still got out of bed, got ready and grabbed her keys, prepared to head to the office. On her way there, she saw a poorly dressed little boy with numerous injuries lying by the roadside.

Gu Dai got out of the car and approached the boy. Just as she bent down, she was struck on the head with a stick. Before losing consciousness, she recognized Jiang Yue from the blurry silhouette.

Jiang Yue shook Gu Dai a few times and, seeing no response, sneered, "I thought you were smart, but you're just foolish."

Gu Dai slowly opened her eyes, feeling a throbbing pain at the back of her head, and frowned in irritation.

She had learned how to untie knots in self-defense classes but hadn't expected Jiang Yue to use professional ropes. It would take her some time to free herself.

The driver, unsure, said, "Miss Jiang Yue, I think the woman in the back seat is awake."

Jiang Yue ordered, "Stop the car."

After observing Gu Dai and seeing no reaction, Jiang Yue returned to the front seat, scolding, "She's not awake. Focus on driving, don't waste time. If we get caught, I won't let you off."

The driver, annoyed but acknowledging Jiang Yue as his employer, nodded obediently, "Yes.."

Chapter 417: Of course to kill you

The car drove to a remote location, its bumpy ride causing Jiang Yue to step out and vomit several times.

Gu Dai, with her eyes closed, was on the verge of falling asleep when the car suddenly stopped. Instinctively, she opened her eyes.

Jiang Yue, startled by Gu Dai's gaze, asked incredulously, "You're awake?"

Gu Dai nodded, stepping out of the car with composure, "I've been awake for a while."

Surveying her surroundings, she inquired, "Why have you brought me here?"

Jiang Yue blurted out, "Of course to kill you!"

Gu Dai responded with disappointment, "Is that all?"

Irritated by Gu Dai's reaction, Jiang Yue demanded, "What do you mean by that? Aren't you afraid of dying?"

Gu Dai shook her head, chuckling, "No, I've faced too many attempts on my life; I'm used to it. And frankly, your plan is quite poor."

Jiang Yue's face stiffened.

Gu Dai critiqued further, "You had someone call me about a company issue from an unknown number – obviously not credible. And the boy lying on the road at midnight? Clearly a ploy to lure me."

Enraged, Jiang Yue clenched her fists, "But you still fell for it and got captured, didn't you?"

Gu Dai replied calmly, "I did it on purpose."

She was disappointed, having hoped to catch the person sending her the rubber replica of a severed head. Instead, her captor was Jiang Yue.

Provoked by Gu Dai's words, Jiang Yue grabbed her by the collar, fuming, "You're proud of outsmarting me, aren't you? But remember, your life is in my hands now!"

Seeing Gu Dai remain unafraid, Jiang Yue said coldly, "I hate your attitude. I don't understand what Song Ling sees in you. He forgives everything you do, yet he's so ruthless with me!"

Gu Dai raised her eyebrows in surprise, pondering for a moment before replying earnestly, "I think you might be misunderstanding something about him..."

Interrupting her with a maniacal laugh, Jiang Yue whispered, "It doesn't matter. Even if he loves you, I can still kill you and make Song Ling watch."

She pulled out her phone and dialed Song Ling's number.

At the company, Song Ling, who had a restless night filled with thoughts of Gu Dai, paled as he sat at his desk.

Seeing Jiang Yue's name on his ringing phone, he initially thought to ignore it.

Regaining his composure, he answered coldly, "Where are you?"

Jiang Yue didn't respond immediately, instead saying softly, "Brother Song Ling, I truly love you. Would you come to see me? I know you don't want to, but it doesn't matter because you will come. I have Gu Dai here."

Song Ling stood up impulsively, but remembering her kick, he sat back down, stating coldly, "I'm not coming."

Jiang Yue, taken aback, "You're not coming?"

Gu Dai replied helpfully, "That's right, he said he's not coming."

Jiang Yue snapped, "Shut up!"

Song Ling had thought he could resist going, but hearing Gu Dai's voice, his heart panicked. Anxiously, he said, "Don't harm her, Jiang Yue. I'll give you whatever you want."

Jiang Yue smirked, "I knew you couldn't let her go. Rest assured, I won't touch her until you get here. But come alone. If you call the police, I'll kill Gu Dai immediately!"

"I'm on my way!" Song Ling responded hastily.

Fear for Gu Dai's safety made his heart tremble. He pushed aside the coldness he felt from her and the thought of being used as a substitute.

At the Gu residence, chaos ensued.

Meng Zhi, looking at the note left by Gu Dai, exclaimed in frustration, "Reckless! She deliberately walked into a trap to catch her assailant. What if she's in danger?"

Meng Chuan, equally furious, commanded, "Organize a search."

Su Ting interjected, "No need. Sis has a locator on her. We'll track her with that."

Meanwhile, Gu Dai, having yawned several times, looked up at Jiang Yue and asked, "Are you sure Song Ling will come to save me?"

Furious, Jiang Yue brandished a knife and pressed it against Gu Dai's face, "If you remind me again how much Song Ling loves you, I'll kill you right now!"

Chapter 418: Tear her Heart

Jiang Yue, staring at Gu Dai, seethed with rage. "You're already divorced from Song Ling. Why do you keep seducing him? Why?!"

Gu Dai earnestly replied, "I haven't. It's your illusion."

Jiang Yue, her voice full of menace, questioned, "If you didn't seduce him, how could he possibly fall for you?"

Gu Dai pondered Song Ling's confession, finding it inexplicable. She hadn't done anything; why would he fall for her?

Jiang Yue scoffed, "If it weren't for you, I would have married Song Ling and become Mrs. Song, owning the Song family's wealth. But because of you, he refused to marry me, despite my efforts!"

Gu Dai responded, "Your current situation is largely your own doing. If you hadn't done..."

Jiang Yue shook her head vehemently, "No, it's not my fault! It's all because of you!"

As Gu Dai conversed with Jiang Yue, she continued working on untying her bonds.

Zhao Xuan, under Song Ling's urging, drove swiftly.

Song Ling, still dissatisfied, demanded, "Drive faster!"

Zhao Xuan's voice trembled, "President Song, the road is rough here. If we go any faster, it might be dangerous."

Song Ling's gaze turned icy as he said sternly, "I'll drive!"

Zhao Xuan, tense, sat in the passenger seat, not daring to move as the scenery whizzed by.

Upon reaching the location given by Jiang Yue, Song Ling strode in, instructing Zhao Xuan, who followed, "Wait here for me. I'll go in alone."

Zhao Xuan hesitated, "President Song, it's too risky for you to go alone. What if..."

Song Ling insisted, "Jiang Yue asked me to come alone. If she sees you, she might harm Gu Dai."

Zhao Xuan stopped, watching Song Ling enter the building, sighing and praying for Gu Dai's safety and hoping she would see Song Ling's sincerity. Inside, Song Ling found Gu Dai bound and Jiang Yue holding a knife.

His eyes reddened instantly as he shouted, "Jiang Yue, don't hurt Gu Dai!"

Jiang Yue's grip on the knife tightened, resentment boiling as she exclaimed, "Brother Song Ling, I was just showing her the knife, and you thought I would harm her? Do you care for her that much?"

Gu Dai was surprised to see Song Ling.

She hadn't expected him to come to her rescue, especially after she had kicked him.

Perhaps he was here to harm her, too.

She had just calmed Jiang Yue down, but Song Ling's words had brought the knife to her neck.

Taking a deep breath, Gu Dai said calmly to Song Ling, "I'm fine. Leave."

Song Ling shook his head, "No, I won't leave. I will rescue you!"

Turning to Jiang Yue, he demanded, "Put the knife down!"

Jiang Yue laughed bitterly, then asked coldly, "Brother Song Ling, what do you like about Gu Dai? Her face?"

As she spoke, the knife moved up to Gu Dai's face, "Since you like her face, I'll disfigure her. Let's see if you'll still love her then!"

Song Ling blurted out in panic, "No, it's not her face that I love."

Confused, Jiang Yue asked, "Then what is it?"

Song Ling paused, then said, "I love her character, her attitude, her uncorrupted soul."

Hearing this, Gu Dai said resignedly, "Stop talking, or else..."

Jiang Yue cut her off irritably, "Shut up!"

Gu Dai silently finished her thought, Jiang Yue will go after my heart.

Jiang Yue declared, "Since you love her soul, I'll tear her heart apart!"

Gu Dai's heart raced as she hastened her efforts to untie herself.

Song Ling pleaded, "No, don't touch her!"

Jiang Yue, knife in hand, slowly aimed for Gu Dai's heart.

Song Ling shouted desperately, "Jiang Yue, don't harm Gu Dai. I'll give you anything you want!"

Jiang Yue paused, looking at Song Ling, "Even marriage?"

Chapter 419: Song Ling Injured

Song Ling hesitated for a moment, his gaze shifting to Gu Dai, then closing his eyes, he made a resolute decision. "Of course!"

Jiang Yue's smile curled up, but the thought that Song Ling agreed only because of Gu Dai left her deeply unsatisfied. She lowered her eyes, her voice chilling, "Are you willing to sacrifice so much just to save Gu Dai?"

Song Ling, fearing Jiang Yue's emotions might escalate further, quickly replied, "No, not because of Gu Dai."

Jiang Yue pressed, "Then why?"

After a moment of thought, Song Ling found an excuse, "You saved my life twice. You are my savior, and it's only right that I marry you in return."

He had hoped this explanation would appease Jiang Yue and spare Gu Dai, but her expression grew colder.

Jiang Yue's demeanor turned maniacal, "But it wasn't me who saved you those years ago. I just took credit for someone else's deed. Knowing the truth now, will you still marry me?"

Song Ling was stunned, barely believing, "What-What are you saying?"

Ignoring Song Ling's question, Jiang Yue's gaze fell on Gu Dai. Holding the knife, she spoke softly, "I know you actually came for Gu Dai. Now that I'm exposed, even if I marry you, life won't be easy. I might as well kill the person you love. Even if I die too, it won't be a loss."

Seeing Jiang Yue raise the knife, Song Ling's eyes widened with fury, and he rushed toward her.

Just then, Gu Dai managed to free herself, pushing Jiang Yue away and kicking her out of reach.

Just as Gu Dai had not anticipated, Song Ling happened to run over at that moment. Upon catching his arm, Jiang Yue clung to him like a lifeline, and the hand that wielded the knife ended up stabbing into his body by chance.

Blood spurted out, covering Jiang Yue's face.

She had exerted all her strength, driving the knife deep into Song Ling's body.

Jiang Yue, stunned by the scene, felt the sticky blood on her hands and shakily dropped the knife. In panic, she turned to Gu Dai, "It's your fault! You kicked me away, causing me to stab Song Ling. It's all your fault!"

She stood up and lunged at Gu Dai with red eyes.

Before Jiang Yue could reach her, Su Ting kicked her away.

He looked at Gu Dai, relieved to see her unharmed.

Meng Chuan and Meng Zhi rushed over, "Daidai, you were too reckless this time. How could you knowingly walk into danger alone, not even informing us? What if something had happened?"

Gu Dai admitted her mistake, "I know I was wrong."

Meng Chuan and Meng Zhi had more to say, but they were at a loss for words following Gu Dai's admission.

Zhao Xuan called out, "President Song is injured! Please, help him!"

Gu Dai looked at the blood-covered Song Ling, remembering he was injured trying to save her.

"Let's go to the hospital!" she urged, turning to Su Ting, "You, second brother, third brother take Jiang Yue back. Make sure she doesn't escape. I'll deal with her when I return."

Su Ting nodded, "Okay, Sis. Don't worry."

Song Ling was in critical condition and needed urgent medical attention.

Gu Dai drove as fast as she could to the hospital, leaving Zhao Xuan terrified for his life. Upon arriving, he felt dazed as he stepped out of the car.

He originally thought that Song Ling was crazy enough when driving, but he didn't expect that Gu Dai would be even crazier.

Wang Lan, walking through the hospital corridor to visit Song Yu, was shocked to see the bloodied Song Ling on the stretcher. Her heart seemed to stop for a few seconds.

She cried out and followed, only to be stopped at the operating room door.

Wang Lan, grabbing Gu Dai, accused her with red eyes, "You wretch, Gu Dai! Did you cause my son's injury? If anything happens to him, I'll never forgive you!"

Song Yu was injured and now Song Ling, the pillar of the family, was hurt too.

Wang Lan felt she had lost her support and was completely distraught.

Zhao Xuan stepped in, pulling Wang Lan away, "It wasn't Miss Gu. It was Jiang Yue who hurt President Song!"

Wang Lan gritted her teeth, "Jiang Yue.... she harmed my son like this? I should have got rid of her a long time ago!"

Chapter 420: Gu Dai Saving Song Ling

Upon learning that Song Ling was injured. Hospital Director Ge Liang hurried over.

Wang Lan grabbed his arm, tears streaming down her face, "Please save my son! Use the best doctors you have. Money is no object!"

Ge Liang nodded repeatedly, "Rest assured, our hospital's doctors will do their utmost to save President Song."

Just as he finished speaking, a doctor approached him, speaking quietly, "Director, the patient's wound is near the heart, and his condition is very critical. We are unsure..."

Although the doctor's voice was low, the quiet environment allowed everyone to hear.

Wang Lan, overwhelmed, collapsed to the floor, wailing, "My son, what will happen to your sister and me if you die?"

Zhao Xuan, looking equally distressed, turned to Ge Liang, pleading, "Director, can you bring the Legendary Doctor here? She can definitely save President Song."

Ge Liang's eyes lit up, "Yes, the Legendary Doctor might have a solution."

He quickly took out his phone to call her, but after a few seconds, he looked disappointed, "I can't reach her. She might have changed her number or blocked me."

Wang Lan's hopes were crushed again, she clutched her chest in pain, urging, "Find a way to contact the Legendary Doctor!"

Ge Liang found himself in a difficult position at heart, yet he had no choice but to wear a pained expression and continuously respond in agreement.

Meanwhile, Gu Dai stepped out of the hospital, changed into fresh clothes, and donned a hat and mask.

Feeling partly responsible for Song Ling's injury, Gu Dai, not wanting to live with the guilt of inadvertently causing someone's death, decided to intervene and save him.

She returned to the hospital and approached Ge Liang, "Take me to the operating room."

Ge Liang, recognizing Gu Dai, quickly agreed, not even pondering how the Legendary Doctor knew about their dire situation.

Wang Lan, seeing this, was furious and stepped forward to block their way, "I know my son's surgery is difficult, but you can't just let anyone operate on him, especially a young woman like her!"

Ge Liang, frustrated, turned to Gu Dai, "Please don't be offended, Legendary Doctor. She's just a worried family member."

Gu Dai nodded, unfazed.

She didn't take Wang Lan's words to heart at all, for she had heard even harsher words before.

Hearing Ge Liang's response, Wang Lan was stunned, "She's the Legendary Doctor?"

Gu Dai, not wanting to engage with Wang Lan, tried to enter the operating room but was grabbed by her.

Wang Lan pleaded, "I'm sorry for my disrespect, Legendary Doctor. Please save my son. I'll give you anything you want!"

Gu Dai, unaccustomed to Wang Lan's demeanor, withdrew her hand and nodded before proceeding to the operating room.

Wang Lan, reassured by the Legendary Doctor's agreement, smiled, "Great, Song Ling will be saved."

Noticing Zhao Xuan's dazed expression, she remarked, "You didn't believe the Legendary Doctor was a young woman, did you? I thought she was a man..."

Zhao Xuan nodded blankly to Wang Lan's words.

His mind incessantly replayed the moment Wang Lan had grabbed the heavenly doctor, revealing a trace of blood on the doctor's wrist.

Previously, when Gu Dai was examining Song Ling's condition, her wrist also acquired a smear of blood, and the location of this bloodstain matched exactly with that on the Legendary Doctor's wrist.

Realizing this, a possibility dawned on him.

Could Gu Dai be the Legendary Doctor, Aurora they had been searching for?

Excited, he stood up, scanning the surroundings for Gu Dai, further confirming his suspicion.

Interrupted by Zhao Xuan's actions, Wang Lan felt annoyed and glanced around, muttering resentfully, "How did Gu Dai just leave? It's good that my son divorced her. She's not worthy of being our Song family's daughter-in-law.."